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MONASTICON ANGLICANUM.

Eynsham, or Egnesham Abbey,

IN

OXFORDSHIRE.



THE history of the destroyed monastery of Stow, or Mariestow, in Lincolnshire, is so closely connected with the history of Eynsham abbey, that it is impossible to separate one from the other. Eynsham was first annexed to Stow; then Stow to Eynsham, in which it finally merged.

EYNESHAM ABBEY

was built and endowed by Aethelmare, or Ailmer, earl of Cornwall and Devonshire, before A. D. 1005. King Æthelred's confirmation Charter, dated in the year just mentioned, speaks of the church, at its first foundation, as dedicated to St. Saviour and All Saints.^a A Charter of King Henry the First calls it the church of Christ and the Virgin Mary.^b Bishop Tanner, possibly alluding to a later consecration, states it to have been dedicated to the blessed Virgin Mary, St. Benedict, and All Saints.^c Bishop Kennett says to St. Mary and St. Eadburgh.^d

Æthelred's Charter will be found in the Appendix of Instruments. It recites the different possessions with which the monastery stood at that time endowed, together with the boundaries of the respective lands. These consisted of thirty manses at Egnesham, five manses at Sceaptun, the villis of Scipford and Micclantun, five manses at Burtun, three at Maranacive, two manses at Beonetlege, ten at Erdintone, twenty manses at Aescaeron, and land at Bictun and Rameslege.

The church of Eynsham appears once only in the Domesday Survey, as holding in capite, among the lands entered in Gloucestershire:

"TERRA ECCLESIE DE EGLESHAM. In Celfledetorn Hund. Ecclesia de Eglesham tenet MVCLTVDE. Ibi

XIII. hidæ. In dominio sunt v. car. et xx. villani et vii. bord. cum x. car. Ibi viii. servi et ii. ancillæ, et XXIII. mensuræ salis de Wich. Valet et valuit x. lib. Eadem æcclesia tenuit tempore regis Edwardi."^e

Other lands belonging to it are entered among the estates of the see of Lincoln,^f to which the Monastery appears to have been in a great degree subordinate. These entries, as well as others concerning Stow monastery, will hereafter be given at length in the account of the see.

STOW, MARIESTOW, or SANCTÆ MARIE LOCUS, was first a church, or minster, for secular priests, built, to the honour of the blessed Virgin Mary, by Eadnoth bishop of Dorchester; as Bishop Tanner supposes, by the second bishop of that name, about the year 1040: Leofric earl of Mercia, and his lady, the celebrated Godiva, enriching it very much by their benefactions.^g Henry of Huntingdon calls it Stow *sub promontorio Lincolnie*;^h by which, says Bishop Tanner, one would guess that this place was under Lincoln hill; but it is pretty evident from Pet. Blesensis Contin. Ingulfi, p. 127, that it was in the bishop's manor near the Trent side. Remigius, who translated the episcopal see of Dorchester to Lincoln, appears, soon after the Conquest, to have changed the religious here to Benedictine monks; according to Ingulphus, before the year 1076;ⁱ placing them under the government of an abbat of the name of COLUMBANUS,^k and procuring for them, of King William Rufus, the annexation of the abbey of Eynsham and its revenues.^l This last augmentation of the property of Stow monastery appears to have taken place in 1091.^m

From this time to the year 1109 the monastery of EYNESHAM, in all probability, lay desolate. In that year, Robert Bloet, bishop of Lincoln, obtained a Charter of King Henry the First for its restoration; when a fresh endowment took place,ⁿ and the abbat and monks were removed hither from Stowe. The estates of Stowe and

^a See Num. I.

^b See Num. IX.

^c Tann. Notit. Mon.

^d Paroch. Antiq. new edit. vol. i. p. 191.

^e Domesd. Surv. Gloucest. tom. i. fol. 166.

^f Ibid. Oznefsc. tom. i. fol. 156. Lindesig. tom. i. foll. 336, 344, 345.

^g See Append. Numm. III. IV.

^h Compare Num. II.

ⁱ Edit. Gale, p. 78.

^k See Num. VII.

^l See the Append. Num. V. The bowels of Remigius bishop of Lincoln were buried at Eynsham. See Twysd. Script. X. Knyghton, col. 2364. Bishop Kennett, Par. Antiq. under the year 1123, says the same of Robert bishop of Lincoln who died that year. "At Christmas the king held a council at Woodstock, where, three days after Epiphany, riding out with Robert bishop of Lincoln, at a distance from all other company, the bishop fell from his horse, and being carried home speech-

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less died the following day, and his bowels were reposit in the monastery of Eyvesham (I suppose Egnesham), to which he had been a restorer and benefactor." Jo. Brompt. p. 987.

Wood, in his Annals, under the year 1296, says that "in the century foregoing, namely, about the year 1130," Alexander bishop of Lincoln granted that in the time of Pentecost certain processions and other solemnities should be performed at the church of Eynsham abbey instead of the mother church of Lincoln, the latter being so remote that the people of Oxfordshire could not reach it. "Which grant," he adds, "being observed many years, the usual revellings that are to this day at Einsham in Pentecost week took their original." See Gutch's edition of Wood's Annals, vol. i. p. 347. Compare also several Instruments and Entries in the Chartulary of Eynsham, now in Christ-Church Archives, num. 26, foll. xiii. xiv. xxiii.

^m See the "Confirmatio Remigii Episcopi," Append. Num. VII.

ⁿ Num. IX.

Newark were at this time retained for and annexed to the see of Lincoln; the bishop bestowing Charlebury in Oxfordshire and some other lands upon Eynsham in exchange. King Henry's Charter finishes, "*Hæc autem Abbatia tota est in manu et potestate Lincolnensis episcopi constituendi abbatem canonicè, assensu et consilio regis.*"

Sir William Dugdale, in the head to some extracts from two or three of our historians, calls Stow "*CELLA de Eynesham,*"^a in which he is followed by Bishop Kennett in his *Parochial Antiquities*.^b No subordinate institution, however, after the reinstatement of Eynsham, remained at Stow; even the manor, as has been already noticed, was taken away, and nothing but the tithe of wax from the altar of the church of Stow retained.^c

The benefactions to Eynsham abbey through the subsequent periods of its history were extremely numerous, as will be seen from the Charters given in the Appendix of Instruments, as well as from the titles of other Charters contained in the abstracts of the Registers at Christ Church Oxford.

In 1118, David, brother of Alexander king of Scotland, and of Maud queen of England, having married Maud eldest daughter of Earl Waltheof, the relict of Simon earl of Huntingdon and Northampton, held, in her right, the manors of Pidington and Merton, in Oxfordshire; in the latter of which he gave the advowson of the church to the abbat and monks of Eynsham.^d

In 1150 the church of Combe, in Oxfordshire, was given to the monks by the Empress Maud.^e

Stephen granted them a market at Eynsham, and was otherwise a benefactor.^f

Henry the Second and Henry the Third granted to the monastery various Charters.^g Two or three other Charters were also granted by King Edward the Second.

ABBATS OF EYNESHAM.

ADAM.^h

NICHOLAS occurs A. D. 1115.ⁱ

WILLIAM occurs abbat in 1138.^k

RICHARD.^l

GODFREY occurs in the time of King Stephen;^m and also in the reign of Henry the Second, A. D. 1180.

ROBERT, who had been prior of Dore, in Herefordshire, occurs A. D. 1197. Willis and Stevens say he occurs in 1205, and was about that time succeeded by

EUSTACHIUS.ⁿ

In 1212 we find the custody of the abbey granted by the king to Roger de Nevil;^o soon after which, in all probability,

ADAM, the second of the name, became abbat. He occurs in the larger of the Christ Church Registers in the 16th of John, and in the 3d and 9th years of Henry the Third.^p

NICHOLAS occurs abbat in 1234, 19 Hen. III.^q He probably succeeded about two years before.

JOHN DE DOVER, who had been prior of the monastery, was elected abbat upon Nicholas's resignation in 1238.^r

GILBERT DE GLOVERN, monk and cellarer of Eynsham, (whom Willis calls GILBERT *cellarer of Gloucester*) was elected abbat in 1240.^s Upon his death,

ALEXANDER DE BRACKELE was admitted abbat on the 10th of the kalends of June, 1264.^t

JOHN DE OXON, or OXFORD, succeeded, upon Brackele's death, 7 id. April, 1268.^u Willis says he died in 1281.^v The Lincoln Registers notice his resignation only.^w

THOMAS DE WELL was the next abbat. He occurs in 1281, and again in 1293.^x Upon his death,

ADAM DE LAUMBOURN was admitted abbat on the 11th kal. of July, 1307.^y

JOHN DE CHILTENHAM was elected abbat upon Adam's death, on the 7th of the ides of January, 1316.^z Upon his cession^c

JOHN DE BROUGHTON was elected April 6th, 1330,^d who also resigned: when

NICHOLAS DE UPTON was admitted abbat on the 16th of the kalends of November, 1338.^e He was removed from the rule of his monastery by the bishop of Lincoln in 1344, who, on the 20th of May in that year, appointed

WILLIAM DE SAUNFORD to be abbat.^f

NICHOLAS DE UPTON was again admitted abbat on the 15th of the kalends of June, 1349.^g

GEFFREY DE LAMBURN occurs abbat in 1354.^h Upon his death,

THOMAS BRADYNGSTOCK was elected abbat. He was confirmed in the office Oct. 3d, 1388.ⁱ

THOMAS OXENFORD was confirmed abbat Feb. 8th, 1431.^k To whom, Willis says, succeeded

JOHN EVERINGTON.^l On the Patent Roll of the 26th of Henry VI. however, A. D. 1447,

JOHN QUENYNGTON occurs abbat on the 26th of November; who may possibly be the same person.

ROBERT FARYNGDON was made abbat in the 8th year of Edward the Fourth.^m

WILLIAM WALWYN received the benediction as abbat from the bishop Oct. 15th, 1469.ⁿ He was succeeded, according to Willis, about 1498, by

MILES SALLEY; who being preferred, A. D. 1500, to the see of Landaff, held this abbey in commendam till the time of his death, which happened A. D. 1516. The rough draft of a letter from Cardinal Wolsey to the bishop of Lincoln, as patron of the monastery, immediately upon Bishop Salley's death, is still preserved among the Cottonian manuscripts in the British Museum,^o recommending for the abbacy his own and the bishop of Lincoln's common friend

THOMAS CHAUNDELER, D. D., who was appointed Feb. 21st, and confirmed March 20th, 1516.^p He had been originally a monk of Christ Church Canterbury, and was afterwards prior of the cell of Wymondham in Norfolk, subordinate to St. Albans, where Wolsey held the abbacy in commendam. Willis, in the List of Principals of Religious Houses, prefixed to the folio editions of Bishop Tanner's *Notitia Monastica*, says that Dr. Chaundeler died Oct. 16th, 1516; evidently giving the date of Bishop Salley's death.

HENRY REDDING is stated, by the same authority, to have been the next abbat, but without date.

ANTHONY DUNSTAN, *alias* KITCHEN, was the last

^a See App. Num. II.

^b See the new edit. vol. i. p. 74.

^c Compare the Charter of King Henry the First.

^d Kennett's *Paroch. Antiq.* new edit. vol. i. p. 118.

^e Ibid. vol. i. p. 149. See the Append. Num. XXXII.

^f See Numm. XXXIII. XXXIV.

^g Compare Numm. XXIII. XXXVI.—XL.

^h Willis, *Mit. Abb.* vol. ii. p. 176.

ⁱ Ibid.

^j Cartul. de Eynsh. num. 28, fol. 23.

^k Willis, *ut* supr.

^l MS. Harl. 6963, p. 80. A grant of a virgate of land from this abbat, with fragments of two seals appendant, was engraved by M. Burghers, at the expence of Dr. Richard Rawlinson. The copper-plate is still preserved, among the rest which were engraved at the doctor's expence, in the Bodleian library at Oxford.

^m Willis, *Mit. Abb.*

ⁿ Pat. 14 Joh. m. 11, 4 Jan.

^o Cartul. de Eynsh. *ut* supr. The Extracts from the Patent Rolls among the Harleian manuscripts say, Pat. 17 Hen. III. A. D. 1232, Rex concessit Adæ quondam abbati de Eynesham quod pro toto tempore vite sue sit quietus quatenus ad personam suam propriam de secta faciendâ pro manerio de Rollendrit ad com. et hundred. salva tamen regi secta omnium locorum ejusdem manerii, 20 Maii.

^p Kennett, MS. Diptycha.

^q Rot. Grosthead episc. Linc. an. 4.

^r Ibid. an. 6.

^s Rot. Gravesend episc. Linc. an. 6.

^t Ibid. an. 10.

^u Mit. Abb.

^v "Provisio facta per Olfv. episc. Linc. x. cal. Nov. 1281, pro Johanne de Oxon. nuper abb. de Eynesham qui resignavit." MS. Kennett.

^w Cartul. de Eynsh. num. 26.

^x Reg. Dalderby episc. Linc.

^y Ibid.

^z Abbat Chilterham was buried in the abbey church at Eynsham: his tomb was removed after the destruction of the church to the parish church of Elsfield, in the neighbourhood of Oxford, where it still remains, with the following inscription in the Lombardic character: HIC JACET FRATER JOHANNES DE . . . H . L . E . . . QUONDAM A . . . S . . . HUIUS . LOCI . CUJUS . ANIME . PROPITIETUR . DEUS.

^a Reg. Burghersch episc. Linc.

^b Ibid.

^c Reg. Beke episc. Linc.

^d Reg. Ginewell episc. Linc.

^e Cartul. de Eynsh. *ut* supr.

^f Willis, *Mit. Abb.*

^g Reg. Gray episc. Linc.

^h Mit. Abb. vol. ii.

ⁱ Pat. 8 Edw. IV. p. 1.

^j Memoranda D. Chedworth episc. Linc.

^k MS. Cotton. Brit. Mus. Nero B. vi. fol. 36.

^l Reg. Atwater episc. Linc.

abbat, appointed in 1530. He subscribed to King Henry the Eighth's supremacy in 1534; and, with eight monks, surrendered his monastery to the king Dec. 4th, 1539, 30th Hen. VIII. The List of the Pensions granted on this occasion will be found in the Appendix of Instruments.^a Abbat Dunstan was afterwards, in 1545, made bishop of Landaff. He died in 1566.

The revenues of Eynsham monastery were valued, in the 26th year of Henry the Eighth, according to Dugdale, at 441*l.* 12*s.* 2*d.* Speed's first edition says, 441*l.* 16*s.* 1*d.* His second edition, and a manuscript Valor mentioned by Tanner, give the value at 421*l.* 16*s.* 1*d.*^b

The site of this monastery was granted, in the 35th year of Henry the Eighth, to Sir Edward Northe, Knt.

^a Num. LIII. The following were the annuities and pensions remaining in charge in the 2d & 3d of Philip and Mary:

"EYNESHAMME nuper MONASTERIUM. Annuat. Johannis Beryngton per annum xxvj*l.* viij*d.* Thomæ Gwente per annum xxvj*l.* viij*d.* Penc. Edmundi Ramesforde per annum x*l.* Roberti Forde per annum viij*l.* Willielmi Bucke per annum cvj*l.* viij*d.* Thomæ Phillippe per annum cvj*l.* viij*d.* Thomæ Mylles per annum cvj*l.* viij*d.* Johannis Coxter per annum cvj*l.* viij*d.* Johannis Hodges per annum cvj*l.* viij*d.* Thomæ Knolles per annum cvj*l.* viij*d.*"

^b See Tann. Notit. Mon.

^c See Numm. LIV. LV. Stevens, in his Collections for a Continuation of Dugdale, vol. i. p. 403, notices the disasters attending certain persons who possessed this monastery after the Dissolution, from Sir Henry Spelman's History of Sacrilege, edit. 1668, p. 128.

"Lodwick Grevil, owner of Micletin, a manor belonging to Ensham abby in Oxfordshire, had two sons, whereof Edward, the younger, shooting a piece, by chance slew his elder brother, and thereby succeeded in the inheritance. Lodwick himself, in the . . . year of Elizabeth, standing mute upon his arraignment for poisoning of whose Will he had counterfeited, was press'd to death. Edward, afterwards knighted, mortgaged the abbey to Fisher, a skinner of London, for a small sum, and growing further in with him by borrowing, and Use upon Use, it came at length by forfeiture and entanglement to be Fisher's absolutely; and Sir Edward Grevil having wasted his whole patrimony, and sold some part thereof in Warwickshire, to the lord treasurer Cranfeild, became bailiff to the lord treasurer of the same land. Old Fisher put over the abbey to his son Sir Edward Fisher, who with extreme suits, bribery, &c. so consum'd his estate, that he was judged to be eleven thousand or twelve thousand pounds in debt, and driven to sell his great lease of Wrongey, Blackbury, and Grand-courts in Norfolk, and yet liveth in fear of bailiffs, &c. 12 Octob. 1644. Ex relatione Joh. Wrenham, partim Rob. Mordant mil.

"Sir Edward Grevil had a son, that breaking his leg over a stile, died; his daughters are one married to Sir Arthur Ingram, to whom he sold the reversion of his chief seat Milcote, &c. and hath an hundred pounds per annum during his life and the house."

This passage appears to have been one of the additions made to Sir Henry Spelman's History of Sacrilege by Mr. Jeremy Stephens, to whom Sir Henry had consigned his papers. The tract had been written by Sir Henry Spelman in 1632: and he died in 1641, three years before the occurrence of Sir Edward Fisher's distress.

^d See Jones's Index to the Records in the office of the lord treasurer's remembrancer, Orig. 37 Hen. VIII. p. v. rot. 118. The writer of the account of Oxfordshire, in the work entitled The Beauties of England and Wales, says that the abbey-site, after passing through a younger branch of the family, came to a nephew, Sir Edw. Stanley, K. B.

1. Hæc sunt quæ in presentiar' abbas et conuentus de Eynesham possidet in archidiaconatu Oxon. fol. i.

2. Extenta terrarum et reddituum monasterii de Egnesham facta per magistrum Constantinum archid. de Suthbur' et . . . fol. iii.

3. Cartæ et priuilegia et confirmationes Eijneshamensis ecclesiæ, fol. v.

(Index scilicet Cartarum a fol. vii. ad fol. xlv.)

- 4. Carta regis Æthelredi de fundatione huius ecclesiæ, fol. vii.
- 5. Privilegium Victorii papæ, fol. x.
- 6. Carta regis Willelmi, ibid.
- 7. Item carta regis Willelmi, fol. xi.
- 8. Confirmatio Remigii episcopi de omnibus terris nostris, ibid.
- 9. De excambio Sanctæ Mariæ de Stowe, fol. xii.
- 10. Carta regis Henrici senioris de omnibus terris nostris, ibid.
- 11. De processionibus Pentecostis, fol. xiii. vid. etiam foll. xiv. xxiii.
- 12. Confirmatio Capituli Linc. de processionibus Pentecostis, fol. xiii.
- 13. Concessio et confirmatio Thomæ de S. Walerico de ecclesia de Tetebiri et de terra de Finestok, et de ecclesia de Nortonia, de dimidia hyda in Nortonia, et de villa de Wdeton, fol. xiv.
- 14. Carta regis Henrici secundi de protectione domus huius, ibid.
- 15. De ecclesia de Meritona, ibid.
- 16. De quibusdam decimis in Banneburie, ibid.
- 17. De decimis in Thame, ibid.
- 18. Confirmatio Roberti Linc. episcopi de ecclesia de Newenton, fol. xv.
- 19. Confirmatio R. Linc. episcopi de ecclesia de Merston, ibid.
- 20. Confirmatio de capella de Chersinton, ibid.
- 21. Confirmatio Hugonis Linc. episc. de capella de Chersinton, ibid.

Tanner says to Sir Edward North and William Darcy.^c In the 37th of Henry the Eighth it was again granted out to Edward earl of Derby.^d

Of the CHARTULARIES belonging to Eynsham monastery, Bishop Tanner names one as being, in 1587, in the possession of R. Bele. He also notices some extracts preserved in the archives of the university of Oxford among the collections of Brian Twyne, from two manuscripts relating to this monastery, which were lent to him by Mr. Philip King. These last are probably the two Registers still preserved among the muniments of the dean and chapter of Christ Church Oxford, viz.

1. "Registrum de Eynesham, penes Decanum et Capit. Ædis Christi Oxon. num. 26."^e A small folio volume of

22. Confirmatio Hugonis Linc. episc. de capella de Egnesham in proprios usus, ibid.

23. Confirmatio Hugonis Linc. episc. de omnibus ecclesiis nostris in Oxenefordscire, ibid.

24. Confirmatio H. Linc. episc. de omnibus ecclesiis nostris in Oxenefordre et earum pensionibus, fol. xvi.

25. Confirmatio de eisdem, ibid.

26. Carta Roberti de Aueis de terra de Flauflore, fol. xvii.

27. Carta Ricardi Taillard de una virgata terræ in Flauflore, ibid.

28. Carta regis Willelmi de Stowe, ibid.

29. Item alia carta regis Willelmi, ibid.

30. Item alia carta eiusdem, ibid.

31. De ecclesia de Cumba, ibid.

32. De mercato Egnesham, ibid.

33. De omnibus terris nostris, fol. xviii.

34. De Feleleya, ibid.

35. Item de Feleleya, ibid.

36. Item de Feleleya, ibid.

37. De warennæ de Mudeton, ibid.

38. De essartis nostris, ibid.

39. De passagio et thelonio, ibid.

40. Carta Hugonis Linc. episc. de ecclesia de Merston et de duabus hydis terræ in Fulebroc, ibid.

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388. Carta regis Edw. II. de licentia ingrediendi in unum messuagium et carucatam terræ in Wik Risynghon non obstante statuto, &c. ibid.

389. Cartæ de eisdem et de aliis terris in Wyk Risynghon, fol. cxxv.

390. Breve regis Edw. II. de inquirendo de terris &c. in villa de Whitefeld, fol. cxxviii.

391. Inquisitio de eisdem, ibid.

392. Carta regis Ed. II. de ecclesia de Withefeld cum pertinentiis in eadem, fol. cxxix.

393. Breve dom. regis Edw. II. super cartam ante scriptam eschaetori directum, ibid.

394. Inquisitio 9 Ed. II. de quadam placea quæ vocatur La Forsakenho, in qua de foresta de Whichwood et de Charlbury, fol. cxxx.

395. Breve domini regis directum ballivis Margarete reginæ Angliæ de manerio suo de Bloxham, de eadem placea, fol. cxxx.

396. Inquisitio 9 Ed. II. si abbas de Egnesham perquisivit aliquas terras seu tenementa in Oxon. post statutum pro quibus debeat talliari, ibid.

397. Pro talliagio Oxoniæ, ibid.

398. Relaxatio Willelmi de Vallance de secta facienda ad curiam de Bampton, A. D. 1284, fol. cxxxi.

399. Carta ad firmam dimittens Will^o. Belegrove piscariam de Stanlake, fol. cxxxii.

400. Pensio Willelmo filio Thomæ de la Grene prioris, fol. cxxxiii.

401. Carta domini regis super advocacione abbatiæ de Egnesham, 10 Ed. II. fol. cxxxiv.

402. Lit. patens super eadem eschaetori directa, ibid.

403. Licentia regis de terris acquirendis non obstante statuto, &c. fol. cxxxv.

404. Carta regis de ecclesia de Wytfeld, ibid.

405. Licentia regis ut supra, fol. cxxxvi.

406. Carta Walteri arch'ep'i Cant. de pensionibus quarundam ecclesiarum, ibid.

Sequuntur Pensiones et Conredia variis concessa; et Placita quedam Coronæ, coram Justic. itinerantibus; et quedam coram Just. forestæ.

407. De molendino de Cattesham, fol. cxl.

408. Licentia essartandi boscum de Cherlebury, ibid.

409. Pensiones, Conredia, et alia cartæ perquam mutilatæ, ad finem libri.

* 1. Inquisitio capta apud Shyfford coram domino Galfrido abbate, &c. fol. i.

Summa tocius redditus assisi dicti manerii et membrorum cum Fysshylver xiiij^l. xvij^l. ij^d. ob.

Inde resolvuntur curiæ de Caus xxxj^l. x^d. et curiæ de Paggeys per Johannem Steueneis xij^d. et sic restant de clero xiiij^l. v^l. iij^d. ob.

2. Inquisitio capta apud Wodeton, fol. ix.

Summa redditus ix^l. xiiij^l. iij^d.

Summa gallorum et gallinarum de Chirschot, xxxij. et valent v^l. iij^d.

Summa arurarum xxx. et licet non apprecientur valet tamen arura vj^d. Summa xv^l.

Summa dierum falcationis cxx. et licet non apprecientur, opus tamen diei valet iij^d. Summa xl^l.

Summa bederiparum c. et licet non apprecientur valet tamen opus diei sine cibo iij^d. et quando ad cibum domini j^d. ob. Summa xxj^l. x^d. ob.

Summa valoris totius manerii xx^l. ij^l. q' et tres partes quadrantis.

3. Rentale de Wodeton factum per Galfridum abbatem anno D'ni 1366, fol. xiii.

4. Inquisitio capta apud Cherlebery, anno Dom. 1363, fol. xv.

Summa acrarum terræ arabilis cxij. acr. dimid. rod. ix. pertic. et dimid.

Summa extentæ earundem, xxxj^l. vj^d. q'

5. Inquisitio de Fauflore, fol. xix.

6. Extenta terrarum et tenementorum hundredi de Bannebiry. Munimenta escaetoris Lincoln. episcopi in quodam veteri rotulo, fol. xxi.

7. Inquisitio de Egnesham, fol. xxiii.

Summa omnium acrarum quæ sunt in manus domini in Langedale præter parcelam Willelmi Bruester se extendunt ad xxvj. acras, j. rodam, x. perticas, dimidiam perticam et vij. pedes præter ij. digitos.

* 8. Extenta manerii de Egnesham et abbatiæ, fol. xxv.

9. Placita &c. apud Westm. 28 Henr. VI. de Cateshambrigge apud Takley dirupt' et contract' ad grave noctumentum totius populi domini regis, fol. xxviii.

10. Redditus tenementorum et terrarum novæ terræ mensuratorum per Galfridum abbatem, A. D. 1366, fol. xlii.

11. Rentale de nova terra de Egnesham, fol. xlv.

Summa lxxij^l. xj^d. q'

12. Inquisitio capta apud Rollendright, A. D. 1363, fol. xlvi.

Summa ix^l. xij^l. ix^d. q'

13. Inquisitio capta apud Drokende, A. D. 1363, fol. l.

Summa tocius vj^l. xj^l. ij^d.

14. Literæ Joh. de Kilueton escaetoris regis in Oxon. et Bark. de terris quibusdam in Filkyng, fol. lii.

15. Placita de jure et ass. coram Salomone de Roff. et aliis apud Oxon. 13 Edw. I. fol. liii.

16. Placita coram baron. de scaccario, 33 Ed. III. fol. liv.

17. Copia billæ propositæ regi et ejus concilio super exoneratione villatæ de Tylgaresly de quinta decima, fol. lvi.

18. Breve regis de eadem, ibid.

19. Breve regis vocat Venire facias, super eadem, fol. lvii.

20. Copia exemplificationis processus habiti coram baronibus de scaccario super eadem, ibid.

21. Carta Edwardi regis concedens abbati de Egnesham decimas de parco de Cornebury, fol. lxi.

22. Inquisitio an abbas de Egnesham tenet manerium de Mukelton de rege in capite, ibid.

23. Placita apud Westm. de ecclesia de Staunton Seynt Johan. fol. lxxv.

24. Placita apud Westm. 34 Edw. III. de ecclesia de Sulthorn, fol. lxxvi.

25. Ex rotulo de taxatione ecclesiarum de anno 1291, ibid.

26. Perambulatio forestæ de Wychwode in com. Oxon. 26 Edw. I. fol. lxxvii.

27. Perambulatio forestæ de Shotover, fol. lxxviii.

28. Record. de Banco, 36 Ed. III. inter abb. Egnesham et Thom. Warner, fol. lxxix.

29. Breve inter abbatem de Eynsham et tenentes de Haneburgh de communa de Eynesham, fol. lxxiv.

30. Assisa contra priorissam de Goring de terris in Goring, Stokes, et Wodecote, fol. lxxvi.

31. Appropriatio ecclesiæ parochialis de Mukelton, fol. lxxviii.

32. Confirmatio capituli Wygorn. de eadem, fol. lxxix.

33. Confirmatio Johannis episc. Wygorn. de eadem, fol. lxxx.

34. Appropriatio ecclesiæ de Meriton, fol. lxxxi.

35. De manerio de Stoke Abbas, fol. lxxxiii.

36. De Wodecote, fol. xci.

37. Munimenta de Carswell, fol. cii.

38. Pons Cantebr'. In isto libro continentur omnes hidæ, quæ debent pontagium ad magnum pontem villæ Cantebr' in comitatu Cantebr', fol. cxii.

^b See Stevens's extracts from this manuscript in the Appendix of Instruments, Numm. XXI.—L.

^c Tann. Notit. Mon.

^d "Fin. Oxon. 2 et 3 et 6 Joan. n. . pro xx. acris terræ in Eynsham. Fin. Buckingham 4 Joan. n. 58, de terris in Fulbrook. Fin. 7 Joan. m. 6, pro ii. carucat. in Edinton.

"Claus. 6 Hen. III. m. 14, de advoc. eccl. de Combe. Fin. Oxon. 7 Hen. III. n. . de mess. in Oxon. Fin. Oxon. 9 Hen. III. n. . de quarta parte feodi militis in Wodeton. Fin. Oxon. 14 Hen. III. n. . de mess. in Oxon. Pat. 17 Hen. III. m. 5, de secta facienda pro maner. de Rollendright. Fin. Oxon. 19 Hen. III. n. . de hida terræ, &c. in Garing. Cart. 19 Hen. III. m. 6, pro bosco in Blokesham. Fin. Oxon. 22 Hen. III. n. . pro advoc. eccl. de Niwinton. Fin. Oxon. 45 Hen. III. n. . de terris in Eynsham. Plac. Forestæ in com. Oxon. 56 Hen. III. rot. 1, pro assart. terræ inter Bladon et cheminum petrinum. Fin. Buckingham. 57 Hen. III. n. 87, de duabus carucatis terræ in Fulbrook.

"Plac. in com. Oxon. 13 Edw. I. assis. rot. 4, 13, dorso 18, de terris in Einsham. Plac. in com. War. 13 Edw. I. quo war. rot. 3,

A few original Instruments belonging to this abbey occur in the Harleian collection of Charters now preserved in the British Museum:^a together with a very large assemblage of Court Rolls and Rolls of Accompts of different manors from 1307, the 1st of Edw. II. to the time of Henry the Eighth inclusive.^b

dorso, pro libertat. in hundred. de Wytlackford. Pat. 18 Edw. I. m. . Cart. 22 Edw. I. n. 41, pro eccl. de Charlbury cum capellis suis appropriandis. Pat. 35 Edw. I. m. 36, de boscis de Enesham et Chalbury in foresta de Whichwood, et de Eton in foresta de Shotovre.

"Pat. 6 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 12 vel 13. Brev. 6 Edw. II. Pasch. rot. 6. Pat. 7 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 19, pro duabus virgatis terræ in Whitfield, et advoc. eccl. ibidem. Pat. 10 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 23 vel 24, de advoc. abbatie pertinent. ad episc. Lincoln. Pat. 14 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 24, de terris in South Abbot Stoke. Pat. 15 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 8, pro mess. et terris in Stoke Abbata. Pat. 17 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 10.

"Pat. 2 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 12 vel 13. Pat. 3 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 14 vel 15, et m. 28 vel 29. Escaet. Gloucestr. 4 Edw. III. n. 54, de secta tenentium maner. de Mukelton ad hundred. de Kistegate. Pat. 4 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 4 vel 5, et m. 42 vel 43. Cart. 14 Edw. III. n. 24. Cart. 20 Edw. III. n. 24, pro landa et terris in foresta de Bloxham. Pat. 25 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 24, pro ecclesiis de Mukelton Wigorn. dioc. et Meriton Lincoln. dioc. appropriandis. Pat. 27 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 1, pro decimis infra parcom de Cornbury, jure ecclesiæ de Charlbury. Pat. 31 Edw. III. p. 3, m. 4 et 11, de maner. de Histon Cantabr.

"Pat. 1 Ric. II. p. 2, m. 29, pro feria apud Eynsham, pro feria et mercat. apud Cherlebury, et decimis parci de Cornbury. Pat. 6 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 3 vel 30, pro eccl. de Mukelton Wigorn. dioc. et Meriton Linc. dioc. appropriandis. Pat. 8 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 19, pro terris in Carsewell. Pat. 21 Ric. II. p. 3, m. 1, pro eccl. de Stoke Abbata, Newton Jewell, et Comb appropriandis. Pat. 22 Ric. II. p. 2, m. 23 vel 24.

"Pat. 7 Hen. IV. p. 2, m. 10, pro libertat. in hundred. de Solomondsbury, Gloucestr. Pat. 11 Hen. IV. p. 2, m. 11.

"Cart. 18 Hen. VI. n. 33, pro mercat. apud Eynsham et Charlebury.

"Rot. Pardon. 11 Edw. IV. n. 26, de eccl. de Tetbury Wigorn. dioc. approprianda. Pat. 15 Edw. IV. p. 1, m. 5, de eccl. de Long Comb Oxon. approprianda sociis et scholaribus coll. Lincoln. Oxon. Claus. 16 Edw. IV. m. 7. Claus. 20 Edw. IV. m. 22 vel 23. Composit. inter tenentes abbatia in Histon et Joannem Burgoyne de Impyton de sectis curiæ, &c. Pat. 22 Edw. IV. p. 1, m. 19, de commun. pasturæ in Impetune pro tenentibus de Histon.

"Rec. in Scacc. 14 Hen. VIII. Hill. rot. 15, pro mess. et terris in Rolright parva."

^a Cart. Harl. Antiq. 44 D. 43. Compositio inter A. abbatem de Eynesham et abbatissam et moniales Fonlebrald super quodam oratorio in curia abbatissæ et monialium apud Kilmundestr in parochia de Tettebury. Sine anno.

44 D. 44. Carta Adæ abb. Eynesham de terris apud Wyk Ryndon, A.D. 1316.

44 D. 45. Obligatio abbatis de Eynesham et aliorum &c. (mutil.) 12 Ric. II.

44 D. 46. A petition of Anthony abbat of Eynesham for letters patent for a confirmation of privileges, t. Hen. VIII.

47 H. 46. Carta Matildæ de Chaisner eccl. S. Mariæ de Egnesham de terr. in Harford.

^b Rot. Antiq. Harl. E. 17—G. 14: also K. 29—33. The Rolls A. 42 to B. 14 relate chiefly to the manor of Brokend.

Nasmith, in the last edition of Bishop Tanner's Notitia Monastica, notices two manuscripts relating to this monastery in the library of Benet college Cambridge. 1. MS. cxl. p. 225. "Testificatio donationum Egwini Wicciorum episcopi." (But *quæ* if not relating to Evesham abbey in Worcestershire?) 2. MS. cclxv. p. 237. "Excerpta ex institutionibus Ethelwoldi episcopi Winton. compilata in usum fratrum Egneshamensis per Ælfricum abbatem."

Instruments relating to the appropriations to the abbat and convent of the rectory of Charlbury in Oxfordshire in 1296; of Meriton in 1354; of Combe, Stoke Abbas, and Newton Rivell, in 1399; and of Newton Jewell in 1412, occur in the Registers of the see of Lincoln. See the Harleian manuscripts 6951, pp. 89, &c. 6952, pp. 80, 113.

In Madox's Formulæ Anglic. p. 107, is a grant from the prior and convent of Burcester of a rent of xx^s. to the abbat and convent of Eynsham arising from the manor of Clyston, 1 Ric. III.

The whole or parts of the following Instruments are also printed in Bishop Kennett's Parochial Antiquities, from the Christ Church Register num. 26, viz.

1. A preceptory letter of Alexander bishop of Lincoln for the restoration to Walter abbat of Eynesham of the church of Meriton, A.D. 1128. New edit. vol. i. p. 122.

2. De manerio de Erdinthon. Ibid. p. 184.

3. Carta Henrici de Oily de quatuor hidis terræ apud Cestreton. Ibid. p. 185.

4. Carta Hugonis Lincolnensis episcopi de ecclesiis in Oxenefordscira. Ibid. p. 193.

5. Alia confirmatio Hugonis episcopi de eisdem. Ibid. p. 194.

6. Compositio inter Godefridum abbatem de Egnesham et priorem de Bernecestre super duabus garbis decimarum de dominico Gilberti Bassat de Stratton. Ibid. pp. 200, 201.

7. Confirmatio Thomæ de S. Walerico de ecclesia de Tettebiri. Ibid. p. 217.

8. Licentia B. de Birencester commonacho concessa ad arctiorem religionem convolare, A.D. 1278. Ibid. p. 410.

The Bodley manuscript at Oxford, num. 435, contains the "Liber Statutorum Monasterii de Eynsham;" an abstract of the contents of which will be found below.^c

Leland notices but three of the books which he saw in the LIBRARY of this monastery: "Prosper de Vita contemplativa et activa;" "Historia Huntingdunensis;" and

9. Placita coram Rad. de Hengham et sociis suis justic. 33 Edw. I. de advocacione ecclesiæ de Soulthorn. Ibid. pp. 500, 501.

10. Carta Henrici de Oili de quatuor hidis in Cestreton. Ibid. p. 578.

11. Scriptum de appropriatione ecclesiæ de Merton, A.D. 1357. Ibid. vol. ii. pp. 117—121.

12. Carta Petri de Mara de ecclesiæ de Heyford. Ibid. p. 163.

^c Cap. I.—*Quomodo suscipiantur ad Monachatum venientes.*

- i. Quomodo probetur qui monachatum desiderat.
- ii. Qualiter admittatur.
- iii. Quomodo radatur, et si ante tonsus non fuerit tondetur.
- iv. Quomodo in chorum introducatur.
Et ubi de ejus custodia et eruditione inveniatur.
Et quod professio ejus differatur, et de ipsius utilitate dilationis.
Et quando ministrare possint quorum differtur professio.
- v. Quod infra viginti annos non suscipiantur, et si hoc fiat, qualiter juvenes qualiter pueri suscipi debeant.

Cap. II.—*Quomodo tractentur sive custodiantur Novicii.*

- i. Qui de noviciis sint pueri, qui juvenes, qui provectiores, et quomodo secundum hoc circa eos sit agendum.
- ii. Qualis sit magister noviciorum, et quod illi novicii reverentiam exhibeant, et quando cum licentia vel non licentia possit magister loqui cum illis.
- iii. Quem locum observare debeat novicius in choro et alibi, et quæ solus facere possit vel non possit ante professionem, et de sessione ejus in claustris, et locutione, et quibus liceat ei aliquid innuere.
- iv. Quomodo faciat novicius ante professionem in communi capitulo.
- v. De capitulis non professorum.
- vi. Quamdiu abstineant novicii a colloquio secularium, et ab egressu claustris, et ab esu carnis, et de quibus antequam ad sacerdotium promoti fuerint debeant ministrare, ubi et lavent sabbatis pedes, et si opus fuerit pluribus custodibus.
- vii. Quomodo tractentur provectiores et juvenes.
- viii. Quomodo tractentur pueri.

Cap. III.—*Qualiter erudiantur Novicii.*

- i. Quod de confessione erudiantur novicii.
- ii. De incessu, supplicatione, oratione, statione, sessione.
- iii. Quomodo ad opus divinum accurrere debeat et torporem excutere, qualitercunque in choro se habere.
- iv. Qualiter se gerat si flegma excreverit, vel frequens tussis habundaverit, et quantum discooperto capite ad processiones et alibi esse debeat.
- v. De claustris, et qualiter loquatur, rideat, proprium dicat, signa faciat, et diversam pronuntiationem verborum addiscat.
- vi. Quomodo se habeat in refectorio, et quod modestior sit post prandium.
- vii. Quomodo se habeat horis competentibus, et de verbo Dei audiendo et retinendo.
- viii. Qualiter se gerat post completorium, qualiter se habeat nocte et die tam in majori dormitorio quam in minori.
- ix. Quibus modis ad culmen virtutis attingat et de humilitate.
- x. Ut veritati studeat.
- xi. Ut Sacram Scripturam diligat, et se mundialibus crucifigens celestibus inhiet.
- xii. Ut moribus et consuetudinibus secularibus simul cum habitu mutatis novum hominem induat.
- xiii. Qualiter esse debeat novicius.
- xiv. Quod de regula et servicio divino erudiat et quod non antea aliquo officio oneretur.
- xv. De fortitudine et patientia novicii.
- xvi. De taciturnitate, continentia, ac verecundia novicii.
- xvii. Quod secundum significationem vestium tonsuræ quoque et coronæ in bono opere perseveret monachus, sacerdosque et rex spiritualiter efficiatur ut mortiferas in se bestias mactet, regnumque mentis et corporis bene regat.
- xviii. Quibus vinculis spiritualibus religetur monachus.
- xix. De obedientia et conscientia monachorum.
- xx. Quod nihil fiat cum murmure, et ubi inveniatur de quibus ad divinum officium pertinentibus novicii plenius erudiantur.

Cap. IV.—*Quomodo benedicantur Novicii.*

- i. Qualiter eo die quo benedicendus est novicius agatur in capitulo.
- ii. Quid ante capitulum scribat et quod diligenter instruat.
- iii. De hora et preparatione benedictionis et missis vel collectis pro eo dicendis, et qualiter ad missas faciat.
- iv. De cucullis noviciorum et qualiter introducantur ad benedicendum, et de statione abbat et ceterorum.

"Gulielmus Meldunensis super Trenos Hieremiæ." That literature, however, received its due encouragement here is evident from the anecdotes which Wood has recorded in his Annals.

- v. Qualiter fiat benedictio.
- vi. Quæ agere debeant novicii ante depositionem caputii.
- vii. Qualiter agant novicii die tertia post benedictionem.
- viii. Qualiter agant die quarta.

Cap. V.—*De Capitulo.*

- i. Quomodo se habeant fratres quando pulsatur signum ad capitulum, et quando incipiat pulsari, et de ingressu fratrum in capitulum, et qualiter fiat contra abbatem et de ejus ingressu; qualiter legatur, et de precibus, et de secunda lectione; de recitatione tabulæ et anniversariorum et brevium; quomodo dicatur Benedicite, et de sermone et qualiter faciat, et ubi sedeant qui sermocinari debeant.
- ii. Quomodo fiat cum incipiunt loqui de ordine et de ipsis qui sponte ad venias se offerunt, et qualiter se habeat frater coram presidente, et qualiter recedat, et si plures in una re offenderint; de eo qui se ultro non accusaverit, et quomodo clamatus veniam petat, et de modo petendi veniam et pro quibus in fine petenda sit venia.
- iii. De tribus vocibus in capitulo et duobus generibus responsionum, et quod frater clamatus melius credat clamanti quam sibi, et quomodo reclamari possit, qui, postquam clamatus fuerit, sessum porrexerit, et quod omnes qui ejusdem nominis fuerint cum unus indeterminate clamatur venias petant, et quibus vocabulis clamari debeant.
- iv. Pro quibus dicat frater qui prosternitur mea culpa; et pro quibus misericordia, et quomodo faciant qui licentiam loquendi in capitulo non habuerint.
- v. Qualiter faciat qui iudicium suscipit, et de eo qui clamatus sedendo se defenderit, et quod nemo alium defendat; quibus non liceat clamare vel disciplinare, et qui disciplinas facere debeant; quomodo se habeant fratres dum aliquis iudicium suscipit, quod omnes clamari possint, et de modo clamandi; de modestia clamantis, et de punitione ipsius si intemperate clamaverit.
- vi. De modo loquendi in capitulo, et de benedictione fratris tardius ingredientis, et ante et retro tam ingredientis quam exeuntis; et quomodo fiat cum extra statutum tempus capitulum ingrediuntur; de eo qui in superiorem locum promotus fuerit.
- vii. De quibus post culparum emendationem sit in capitulo loquendum et quomodo, et quid fiat pro eo qui conventui aliquid commiserit.
- viii. Quomodo finiatur capitulum et quando Verba mea in capitulo quando in ecclesia dicatur, et de percussione tabulæ et Benedicite.
- ix. De confessione, scilicet quod frequenter ad confessiones vadant et quali hora fiat, et quomodo tam confitentes quam prelati ibi se habeant, vel recedant, et de loco confessionibus assignato, et qualiter debeat esse qui confessiones recipit; et quomodo confitentibus sit injungendum.
- x. De sigillo conventus, scilicet quomodo custodiatur, et quando magnum quando parvum sigillum apponatur.

Cap. VI.—*De generibus Culparum et de Fugitivis.*

- i. Sub quibus vocabulis comprehendantur omnia genera culparum, et qui tripliciter puniantur, et de discretionem prelati.
- ii. Qui sint excessus minores levis culpæ, et qui verbo aut verbere puniantur, vel si necesse fuerit suspensione.
- iii. Qui sint majores excessus levis culpæ, et qui suspensione puniantur vel prima gravis culpæ si necesse fuerit punitione, et quomodo absolvatur in tali culpa positus, et quotiens in omnibus culpis venia petatur.
- iv. Qui sint excessus gravis culpæ graviter puniendæ, et quomodo in ipsis fiat punitio et absolutio.
- v. Qui sint excessus gravis culpæ et gravius puniendæ, et de eorum punitione et absolute, et de aperta percussione vel aliorum criminum manifesta commissione.
- vi. Quis sit in gravi culpa gravissimus excessus, et de ejus punitione; de carcere.
- vii. Quod non expellatur aliquis dum aliqua spes emendationis fuerit, et opinio pro precise quibus expellatur, quis et qualiter expellatur, et de litteris dimissoriis.
- viii. Quomodo recipiatur fugitivus vel projectus.
- ix. Ne quis in sententia posito communicet, et qualiter intelligatur hæc vocabula; Excommunicatio; Sententia; et de eo qui anathematizatus fuerit.
- x. Quod non excommunicentur in minori etate existentes, et qualiter circa adolescentiores et seniores sit agendum, et quomodo possit inferior prelati sententiam infligere; et de eo qui in abstinencia cibi vel potus positus fuerit.

Cap. VII.—*De Locutione et Silentio. De Risu et Signis. De Hora incompetenti.*

- i. Quomodo sedeant hora locutionis in claustris, et de licentia eorum qui interesse non possunt locutioni.
- ii. De noviciis in custodia positis si communi locutioni forte interfuerint.
- iii. Qualis debeat esse locutio, et de quibus loqui debeant, et de hiis quæ petenda sunt.

- iv. Quando ad locutionem libros habeant, et si loqui stando liceat, et quod rumores non afferantur.
 - v. Qualia verba proferantur et qualis esse debeat risus, et ad quos debeant questiones referri, et qualis esse debeat interrogatio.
 - vi. De rectore ordinis ad locutionem, et de junioribus cum abbas præsens fuerit.
 - vii. De eo qui inordinate vel contumaciter ad locutionem se habuerit.
 - viii. De signis et verbis ab una parte in alteram; de modo quoque et disciplina signorum, rerumque aliarum.
 - ix. De fructu silentii, et in quibus locis silentium teneatur.
 - x. Quibus diebus et horis silentium in claustris et locutiones fiant.
 - xi. Quomodo se habeant cum non loquuntur.
 - xii. De hora incompetenti et quam districte tam alibi quam ibi silentium teneatur, et de licentia loquendi ipsa hora, et hora quæ est mane usque ad capitulum vel primam.
 - xiii. Quomodo teneatur silentium post primum psalmum completorii, et quomodo tunc liceat loqui, vel mane ante tres orationes vel primam, et quæ sit causa rumpendi silentium et currendi, et de silentio fratrum infirmorum et itinerantium; ubi hic ommissa inveniantur.
- (Desunt in MS. cap. vii. rubricæ vii. ad xiii., et capituli viii. De rectorio, rubricæ i. ad vii.)

Cap. VIII.—*De Refectorio.*

- i. De cœna conventus et infirmorum et minorum.
- ii. Qui ante legitimam horam possint comedere, et qualiter bibant qui extra statutas horas necesse habuerint bibere; et ubi hic ommissa inveniantur.

Cap. IX.—*De Minutis Sanguine. De privata Lectione, et benedictione Commedentium.*

- i. De licentia minuendi: de minucione et licentia commedendi.
- ii. Quomodo faciant si in refectorio commederint.
- iii. De licentia remanendi.
- iv. Quomodo in locutorio et ad meridianam faciant.
- v. De completorio et qualiter mane surgant.
- vi. De hora commedendi.
- vii. De minutione in xl. [sc. Quadragesima.]
- viii. Quomodo sanguinem videant.
- ix. Si minuti delinquerint, de matutinis et regressu in chorum.
- x. De tempore minuendi.
- xi. De termino minuendi, et qui extra minutus fuerit.
- xii. De privata lectione et benedictione commedentium.

Cap. X.—*De Collatione et potu ipsius. De Completorio et Scrutinio postea, et Custodia Clavorum, et quomodo faciant qui a Completorio remanserint.*

- i. De collatione.
- ii. De potu infra collationem.
- iii. De completorio.
- iv. De scrutinio post completorium.
- v. Quomodo faciant qui a completorio remanserint.

Cap. XI.—*De Rebus diversis ad Ordinem pertinentibus.*

- i. De correptione illius qui alios impedit.
- ii. De eo qui extra monasterium sine licentia commederit.
- iii. Ne quis in alium manus injiciat, et si injecerit in secularem.
- iv. Ubi non debeat aliquis osculari.
- v. Quomodo transeundum sit per claustrum.
- vi. Quod licentia data a superiore indicetur minori ordinem regenti.
- vii. De reverentia et humilitate quam sibi invicem debent fratres in obviatione et sessione, et de vera humilitate.
- viii. Si quis aliquid fregerit, aut perdiderit, et si manicha albæ benedictæ in terram deciderit, et de eo qui majoribus culpis secreto reus extiterit, et de eo qui aliquid invenerit.
- ix. Quod non accipiat aliquis litteras vel munera, sive det, sine licentia.
- x. Quod opus peculiare nullus exerceat, nisi proprium habeat, et quando liceat in claustris operari.
- xi. Si quis jocularia in conventu protulerit, vel otiosa cum junioribus locutus fuerit.
- xii. Quando incidantur ungues.
- xiii. Qui in nocte sitierit.
- xiv. De eo qui celaverit delicta alterius vel fugam.
- xv. Quomodo debeat frater fratris delictum corrigere vel detegere.
- xvi. De eo qui medicinam accipit.
- xvii. De consilio cum aliqua agenda fuerint.
- xviii. De octo quæ diligenter a monachis observanda sunt.
- xix. De tribus pro quibus mutare licet loca, et de loci permutatione, epistola Lanfranci—deinde quæ non fiat loci mutatio, ubi et scriptum est contra paupertatem, iram, et irreligiositatem.
- xx. Quando liceat ire sine frocco.
- xxi. Quod nuda manu fiant omnia.

Wood says, a part of the punishment inflicted on the burghers of Oxford, in 1214, by the pope's legate, was,

- xxii. Quod abbas ad orationem expectetur nec prior ipsa omissa veniam petet.
- xxiii. Quomodo se habeant fratres de altera domo moram facientes.
- xxiv. De versu Pretiosa.
- xxv. De rasturis.
- xxvi. De abstinentia in vigiliis.
- xxvii. De ablutione manuum post prandium.
- xxviii. De balneis.
- xxix. Qualiter observetur qui in professione promittitur, scilicet, stabilitas, conversio morum, et obedientia, secundum regulam beati Benedicti.
- xxx. De pronuntiatione verborum aliter quam in seculo.
(Desunt rubricæ xxvii. xxviii. xxix. et xxx.)

Cap. XII.—*De Domino Abbate.*

- i. Infra quale tempus celebretur electio et de pœna negligentium eligere.
- ii. Qualiter fiat electio.
- iii. Qualiter fiat post factam electionem.
- iv. Quomodo admittatur abbas in primo adventu suo.
- v. Quando post primum adventum facienda sit iterum processio contra abbatem.
- vi. De obedientiaris cum primo abbas capitulum tenuerit.
- vii. Qualis esse debet abbas.
- viii. De inclinatione facienda cum abbas anthoniam inchoat, &c.
- ix. Quomodo faciat frater, quem abbas reprehendit, vel si abbatem offenderit.
- x. De sessione juxta abbatem extra capitulum et in capitulo, et si frater aliquid ei dederit aut ab eo acceperit.
- xi. Quomodo serviatur abbati cum in refectorio commederit, et si manichas fratris abbas tenuerit vel frater abbatis.
- xii. Cum ultra horam faciendi sonitum abbas in dormitorio jacuerit.
- xiii. Quomodo fiat si abbas et aliquis alius de magnatibus mandat salutes conventui.
- xiv. Quomodo se habeat frater cum venerit ad abbatem vel cum recesserit, et de benedictione ab abbate petenda, qui iterum agere debet.
- xv. Quod ordinatio monasterii sit super abbatem, et si in absentia ejus aliquid ordinatum fuerit.
- xvi. Cum abbas in refectorium aliquid fratri miserit.
- xvii. Abbati licet monacho reprehendere eundemque clamare.
- xviii. Quod pro presentia abbatis non dimittatur confessio.
- xix. Quomodo faciat abbas, cum ecclesia aliqua vacuerit.
- xx. Quomodo instituat abbas obedientiaris.
- xxi. Quod abbate presente in claustrum nihil fiat sine ejus licentia.
- xxii. Quod abbas cum voluerit scrutinium faciat.
- xxiii. Quod abbas post mensam processionem non sequatur.
- xxiv. De vocatione fratrum ad mensam abbatis.
- xxv. De benedictione abbatis, et de diligentia eorum qui cum eo profisciscuntur.
- xxvi. Quod osculetur abbas cum de itinere post viii. dies eversus fuerit.
- xxvii. Quæ inveniat itinerantibus abbas, quæ camerarius.
- xxviii. Ubi liceat abbati loqui et aliis abbati.
- xxix. Cum voluerit infirmus loqui cum abbate, et quomodo faciat abbas audita infirmitate fratris.
- xxx. Quod majora abbatis judicio reserventur, et si de aliqua consuetudine orta fuerit dubitatio.
- xxxi. Quod non proterve contradicatur jussionibus abbatis.
- xxxii. Quod in silentio et in quiete maneat abbas; et quod ejus vestimenta et cetera ab habitu aliorum non differant.
- xxxiii. Qualiter corripiatur abbas.
- xxxiv. De "Benedicite" abbatis.
- xxxv. Quomodo fiat cum moritur abbas.
- xxxvi. De anniversario abbatis.
- xxxvii. Quomodo fiat si abbas vel episcopus celebret.

Cap. XIII.—*De Prelatis.*

- i. Qualis debent esse prelati.
- ii. In quibus possint prelati dispensare, et in quibus constet obedientia.
- iii. De discretionem quam debet prelatus habere circa delicta subditorum et de judicio prelatorum.
- iv. Quomodo sint dissimulanda, tolleranda, perscrutanda, arguenda, delinquentium vitia.
- v. Quod subditi prelati obediant, et prelati subditos diligant, &c.
- vi. Quod non ad alia quam ad vitæ merita prelatus respectum habeat.
- vii. De tribus quæ debent prelati subditis, et e contrario, et quæ tria claustralibus quam maxime sint necessaria.
- viii. De sonitu in dormitorio et pulsatione scillæ in refectorio et quid appelletur scola.
- ix. Quotiens percuti debeat scilla post potum in refectorio, quotiens post cibum, et de percussione cymbæ in claustrum et mensæ in refectorio.
- x. De ingressu presidentis in refectorium, et alia loca.
- xi. Si præsides ad majorem mensam sonum fecerit, vel potum fuderit.
- xii. Quod liceat ad majorem mensam sedenti obbam emittere et quod ciphum refectorario mittat cum voluerit ut impleatur.
- xiii. Quomodo faciat præsides si ad prandium morbo preoccupatus fuerit.
- xiv. Quod nulli liceat ciphum cum cooperculo habere.

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that the commonalty of Oxford should give yearly fifty-two shillings, to be paid for the use of poor scholars, into the

- xv. Quomodo faciat præsides post prandium si in refectorio hospites commederint.
- xvi. Quis sedere debeat ad cœnam.
- xvii. Quomodo faciat præsides post prandium in æstate, et quod minuti ad meridianam cubitum eant.

Cap. XIV.—*De Priore, Subpriore, Tertio Priore, et Exploratore.*

- i. Quomodo eligatur et instituatur prior et in sede sua in choro collocetur.
- ii. Cujus ætatis et qualis esse debeat prior.
- iii. Quod prior sit secundus post abbatem, et quod primum suæ partis habeat locum.
- iv. Qualiter sit assurgendus priori.
- v. Quæ prior in præsencia abbatis facere debeat, et quæ in ejus absentia.
- vi. Quod statuta abbatis non mutet prior.
- vii. Quod exeat prior de sede sua cum opus fuerit.
- viii. Quod debeat prior primus esse cum primis et ultimus cum ultimis.
- ix. Quæ liceant priori circa novicios.
- x. Ubi dicat prior matutinas si in choro non fuerit.
- xi. Ad quæ officia prior scribi debeat.
- xii. Quod prior in capella ad gradum cantet.
- xiii. Quando priori sedere liceat.
- xiv. Quomodo transeundum sit inter priorem et formam.
- xv. Quod prior sonitum faciat in dormitorio.
- xvi. Quando possit prior dare licentiam profisciscendi.
- xvii. De itinere prioris.
- xviii. Quomodo possit prior intrare capitulum si supprior vel alius conventum introduxerit, et de sessione supprioris, &c.
- xix. Quod in præsencia prioris nulli liceat sine ipsius licentia loqui vel bibere.
- xx. Quomodo fiat si prior ad mensam sonitum fecerit vel potum effuderit.
- xxi. Quando prior completorio debeat interesse, et de ceteris postea faciendis.
- xxii. Ubi prior infirmus recumbat, et quod famulum habeat; et si minutus fuerit.
- xxiii. Quod visitatio infirmorum ad priorem quam maxime pertineat.
- xxiv. De potestate prioris cum ecclesia vacaverit.
- xxv. Quomodo fiat si ante mortem suam prior absolvi petierit vel si in prioratu discesserit.
- xxvi. De subpriore, ejus institutione, et qualis esse debeat.
- xxvii. Qui suppleat vices prioris, et de absentia et presentia ejus.
- xxviii. De institutione tertii prioris et ejus officio.
- xxix. Quis dicatur prior claustrum, et de officio suo.
- xxx. De officio omnium priorum simul.
- xxxi. De vocabulis exploratoris, et qualis sit, et quod primas clamores faciat.
- xxxii. Quotiens faciat explorationem, et quibus horis et in quibus locis.
- xxxiii. Quam ordinate circueat, et quod eum ea hora nemo sequatur, vel obviam ei veniat, et quod nec signum nec verbum fiat, sed studiosa tam negligentiarum et offensionum exploratio.
- xxxiv. Cum explorator fratres loquentes invenerit, quomodo faciat vel ipse vel ipsi, et quomodo hostia egredi possit, &c.

Cap. XV.—*Communis descriptio Obedientiariorum, et de Cantoribus et Custode librorum, et Cellarario simul.*

- i. Quales debent esse obedientiarii, et qualiter a completorio remanere; et quis cui in officio proponatur; et quod obedientiarii claustrales non parvipendant, et de adjutoribus obedientiariorum.
- ii. De electione cantoribus, et qualis debeat esse. De institutione succentoris et ejus officio, et quod sicut dissolvitur conventus sine priore, sic chorus sine cantore.
- iii. De inspectione librorum infra missas et de ferculo cantoribus.
- iv. De nominibus in martyrologio scribendis, et de brevibus defunctorum et pergamenis et incausto ad communia necessaria, et quæ a cantore prædici debeant in capitulo.
- v. Quod cantor de negligentibus castiget, et de dignitate sua in choro.
- vi. Quod rasturas cantor provideat et annotationem cerei paschalis faciat.
- vii. De reparatione librorum, et quorum cantor curam gerat, quorum sacrista, et ad quos camerarius pannos inveniat.
- viii. De armariis, et eorum custodia; de cæteris quoque ad librorum custodiam necessariis.
- ix. De libris itinerantibus, et quod non liceat cantori libros dare, vendere, vel impignorare sine pretio.
- x. De repositione et emendatione librorum communium, et quod nemo aliquid ponat vel demat sine cantore.
- xi. Quod præter libros, qui magis necessarii sunt, cæteros cantor reponat, et cui committantur claves librorum si cantor vel armarius in viam diriguntur.
- xii. Quod cantor scriptoribus provideat, et quod sine licentia fratres scribere non faciat.
- xiii. Quod cantori obediant de hiis quæ ad officium suum pertinent.
- xiv. De cellarario; de electione et institutione cellararii, et qualis sit, quomodo ad omnes se habeat, &c.

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hands of the abbat of Oseney and prior of St. Frideswides, of which twenty-six shillings were to be paid on the feast of All Saints, and the remainder in the beginning of Lent. Mr. Gutch, his editor, adds, "Note, that the sum of fifty-two shillings was soon after paid by Eynsham abbey, as appears by the obligation of Adam the abbat and the convent of that place; which payment with sixteen shillings and eight pence more for the feeding of a hundred scholars being made by them to the university, till the dissolution of this house, it was ordered by the lord chancellor and the king's council, 38 Hen. VIII. (which order was confirmed by the king the same year) that the university should receive the said sums of money from the hands of the general receiver of the revenues of the Augmentation of the king."^a

In another passage, under the year 1275, Wood informs us, that "The civil law being at this time in great renown in the university of Oxford, to the corruption and decay of the study of philosophy, (as for forty years past and more it had done) and also used in so great measure that divinity was reputed bare without it; many from beyond the seas came to obtain the true way of it, such as Bologna in Italy could scarce brag of. Among divers that came, were Mr. Alfonsus de Senis or Siena, in the year 1268, to whom that, and several years after, the abbat and monks of Eynsham allowed a hundred shillings for his maintenance in his studies at Oxon, merely upon the desire of Ottobon cardinal of St. Adrian and at that time legate in England, who, as 'tis probable, brought him into this kingdom in his company."^b

The same writer also mentions "EYNHAM SCHOOLS" in that university, "in a tenement in School Street belonging anciently to the abbey of Einsham." "All the mention that I find of them," he adds, "is in a certain rent-roll, or rather a parchment, containing a tax or subsidy laid upon the houses of clerks in the university in the time of Edward II.

'De tenemento ubi sunt scholæ de Eynesham, xl. sol.'

"Which tenement yielded to the said abbey, 6 Edw. I. and after, four marks yearly, being then situated near the

church of St. Mary, and the place called Beaufront as in the record cited in the margin appears.^c As for the time when the said tenement was consecrated to the Muses I cannot determine, being as I conceive out of the reach of record. 'Tis confest that the monks of Einsham had divers mesuages in Oxford, but who gave this to them I cannot justly say, unless it was Robert de Oily, the second of that name in England; or by Walcheline Harang. For this truly must be known, that the former with Edida his wife, gave to the said abbey their land in Oxenford, which Rualdus a clerk held, about the year 1120;^d and the other, land in the city of Oxford, which Segrinus another clerk held also, about 1180.^e Godfrey being then abbat of that place. The evidences concerning which gifts being promiscuously written with others concerning tenements laying in the parish of St. Mary or near to it, hath always possessed me with an opinion that one of them concerned this tenement that we now mention, and the rather because it was held by a clerk or clerks, the common title in those times of academians. After the dissolution of abbeys in the time of Henry the Eighth, this tenement (after it had been for several ages known by the name of Staple Hall) came into the possession of Lincoln college, who leasing it out by that name to the house of Brasenose Nov. 6th in the 3d and 4th of Philip and Mary an. Dom. 1556,^f it continueth for their use to this day, being just opposite to the common gate of the said house." The editor, in a Note, says, "It is now part of the site of Dr. Radcliffe's library."^g

Willis says, in a draught of the RUINS of this monastery taken about sixty years ago (A. D. 1657) in one of Mr. Anthony Wood's manuscripts,^h there is a representation of the west end of Eynsham Abbey Church, which consisted of two very spacious towers, with a large west window in the middle between them, under which was a spacious door to give entrance, as there were two lesser under the two towers. Here were then standing, besides the walls of these towers, some pillars of the church, and walls of the cloister, which stood on the north side.ⁱ This I mention, he continues, because nothing is now remaining, except

Cap. XVI.—*De Sacristis.*

- i. Qualis sit sacrista, et quod a nullo officio absolvatur, et quæ sub custodia sua habeat, &c.
- ii. De ornatu ecclesiæ et ornamentis, et quæ signa honorifice pulsentur; de ornatu capituli et locutorii, &c.
- iii. De cereo paschali, et festo reliquiarum, et sancti Leonardi.
- iv. De subsacrista, et ejus officio.
- v. Quod subsacrista diligentius omnia custodiet et recenseat, &c.
- vi. Quod subsacrista de stola abbati offerenda, de candelis in purificatione, et cineribus in capite jejunii et aliis quibus opus fuerit, curam geret, prunas provideat, &c.
- vii. De hostiis faciendis, et quomodo abluantur calices.
- viii. De famulis sacristæ et eorum officiis.

Cap. XVII.—*De Camerario, Coquinario, et Refectorio.*

- i. Qualis sit camerarius, quæ invenire debeat, et quod fratres petere teneantur.
- ii. De emendandis et reficiendis, et quod possent fratres reficere per se, et quæ indumenta non resarciantur.
- iii. De subcamerario et ejus officio.
- iv. Qualis esse debet coquinarius.
- v. De æqua divisione cibi, et ne strepitus fiat in coquina.
- vi. Qualis sit refectorarius, et de distributione vini, de cervisia ad condimenta et ad inchaustum.
- vii. Quod omnia statutis temporibus apponantur.

Cap. XVIII.—*De Elemosinario, Infirmary, et Infirmit.*

- i. Qualis debeat esse elemosinarius et cujus ordinis.
- ii. De justis et panibus in anniversariis; de colligenda elemosina in camera abbatis quæ distribuatur pauperibus in Nat. Dom.
- iii. Quod diligenter inquirat elemosinarius ubi pauperes jaceant, et quomodo ipsos visitare debeat.
- iv. Quod elemosinarius ad reliquias colligendas vasa ydonea habeat, et de ægrotis quos in domo sua suscepit.
- v. Qualis sit infirmarius; qualiter infirmos visitet; &c.
- vi. De cibis in infirmarya preparandis.
- vii. De famulis infirmarii.
- viii. Quomodo fiat circa eum qui in choro vel alibi subito infirmari cepit, vel circa ipsum cujus infirmitas paulatim cepit ingravescere; quod infirmi nec amicorum affectus nec delicias requirant; sed omnia eis necessaria provideantur.
- ix. De hiis qui in infirmaryam ingrediuntur et regrediuntur.

Cap. XIX.—*De Hostilario et Hospitibus; et de Portario et custode Locutorii.*

- i. Qualis sit hostiliarius; et ut hospitibus omnis exhibeatur humanitas.
- ii. Qualiter faciat hostiliarius in susceptione hospitum, et quomodo fiat si episcopus aut abbas extraneus in refectorio commederit.
- iii. De matutinis hospitum, de horis, et missa.
- iv. De correptione hospitum si ordinem transgressus fuerit.
- v. Quomodo liceat hostilario comedere et bibere cum hospitibus.
- vi. Pro quanto tempore capiant benedictionem eundi et redeundi monachi hujus loci.
- vii. Quibus horis rariter accipiat benedictio redeundi et exeundi.
- viii. De in viam pacis, et quam rariter fratres in itinere se habeant.
- ix. De hiis qui societatem petierint; scilicet de monachis, et qualiter suscipiantur abbates nigri habitus; et de susceptione aliorum.
- x. Qualis sit portarius curiæ, et ubi maneat; qualiter ingredienti salutet, et obsequium eis præstet, et quo ducat.
- xi. Si seculares fuerint et hospitium petierint, vel quicumque fuerint, et cum aliquo loqui voluerint.
- xii. Qualis sit qui locutorium custodit, et qualia circa advenientes facere debeat.
- xiii. De castigatione famulorum.

"Explicit liber consuetudinum monachorum Eyneshamie quem scripsit frater Johannes de Wodetun, monachus ejusdem loci, ad salutem omnium eum perlegendum, et bene observantium. Lectores, orate pro scriptore! Gratia Domini nostri Jesu Christi cum omnibus vobis. Apocalipsis ultimo. Amen."

^a Wood's Hist. and Antiq. of the Univ. of Oxford, vol. i. p. 184. Ex autogr. in turri Scholarum Oxon. in pix. P. P. fasc. xii. nu. 1, 2, &c.

^b Ibid. vol. i. p. 303, ut in majori Reg. cenob. Einsham, num. 26, fol. 84 a.

^c Ut in rot. membr. in Turri Lond. continent. lustrationem villæ et comit. Oxon. 6 Edw. I.

^d Lib. vel Regist. Cenob. de Einsham in Thesaur. Æd. Chr. num. 26, fol. 25 b.

^e Ibid. Chart. 106.

^f Thesaur. Coll. Linc. et Ænean.

^g Wood, ut supr. vol. II. P. ii. pp. 741, 742.

^h Wood's MSS. in Mus. Ashm. 8605.

ⁱ The rude drawing here described has been since engraved in "The Lives of Leland, Hearne, and Wood," 8vo. Oxf. 1772, vol. ii. p. 104.

some old foundations, and a gate-house, as we are informed by Mr. Hearne in Leland's Itinerary, vol. v. p. 92.

Scarcely any vestiges of the edifice of Eynsham abbey are now (1819) visible, except a small door-way and a shield, with the date of 1504, placed in the vicarage garden.

Of the SEAL of Eynsham abbey no perfect impression is at present known to the Editors of Dugdale's Monasticon: but two imperfect ones have been found in the Augmentation Office; one appendant to a Deed dated 1 Ric. III. acknowledging the receipt of an annual rent of forty shillings from the prior and convent of Burcester for premises in Clyston, near Dadington; the other attached to

the Surrender of the monastery. From these two impressions a tolerably correct idea of the entire seal may be formed. It contains three divisions: in the middle one is the Virgin Mary and child, seated under a Gothic canopy, surmounted by a figure, probably intended to represent the Deity; in an arch, under the feet of the Virgin, is an abbat, or monk, with a pastoral staff; in each of the side compartments is a female saint. The legend cannot be completely made out. Such part of it as is legible appears to be as follows: SIGILLUM . ECCLESIE ... TRINITATIS ... MARIE A small portion of a seal, apparently representing the figure of the Virgin Mary, has been already noticed as engraved in one of Dr. Rawlinson's plates.

Cartae ad Eyneshamense Coenobium in agro Oxoniensi spectantes.

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Carta Regis Æthelredi de Fundatione Ecclesiae de Eynesham.

[Ex Registro de Eynesham penes decanum et capitulum ecclesiae cathedralis Christi Oxoniae, fol. 7 a.]

R DOMINANTE per secula infinita omnium dominatore, Christo salvatore nostro, universitatisque creatore, Æthelredus gratia Dei, ejusque misericordia rex et rector regni Anglorum, et devotus sanctae ecclesiae defensor, humilisque adjutor, omnibus ecclesiasticae pietatis ordinibus, seu secularis potentiae dignitatibus, in Christo Domino pacis et beatitudinis praemia. Considerans pacifico pie mentis intuitu, cum bona voluntate, una cum Dei sacerdotibus, et consiliariis nostris, iram plus solito saevientis Dei in nos, eum placare cum continua bonorum operum exhibitione, et ab ejus laudibus nunquam desistere decrevi. Et quia in nostris temporibus bellorum incendia, directionesque opum nostrarum patimur, necnon ex vastantium crudelissima depredatione hostium barbarorum, paganarumque gentium multiplici tribulatione, affligentiumque nos usque ad internecionem, tempora cernimus incumbere periculosa: nobis, in quos fines seculorum devenerunt, nimium convenit de nostrarum utilitatibus animarum cura diligenti perscrutari, qualiter quibusque meritis in seculo jam futuro, cum auctore omnium Christo sint victurae, quia non ullam, (ut apostolus ait) hic habemus mansionem, sed futuram inquirimus; et ideo magna nobis incumbit necessitas, cum terrenis divitiis futuram totis inquirere viribus. Nostrae siquidem divitiae nisi communicatae in plures, nobis prodesse nequaquam possunt; nullus enim tam composite felicitatis constat, ut non ea quae possidet vel sponte sive nolens amittat: et ideo multis humanae felicitatis dulcedo amaritudinibus respersa est, quae etsi ad tempus fruendi jocunda esse videatur, finem tamen amaritudinis semper introducet. Duo quippe sunt quibus omnis humanorum actuum constat effectus; voluntas scilicet, et potestas, quorum si alterum desit, nihil est quod explicare quis queat: voluntate autem deficiente, ne aggreditur quidem quisque quod non vult. Ac si potestas desit, voluntas omnino necesse est ut frustra sit. Sed boni quique recta voluntate, et optima potestate adipiscuntur bonum quod adappetunt, quia per temporalia hujus evanescentis vitae negotia aeterna sibi futuri calce carentis seculi praemia mercantur sine fine mansura.

Quapropter ego Æthelredus, multiplici Dei clementia indulgente, Angul-Saxonum antedictus rex, caeterarumque gentium longè latèque per circuitum adjacentium gubernator et rector, mihi insitum video et velle et posse; et

ideò memoriae praesentium, et etiam futurorum sequentium post nos veracibus literarum apicibus insinuare curavi, quod Æthelmaro, viro valde fidelissimo, mihi quoque dilectissimo impetrante, absolutissimum libertatis privilegium constituo monasterio ejus in honore sancti Salvatoris, Omniumque Sanctorum suorum, jure dedicato, in loco celebri juxta fluvium qui vocatur Tamis constituto, quod ab incolis regionis illius Eynesham nuncupatur vocabulo. Quod quidem monasterium Æthelmarus ab Æthelweard genero suo mutuando accepit, et pro illis triginta mansiunculis dedit triginta sex mansiones, tribus divisas in locis, tres videlicet in Upoteri, et decem in Litlancumtune, in Lellingce, et tresdecem in Scildforda. Vitae igitur regularis monachos inibi constituens, ipse patris vice fungens vivensque communiter inter eos, abbatem sanctae monachorum congregationi preferre se vivente instituit, ut ita deinceps post ipsum quem constituit abbatem, abbatum electio, secundum regulae praeceptum, ex eadem congregatione usu teneat perpetuo, id est ut ex eadem congregatione qui ordinandus est, et aliunde nequaquam, nisi peccatis promerentibus, vel impediende imperitia, talis qui dignus sit in ea reperiri nequiverit, cum regis consilio eligatur. Rex autem non ad tyrannidem, sed ad munimen loci, et augmentum, uti mos est, super pastorem et Christi gregem dominium solerti vigilantia misericorditer custodiat. Secularium verò quispiam, ne ad magni detrimenti ruinam deveniat, ut dominium loci teneat, excepto rege nunquam eligatur. Sunt etenim rura haec, quae sancto Salvatore, omnibusque sanctis ejus, vir praefatus Æthelmarus, et divinae servitutis obsequio, et magna cum humilitate, non solum à rege sed etiam a diversis hominum personis nunc comparando nunc mutuando optinuit, quae ad usus monachorum inibi gentium aeterno concessit donario. Quinque videlicet manentes in loco ubi ab indigenis Sceaptun dicitur. Villam quoque quae Scipford dicitur, dedit vir praedictus ad monasterium antedictum, quam ei Leofwinus suus consanguineus spiritu in ultimo constitutus donavit, quam Birthnotus antea dux praecclarus ab Eadgaro patre meo, dignis praemium pro meritis accipere laetabatur. Micclantun similiter ad monasterium dedit, quam ille Birthnotus dux praedictus ultimo commisit dono, ab Eadgaro quoque ei antea donatam, et in kartula firmiter commendatam. Terram quoque quinque manentium, quae Burtun dicitur, donavit, quam a me promeruit, et ab Æthelweardo genero suo voluntate antea accepit, pro remedio animae uxoris suae. Emit quoque praedictus vir Æthelmarus a me cum triginta libris, duodecim mansiones de villulis quas matrona quaedam, nomine Leofset, suis perdidit ineptiis et amisit, tres semis videlicet manentes aet Maranaclive, quas pari modo ad monasterium

dedit, duas similiter mansiones aet Beonetlege silvæ communis dedit. Donavit etiam vir sæpe nominatus quinque mansas aet Stodelege et decem aet Cestertune, propinquo suo, nomine Godwino, pro decem mansionibus terræ communis quæ aet Erdintune dicitur, quas quoque prædicto monasterio commisit. Dedit quoque Byrthelmus quondam episcopus Æthelweardo propinquo suo, patri videlicet Æthelmari, viginti mansiones, ubi ab incolis aet Aescæron dicitur, quas Æthelwerdus filio suo Æthelmaro longè ante mortem suam donavit, et ille supradictas mansiunculas ad monasterium dedit. Terram similiter quæ Bictun dicitur, quam a me promeruit kartula confirmatam, monasterio antedicto donavit. Rus quoque quod Rameslege dicitur, et portum ad se pertinens quod illi Wulfin propinqua sua, in ultimo constituta spiritu commisit, monasterio prædicto concessit. Sit igitur monasterium prædictum ab omni humanæ servitutis iugo liberum cum omnibus supradictis uilulis ad se ritè pertinentibus, expeditione excepta, et pontis arcisve constructione. Si quis igitur hoc nostræ libertatis donum confirmare, et firma voluntate stabilire et amplificare satagerit, augeat amplificetque ei Deus omnipotens in seculo præsentis prospera cuncta, et in futuro felicitatis tripudium. Qui vero in aliud evertere, et nostræ libertatis munimen destruere voluerit, sit ipse alienatus à sanctæ Dei ecclesiæ consortio, necnon et à participatione sacrosancti corporis et sanguinis Christi, et in magni iudicii die, cum Juda Christi proditore, sinistra in parte condemnatus, nisi hic prius digna satisfactione humilis pœnituerit, quod contra nostra decreta deliquit.

Ðýr rýnd ða land zemæro to Eýnerham. æreft of Ruganlace on Buggan broc. andlang brocer on Tilgaper dic. of ðære dic on Wearþrige. of ðam rige on Winburge ꝛoc. of þam ꝛocce to þrim acon. andlang pezer on þæt zemær tpeop. þonne andlang pezer on þa Port ꝛræt. of þære ꝛræte on Spana cꝛoꝛt. þanon on Hæþfelb on þa ealban dic. þanon rihte on Mærbroc. andlang brocer innon Bladene. andlang Bladene into Temeꝛe.*

Ðýr rýnd þæra v. hida land zemæru to Sceaꝛtune. of Cnaꝛpylle on Humbran. andlang Humbran on þ ꝛlæb. þanon on þa ꝛræt. of þære ꝛræte on Bradeþyllon on þone ealban zapan. of þam ealban zapon andlang þær pubu pezer on þa heh ꝛræte. of þære ꝛræte on þone peꝛ þe rýþ to Bladene. þonne andlang pezer to þam hazan. of þam hazan to Bicanbýrꝛ. of Bicanbýrꝛ on þa ealban dic. of þære dic on þone peꝛ. andlang pezer to Wiþꝛglear zemæro. andlang moꝛer on langan hlæp. of langan hlæpe. andlang pezer to þam eolban Cꝛurtermaele on Cýrpylle. eft on Humbran.*

Ðýr rýnd þa land zemæro to Scýꝛꝛforda. æreft of Temeꝛe on Ceomina laca. of þære laca on þone peꝛ. andlang pezer on Cýnlaꝛer ꝛtan. of þam ꝛtane andlang pezer on Kenepiner tpeop. of þam tpeop andlang pezer on þa lace. andlang lace þ eft on Sumerꝛford. ꝛ ii. þeꝛaꝛ. oþer buꝛan þære labe. oþer beneoþan.*

Ðýr rýnd þa land zemæro to Mýclantune. æreft on þone ꝛtane. of ðam ꝛtane. on znenan broc. andlang brocer on ða dic. of þære dic on Æþulꝛer tpeop on þa ꝛræt. andlang ꝛræte on Hýremanner þoꝛn. of ðam þoꝛne on Badelan broc. andlang brocer of ða Tꝛicelan. andlang brocer on þ ꝛlæb. of ðam ꝛlæbe on Camꝛætena zemære ꝛ Wæꝛþæma. ðonne andlang pæꝛer on Mæꝛcumbeꝛpylle. of ðam pylle on Henꝛerþer cumb. of ðam cumb on Oppan broc. andlang brocer on Wulꝛgýþe bꝛucge. of ðære bꝛucge on ða ꝛræte. þæt eft on ðone ꝛtan.*

Ðýr rýnd ða land zemæro to Maꝛanaclue. æreft up be þam heaꝛdon. of ðam heaꝛdon in ðone ꝛtoðꝛolb. of þam ꝛtoðꝛolb up on þ clýꝛ. þ a ðune mið clýꝛ innon þa ea of miðne ꝛtream. andlang ꝛtreamer þ eft on ðone ꝛt.*

Ðýr rýnd þa land zemæro to Æꝛcepon. æreft on Cranmeꝛe eaꝛtpeaꝛðne to Lulleꝛpýꝛþe hýꝛnan on mela hulle eaꝛtpeaꝛðne. of mela hýlle on Winanbeoꝛþ miðne. of Winanbeoꝛþe on miðne alaꝛbꝛoc. of ðam bꝛoce to þære ealban dic. andlang dic to þeaban holte. be þýꝛtalan to þeaban buꝛnan. andlang þæban buꝛnan on Æmenan. andlang Æmenan be heaꝛan ꝛtream of Bulon

peoꝛþe. ꝛ of Bulan peoꝛþe to beꝛhteꝛe meaꝛce. to Weꝛtaneꝛ tpeope. to Cranmeꝛe. ꝛ ðære zebyꝛaþ to ꝛiꝛ þærbæne.*

Ðýr rýnd þa land zemæro to Dictune. of Cranmeꝛer þoꝛne to blacan zꝛæꝛan. of þære blacan zꝛæꝛan on vii. æceꝛaꝛ eaꝛtpeaꝛðe. of ðam vii. æceꝛon on Æmenan be heaꝛan ꝛtream innon Cýtanꝛoꝛðe. of Cýtanꝛoꝛða to Tatanbꝛoce. of Tatanbꝛoce on Cꝛicelmeꝛpýꝛþe eaꝛtpeaꝛðe.*

Ðýr iꝛ re puba. on ðær hazan ende to Býꝛlaꝛate. ꝛam Býꝛlaꝛate to Wýðangate. ꝛam Wýðangate to Cnuceꝛhýꝛte. and to Eꝛceanlæa. ꝛam Eꝛceanlæa to þam hapꝛan ꝛiꝛe. ꝛ Wulꝛan beceꝛþ þ land æt Hꝛammeꝛlege ꝛ ða hýþe þ ðæꝛto zebyꝛaþ Æþelmeꝛe hꝛe mæꝛe.*

Ic Æþelmeꝛ cýþe minan leoꝛon hlaꝛoꝛðe Æþelnebe cýnge. ꝛ eallon hýꝛ ꝛton. ðæt ic an ðýꝛte aꝛe Gode ꝛ ꝛancta Maꝛian. ꝛ eallon hýꝛ halzon. ꝛ ꝛancte Benedicte into Eꝛnerham. oþer mine ðæꝛ æꝛne to bꝛuce ðam ðe Benedicteꝛ ꝛeꝛol æꝛne rihtlice heaꝛð.* And ic wille ðære beon oþer hi ealboꝛ ðe ðæꝛ nu iꝛ. ða hꝛile ðe hýꝛ hý beo. ꝛ ꝛiꝛþan. zꝛ hit hꝛæt zeꝛýmaþ. ðæt hi ceoꝛon heom ealboꝛ of heoꝛa zeꝛeꝛæðne ealꝛa hæꝛa ꝛeꝛol him tæcþ. ꝛ re ðe ðýꝛ zeice Gob ælmihtꝛ him zeꝛume heoꝛonan ꝛice. ꝛ re ðe hit aꝛame Gob ælmihtꝛ him ꝛýlle ꝛýlce meðe ꝛýlce he ðam biðe ðe hine belæꝛðe. ꝛ ic me ꝛýlce wille mið ðære zeꝛeꝛæðene zemænelice libban. ꝛ ðære aꝛe mið hum notian ða hꝛile þe min hý biþ.*

[Id est,

Hi sunt fundi limites apud Eynesham. Primò à Rugæ lacu in Buggæ rivulam; in longum rivuli ad Tilgari fossam; à fossa in Weardi semitam; à semita in Winburgi stipitem; à stipite ad tres quercus; in longum viæ ad illam terminalem arborem; tunc in longum viæ ad publicam plateam; à platea in Swanorum [i. rusticorum*] agellum, inde in Hæthfeldam [i. ericetum:] in veterem fossam; inde rectà in Mærbrocam [i. rivulum terminalem:] in longum rivuli in Bladenam; in longum Bladenæ ad Thamesin.

Hi sunt quinque hidarum terræ fines apud Sceaꝛtunam. A Craswilla [fonte sic dicto] in Humbram; in longum Humbræ ad vallem; inde ad vicum; à vico in Bradewillam [i. latum fontem] in veterem gurgitem; à veteri gurgite in longum sylvestris viæ ad altam viam [viam regium, fortè:] ab illa via in viam quæ ducit ad Bladenam; inde in longum viæ ad sepem; à sepe ad Bicanbiriam [opidum sic dictum:] à Bicanbiria in veterem fossam; à fossa in viam; in longum viæ ad Withigleæ terminos; in longum paludis ad longum saltum; à longo saltu in longum viæ ad veterem crucem; à cruce in Cyrwillam [i. fontem ad compita:] rursum in Humbram.

Hi sunt fundi limites apud Scýꝛꝛfordam. Primò à Thamesi in Ceominæ lacum; à lacu ad viam; in longum viæ ad Cynlafi lapidem; à lapide in longum viæ ad Kenewini arborem; ab arbore in longum viæ ad lacum; in longum lacus iterum ad Sumerfordam. Et duo septa illa piscatoria quæ Weras vulgò vocant, alterum [scil.] supra fluentem, alterum [verò] infra, [huc spectant].

Hi sunt terræ termini apud Myclantunam. Primò in lapidem; à lapide in viridem amnem; in longum amnis ad fossam; à fossa in Athulfi arborem in vicum; in longum vici ad Hysemanni spinetum; a spineto in Badelæ rivulum; in longum rivuli usque ad Twicelam; in longum rivuli ad vallem; à valle in præliantium^c terminos et Westhæmam; tunc in longum viæ ad Mæcumbeswyllam [fontem sic dictum:] à fonte ad Hengesti vallem; à valle in Oppæ rivulum; in longum rivuli ad Wulfgithæ pontem; à ponte in vicum [vel, plateam:] iterum ad lapidem.

Isti sunt fundi limites apud Maranclivam. Inprimis sursum per capita [i. for. montis juga, vel cacumina:] à capitibus in equorum admissariorum septum; ab illo septo sursum in clivum, inde deorsum per clivum in aquam usque ad medium fluenti; in longum fluenti iterum in puteum.

Hi sunt terræ limites apud Aescæron. Primò in Cranmeram orientem versus ad Lulleswyrt hæ [i. Lulli

* al. subulcorum.

^b f. hlæw. i. e. aggerem, vel tumulum.

^c al. castrametationum.

curtis, *vel* prædii] angulum in farinarium montem orientem versus; à farinario monte in Winæ collis medium; à Winæ colle in medium amnis ab alnis nomen ducentis; ab amne ad veterem fossam; in longum fossæ ad rubeum lucum juxta plantarium ad rubeum torrentem; in longum rubei torrentis ad Æmenam; in longum Emenæ per dimidium fluenti usque Bulanweortham [curtem sic dictam:] et à Bulanweortha ad oppidanum limitem ad Werstani arborem, ad Cranmeram. Et huc pertinent sex piscium septa illa piscatoria quæ Weras vulgò nominant.

Hi sunt fundi termini apud Dictunam. A Cranmeræ spineto ad nigrum lucum;* à nigro luco in septem agros orientem versus; à septem agris in Eminam per dimidium fluenti intus Cytanæ vadum; à Cytanæ vado ad Tatanbrocam [rivulum sic dictum:] à Tatanbroca in Cwicelmi curtem orientem versus.

Hæc est sylva. Apud sepis finem ad Byrlagatam [portam vel januam sic appellatam] à Byrlagata ad Wydangatam [aliā januam, à latitudine fortè sic dictam] à Wydangata ad Cnuceshyrstam [sylvulam ita vocatam:] et ad Egceanleam [campum ita nominatum:] ab Egceanlea ad canam salicem. Et Wulfwunus legavit terram illam apud Hrammeslegam [i. arietum campum:] et portum [vel, crepidinem^b] qui eo spectat, Æthelmaro cognato suo.

Ego Æthelmerus notifico dilecto domino meo Æthelredo regi, et omnibus ejus sapientibus, quod ego concedo has res^c Deo et sanctæ Mariæ, et omnibus ejus sanctis, et sancto Benedicto apud Egneshamiam, post dies meos semper à sancti Benedicti regulam perpetuò rectè servantibus perfruendas: et volo ut sit super eos præses illi qui ibi nunc est, quoad vixerit; et postea (si quem locus produxerit) eligant sibi præsidem ex eorum collegio omnino sicut eorum regula ipsos instruit. Et is qui hoc amplificaverit, Deus omnipotens ei ampliet regnum cælorum. Et is qui hoc diminuerit, Deus omnipotens ei det talem mercedem, qualem ei dedit qui eum prodidit. Et ego ipsemet volo cum eodem collegio vitam ducere communem, et rebus illis cum eis uti fruique quamdiu vixero.]

Scripta est igitur hæc præsens cartula anno Dominicæ incarnationis millesimo quinto, indictione verò tertia, eorum consilio et testimonio, quorum nomina hic infra scripta esse videntur.

Ego Æthelredus gratia Dei regiæ dignitatis sublimatus honore, hoc nostræ libertatis privilegium cum signaculo sanctæ crucis confirmando consignavi †. Ego Æthelstanus ejusdem regis filius testimonium adhibeo †. Ego Ecgbrihtus clito testis assisto †. Ego Ædmundus clito testificans affui †. Ego Eadredus clito non abnui †. Ego Eadwius clito consensi †. Ego Ædgarus clito scivi †. Ego Ædwardus clito non renui †. Ego Ælfifu regina sciens testimonium adhibui †. Ego Wulfstanus Eboracensis ecclesiæ archipræsul consolidavi †. Ego Ælfricus Doroburnensis ecclesiæ archiepiscopus hanc privilegii libertatem cum benedictione corroboravi †. Ego Ælfheah episcopus consignavi †. Ego Athulf episcopus corroboravi †. Ego Ordrith episcopus consolidavi †. Ego Godwine episcopus subscripsi †. Ego Lifing episcopus collaudavi †. Ego Æthelric episcopus benedixi †. Ego Ælfgar episcopus conscripsi †. Ego Godwine episcopus conclusi †. Ego Alfwold episcopus concessi †. Ego Ælfun episcopus favi †. Ego Ælfhelm episcopus assensi †. Ego Buswold episcopus signavi †. Ego Ælfweard abbas †. Ego Ælfric abbas †. Ego Wulfgar abbas †. Ego Kenulf abbas †. Ego Ælfric abbas †. Ego Leofric abbas †. Ego Wulfric abbas †. Ego Ælfere abbas †. Ego Byrthwold abbas †. Ego Germanus abbas †. Ego Godeman abbas †. Ego Ædnoth abbas †. Ego Æthelnoth abbas †. Ego Ælfmer abbas †. Ego Leofric abbas †. Ego Ælfwig abbas †. Ego Ælfric dux †. Ego Ælfhelm dux †. Ego Leofwine dux †. Ego Ordulf minister †. Ego Wulfgeat minister †. Ego Wulfeah minister †. Ego Æthelric minister †. Ego Ædric minister †. Ego Leofric minister †. Ego Æthelmer minister †. Ego Æthelwold minister †. Ego Ædwine minister †. Ego Æthelweard minister †. Ego Æthelwine minister †. Ego Brictric minister †. Ego Elmer minister †. Ego Wulfweard minister †. Ego

Brictric minister †. Ego Wulfgar minister †. Ego Leofwine minister †. Ego Wulnoth minister †. Ego Siward minister †. Ego Sired minister †. Ego Brixie minister †. Ego Ædwig minister †. Ego Wulfmæ minister †. Ego Leofwine minister †. Ego Ælfgar minister †. Ego Æthelstan minister †. Ego Ælfweard minister †. Ego Ælwine minister †. Ego Ulfcytel minister †. Ego Morcar minister †. Ego Godwine minister †. Ego Siverth minister †. Ego Leofwine minister †. Ego Siward minister †. Ego Godrice minister †. Ego Æthelwold minister †. Ego Leafnath minister †. Ego Thurfearth minister †. Ego Frithegift minister †. Ego Wither minister †. Ego Oswig minister †. Ego Brithric minister †. Ego Wada minister †. Ego Æthelwine minister †.

NUM. II.

Stow in agro Lincolnensi, Cella de Eynesham.

[Will. Malmesb. fol. 165 b, n. 30.]

CÆNOBIUM monachorum apud S. Mariam de Stou, (Remigius Linc. episcopus) ex novo fecit.

[Hen. Huntind. fol. 210 a, n. 20.]

LEFRICUS quoque, consul nobilissimus, Cestriæ defunctus est eo tempore, cujus uxor Godiva, nomine perpetuo digna, multa probitate vixit, et abbatiam apud Coventre construxit, et auro et argento incomparabiliter ditavit. Construxit etiam ecclesiam Stow sub promontorio Lincolnæ.

[Rog. Hoved. fol. 255 a.]

ECCLESIAM quam Lincolnensis præsul Eadnothus in loco famoso qui sanctæ Mariæ Stow Anglicè, Latine verò sanctæ Mariæ Locus appellatur, pretiosis ditaverunt ornamentis (Leofricus comes scilicet, et Godiva uxor ejus).

NUM. III.

Charta de pacto inter Wulwium Episcopum, Leofricum Comitem, et Godivam ejus uxorem, de Monasterio Stowensi ordinando.

[Ex Registro Eynshamensi prædicto.]

Hēr ƿrutelap on ðīran zeppute hu ða ƿone ƿearðe zeporhte ƿyndon ðe Wlƿiz B. ƿ Leofƿic eoƿl. ƿ Godƿize ðær eoƿler ƿif zeporhtan ƿmbe ƿ mƿnƿter æt ƿancce Maƿian Stope. ƿ ƿ æroƿt ƿ hƿz bæðan ðone bƿrceop ƿ hƿz moƿtan ƿ mƿnƿter zodian ƿ lande ðiber into lecze be hƿr fullne leape. ða tƿþede heom ƿe bƿrceop. ƿ ƿær ƿƿþe blƿpe ƿ he ænƿzne fultum hæƿðe ðæt him ðærto ƿylƿtan ƿolbe. Nu habbað hƿz hit zeƿett mīð ƿƿeoƿtan. ƿ ƿillað ðær habban ðeoƿdom eallƿa man hæƿð on ƿauler-bƿƿiz binnan Lundene. ƿ ða land ðe hƿz ðiber inleczeap beon ða ðam zebroðƿan ðe ðær binnan beoƿ to ƿobnope ƿ to ƿerude. ƿ ƿe B. habbe into hƿr ƿeoƿme ælc ðæra ðinga ðe Æƿeruc B. ƿ Æbnoð B. hæƿðan ætƿoƿan him of ƿam ƿe mīð ƿhte zebƿnað into hƿr bƿrceopƿuce. ƿ ƿ ƿa tƿezen ðeler ælc ƿæra ƿinga ƿe kƿmþ into ƿam mƿnƿtre. ƿ ƿa ƿƿeoƿtaƿ habban þone þƿuððan ðæl ƿoƿ utan ƿam tƿa tƿam mæƿƿan.

Donne habbe ƿe B. eall ƿ þærto kƿmþ ehta ðaƿaƿ to ƿæne æƿne ƿancce Maƿian mæƿƿan ƿ ehta ðaƿaƿ to ƿæne æƿƿtan ƿancce Maƿian mæƿƿan butan ƿam mete anum. þonne habban ƿa ƿƿeoƿtaƿ ða ðƿuððan ðæl of ðam mete ƿ ðærto kƿmþ. ƿ ƿa land ƿe ƿe B. ƿ ƿe eoƿl ƿ Godƿize ƿ zobe menn ðiber unzeunnað beon ða æƿne unto ðæra halzan Stope þam zebroðƿan to neode ƿ ƿ mƿnƿtre to zodianne. ƿ nan B. þe æƿter hƿr kƿmþ ðærto nane ƿeoƿme ne cƿaƿze butan of ðam ƿe him mīð ƿhte to zebƿnað into hƿr B. ƿuce. eallƿa oƿer bƿrceopaƿ ær ætƿoƿan him hæƿðon. ƿ þƿr zedon be Æabƿearðer cƿnƿer ƿulpa leape ƿ on hƿr zeƿitneƿre. ƿ on Æabƿþe hƿr zebedðan. ƿ on ðƿizander aƿcebƿrceoper. and on Kƿnƿrizer aƿcebƿrceoper. and on Heƿemanner bƿrceoper. and on Dobika bƿrceoper. and on Leofƿiceƿ bƿrceoper. and on Æalbneðer bƿrceoper. and on Heka bƿrceoper. and on Æzelmeƿer bƿrceoper. and on Alƿ-

* f. speluncam.

^b al. sinum.

^c vel, hæc bona.

polber birceoper. and on Willelmer birceoper. 7 on Leoffiner birceoper. 7 on Sigpeardes eople. 7 on Hapolber eople. 7 on Raulfer eople. 7 on Ælfzanes eople. 7 on Mannizer abb. 7 on Ælfiner abb. 7 on Leoffizer abb. 7 on Leofficer abb. 7 on opper Leoffizer abb. 7 on Brithmæner abb. 7 on Ertzener ræalner. 7 on Raulfer ræalner. 7 on Lifinger ræalner. 7 on eallra þær künzer hurcþlan. 7 on hīr mærgrepreortan. 7 on Ðunzoder lægen. 7 on Sigreþfer. 7 on Gobruces. 7 on Orpiner. 7 on Sigruces. 7 on eallra ðara buphræne zepitneſſe on Lincoln. 7 on eallra ðæra manna þe receaþ gearmæket to Stope. 7 ƿe ða zerepædne miþ Gob zeece. Gob Ælmihtiz zeece hīr lif ðaƷar heƿ on life. 7 on ðam topeapðan life þ he mote ponunza habban miþ GodeƷ zecopenan. 7 ƿe ðe hīz tobræfe. 7 ða land ut of ðære halƷan rtope zeutze. adnepeð ƿurþe he fram Gode. 7 fram sancta Marian. 7 fram eallan hīr halƷan on ða myclan domeþæz. Nu rýndon ðiſſe zepnuta ðneo. an iſ miþ ðæſ künzer halzðome. 7 oþer iſ miþ Leoffice eople. 7 þ þruðde iſ miþ þam birceop on þa halƷan rtope.:

Id est,

Hic ostenditur in hoc scripto, quomodo pactum se habuerit, quod Wulwius episcopus, et Leofricus comes, et Godgifa comitis uxor inierunt, de cœnobio sanctæ Mariæ Stowensis. Id est, primò supplicarunt episcopo, ut monasterium illud locupletare possint, et fundi collatione illud augere, plenâ cum ejus veniâ. Annuit autem eis episcopus, et perlatus erat quod aliquorum haberet auxilium qui sibi eâ in re assisterent. Instituerunt itaque inibi presbyteros, et voluerunt ibi idem omnino habere servitium ac in ædibus habetur Paulinis intra Londinum. Terræ verò quas illuc collaturi sunt, sint fratrum qui inibi fuerint ad victum pariter et vestitum. Et episcopus habeat ad mensam ejus omnia ea quæ Æthericus episcopus, et Eadnothus episcopus habuerunt ante eum, de eis ad ipsius episcopatum jure pertinentibus, duas scilicet partes omnium ad illud monasterium pervenientium; et presbyteri tertiam habeant partem, duobus festis exceptis. Habeat autem episcopus quicquid per octo dies prioris sanctæ Mariæ festi, et octo dies posterioris sanctæ Mariæ festi eò pervenerit, præter solummodo cibaria. Habeant autem presbyteri tertiam cibarium eò adductorum partem. Terræ insuper quas episcopus, et comes, et Godgifa, atque pii viri eò contulerint, sint sancto illi loco semper annexæ in fratrum necessitatem [usus scilicet necessarios] et monasterii instaurationem; ita ut nullus episcopus ei successurus, ullum inde pastum requirat, nisi de eis quæ ad eum ritè pertinebunt jure episcopatus, quemadmodum alii episcopi ante eum habuerunt. Hoc autem actum [est] Eadwardi regis pleno consensu, ejusque testimonio [vel, præsentia] et Eadgythæ conjugis ejus, et Stigandi archiepiscopi, et Kynsii archiepiscopi, et Heremanni episcopi, et Dodikæ episcopi, et Leofrici episcopi, et Ealdredi episcopi, et Hekæ episcopi, et Ægelmeri episcopi, et Alfwoldi episcopi, et Willielmi episcopi, et Leofwini episcopi, et Sigweardi comitis, et Haroldi comitis, et Raulfi comitis, et Alfgari comitis, et Mannii abbatis, et Aelfwini abbatis, et Leofsii abbatis, et Leofrici abbatis, et alterius Leofsii abbatis, et Brithmari abbatis, et Egeri stratoris, et Raulfi stratoris, et Lifingi stratoris, et omnium regis famulorum domesticorum [i. ministrorum palatinorum:] et ipsius sacerdotum, et Thurgodi laici, et Sigferthi, et Godrici, et Oswini, et Sigrici, et omnium civium Lincolnensium testimonio, et omnium hominum qui forum sequuntur annum Stowense. Porro, qui beneficiâ suâ collegium auxerit, Deus omnipotens vitæ suæ dies augeat in hac vita, et in futurâ mansionem ei tribuat Dei inter electos; qui verò eos [presbyteros] expellet, fundumque sacro illo loco abalienabit, abalienetur is à Deo, et à sancta Maria, et ab omnibus sanctis ejus in magno judicii die. Est autem hoc scriptum triplex, [cujus] una [pars] regis reponitur sacrario, alia est penes Leofricum comitem, tertia penes episcopum in illo sacro loco.

NUM. IV.

Carta Comitissæ Godivæ.

[Ibid.]

CLARISSIMO ac reverentissimo Victori apostolico nos-

tro, Godiva uxor Leurici Anglici consulis, quicquid in Christo carius extat. Cum omni Christianæ religioni universalis catholicus populus te prælatus et omni sanctitate gloriosum asserit, decet te precibus ancillæ tuæ placabiles aures parumper accommodare. Precor ergo te, pastor summe, quatinus dona quæ ego pro redemptione animæ mariti mei, meaque, beatæ Dei genetrici Mariæ attribui Stou, auctoritate tua confirmes, sicut nostratium compatriotum episcoporum atque abbatum, necnon et consulum quorum nomina subscripta habentur corroborata sunt. Possessionum nomina hæc sunt, Newarcha scilicet, atque Flatburch, cum appendiciis suis, et Branthon, et Martine-Welle cum appendiciis. Has ergo per monile meum et murenulas aureas vermiculatas matri Domini dedi. ✠ Ego Edwardus rex Anglorum hujus donationis libertatem, regni totius fastigium tenens, libenter concessi. ✠ Ego Aldredus præsul electus ad archiepiscopalem sedem Dornbernsis ecclesiæ, huic regali munificentie assensum præbui. ✠ Ego Wlfwi episcopus. ✠ Ego Leofric dux. ✠ Ego Haraldus comes. ✠ Ego Tosti comes. ✠ Ego Siward dux et alii multi. Apostolicum ✠ signum.

Hoc autem donum omni conamine annuo, et Romana auctoritate confirmo, et cartulam signatam meo sigillo retransmitto. Si quis verò hoc ausus evertere fuerit, cum Pilato et Juda Scariothen, Caypha quoque, eorumque commanipularibus æternaliter acherontica combustionem trudatur, nisi ante mortis articulum satisfactione penituerit congrua.

NUM. V.

Carta Regis Willielmi.

[Ibid.]

WILLIELMUS rex Anglorum episcopis et omnibus fidelibus suis per Angliam salutem. Sciatis me confirmasse donationem quæ Leofricus comes et Godiva sua conjux ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Stowensi dederunt, scilicet Nuwercham, et Flaburcham, ac Welle wapentac cum appendiciis suis. Præterea concedo prædictæ ecclesiæ, deprecatione Remigii episcopi, Egneshamensem ecclesiam cum terris quas modo possidet, tali pacto, ut ibi abbas per meum consilium ordinetur, qui res ecclesiarum semper tractet: abbatia autem in meo dominio maneat sicut cæteræ per Angliam. Et ne quis ulla occasione querelam adversus ipsam abbatiam habeat, concedo pro commutatione altaris de Stow et quatuor carucarum terræ quæ pertinent ad episcopum, episcopis Lincolnæ, Slatforde prædium bonum. Et hoc facio consilio et testamento L. archiepiscopi. Testes E. vicecomes et R. de Oili.

NUM. VI.

Item Carta Regis Willielmi.

[Ibid.]

WILLIELMUS rex Angliæ, hominibus abbatie de La Stou salutem. Præcipio vobis omnibus, ut ita sitis obedientes domino vestro Columbano abbati sicut fuistis Remigio episcopo in omnibus rebus. Teste Ricardo de Curci.

NUM. VII.

Confirmatio Remigii Episcopi de omnibus terris nostris.

[Ibid.]

✠ MEDIATOR Dei et hominum homo Christus Jesus sponsam suam, sanctam videlicet ecclesiam, variis enigmatibus, ab ipso mundi exordio præfiguratam, sibi que salutari lavacro unitam, ac demum proprii lateris è cruce manante sacramento prorsus figuratam, ob nimiam dilectionis caritatem dilatari, ac magnificari volens, nonnullis sanctorum præcedentium patrum exemplis qualiter id fiat; fidelibus suis hortando creberrimè insinuat. Necesse ergo est omnes eandem agni sponsam, summique regis filiam, necnon perfectam cunctarum gentium matrem, juxta prolata patrum exempla, animo sullimare gestientes, sic erga eam fideliter agant, ut sponsi immortalis dextræ assistens, vesteque deaurata fulgens, non eos quasi adulterinos, vel criminum foeditate circumdatos indignanter abiciat; verum ut filios adoptivos ab intemerato utero productos, ac liquido

sacrorum uberum nectare educatos, respiciendo gratulanter aluisse se gaudeat. Et quanquam hæc sollicitudinis cura cunctis fidelibus necessaria iudicatur, rectoribus tamen ejusdem matris nostræ, qui ei propagandi gratia, non tam præesse quam prodesse divinitus constituuntur, præ cunctis specialius congruit, quos quidem tota mentis integritate niti decet, ut cujus fluviali fecunditatis alvo renati, cujusve sacramentis salutaribus delibuti sunt, eam temporaliter dotare, temporalibusque donariis ditare et decorare diligenter studeant, quatinus cum magni dies examinis repentinus ingruerit, immortalitatis stola decorari, atque inopinata sanctorum remuneratione, ejusdem immortalis sponso largiente, cum legitimè certantibus eternaliter dari mereantur. Cujus quidem inestimabilis præmii vasto cordis conamine consors fieri gestiens, et ut illud nancisci foeliciter merear satagens, ego Remigius, sanctæ Lincolnensis ecclesiæ pontifex, ob temporalem domini mei gloriosissimi regis Anglorum, Willielmi videlicet secundi, proprii corporis mei, atque omnium mihi subditorum prosperitatem, necnon æternam utriusque domini mei, patris siquidem et filii, dominæ meæ quoque dulcissimæ Mathildis reginæ, animæque meæ egentis, ac utriusque mei parentis, et ut præfixum est, omnium mihi commissorum salutem, ecclesiam sanctæ Dei genitricis et perpetuæ Virginis Mariæ in loco qui vulgò dicitur Stowa, quondam prolixo temporis spacio præidentium incuria desolatam, reformare decerno; ibique memorati domini mei victoriosissimi regis Anglorum Willielmi, filii videlicet præcellentissimi regis Willielmi præcedentis, necnon omnium episcoporum et abbatum, cæterorumque optimatum totius regni sui auctoritate, Columbanum virum venerabilem, sacrisque exercitiis haud modicè cluentem, abbatem cum monachis sibi regulariter subditis inviolabiliter constituo; cui etiam possessiones universas sibi olim, ob divinæ pietatis amorem à clarissimo consule Leofrico, et ab ejusdem devotissima conjuge Godgiva collatas, Brantonam scilicet, et duas portiones Guelleg-uapentac, cum omnibus sibi pertinentiis, Newercham quoque et Flatburch, cum universis sibi adjacentibus, perpetuò concedo, præsentisque paginæ testimonio indissolubiter coroboro. Et ut ipsa Dei genitrix, et unica Virgo Maria, filio suo unico largiente, me fontem vitæ sitientem ab spe ad speciem transferat, quo regem in decore suo cernere merear, quæcunque in ipso capite prænotatæ pontificalis mansionis, in qua præfata sita est ecclesia, juris episcopii hactenus extiterant; oblationem scilicet illius ecclesiæ altaris, et terram ibidem quatuor aratrorum, cæteraque quæ, ut supra memini, episcopatu jure debebantur, præfate ecclesiæ celorum reginæ dudum dicatæ, ad ejusdem scilicet instaurationem, et ad usum fratrum inibi Deo militantium beneficia prolata, accumulando simili modo perhenniter possidenda attribuo, et attributa inviolabiliter affirmo. Et ne posteri mei diebus vitæ meæ finitis, animæ meæ detrahentes, episcopatum me temerè minuisse, vel suis quocunque modo rebus exspoliassent asserant, possessionem quandam, immanissimis à me laboribus vindicatam, Slatfort scilicet pagum quendam perpulchrum, mihi nempe, mihiq; Christo jubente succedentibus aptum, ac valdè necessarium, cum cunctis ritè attinentiis, pro supra memoratis stipendiis episcopatu sublati, tam mihi quam successoribus meis in episcopatum commutationem perhennem restituendo, firmiterque stabilio.

Addo etiam præterea eidem gloriosissimæ Dei genitricis ecclesiæ, sibiq; famulantibus monachis, augmentum quoddam insigne Egneshamensem, cum eodem pago in quo antiquitus construitur, cæterisque sibi membris adherentibus, Scipfort scilicet et Rollendricht, necnon Aerdintona atque Micletona, quadam quoque ecclesiola sanctæ Aebbe in urbe Oxenefordensi consita, cum reculis sibi devotione pia fidelium collatis, atque etiam duobus molendinis secus ejusdem urbis aquarum decursus pridem erectis, cum universis quoque jure sibi appendicibus, supradicto modo perpetualiter optinenda annuo, strictimque connecto.

Hujus itaque constitutionis, atque inviolabilis meæ donationis serie taliter explanata; non solum à me concessa et attributa præsentique cartula jam inviolabiliter inserta; verumetiam quæcunque in futuro pia fidelium largitione vindicari poterunt, sæpissime memoratæ Christi matris ecclesiæ, cui omnia prælibata sunt; necnon piæ memoriæ patri supradicto, Columbano videlicet abbati, suisque suc-

cessoribus, ibidem canonicè imperpetuum promovendis, jure perhenni cum omnibus consuetudinibus præsidenda, concedo; et concessa sub Christi et totius ecclesiæ testimonio, præsentisque cirographi assertione, pontificali auctoritate constanter consolido, propriaque manu consigno ✠.

Et ne antiqui hostis instinctu conscripta constitutionis meæ donaria in posterum à quolibet proditoris filio frustrentur, sed potius rata et solida habeantur, eidem sacratissimæ virginis ecclesiæ talem æternaliter libertatem largior, ut nullus mortalium, elationis tumore debriatus, dominationem in eam aliquam exerceat, excepto Lindocolinensi, nostræ videlicet ecclesiæ sedis antistite, cui cum suo pastore quicumque sit, cæterisque sibi beneficiis ob multorum fidelium animarum remedium impensis, juxta veterum patrum traditionem, utpote domino, immo ut conditori in æternum subiacebit, à quo etiam honoris donationem, et sacri ordinis consecrationem, secundum canonum censuram adepturus est: qui sic tamen ei piè et paternè præsit ut nunquam tributum vel quemlibet redditum inde exigat, seu tesseram necessitate aliqua ingruente sibi imponere præsumat, vel etiam consuetudinem quamlibet aliam ab ea extorqueat, sed potius eam ab hostium infestatione muniat, ut in die retributionis arbiter orbis, mitissimæ genitricis suæ supplicatione sibi largè retribuatur. Si quis autem in futuro, quod absit, totius bonitatis inimico machinante, huic salutiferæ constitutioni nostræ mente sacrilega fraudulenter obviaverit, meamque hanc saluberrimam donationem, tot tantorumque procerum sanctione roboratam, avaritiæ veneno repletus, minuere vel delere violenter præsumserit, deleatur de libro viventium, et cum justis non scribatur, sed tanquam pulvis quem projicit ventus à facie terræ, ne gloriam Dei videat, cum impiis tollatur, sitque juxta apostolum, anathema maranatha, nisi resipuerit, et Deo sanctæque ecclesiæ quam fraudulenter læserit dignè satisfecerit. Amen.

Anno ab incarn. Christi mxcj. indictione xiiij. anno quarto regni inclitissimi principis Anglorum Willielmi secundi; pontificatus autem Remigii Lindocolinensis episcopi anno xxiiij.

NUM. VIII.

De Excambio S. Mariæ de Stowe.

[Ibid.]

WILLIELMUS rex Anglorum R. Linc. episcopo salutem. Præcipio ut Columbanum abbatem pacificè et honorificè teneas et plenè facias ei habere excambium suum pro omnibus terris quas habebat apud Le Stou, ita ut nichil inde desit, quin habeat totum ad valens sicut habebat illuc. Et vide ne inde amplius audiam clamorem, quia aliter non consensi te facere mutationem loci. T. W. cancellario apud Ou.

NUM. IX.

Carta Regis H. senioris de omnibus terris nostris.

[Ibid.]

IN nomine sanctæ et individue Trinitatis, Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti; ego Henricus rex Anglorum, assensu et concilio pontificum et baronum meorum, abbatiam de Egnesham scilicet ecclesiam Christi, et beatissimæ Dei genitricis Mariæ hactenus desolatam et dissipatam redintegrare et confirmare, pro salute animæ patris et fratris mei Willielmi, et pro salute mea et conjugis et natorum meorum decrevi, et omnia quæ ad eam pertinent jure perpetuo, ecclesiastico more, possidere eam constitui; scilicet villam de Egnesham, et omnia quæ ad eam pertinent, in pratis et aquis et silvis, et Rollendrit et quicquid ad eam pertinet, et Scipford similiter, et in Glocestrascira Mucletonam, et omnia quæ ad eam pertinent. Et in Oxeneford ecclesiam sanctæ Aebbe et omnia quæ ad eam pertinent. Et duos molendinos juxta Oxeneford et prata, et Aerdintonam, et quicquid Robertus Lincolnensis episcopus dedit pro commutatione Newerchæ et Stowe; scilicet Cherleberiam ita solidam et quietam ut episcopus Robertus tenuit in silvis et pratis et agris et aquis. Similiter Stoches et quicquid ad eam pertinet. Similiter Wdecote cum silva quæ ad eam pertinet. Et in Cantebriggescyra in Histona xv. hidas et tres virgatas, et decimam de Thama, scilicet in annona, in pecudibus, et lana, et caseis, et unum bordarium cum duabus acris. Similiter decimam de Banneberia, et de Crop-

peria cum bordariis. Similiter Mideltone decimam. Similiter decimam ceræ altaris de Stou. Concedo etiam prædictæ ecclesiæ omnia quæ fideles mei pro salute animarum suarum dederunt et dabunt. Nigellus de Oleio tenebat unam hidam terræ ab ecclesia Egneshammensi, quam ipse clamavit quietam et solutam prædictæ ecclesiæ pro anima sua, concessu Roberti Lincolniensis episcopi, in qua etiam misit unum monachum, et cum xl. solidatis terræ, scilicet tres hidas et dimidiam in Mildecumba, tam pro sua quam pro uxoris suæ et filiorum animabus. Ricardus de Graio misit unum filium suum in eodem monasterio, et cum eo decimam de Daerneford, et de Wideli et de Cornwella, omnium scilicet eorum quæ ad easdem villas pertinent, tam de annona quam de lana, et caseis, et de cæteris pecuniis. Rogerus de Cheisnet dedit pro anima sua eidem ecclesiæ decimam terræ suæ de Munstre, et de tota lana sua de Oxenefordscyra. Gillebertus Basset dedit similiter eidem ecclesiæ, decimam suam de Strattona, scilicet duas partes, et de tota lana sua, et caseis suis de tota terra sua. Radulfus Basset dedit similiter eidem ecclesiæ decimam suam de una hida de Estelai, et de tota lana sua ubicunque aliquid inde habet. Robertus filius Walchelini dedit similiter eidem ecclesiæ totam decimam suam de Wicheam. Gosfridus de Cropperi dedit duas partes decimæ suæ. Ricardus de Newarcha duas partes decimæ suæ dedit de Cleindona. Willielmus filius Nigelli unam domum apud Oxeneford dedit. Hardingus de Oxeneford, qui in Hierusalem ivit et ibi mortuus est, duas domus apud Oxeneford dedit, unam intra burgum, aliam extra. Gillebertus de Damari unam domum dedit extra burgum, excepta consuetudine regis. Willielmus filius Bernardi decimam suam dedit eidem ecclesiæ.

Hæc autem abbatia tota est in manu et potestate Lincolniensis episcopi, constituendi abbatem canonicè assensu et consilio regis. Hæc autem omnia suprascripta eidem ecclesiæ vel abbatiæ concedo et confirmo tenenda imperpetuum regali auctoritate sicut ulla abbatia melius tenet in tota Anglia. Hoc autem confirmatum est anno ab incarnatione Domini mcix. anno verò Henrici regis decimo, apud Westmonasterium in Nativitate Domini.

NUM. X.

De Anchetillo de Cleindon.

[Ibid. fol. 26.]

NOTUM sit omnibus tam futuris quam presentibus quod ego Edid uxor Roberti de Oilio dedi et concessi monachis ecclesiæ Egneshamie hominem quendam de terra mea de Cleindon Anchetillum nomine, cum uxore sua et filiis et omni catallo suo, in perpetuam elemosinam.

NUM. XI.

De Terra de Colestona.

[Ibid. fol. 31 b.]

NOTUM sit tam presentibus quam futuris quod Radulfus Basset et uxor ejus A. miserunt unum monachum in cœnobio Egneshamensi pro Dei amore et peccatorum suorum remissione; et pro illo monacho dederunt eidem ecclesiæ unam carucatam terræ in villa sitam quæ est Chinalton vocata, quæ scilicet terra Colestune pertinet jure hæreditario in perpetuum, et x. boves, ita solutam et quietam ab omnibus serviciis et consuetudinibus, sicut ipse Radulfus eam tenuerat, excepto geldo regis. Si vero ipse habuerit ipsum geldum quietum, et illud quietum erit. Constituerunt etiam quod uxor ipsius Radulfi dabit unoquoque anno xx. solidos prædictæ ecclesiæ quamdiu ipsa vixerit, et semper monachum vestiet. Si autem ipse Radulfus et illa consilio accepto aliquam terram quæ ipsos xx. solidos vel plus valeat dare voluerint prædictæ ecclesiæ; illi prædicti solidi remanebunt nec amplius dabuntur. Et si illam terram, ut dictum est, ecclesiæ dederint, pacto firmatum est, quod quando monachus ille quem in præfata ecclesia miserunt, obierit, alius semper post alium pro salute animarum illorum in loco defuncti restituetur. Hujus conventionis testes fuerunt Walterus archidiaconus, et Willielmus Basset, et Ricardus Basset. Hæc conventio facta est anno m.c.xx. ab incarnatione Domini nostri Jesu Christi; regnante rege Henrico anno xx.

NUM. XII.

Confirmatio Radulfi filii Galfridi et Mathildis uxoris ejus, de Villa de Wdeeton.

[Ibid. fol. 33.]

UNIVERSIS sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit, Radulfus filius Gaufridi et Mathildis uxor ejus salutem. Noverit universitas vestra quod ego Radulfus et Mathildis uxor mea remisimus totam calumpniam quam fecimus erga ecclesiam et monachos de Egnesham super villa de Wdeetona, quam calumpniavimus per breve domini regis tam ego quam Mathildis uxor mea quæ jure consanguinitatis propinquo hæres esse dinoscitur Walchelini Hareng, qui jam dictam villam prænominatis monachis in elemosinam contulit, et de cætero unanimiter concessimus et cartis nostris confirmavimus præfatis monachis prædictam villam de Wdeeton habendam et perpetuo possidendam bene et in pace et honorifice, in bosco, in plano, in aquis, in pratis, in pascuis, sicuti carta præfati Walchelini Hareng quam monachi de Egnesham penes se habent testatur; salvo servicio domini regis et domini fundi. Et pro hac concessione et confirmatione Godefricus abbas et monachi de Egnesham dederunt mihi et Mathildi uxori meæ xx. marcas argenti; hanc concessionem tenendam tam ego quam Mathildis uxor mea jurejurando confirmavimus. Hujus rei testes sunt Robertus de Witefeld', Wdardus de Witefeld', Rogerus filius Azovi, Amicus de Parco, Gillebertus de Hida, Avenellus.

NUM. XIII.

Extenta Manerii et Abbathiæ de Egnesham.

[Ex Chartulario de Eynesham, penes Decanum et Capit. æd. Christi, num. 27, fol. 25.]

RELIGIOSI viri abbas et conventus de Egnesham monachi ordinis sancti Benedicti Lincoln. dioc. tenent manerium de Egnesham sibi et successoribus suis ac ecclesiæ suæ conventuali ibidem ex donatione domini Almari le Grete, dudum comitis Cornubiæ primi fundatoris sui, in veram, puram, et perpetuam elemosinam. Demumque donatio per litteras et cartas Romanorum pontificum et Angliæ regum nobiliter confirmatur. Qui vero Romani pontifices una cum archiepiscopis et episcopis ecclesiæ Dei sacrosanctæ prælatis, omnibus pœnitentibus, contritis, et de peccatis suis, de confessis, aliquid de bonis suis sibi a Deo præstitis eisdem monachis Deo servientibus ac ecclesiæ suæ de Eynesham in ejus constructionem et juvamen ad omnipotentis Dei, et suæ matris sanctæ Mariæ Virginis, sancti Andreæ apostoli, et Omnium Sanctorum, honorem et devotionem sinceram conferentibus, summam dierum veniæ magnam in Domino concesserunt, fructus, redditus, et provenus dicti manerii de Egnesham cum juribus et pertinenciis suis universis ad eorundem abbatis et conventus ac successorum suorum usus communes, institutione canonica et benigno caritatis intuitu misericorditer assignantes. Fundata itaque abbatia de Eynesham ex manerio prædicto cum domibus et ædificiis sufficientibus, et honestis non tamen propter reprisas hic appreciatur, adjacentes uno largo gardino cum vivariis pro piscibus recenter inponendis et custodiendis et cum arboribus et ortis pro fabis plantandis, plantisque olerum, porectis, canabo, lino, et multis aliis herbis necessariis domus proficientibus. Et valet gardinum prædictum cum proficiis hujusmodi ab eo proveniendis per annum juxta veri valoris estimationem quadraginta solidos. Est etenim ex parte occidentali ejusdem abbatiiæ larga curia, in qua sunt situata grangia et aliæ domus pro bobus, vaccis, et bidentibus, ac alio diverso stauero, vivo et mortuo, recipiendo, quarum quidem domorum proficuum valere per annum estimatur quadraginta solidos. Sunt siquidem ad dictam abbatiam, ratione præfati manerii spectantes quatuordecim carucatæ terræ ad minus; unde decem boni soli, videlicet quæ jacent super culturas, quæ vocantur Twelneage, Southefeld, Lodemere, Loteshulle, Cattesbrayne, Huythecroft, et Mullecroft, et valet eis quælibet carucata terræ per annum sexaginta solidos. Ceteræ autem carucatæ terræ debilis soli jacentes in campis qui vocantur les Graungecroftes, valent ut in fructibus gregum et animalium cum le Fryth quadraginta solidos. Et prædicti duo bosci

videlicet le Frith et le Heyewod cum magna brueria quæ ibi est inter illos duos boscos, estimantur pro housebote et heybote valere per annum centum solidos. Habetur etiam ibidem una piscaria per Thamisiā quæ pertinet ad dictam abbatiam occasione ejusdem manerii valere per annum septuaginta tribus solidis. Est et una alia piscaria per aquam quæ dicitur Bladen estimata per annum ad quatuor solidos. Sunt etiam adjacentia prata, videlicet Wyreshey, Wroghtehey, Longemedede, Achey, Froggenhale, Stoweham, Genyngey, Landemedede, Stubelfurlong, Longelete, Cleyhuth, Wyterhale, Claxhurst, Monkeshode, Sydelakesham, Cryspesham, Weymore, et le Croft, quod vocatur Culvyrmede, et estimantur ista prata prædicta valere per annum triginta quinque libræ. Præterque sunt pasturæ quæ vocantur le Overeyt et le Nethereyt, et le Calvecroft appreciatæ per annum ad iij^{li}. Ad hoc quidem sunt ibi tria molendina per prædictam aquam de Bladen quorum proficuum annuatim estimatur valere iij^{li}. vij^s. Et memorandum quod aliquando majus valent subscripta quam hic appreciantur tum propter bonum annum et rores tempestivos, tum propter prudentiam, œconomiam, et animalium instaurationem, &c.

NUM. XIV.

Conventio inter Abbatem et Ysabel filiam Hugonis de Cuillardevill.

[Ibid. fol. 62 b.]

Hæc est conventio facta inter abbatem et conventum Egnesham ex parte una, et Ysabel filiam Hugonis de Cuillardevill ex altera; videlicet quod dictus abbas et conventus dederunt et concesserunt dictæ Ysabel, duos panes monachales, et duos panes secundos majoris ponderis, et duos galones cerevisiæ de cerevisia conventus, et duos galones de cerevisia secunda, singulis diebus quamdiu vixerit de domo Egnesham percipiendos. Præterea dicti abbas et conventus concesserunt dictæ Ysabel singulis annis quamdiu vixerit tres marcas argenti ad robas et ad coquinam de camera abbatis ad duos anni terminos percipiendas, scilicet ad festum S. Mariæ et ad festum S. Michaelis, et sexdecim carucatas quas idem abbas faciet adduci ad domum dictæ Ysabel inter Penthecosten et festum S. Martini, et sexdecim quarteria averiæ, medietatem ad Pascha, et medietatem ad festum S. Michaelis, et fœnum ad unum equum sufficientem, et domum honestam ubi poterit habitare. Concesserunt etiam dicti abbas et conventus dictæ Ysabel duas vaccas cum vaccis abbatis in pastura, porcos suos proprios quietos in pannagio. Dicta vero Ysabel concessit quod omnia bona sua mobilia et immobilia pro salute animæ suæ et parentum suorum post decessum suum in domo Egnesham remaneant. Ut autem hæc conventio et concessio rata sit et stabilis, præsentis scripto, in modo cyrographi confecto alternatim sigilla sua apposuerunt.

NUM. XV.

Carta Galfridi Camerarii.

[Ibid. fol. 32.]

NOTUM sit tam præsentibus quam futuris quod ego Gaufridus de Clinton camerarius concessi Deo et sanctæ Mariæ et monachis de Egnesham in perpetuam elemosinam pro redemptione peccatorum meorum et pro salute animarum patris et matris meæ, et omnium prædecessorum meorum, et præcipue pro restauratione unius cappæ de pallio quam habui de prædicta ecclesia et perdidici, Hugonem de Sumerford et uxorem ejus et filios ejus omnes et filias cum omnibus possessionibus suis ab omni reclamatione et ab omni re liberos et quietos. Et ne hoc in posterum ab aliquo in irritum ducatur, hanc cartam sigilli mei impressione munire curavi. Testibus Rogero clerico de Chesinton, et Willelmo de Rampen, et Ranulfo, Rogero janitore, et multis aliis.

NUM. XVI.

Plac. coram Salomone de Roff. et aliis Justiciariis itinerantibus apud Ozon. in crast. S. Hillar. 13 Edw. I.

[Ex orig. in Domo Capitulari Westmonast. asservato.]

ABBAS de Eynesham summonitus fuit ad respondendum.

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dum domino regi de placito quod faciat sectam ad hundr. domini regis de Wotton quam ad illud facere debet, &c. Et unde Willielmus de Gyselham qui sequitur pro domino rege dicit quod cum dominus rex nunc fuisset in seysina de secta ipsius abbatis ad hundr. de Wotton de tribus sept. in tres sept. pro dimidia virgata terræ quam idem abbas tenet in Eynesham, prædictus abbas prædictam sectam domino regi subtraxit ad dampnum domini regis, &c.

Et abbas venit et bene cognovit quod ipse facere debet prædictam sectam ad hundredum domini regis de Wotton de tribus septimanis in tres septimanas pro prædicta dimidia virgata terræ et quod dominus rex est inde in seysina et dicit quod ipse nunquam prædictam sectam domino regi subtraxit. Et quia hoc idem testatum est ideo prædictus abbas inde sine die, &c.

Idem abbas summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamat habere emendas assisæ panis et cervisiæ fractæ in Eynesham quæ ad coronam et dignitatem domini regis pertinent sine licentia et voluntate domini regis et prædecessorum suorum regum Angliæ, &c.

Et abbas venit et dicit quod ipse et omnes prædecessores sui a tempore quo non extat memoria fuerunt in seysina percipiendi hujusmodi emendas panis et cervisiæ fractæ in Eynesham. Et de hoc ponit se super patriam. Ideo inquiratur. Ideo præceptum est vicecomiti quod venire faciat coram domino rege a die Pasch. in unum mensem ubicumque, &c. xij. &c. per quos, &c. et qui nec, &c. et abbas ponit loco suo Johannem de Bernewell vel Nicholaum de Halenton in placito prædicto.

Willielmus de Gyselham petit versus Oliverum episcopum Linc. advocationem abbatiæ de Eynesham quam domino regi injuste deforc. Et unde dicit quod dominus Henricus rex proavus domini regis nunc fuit in seysina de prædicta abbatiâ tempore vacationis, &c. ut de feodo et jure tempore pacis præsentando ad eandem quemdam Johannem qui ad præsentationem suam in abbatem fuit admissus per episcopum, &c.

Et Oliverus venit et defendit jus suum et seisinam domini Henrici regis proavi ut de feodo et jure. Et totum; &c. Et ponit se in juram. patriæ loco magnæ assisæ domini regis. Et petit rec. fieri utrum ipse majus jus habeat in advocatione prædictæ abbatiæ an dominus rex. Et Robertus Maudut, Johannes Maudut, Robertus de Romeny, Henr. de Dubele, Walterus Domule, Walterus de Whythull, Simon de Prewes, Robertus de Romony junior, Johannes de Prewes, Alanus de Craule, Johannes Golofre, et Rogerus de Nouwers milites ad hoc electi dicunt super sacramentum suum quod prædictus Oliverus episcopus, &c. majus jus habet in prædicta advocatione abbatiæ de Eynesham sicut eam tenet quam dominus rex.

Dies datus est eis apud Westm. a die Pasch. in unum mensem de audiendo judicio suo, &c.

NUM. XVII.

Placita de Quo Waranto de Com. Buk. 14 Edw. I.

[Ibid.]

RICARDUS de Tothewyk summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamat habere visum franciplegii in Folebroc qui ad ipsum regem pertinet, &c. sine voluntate, &c.

Et Ricardus venit et dicit quod nichil clamat ad præsens nomine suo, sed dicit quod intendebat clamasse pro abbate de Eynesham ut ballivus ejusdem abbatis, et super hoc venit Willielmus de Hadenham attornatus prædicti abbatis et petit quod possit clamare prædictum visum nomine prædicti abbatis per billetum. Et offert respondere domino regi sine brevi et recipitur. Et dicit quod tenet in eadem villa unam carucatam terræ, et quod tenet visum suum de tenentibus suis in eadem villa bis per annum sine servient. regis et sine aliquo dando regi pro prædicto visu, nec habet aliqua judicialia. Et dicit quod non habet ibi nisi tres vel quatuor tenentes, &c. Et dicit quod prædecessores sui et ipse toto tempore suo prædictum visum te-

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nuerunt de tenentibus suis in eadem villa et hoc a tempore quo non extat memoria.

Et Gilbertus de Thorenton qui sequitur pro domino rege dicit quod ea quæ dicta sunt pro prædicto abbate non debent ei esse sufficiens warantum in hac parte desicut contra libertates ad coronam regis spectantes longa seisina valere non debeat; et maxime cum non ostendere possit quod habeat furcas neque alia judicialia per quæ transgressores contra assisam domini regis debito modo possit punire. Et cum non habeat nisi tres tenentes vel quatuor per quos visus franci plegii teneri non potest, &c.

Postea a die sancti Mich. in xv. dies anno xv°. venit prædictus abbas per attornatum suum, et datus est ei dies a die Pasch. in xv. dies in scaccario de audiendo iudicio suo desicut non habet nisi tres vel quatuor tenentes. Ad quem diem prædictus abbas per attornatum suum venit. Et datus est ei dies a die sancti Michaelis in xv. dies, &c. Postea a die sancti Michaelis in xv. dies venit prædictus abbas de Eynesham. Et habet diem a die Pasch. in xv. dies. Deinde datus est ei dies in octab. sancti Michaelis ut prius. Datus est ei dies die Lunæ proxima post Ascenc. Domini coram baron. de scaccario, &c.

NUM. XVIII.

Placita de Quo Waranto et Ragemann. coram Willielmo de Saham et Sociis suis Justic. itinerant. in com. Glouc. in crast. clausi Pasch. anno r. r. Edw. I. quinto decimo.

[Ibid.]

ABBAS de Eynesham per attorn. suum venit coram justic. et per biletum suum clamat liberam warennam in manerio suo de Mickelton et gratis vult respondere sine brevi. Et dicit quod clamat warennam in prædicto manerio eo quod dominus Henricus rex pater regis Ricardi concessit quod abbas de Eynesham habeat warennam suam in Mickelton super forisfacturam x. librarum per cartam quam profert et quæ hoc idem testatur. T. Mann. Biset dap. apud Walengford. Et quia ostendit sufficiens warantum ideo ad præsens inde sine die salvo jure domini regis cum alias, &c.

NUM. XIX.

Scriptum Abbatis de Regali Loco juxta Oxon. de Decimis de Erdington.

[Ex Registro de Eynsham, ut supr. Ibid. fol. 114 b.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus præsens scriptum visuris vel audituris frater Ricardus dictus abbas de Regali Loco juxta Oxon. ordinis Cisterciensis et ejusdem loci conventus salutem in Domino sempiternam. Cum pacis caritatisque bonum inter filios Dei et filios perditionis discernere sit manifestum, religiosis omnibus hoc peculiarius est amplectendum. Nos igitur materiam controversiæ et discordiæ tanto bono contrariæ percidere volentes in futurum, concedimus pro nobis et successoribus nostris abbati et conventui de Egnesham et eorum successoribus imperpetuum, quod omnes decimas suas infra manerium nostrum de Erdyngton sine impedimento vel molestia sibi vel suis a nobis vel nostris, quoquo modo inferenda colligere, cariare, et de eisdem ordinare, secundum consuetudinem hactenus usitatam pro libito voluntatis suæ valeant temporibus sibi opportunis. Illud idem et vicario perpetuo de Erdyngton qui pro tempore fuerit in hiis quæ statutum vicariæ suæ respiciunt concedimus per præsentis, compositionibus tamen personalibus suo tempore duraturis. In cujus rei testimonium huic scripto sigillum nostrum commune est appensum. Dat. London. xi. kal. Julii, anno Domini m.c.c. nonagesimo quarto.

NUM. XX.

Carta Edwardi III. Regis.

[Ibid. fol. 4 b.]

EDWARDUS Dei gratia, rex, &c. custodi forestæ suæ de Whitechewode salutem. Cum celebris memoriæ dominus Henricus quondam rex Angliæ proavus noster per cartam suam quam inspeximus concesserit dilectis nobis in Christo abbati et conventui de Egnesham, quod ipsi assartare pos-

sent totam terram quæ est inter bladen' et chiminum petrinum, et quod terram illam sic assartatam teneant in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, nos concessionem illam continuare volentes, vobis mandamus quod eosdem abbatem et conventum terram illam assartatam tenere permittatis juxta concessionem proavi nostri supradicti. Teste, &c.

NUM. XXI.

Excerpta e Libro Monasterij de Egnesham.

[Bibl. Cot. Vespas. B. xv. fol. 4.]

In Comitatu Oxon.

STOKES, anno Domini 1256, vii. quarter. et dimid. frumenti. xi. quart. et dimid. mixtill. xviii. quart. et dimid. orde. vii. quart. tramasij. xii. quart. avenæ.

Item anno 1257, ix. quart. iii. quar. frumenti. xi. quarter. mixtill. viii. quarter. et dimid. orde. vii. quart. tramasij. vi. quart. et dimid. avenæ.

Item anno 1259, x. quart. vi. quart. frumenti. xiii. quarter. mixtill. xiii. quarter. et dimid. orde. vi. quart. tramasij. ii. quart. avenæ.

Summa frumenti communibus annis viii. quarter. pretium quarter. 4s. summa mixtill. xi. quarter. pretium quarter. 2s. 6d. summa orde. x. quarter. pretium quarter. 2s. summa tramasij v. quarter. pretium quarter. 1s. 6d. summa avenæ viii. quarter. pretium quarter 12d.

Summa denariorum 4l. 15s. et sic subtractis de illa summa 24s. pro conductione et locatione hominum et careturum, et remanent 71s.

CHERLEBIRI, anno Domini 1256, xiii. quarter. frumenti. xxii. quarter. orde. et tramasij. xl. quarter. avenæ.

Anno 7°. ibidem. xi. quarter. et dimid. frumenti. xx. quarter. orde. et tramasij. xxx. quarter. avenæ.

Anno 8°. ibidem. x. quarter. et dimid. frumenti. x. quarter. et dimid. orde. et tramasij. x. quarter. avenæ.

Anno 9°. ibidem. xiv. quarter. et dimid. frumenti. xii. quarter. et dimid. orde. et tramasij. xxv. quarter. iii. lxxix. avenæ.

Summa frumenti communibus annis x. quarter. pretium quarter. 4s. summa orde. et tramasij xxvi. quarter. pretium quarter. 20d. summa avenæ xxx. quarter. pretium quarter. 12d.

Summa denariorum 4l. 16s. 8d. et sic subtractis de ista summa pro conductione et locatione hominum et careturum remanent 66s. 8d.

BERCHON, anno Domini 1256, xvi. quarter. v. quart. frumenti. xlv. quarter. tramasij. xiii. quarter. et dimid. avenæ.

Anno 7°. xii. quarter. frumenti. xiv. quarter. orde. xi. quarter. et dimid. tramasij. xix. quarter. fabarum.

Anno 8°. x. quarter. frumenti. v. quarter. siliginis. xiii. quarter. et dimid. fabarum. xv. quarter. et dimid. tramasij.

Anno 9°. xii. quarter. et dimid. frumenti. i. quarter. et dimid. siliginis. xv. quarter. fabarum. x. quarter. tramasij.

Summa frumenti communibus annis xii. quarter. pretium quarter. 4s. summa tramasij xii. quarter. pretium quarter. 18d. summa fabarum xiii. quarter. pretium quarter. 2s. summa avenæ viii. quarter. pretium quarter. 8d.

Summa denariorum 4l. 17s. 4d. et sic subtractis de ista summa pro conductione et locatione hominum et careturum et remanent 67s. 4d.

Summa summarum 10l. 5s. exceptis expensis pre-nominatis.

Abbas de Egnesham habet manerium de Cherlebury, et habet in eodem de libero redditu 10s. 4d. et habet ibidem in villenagio xxxii. virgatas terræ quæ valent per annum ad opus abbatis 8l. tam in redditibus, quam in servitijs, et consuetum pretium virgatæ terræ 5s. et habet ibidem in dominio tres hidas terræ, quæ valent per annum 60s. pretium hidae 20s.

Veredictum xii. juratorum apud Oxon. de hundredo Dorcestre die sanctæ Luciæ anno liii°. qui dicunt quod abbas de Egnesham habet in Stokes tres carucatas terræ et pratum, et valent per annum 40s.

Abbas de Egnesham habet apud Wodethone fere duas

carucatas terræ cum pertinentijs quæ valent per annum iiii. marcas. Item habet sex acras prati, et valent per annum 6s.

Item habet apud Baldindone unam virgatam terræ, quæ solvit per annum 5s.

Abbas de Egnesham habet in dominio apud Syford duas carucatas terræ, quæ valent per annum v. marcas. Item de Chermet vi. buss. frumenti ad valorem 27d.

Item abbas habet apud Welde ix. virgatas terræ et dimidium, quæ solvunt per annum 7l. et 20d.

Item habet abbas apud Northon' Brun unam virgatam terræ, et valet per annum 13s. 4d.

Jurati dicunt super juramentum suum quod abbas habet sex carucatas terræ in campis de Egnesham, et quælibet carucata terræ valet per annum 20s. Et xxiv. acras prati, pretium acræ 20d. Item habet vi. virgatas terræ in villanagio, et debent laborare in septimana iv. dies per annum, et valet operatio per v. dies 2d. a festo sancti Michaelis usque ad Hokeday; et a festo de Hokeday usque ad festum sancti Johannis Baptistæ 1d.; et a festo sancti Johannis usque ad festum sancti Michaelis 2d. Et debent facere tres, viz. unam beder. sine cibo ad suum custum cum uno homine, quod valet 2d. Et duas beder. cum duobus hominibus, et valet 2d. quia sunt ad cibum Domini. Item in tallagio i. marcam communibus annis. Item in pannagio communibus annis 2s. Item dicunt de Cherchet i. quarterium frumenti et xv. gall. &c.

Abbas habet in dominico sex carucatas terræ, quarum estimatio est 60s.

Item apud Coges quatuor acras arabiles, quæ valent dimidium marcæ.

Abbas habet apud Cherlebury in dominico tres carucatas terræ, quarum verus valor est 40s.

Habet apud Parvam Rollendrist duas carucatas terræ, et est verus valor 20s.

NUM. XXII.

Thomas de S. Walerico concedit Ecclesiam de Teccebery Monachis de Egnesham.

[Ibid. fol. 6 b.]

THOMAS DE S. WALERICO omnibus hominibus suis, Francis et Anglis, salutem. Sciant, &c. quod ego concessi Deo et S. Mariæ de Egnesham, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, in puram et perpetuam eleemosinam, pro salute animæ meæ et patris mei et matris meæ et omnium antecessorum meorum et hæredum meorum, ecclesiam de Teccebery cum omnibus pertinentijs suis et libertatibus, sicut eam habent ex dono R. de Sancto Walerico avi mei. Concedo etiam aliam terram, sicut eam habent ex dono Rad. Basset, et ex concessione avi mei, necnon et villam sicut eam possident ex dono Walkelini Hareng. Testes sunt Clemens prior Osen. magr Walterus supprior sanctæ Fredeswithæ, magr Alardus de sancta Mildreda, Rad. Hareng, Rad. de Norton, Rob. de Estrop, Rogerus de Nova Foresta.

NUM. XXIII.

Charta Regis Henrici Secundi de Protectione Abbatia de Egnesham.

[Ibid. fol. 7.]

HENRICUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ, et dux Normanniæ, et comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, archid. decan. comit. baron. justic. &c. ministris, et omnibus fidelibus suis Anglis salutem. Sciat quod abbatia de Egnesham, et abbas et monachi ibidem Deo servientes, et terræ, et redditus, et omnes res, et possessiones suæ sunt in manu, et custodia, et protectione mea; et ideo præcipio quod ipsam abbatiam, et abbatem, et monachos, et terras, et redditus, et omnes res, et possessiones suas custodiat et manuteneatis et protegat sicut meas proprias; ita quod nullam injuriam vel contumeliam eis faciat nec fieri permittatis, et de nullo tenemento quod in dominico suo teneant, ponantur in placitum, nisi coram me. Et si quis eis super hoc in aliquo forisfacere præsumpserit, plenariam eis inde sine dilatione justitiam fieri faciat. Teste Willielmo de Hum. constabulario, et Ricardo Aufar; apud Wodestocke.

NUM. XXIV.

De Ecclesia de Meritona.

[Ibid.]

ALEXANDER Lincoln. episc. Guidoni de Chaam' parrochiano suo salutem. Mando tibi ut cito reddas ecclesiæ de Egnesham et Waltero abbati ecclesiam suam de Meritona, &c. quod nisi feceris, præcipio ut Walterus archidiaconus inde justiciam faciat, &c.

NUM. XXV.

De Decimis.

[Ibid.]

ROBERTUS Lincoln. episcopus Roberto de Midelton. Præcipio quod faciatis habere abbati de Egnesham decimationes omnes de dominico de Thama, sicut eas plenius habuerit tempore prædecessoris nostri Roberti episcopi, &c.

NUM. XXVI.

De Ecclesia de Newenton.

[Ibid.]

ROBERTUS Dei gratia Lincoln. episcopus universis filijs salutem. Noverit universitas vestra fratrem nostrum dominum Hugonem de Chesnei, filiosque suos, nepotes nostros Radulphum et Willielmum, consentiente uxore sua domina Dionisia, ecclesiam de Newenton monasterio de Ednesham dedisse et nos eandem confirmavimus. Teste David archidiacono Buchingham, Roberto Oxeneford archidiacono, Martino thesaurario, magistro Radulpho, Willielmo capellano, Willielmo de Stratford, Alexandro de Cheisnei, Milone de Langetot, Radulpho Hareng, Ricardo, fratribus, Rogero Oily, Roberto Bataile, et multis alijs.

NUM. XXVII.

De Capella de Chersinton.

[Ibid.]

OMNIBUS, &c. Hugo Dei gratia Lincoln. episcopus. Noveritis nos ex inspectione autentici scripti bonæ memoriæ Roberti quondam Lincoln. episcopi intellexisse quod capella de Chersinton pertinet ad ecclesiam de Egnesham. Nos igitur eandem confirmamus donationem, salvo in ea jure magistri Nicholai de Leuechenor quamdiu vixerit. His testibus, magistro Rogero archid. Leucest. magistro Ricardo de Swalecliu, magistro Ricardo Grim, Roberto de Capella, et Theobaldo, canonicis Lincoln. ecclesiæ, magistro Alexandro de Elnestow, Galfrido de Deping, Eustachio de Wilton.

NUM. XXVIII.

Hugo Episcopus Lincoln. confirmat ea quæ collata sunt Monasterio de Egnesham.

[Ibid.]

Hugo episcopus Lincoln. omnibus, &c. Nos ea quæ monasterio de Egnesham collata sunt duximus propriis vocabulis exprimere et præsentis scripto confirmare, viz. ecclesiam Sanctæ Ebbæ in Oxeneford ex dono Johannis de Sancto Johanne, ecclesiam de Stanton ex dono David regis Scotiæ, ecclesiam de Mereton ex dono Jordani de Sai, ecclesiam de Sulethorne ex dono Hugonis de Cheisn, ecclesiam de Newenton ex dono Alexandri de Berton, ecclesiam de Berton ex dono Watchelini Hareng, ecclesiam de Norton ex dono Stephani de Punseld et Aliciæ uxoris suæ, &c. His testibus, Hamo decano Lincol. Stephano cancellario, Herberto priore de Sancto Neoto, magistro Rogero de Rolveston, magistro Simone de Suwella, magistro Ricardo de Swalecliu.

NUM. XXIX.

Charta Roberti de Anvers de Terra concessa Monasterio de Egnesham in Villa de Fauflore.

[Ibid. fol. 7 b.]

ROBERTUS de Anvers salutem, &c. Do per chartam

factam monasterio de Egnesham terram quæ de feodo Roberti de Chevalcheful jure hereditario ad præfatum Robertum de Anvers descendere poterat in villa de Faufore, scilicet, medietatem tenementi quod idem Robertus de Chevalchefull habuit in eadem villa, salvo servitio domini regis, et salva Nicholao filio meo et hæredibus suis tertia parte dominici mei in prædicta villa, et salva etiam Radulpho filio meo et hæredibus suis dimidiata virgata terræ in eadem villa. Et hoc fideliter observandum tam ego quam Willielmus hæres meus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris affidavimus. His testibus, Petro Thalemasc. Hugone Pouere, Willielmo Blundo, G. Taillard, W. filio Baldewini, Ricardo Taillard, Johanne Janitore, Avenello, Roberto de Sidem. Thoma de Berton, Ricardo Pull clericis, et multis aliis.

NUM. XXX.

Charta Ricardi Taillard de una virgata Terræ eidem Monasterio concessa in Villa de Faufore.

[Ibid.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus, &c. Ricardus Taillard salutem. Noverit, &c. me dedisse monasterio de Egnesham unam virgata terræ in Faufore, illam videlicet quam Robertus filius Humfridi et Alexander filius Alfredi tenuerunt. His testibus, Petro Thalemasce, W. filio Baldwini, Roberto de Anvers, W. de Braci, Johanne Janitore, Osberto Morel, G. Taillard.

NUM. XXXI.

Charta Regis Willielmi de Abbacia de Stowe eisdem concessa.

[Ibid.]

WILLIELMUS rex Angliæ, Thomæ archiepiscopo et Turolde et Earnwio vicecomiti, et omnibus baronibus suis de Snothingehamscire et Lincolenscire Francigenis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse abbati Columbano abbatiæ de Sancta Maria de Stow, sicut ego illam episcopo Remigio concessi, ut charta sua testificatur. Teste Roberto filio Haymonis.

NUM. XXXII.

Charta Matildis Imperatricis de Ecclesia de Cumba eisdem concessa.

[Ibid.]

MATILDIS imperatrix regis Henrici filia et Anglorum domina, &c. salutem. Sciatis me concessisse pro anima regis Henrici patris mei, et pro mea et filiorum meorum salute, monasterio de Egnesham ecclesiam de Cumba, &c. Teste Roberto fratre meo comite Glocestriæ, Johanne de Sancto Johanne, Roberto de Oili, Gaufrido Luuel; apud Oxeneford.

NUM. XXXIII.

De Mercato a Rege Stephano eisdem concessa apud Egnesham.

[Ibid.]

STEPHANUS rex Angliæ episcopo Lincoln. et justiciariis et baronibus et vicecomitibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Oxenefordscire salutem. Sciatis me concessisse abbati et monachis de Egnesham, quod habeant mercatum die dominica singulis septimanis ad Egnesham, &c. Teste Roberto de Oili et Ricardo de Luci, et Turg' de Abr. et Warnero de Luscr. et Hugone de Chaisn. et Willielmo de Elaston; apud Oxeneford.

NUM. XXXIV.

De Restitutione omnium Terrarum Abbatie de Egnesham per Regem Stephanum.

[Ibid.]

STEPHANUS rex, &c. Sciatis me reddidisse et con-

cessisse Waltero abbati de Egnesham omnes terras suas unde seisitus fuit die qua rex Henricus fuit vivus et mortuus, &c. Teste episcopo Sarum et episcopo Lincoln. et Roberto de Ver apud Oxeneford.

NUM. XXXV.

De Herem'o de Pheteleia a Comite de Mellent huic Abbatie concessa.

[Ibid.]

E. COMES de Mellent, &c. salutem. Sciatis quod cum rex Stephanus daret mihi Blocchesam, inveni ecclesiam de Egnesham de herem'o de Pheteleie investitam canonice, donatione scilicet regis Henrici, et assensu A. Lincoln. episcopi, deinde regis Stephani, et ideo me concessisse prædictæ ecclesiæ de Egnesham illud heremum de Pheteleia, quod mei juris est donatione regis Stephani. Teste Henrico de Novo Burgo, et Willielmo de Pinu, et Rogero Capellano.

NUM. XXXVI.

De Warennæ de Mucletona per Henricum Regem eidem Monasterio concessa.

[Ibid.]

HENRICUS rex Angliæ, et dux Normanniæ et Aquitaniæ, et comes Andegaviæ, justiciariis et vicecomitibus et ministris suis et hominibus de Glocestrascire, salutem. Concedo quod abbas de Egnesham habeat warennam suam de Mucleton, sicut antecessor ejus habuit tempore Henrici regis avi mei; et prohibeo ne quisquam in ea fugiat vel leporem capiat sine ejus licentia super decem lib. forisfacturæ. Teste Man. Biset dapifero; apud Walingeford.

NUM. XXXVII.

De Exsartis a Rege Henrico huic Monasterio concessis.

[Ibid.]

HENRICUS rex, &c. justiciariis, vicecomitibus, ministris et forestariis et visoribus de Oxenefordscire, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse abbati et monachis de Egnesham quod ipsi exsartent et habeant in perpetuam eleemosynam totam terram quæ est inter Bladenam et Chiminum petrinum, et sint quieti de exsartis et non numerentur inter exsarta. Teste Man. Biset dapifero et H. de Oili constabulario apud Wdestoche.

NUM. XXXVIII.

Henricus Rex concedit quod Necessaria ad Usus Monachorum de Egnesham sint quietæ de Thelonio et Passagio.

[Ibid. fol. 8.]

HENRICUS rex Angliæ et dux, &c. Præcipio quod totus victus et vestitus monachorum de Egnesham, et quicquid pertinet ad necessarios usus suos, sint quietæ de thelonio, et passagio, et omni consuetudine ubicunque emerint ea infra burgum et extra. Teste Nigello episcopo Eliensi, et Thoma Cancellario, et Man. Biset dapifero, et War. filio Ger. apud Danfront.

NUM. XXXIX.

De Ecclesia de Merston, et duabus Hidis Terræ Monachis de Egnesham concessis.

[Ibid.]

HENRICUS rex Angliæ, et dux, &c. episcopo Lincoln. &c. et fidelibus suis de Buchinchehamscire, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse monasterio de Egnesham ecclesiam de Merston et duas hidas terræ in Fulebroc, sicut Wigandus nepos Briencij illis dedit. Teste comite Reginaldo Cornubiæ, et Henrico de Essex, et Henrico filio Geroldi; apud Walingeford.

NUM. XL.

De Molendinis eidem Monasterio concessis.

[Ibid.]

HENRICUS rex Angliæ, et dux, &c. episcopo Wigornie, &c. et omnibus fidelibus suis Glocestrescire, &c. salutem. Sciatis me concessisse monasterio de Egnesham molendinum de Wiggewald, et in uno meo alio molendino ejusdem villæ 10s. per annum, sicut Man. Bisset dapifer meus illis dedit. Teste Thoma cancellario, Ricardo de Humet constabulario, et Henrico de Essex, Gar. filio Gir. cam. Hugone de Piris, Gaufrido de Bruere, apud Glocestriam.

NUM. XLI.

Rogerus Episcopus Wigorniensis confirmat Ecclesiam de Tetteberia Monachis de Egnesham.

[Ibid. fol. 8 b.]

ROGERUS Dei gratia Wigorniensis ecclesiæ episcopus, &c. Ecclesiam de Tetteberia confirmamus ecclesiæ de Egnesham, sicut habent eam ex dono nobilis viri Reginaldi de sancto Walerico. His testibus, Matheo archidiacono de Gloec. magistro Moyle, Ricardo Luuel, Gilberto capellano, Sampsona clerico, Roberto monacho, Roberto de Camped.

NUM. XLII.

De Ecclesia de Sulthom.

[Ibid.]

ROBERTUS archidiaconus Oxeneford, &c. salutem. Notum sit nos recepisse Rad. clericum in personam ecclesiæ de Sulthorna ad præsentationem Godefridi abbatis de Egnesham.

NUM. XLIII.

De Ecclesia de Cornewelle.

[Ibid.]

ROBERTUS archidiaconus Oxeneford, salutem, &c. Ad omnium notitiam volumus pervenire, quod Stephanus de Ponsold et A. de Grai uxor sua dederunt abbati et monachis de Egnesham ecclesiam de Cornewella cum omnibus pertinentijs suis, et Walterus qui eandem ecclesiam habuit in manu nostra refutavit.

NUM. XLIV.

Confirmatio Ecclesiæ de Witeford.

[Ibid.]

A. dictus abbas Dorcestrie, salutem, &c. Hoc vidimus et audivimus, quod cum Willielmus prior de Ene-sham ecclesiam de Witefeld in manus domini G. venerabilis electi Lincoln. refutasset, idem electus eandem ecclesiam G. abbati et monasterio de Egnesham concessit. Unde et idem electus abbatem cum literis suis misit ad Gregorium tunc archidiaconum de Northampton officialem, præcipiens, &c.

NUM. XLV.

De Terra de Cotestona.

[Ibid.]

RADULPHUS BASSET filius Ricardi Basset. Sciatis me concessisse monasterio de Egnesham illam terram quam Radulphus Basset, avus meus, jampridem devoverat eidem ecclesiæ, et concessionem feci pro salute animæ meæ, et A. uxoris meæ et natorum meorum. His testibus, Ricardo abbate Legrec, Roberto fratre ejus, Adelia uxore mea, Thoma de Sais, Willielmo et Roberto filijs ejus, Gerun. filio Ricardi, Adam filio Radulphi, Willielmo de Villers, Willielmo filio Ailmari, Hugone canonico de Land. Jordano de Colleia, Willielmo de Benefeld, Waltero de Terrauast, Gilberto Marescallo, Roberto de Muchelton, Rogero de Sunnundon.

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NUM. XLVI.

De Ecclesia de Tetteberia.

[Ibid.]

REGINALDUS de sancto Walerico salutem, &c. Sciant quod ego dedi monasterio de Egnesham ecclesiam de Tetteberia pro salute Henrici regis et A. reginæ Angliæ, et liberorum suorum, et pro salute mea et Bernardi filij mei, et pro animabus patris et matris meæ, et antecessorum et benefactorum meorum. Concedo etiam prædictæ ecclesiæ terram de Finestoches sicut Radulphus Basset eam dedit, et Godefridus abbas de Egnesham et conventus dederunt mihi x. marcas argenti, et Bernardo filio meo ij. marcas. Teste Roberto capellano, Waltero de Bleia, Radulpho Hareng.

NUM. XLVII.

Compositio facta inter Abbatem et Monachos de Egnesham et Priorem et Canonicos de Berencester.

[Ibid. fol. 9.]

Hæc est compositio quæ facta est inter Godefridum abbatem et monachos de Egnesham et priorem et canonicos de Berencestr. super duabus garbis decimarum de dominico Gilleberti Basset de Strattona coram Philippo priore sanctæ Frideswidæ et magistro Ricardo de Ailesberia, quibus auctoritate venerabilis patris domini Hugonis Lincoln. episcopi causa quæ inter ipsos super eisdem decimis vertebatur commissa fuerat, et per quos lis hac amicali compositione sopita est anno ab incarnatione Domini 1188, apud Stanton, in ecclesia ejusdem villæ, feria quarta post dominicam quæ cantatur misericordia Domini. Et postmodum apud sanctam Frideswidam apud Oxeneford plene confirmata, his testibus Philippo priore Sanctæ Frideswidæ, magistro Ricardo Ailesberia, Nigello decano de Oxeneford, et multis alijs.

NUM. XLVIII.

De Terra in Mullesford Monasterio de Egnesham concessa.

[Ibid.]

ROBERTUS DE OILEIO, et uxor ejus, et filij dederunt ecclesiæ de Egnesham terram de feodo suo quæ est in Mullesford, et totam illam terram quam tenuit de eo Rualdus in Oxeneford, pro anima regis et pro animabus suis, &c. Testes sunt, Robertus filius Widonis, Radulphus filius Rogeri et Hugo frater ejus, et Nigellus frater ipsius Roberti, et Adeliza filia Reginaldi Resel, et Lefwinus can. Nicholaus filius Sawoldi, et Robertus filius Roberti, Ranulfus.

NUM. XLIX.

De Dimidiata Hida Terræ in Eston eidem Monasterio concessa.

[Ibid.]

ROBERTUS DE OILEIO, &c. Notum sit dimidiatam hidam de terra, quam Rogerus de Oileio dedit de feodo meo in Eston ecclesiæ de Egnesham cum filio suo quem ibi fecit monachum, ego et uxor mea Edith et filius meus Henricus concessimus eidem ecclesiæ imperpetuum possidendam, liberam et quietam ab omni servitio præter denegeld et murdum tantum, quæ ad regis coronam pertinent. Hujus rei testes sunt, Matheus clericus meus, Walchelinus Waard, Anschetillus de Grai, et Willielmus frater ejus.

Ego Edid uxor Roberti de Oileo.

NUM. L.

De quinque Solidatis Terræ eidem Monasterio concessis.

[Ibid.]

HENRICUS DE OILI constabularius regis, omnibus hominibus suis ballivis atque ministris, Francis atque Anglicis, tam præsentibus quam futuris, salutem. Sciatis me dedisse ecclesiæ de Egnesham v. solidatas terræ, &c. in escambio v. virgatarum terræ, quas pater meus illis dederat, tali conditione quod si ego aliquo modo Rogero de Oili terram suam reddiderim, ego illis escambium reddam ad grantum suum, et si quid superest v. solidorum prædicti homines mei mihi reddent ad grantum meum, et præter hoc grantum illis et charta mea confirmo donationem patris mei

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de terra Araldi et Roaldi de Oxeneford quam prius fecerat ecclesiæ prædictæ. Teste Leonardo dapifero, Bard. filio Rogeri, Hugone filio Willielmi Udard, Roberto Brito, Rogero filio Hemming, Philippo clerico, &c.

Henricus de Oili constabularius regis confirmavit donationem terræ quam fecit Rogerus de Oili cum filio suo, quem ibi fecit monachum.

Henricus de Oili confirmavit donationem patris sui abbatiæ de Egnesham factam de terra de Mullesford.

NUM. LI.

Sequuntur aliæ quamplurimæ Donationes in hunc modum.

[Ibid.]

Ego *Hugo de Oili* dedi abbatiæ de Egnesham dimidiam hidam terræ quam Ricardus Wring tenuit et modo eam tenent Reginaldus et Aldith vidua. His testibus, Rogero de Oili, Radulpho de Cheisn, Roberto de Stanford, Aliz. sorore ejusdem, Rogero et Hugone de Oili, Reginaldo Hareng, Roberto Bataile, Jordano de Colleie, Rogero de Bereford.

Ego *Rogerus de Oili* concedo donationem Hugonis fratris mei de dimidia hida, &c. quam Hugo frater meus donavit die qua devenit monachus abbatiæ de Egnesham. His testibus, Radulpho de Cheisn, Rogero de Bereford, Rogero de Leuchenor, Henrico Banastre, protasio.

Ego *Rogerus de Oili* concessi ecclesiæ de Egnesham dimidiam hidam terræ in Eston quam pater meus dedit eidem ecclesiæ cum Willielmo fratre meo, quando eum in monachatum susceperunt. Teste Willielmo de Stratford, Hugone de Caham, Ricardo de Caham, Pagano de Moubrei.

Ego *Rogerus de Oili* concessi ecclesiæ de Egnesham virgatam terræ in Eston quam Thomas tenuit, ita liberam sicut pater meus aut aliquis antecessorum meorum eam unquam tenuit quamdiu pater meus vixerit. Post mortem autem patris mei reddent mihi v. solidos annuatim donec terram de Esthole recuperare possum. His testibus, Radulpho Murdac, Radulpho de Cheisn. Amico de Wdestocke, Ricardo de la Mare, Rogero de Wirecestr, Reginaldo Paulef, Roberto de Novilla, Rogero de Chenicot.

Ego *Henricus de Oili* constabularius domini regis dedi ecclesiæ de Egnesham dimidiam hidam terræ de Sefewella quam pater meus eis ante donaverat. Et pro hujus concessione libertatis Godefridus abbas præfatæ ecclesiæ donavit mihi unum palefridum optimum. His testibus, Radulpho filio Rogeri, Bardulfo fratre ejus, Willielmo de Straford.

Ego *Henricus* constabularius domini regis, &c. confirmo, &c. omnes donationes quæ eis collatæ sunt de feodo meo, scilicet, terram de Mildecumba quam Nigellus de Oili eis donavit, et terram de Mullesford, et totam terram illam quam Rualdus tenuit in Oxeneford de dono Roberti de Oili, et terram de Cestreton quam habent ex dono H. de Oili patris mei, &c. His testibus, Widone de Oili, Willielmo Bainel, Hugone de la Heisa, Thoma filio Haroldi.

Simoni comiti Northampton. domino et amico suo *Willielmus de Cheisn*, et magister Robertus frater ejus, salutem. Sciatis quod Rogerus de Cheisn frater noster amicus vester in vita sua concessit ecclesiæ de Egnesham molendinum de Deilinton, et hoc concessit Eva uxor Walteri de Cheisn quæ hæres est feodi illius, et inde sumus testes, quare precamur pro servitiis nostris quod nullo modo Walterus nec alius aliquis aliquam loco injuriam inferat, quod vobis grates sciamus et deserviamus.

Walterus de Chaisneto concessit ecclesiæ de Egnesham molendinum de Dailintona, sicut Rogerus de Cheisneto prædictæ ecclesiæ illud concesserat. Istud idem concedit Eva uxor mea. Teste Willielmo de Chaisn avunculo meo, Humfrido clerico, Aliz. de Langetot, Willielmo Avenel, Geroldo de Normanvilla, Gaufr. de Plessez.

Et alia charta Walteri de Chaisn. et Evæ uxoris ejus filiæ Eustachii de Broc de eodem molendino. His testibus, Willielmo clerico de Cubilinton, Milone medico, Waltero scriba.

Ego *Eva filia Eustachii de Broc*, uxor Walteri de Chaisn dedi molendinum ut supra, et hoc consilio mariti mei Walteri de Chaisn. et concessu hæredum meorum. Testibus Willielmo clerico de Cubilinton, Willielmo filio Cecilie, Gilberto Grant.

Almaricus Dispensator domini regis. Noveritis quod controversia quæ agitata fuit in curia domini regis inter me et Godefridum abbatem et monachos de Egnesham super molendinum de Dailinton post mortem Walteri de Chaisn patris amabilis uxoris meæ, qui præfatum molendinum assensu Evæ uxoris suæ monachis dedit, hoc fine quievit, &c. His testibus, Radulpho Murdac, Amico de Wdestocke, Willielmo de Lancei.

Eva de Broc salutem. Confirmo monasterio de Egnesham l. solidos in molendino de Dailinton quod dominus meus Walterus de Cheisn, assensu meo, in vita sua ei dederat, unde post mortem mariti mei Walteri de Chaisn mota fuit controversia in curia domini regis inter abbatem de Egnesham et Almaricum dispensatorem domini regis et tandem sopita. His testibus, Thoma archidiacono Barnstaple, Jordano de Glington, Willielmo de Sauc.

Hugo de Chaisn et uxor ejus Dionisia dedit monasterio de Egnesham ecclesiam de Newenton, assensu Radulphi de Cheisn filii nostri et hæredis, et assensu filii nostri Willielmi. Teste Roberto episcopo Lincoln. Martino thesaurario Lincoln. Willielmo Clement, Willielmo de Stratford, Mil. de Lang.

Ego *Radulphus de Cheisn* confirmo, &c. sicut pater meus Hugo de Cheisnei et mater mea Dionisia donaverunt. Hoc idem frater meus Willielmus concessit. Testibus Rogero presbytero de Lincoln. Elia clerico de Norhamton, Johanne medico.

Willielmus de Cheisn omnibus hominibus tam Angliis quam Francis. Sciatis, &c. me dedisse ecclesiæ de Egnesham pro salute domini mei regis Henrici et dominæ meæ A. reginæ, &c. His testibus, Radulpho de Cheisn, Radulpho Murdac, Radulpho de Wigornia, Philippo et Rogero fratribus ejus.

Willielmus Comes de Arundel omnibus hominibus suis Francis et Angliis, et nominatim illis de honore de Arundel. Sciatis me concessisse Radulpho de Cheisn, conventionem quam fecit cum abbate de Egnesham, &c. His testibus, Willielmo filio meo, Humfrido de Mill, Rogero de Mill, Ricardo Acul, Godefrido Acul, Ricardo de Mortem.

Radulphus de Cheisn omnibus tam Angliis, &c. Sciatis me dedisse ecclesiæ de Egnesham unam et dimidiam hidam in Eston quas fine belli in curia domini regis contra Walterum de Chaus. adquisivi, &c. exceptis xv. solidis annuatim persolvendis prædicto Waltero de Cauz. Sed præfatam dimidiam hidam in Eston dedi Roberto de Calz famulo meo et hæredibus suis pro servicio suo. His testibus, Willielmo fratre meo, Gilb. Pipard, Roberto de Witefeld, Roberto de Amari, Roberto filio Radulphi.

Ego *Walerius de Calz* confirmavi donationem quam Radulphus de Cheisn ecclesiæ de Egnesham fecit, videlicet, duas hidas terræ et dimidiam quæ de feudo meo sunt, et cætera quæ prædictus Radulphus de Cheisn et hæres sui de me et hæredibus meis tenere debuerunt. Et pro hac concessione Godefridus abbas ejusdem loci dedit duas marcas argenti. His testibus, Radulpho nepote abbatis, magistro Johanne medico, Henrico Banastre, Willielmo Blundo, Godefrido de Benefeld, Willielmo de Cocham, Roberto de Lullebroch.

Ego *Radulphus Murdac* dedi ecclesiæ de Egnesham molendinum Westnull in Dedinton pro anima avunculi mei Willielmi Cheisn. Testibus Reinio capellano de Dedinton, Waltero de Abetot, Radulpho de Wirecest. Alexandro de Chein, et Radulpho fratre suo.

Radulphus Murdac, &c. Noveritis me pro salute domini mei Henrici regis Angliæ secundi et Evæ de Grai uxoris meæ dedisse ecclesiæ de Egnesham tertiam partem quam habui in molendino de Clifton, anno regni regis Ricardi tertio. Quod si Deus mihi hæredem de Eva uxore mea concesserit, escambium dabimus ad valentiam. Teste Amisio de Wudestoke, Ricardo filio Alani, Roberto de Wtton, Willielmo Ing, Simone Murdac, Laurentio de Mora.

Ego *Wido de Diva* confirmavi donationem quam Radulphus de Cheisn ecclesiæ Egnesham fecit, excepto quod servicium Roberti de Cauz de dimidia hida, &c. mihi retinui, et pro hac concessione Godefridus abbas dedit mihi viij. marcas argenti et unum palefridum. His testibus, Amico de Parco, Ricardo filio Alani, Henrico filio ejus, Willielmo decano Wtton, Petro filio ejus.

Matildis de Chaisnei salutem, &c. Noveritis me de-

disse ecclesie de Egnesham unam hidam quam antiquitus tenuit Hamelinus frater Petri de Chaisn. His testibus, Radulpho capellano de Garing, Thoma capellano de Heiford, magistro Jordano, Humfrido de Danbi, Ricardo de Bella Aqua.

Ego *Radulphus Murdac* dedi ecclesie de Egnesham dimidiam hidam terræ apud Filching quam avus meus Radulphus Murdac eis ante dederat. His testibus, Roberto Foliot Herefordensi electo, Willielmo de Cheisn', Radulpho de Cheisn'.

Anschetillus de Grai dedit ecclesie de Egnesham duo prata apud Stanlache, quæ etiam filius hæres meus Joannes coram multis concessit. His testibus, Manasse Arfic, Hugone de Cheisn', Nigello decano, Willielmo clerico, Alberico Arsci.

Ego *Joannes de Grai* concessi monachis de Egnesham eleemosynam quam pater meus illis dedit, &c. His testibus, Nigello presbytero, Willielmo clerico de Stanlache, Willielmo Tailard, Jordano, Henrico Ban.

Simon Cannes de Northampton. Sciatis me concessisse donum stabile quod Rogerus de Cheisn' donavit ecclesie de Egnesham, et sicut dominus Willielmus de Cheisn' frater Rogeri et Roberti de Cheisn' testatur. His testibus, Roberto de Croft, Ricardo de Chamuill, Hugone capellano.

Ego *Wido de Diva* concessi ecclesie omnia quæ ex dono Radulphi Murdac prius habuisse dinoscitur, et tertiam partem molendini de Clifton quam eis Matildis de Cheisn' dedit, ipsis etiam confirmo; item donacionem Hugonis de Cheisn' et uxoris ejus Dionisie et Anschetilli de Grai et Johannis de Grai prædictorum nobilium donatio perpetuo robur obtineat. Facta est hæc confirmatio anno quo gloriosus rex Anglorum Ricardus dominus meus post peregrinationem suam hierosolimitanam primo Angliam ingressus est. His testibus, Radulpho de Cheisn', Willielmo de Zoom, Willielmo de Monterica, Henrico Banestr. Willielmo Blundo.

Ego *Gaufridus de Clinton* camerarius concessi ecclesie de Egnesham Hugonem de Sumerford et uxorem ejus et filios ejus omnes et filias, cum omnibus possessionibus suis, ab omni reclamacione et ab omni re liberis et quietos. Teste Rogero clerico de Chersinton et Willielmo de Lampen et Ranulpho, Rogero Janitore.

Ego *Walchelinus Hareng* dedi ecclesie de Egnesham ecclesiam de Norton. His testibus, Waltero Malet, Nicolao de Bemt, protasio.

Walchelinus Hareng dedi pro salute domini mei Bernardi et uxoris ejus et filiorum ejus ecclesie de Egnesham villam meam quæ dicitur Wdeaton, salvo servitio domini regis et domini mei Bernardi. His testibus, magistro Nicolao, Willielmo presbytero de Aca, Radulpho nepote abbatis, Willielmo Hostiler, Ricardo filio Hugonis. Sed hanc præfatam villam dedi Idæ uxori meæ in dotem, quam amodo de monachis tenebit quam diu vixerit.

Walchelinus Hareng dedit ecclesie de Egnesham terram in civitate Oxeneford, quam mater ejus Halewisa eis concessit, et Segrin clericus modo tenet, pro hac concessione Godefridus abbas unam marcam argenti mihi donavit. Testibus Radulpho de Cheisn', Radulpho Hareng, Humfrido Hareng, Amiot, Gilleberto Gant, Gilleberto Cherubon.

Ego Walchelinus Hareng dedi ecclesie de Egnesham duas virgatas terræ in villa de Norton in escambio duarum virgatarum terræ quas mater mea Helewisa eisdem monachis ante donavit, et pro hujus concessione libertatis Godefridus abbas duas marcas argenti mihi donavit. Facta est autem hæc conventio escambii in com. Oxeneford coram Adelardo Banestre tunc vicecomite. His testibus, Willielmo filio Baldewini, Philippo de Haton, Stephano et Jacobo filiis ejus.

Ego *Radulphus filius Gaufridi* et Mathildis uxor mea remisimus totam calumniam erga ecclesiam de Egnesham quam fecimus ei super villa de Wdeaton per breve domini regis, tam ego quam Mathildis uxor mea, quæ jure consanguinitatis propinquior hæres esse dinoscitur Walchelini Hareng, et propterea Godefridus abbas dedit mihi et Matildi uxori meæ xx. marcas argenti. His testibus, Roberto de Witefeld, Wdardo de Witefeld, Rogero filio Azoni, Amico de Parco, Gilleberto de Hida, Avenello.

Ego *Mathildis de Luci* filia Gerardi de Luci spontanea

voluntate et legitima potestate concessi, pro anima patris et matris et avunculi mei Walchelini Hareng, ecclesie de Egnesham totum jus quod ad me pertinuit in villa de Wdeaton tanquam ad proximam hæredem prædicti Walchelini Hareng, sicut chirographum testatur quod in curia domini regis inter me et illos monachos factum est, quando Godefridus abbas pro hac concessione dedit Radulpho filio Gaufridi viro meo et mihi xx. marcas, et prædictus Radulphus maritus meus et ego, &c. His testibus, Willielmo de Sancto Johanne, Reginaldo filio Azor, Willielmo de Bert, Gilleberto de Ida, Odone de Bert.

Hæc est finalis concordia facta in curia domini regis apud Northampton die Mercurii proxima ante Purificationem B. Mariæ, anno regni Ricardi regis tertio, coram H. Coventrensi episcopo, Willielmo Marescallo, Gaufrido filio Petri, Hugone Bardulf, Roberto de Wittefeld, Ricardo del Pec, Osberto filio Herveii, magistro Thoma de Husseburn, Othone filio Willielmi, justiciariis domini regis, inter Radulphum filium Gaufridi et Mathildem uxorem ejus petentes, et abbatem et conventum de Egnesham tenentes, &c.

Ego *Stephanus de Pentfold* et Aeliza uxor mea filia Thomæ de Grai dedimus monasterio de Egnesham ecclesiam de Cornwella. His testibus, Roberto archidiacono Oxeneford, Nigello presbytero, Waltero scriptore, Willielmo clerico, Waltero de Cornwell, Gilleberto Grant.

Ego *Alexander de Berton* et Willielmus filius et hæres meus dedimus ecclesie de Egnesham ecclesiam de Berton assensu et consilio Martini presbyteri ejusdem ecclesie personæ. His testibus, Willielmo Malet, Godefrido presbytero, Waltero scriptore, Humfrido de Berton, Ricardo de Sancto Joanne, Henrico filio Ranulfi.

Ego *Gillebertus de Monte* concessi monasterio de Egnesham pro anima fratris mei Philippi, et pro salute domini regis Henrici et reginæ Alienoræ et filiorum ipsorum, ecclesiam de Witefeld, &c. Testibus Roberto priore de Dorcestre, Willielmo Clement, Ricardo presbytero de Turveston, Rogero de Sancto Joanne.

Wigandus Brienci nepos salutem. Sciatis me dedisse ecclesie de Egnesham, pro anima mea et Edidæ conjugis meæ ecclesiam de Merston, &c. Hæc omnia frater meus Mainfemnus coram multis concessit. Hujus meæ donacionis et concessione Mainfemni sunt testes Robertus filius Reginaldi, Henricus de Oili, Riul de Sapon.

Ego *Alanus de Pencos* concessi ecclesie de Egnesham eleemosynam quam Wiganus Brienci nepos illis concessit, sicut charta Wigani avunculi mei testatur. Testibus Martino presbytero, Hugone de Merston, Roberto filio Walteri, Simone filio Juchel.

Manasser Biset dapifer regis Angliæ. Sciatis me dedisse ecclesie de Egnesham molendinum meum de Wigge-wald quod Hugo molendinarius tenet, pro incolumitate domini mei H. regis Angliæ et pro statu et pace regni sui, &c. Testibus Willielmo fratre meo et Willielmo Torel et Henrico Biset nepote meo et Roberto capellano.

Sciatis quod conventio, quæ fuit super molendino de Wigge-wald inter abbatem de Egnesham et Anfredum Torel et priorem de Bradeleia, hoc modo convenit, quod molendinarius qui prædictum molendinum tenebit communi assensu abbatis de Egnesham, et A. Torel et prioris de Bradeleia instituetur, et hoc A. Torel se fideliter omnibus modis observaturum in capitulo de Egnesham juravit. His testibus, Nigello decano de Duchelind, Bartholomeo nepote abbatis, magistro Rogero de Leuechenor.

Aliz de Langetot. Sciatis me dedisse ecclesie de Egnesham tres virgatas terræ quas habeo in Sumerton pro salute animæ meæ et filiorum et filiarum mearum, Hugonis scilicet, Willielmi et Roberti, Haewisæ et Beatricis et Isabellæ; necnon pro anima domini mei Rogeri de Chaisn' et filiorum meorum Radulphi et Rogerii, et filiarum, &c. Hanc donationem concedit ratam fieri dominus Willielmus de Cheisn' et Hugo et Robertus in perpetuum. Teste Umfrido clerico, Geroldo de Norinvilla, Azor Vicec. Rogero de Arundel.

Ego *Gaufridus filius Durandi* dedi ecclesie de Egnesham terram quam Radulphus Luxon tenet, et terram quam Baldewinus tenet pro salute animæ meæ, et Matildis uxoris meæ. His testibus, domino Joanne Norwicensi episcopo, Hugone abbate de Oseney, Gaufrido capellano.

Ego *Willielmus de Druesuals* assensu filiorum meorum, Ricardi videlicet et Roberti et Radulphi, concessi

ecclesiæ de Egnesham unam hidam terræ de proprio pheudo meo de Garinges cum quodam filio meo quem in eadem ecclesia monachum feci. His testibus, Hugone filio Ricardi Riulfo de Seisuns, Willielmo Boterel, Waltero Foliot, Thoma Basset, Roberto Basset.

Ego *Thomas de Druessvals* nepos et hæres Willielmi de Druessvals dedi ecclesiæ Egnesham terram quam avunculus meus Willielmus eidem ecclesiæ dedit cum quodam filio suo Hugone, quem in præfata ecclesia fecit monachum. His testibus, Roberto Vilain, Roberto de Walingeford, Rogero de Luches, Willielmo clerico, Edwardo coco, et Hugone.

Ego *Matildis de Clara* dedi pro anima mariti mei Rogeri comitis de Clara ecclesiæ de Egnesham terram scilicet quam eis Ricardus filius Geroldi ante donavit. Insuper addo eas terras quas eidem ecclesiæ Henricus filius Geroldi frater prædicti Ricardi ante addiderat. Testibus Lamberto capellano, Philippo de Cranate, Radulpho Pecche, Joanne filio ejus.

Manasserus Arsic reddidit ecclesiæ de Egnesham unam virgatam terræ vocatam Cristesmelde, quam pater suus Robertus Arsic in articulo mortis ejus prædictæ ecclesiæ recognovit. Testibus, Samsoni priore de Cogas, Rogero capellano, Radulpho de Cheisneto.

Manasserus Arsic, &c. Ego, in articulo mortis positus, dedi ecclesiæ de Egnesham quinque acras prati in villa de Cogas. Testibus Margareta uxore mea, Alexandro filio meo, Gilleberto Pipart.

Ego *Petrus de Mara* et Robertus filius et hæres meus donamus ecclesiæ de Egnesham medietatem ecclesiæ de Herford quæ est de feodo nostro de Warengford. Testibus, Hugone de la Mara clerico, Roberto presbytero de Herford, Ricardo de Mar.

Ego *Helyas de Berton* reddidi ecclesiæ Egnesham pratum quod dicitur Munechemed in villa de Berton, quod pater meus Eudo illis quondam donaverat. Testibus, David archidiacono de Bucching, Nigello presbytero, Roberto de Preston, Radulpho filio Willielmi.

Ego *Hugo de Druuall* confirmavi donationem quam Thomas de Druuall frater meus ecclesiæ de Egnesham et servitium quod Adam de Wdecote Thomæ fratri meo facere solebat, &c. cum. xxvij. acris quas Willielmus de Druuall avunculus meus dedit prædictæ ecclesiæ cum quodam filio suo Hugone, &c. quam etiam Thomas de Druuallis frater meus confirmavit. Et pro hac mea confirmatione Godefridus abbas ejusdem loci dedit mihi tres marcas argenti. His testibus, Radulpho sacerdote de Stoch. Roberto de Witefeld, Radulpho Waleis, Jukel filio dñi.

Ego *Willielmus Avenel* et Helewisa conjunx mea filia Walchelini Waard et hæredes nostri dedimus ecclesiæ de Egnesham terram illam quam modo Segrin clericus tenet, et quam prius duæ sorores tenuerunt. Testibus Roberto de Terrawasta, Hugone de Withulla, Nicolao filio ejus, Rainaldo Brito.

Ego *Helewisa filia Walchelini Waard* primogenita, uxor Willielmi Avenel, concessi ecclesiæ de Egnesham terram quam Segrin clericus modo tenet, et quam ante ipsum duæ sorores Ascelina et Ragenilda tenuerunt. Pro hac concessione Godefridus abbas tres mihi marcas argenti donavit, et hoc concessione mariti mei Willielmi Avenel feci. Testibus Jordano de Ginton, Roberto de Terra Wasta, Gaufrido de Sertesd. Hugone de Withul. Filio meo Walchelino mando, &c.

Ego *Rogerus Blundus* dedi ecclesiæ de Egnesham eleemosynam cum Roberto filio meo quem in habitum monachalem susceperunt, medietatem domus meæ petrinæ a summitate usque deorsum, a parte orientali quæ est in Socna archiepiscopi Cantuariensis, quæ etiam est de hæreditate præfati Roberti et Joannis filiorum meorum. His testibus, Joanne et Laurentio filiis meis, Bricio Histon, Rogero Nigro, magistro Nicolao de Leuechenor, Bartholomeo clerico, Radulpho de Sanford.

Loquela, quæ fuit inter abbatem de Egnesham et Heliam filium Aviciæ de terra quam Alfricus Gric tenuit in Histona de feodo abbatis de Egnesham, terminata est in comitatu Cantabrigiæ, pro qua concordia abbas dedit Helie xx^s. et Aviciæ matri suæ iv^s. &c. et Waltero fratri Helie xx^s. Finita est hæc loquela in comitatu in die Sanctæ Catherinæ proximo postquam rex Henricus transfretavit in Hiberniam, primo coram me Everardo de Becha, et War. de Bassingebur. vicecom. de Cantabrigescire, &c.

Ego *Hugo de Stau* filius Johannis de Bovilla dedi ecclesiæ de Egnesham unam virgatam terræ quam habui in villa de Histona cum hominibus in eadem terra manentibus, scilicet Willielmo Bighe cum uxore sua et filiis et filiabus suis, et Nicolao filio Hailbert Bighe cum matre sua, fratre et sorore sua cum catallis eorum, pro anima patris mei Joannis et matris meæ Emmæ. Et pro hac donacione Godefridus abbas mihi dedit sex marcas argenti et dimidium, et uxori meæ Haelinæ ii^s. et seniori filio meo xii^s. His testibus, Waltero filio Hugonis vicecomite de Cantabrigescire, Thoma de Childerl, Rogero de Childerl, Reginaldo Giffard, Rogero filio Willielmi de Draiton.

Ego *Willielmus filius Ricardi* concessi ecclesiæ de Egnesham decimam duarum hidarum de dominico in Middelton, sicut eam avus meus Willielmus Euulfi filius et pater meus præfata ecclesiæ donaverunt. Præterea Rogerus filius Salomonis de Estona, cui et hæredibus suis terram illam tenendam in Feuferme concesseram, dedit præfata ecclesiæ duas acras in Landcroft ad unum mansum; aliam in Gerstuna Rogeri de Sandford, &c.

Ego *Rogerus filius Salomonis de Escote* concessi ecclesiæ de Egnesham totam decimam de dominico meo de duabus hidis in Middelton, sicut eam Willielmus filius Eulfi ecclesiæ donavit. Testibus Salomone patre meo, Simone de Cropper, Haimone, Waltero scriptore.

Ego *Joannes de Sancto Joanne* consilio et assensu uxoris meæ et hominum meorum ecclesiæ de Egnesham et abbati Waltero, pro anima regis Henrici et pro anima Thomæ fratris mei, et pro anima, vita, et salute mea et uxoris meæ et hæredum meorum, ecclesiam de Stanton, &c. Testibus, Gaufrido Luvel, Gilleberto de Monte, Roberto de Terrawasta, et Roberto nepote ejus.

Ego *Jordanus de Sai* pro anima filii Willielmi die quo eum sepulturæ apud Egnesham tradidi eidem monasterio ecclesiam de Sulethorne concessi. Teste Ranulfo filio meo, et Gerardo presbytero de Taccheleia et Thoma presbytero.

Ego *Walterus de Cheisn'* et Eva uxor mea dedimus ecclesiæ de Egnesham ecclesiam de Cubelinton, &c. Hæc autem donacio eo anno facta est quo comes Herefordensis mortuus est Rogerius nomine. Testibus Willielmo præfata ecclesiæ persona, Joanne Walense, Milone fratre ejusdem Joannis, Theodorico venatore.

Alanus filius G. de Eston dedi ecclesiæ de Egnesham in ecclesiæ de Eston, quæ de mea donacione jure hæreditario esse dinoscitur, annuas iiij. marcas argenti a clericis in eadem personatum gerentibus de cætero annuatim percipiendas. Testibus magistro Nicolao de Leuechenora, Henrico fratre meo ejusdem ecclesiæ persona, qui huic donacioni meæ consensit, Gilleberto fratre meo, magistro Chetel.

Hugo de Chaucumbe concedo ecclesiæ de Egnesham donacionem illam quam fecerat eis antea avus meus Godefridus, et insuper compositioni illi, quæ super eadem decima inter eosdem monachos et meos canonicos de Chaucumbe facta est auctoritatem prestiti. Testibus, Roberto de Amari, Godefrido de Benefeld, Bartholomeo et Radulpho nepotibus abbatis, &c.

Ego *Alexander de Rumeli* consensu uxoris meæ et hæredum meorum dedi ecclesiæ de Egnesham dimidiam partem prati quod vocatur Wlganesham pro anima mea et parentum meorum et uxoris meæ, et pro anima Joannis filii mei, qui in die hujus donacionis apud Egnesham sepultus. Testibus, Roberto Cheuanchesul, Willielmo de Rumeli, Radulpho de Rumeli, Stephano de Spetesberi, Henrico Banestre.

M. Rex Scotorum fratribus Templi de Meriton, mando vobis ut abbati de Egnesham permittatis tenere ecclesiam, &c. sicut ipsi eam melius tenuerunt in tempore regis David avi mei. Teste Waltero filio Alani, Radulpho de Sol; apud Oxeneford.

Ego *Hugo Gulafre* assensu et voluntate Sibillæ uxoris meæ et filiorum meorum et hæredum Rogeri et Thomæ dedi ecclesiæ de Egnesham capellam meam de Cerchesdene. Teste Rogero clerico de Chedelinton, Waltero de Chedelinton, Joanne fratre ejus, Chetello Sculptore.

Baldevinus divina miseratione Wigorniensis ecclesiæ minister. Notum facimus quod dominus papa Alexander III. causam quæ super decimis domini de Pudehcota vertebatur inter G. abbatem de Egnesham et Rogerum de Bechelora clericum delegavit nobis cognoscendam, quæ ter-

minata fuit in hunc modum. R. rector capellæ de Cerchesdene, assensu Hugonis Gulafre patroni ejusdem ecclesiæ, prædictas decimas monasterio de Egnesham perpetuo possidendas (intellige concessit) Hæc compositio facta fuit anno Dominicæ incarnationis 1181, idibus Maij, apud Wigorniam. Testibus, R. priore Wigorniae, magistro S. archidiacono Wigorniae, magistro Nicolao de Leuechener.

Ego *Rogerus de Oili* dedi ecclesiæ de Egnesham pratum de Bulestache pro Willielmo filio meo, qui ibi habitum monachi suscepit. Testibus, Hugone de Cheisnei, Roberto fratre ejus archidiacono Leicestriae, Radulpho de Cheisnei, Willielmo et Rogero fratribus ejus.

Ego *Rogerus de Oili* confirmo ecclesiæ de Egnesham donacionem quam pater meus Rogerus et mater mea Hawis fecerunt, &c. Testibus, Willielmo Cheinedut, Roberto de Witefeld, Radulpho de Cheisnei, Ricardo de Lamara, Henrico filio ejus, Reginaldo Hareng, Hugone filio Fromundi.

Ego *Hugo de Plogoneis* concedo donacionem Rogeri de Oili, et post ipsum Rogeri de Oili filii ejus et hæredis et concessionem Willielmi de Cheinedut, qui prædictum pratum habuit in maritagium cum Helewisa filia præfati Rogeri de Oili. Testibus, Willielmo de Seuecordia, Joanne Repeherm, Ricardo de Gersono, cum toto hundredo. Ego etiam Alanus filius Hugonis et hæres suus ad ipsum concedo.

Ego *Willielmus Cheinedut* et Helewisa uxor mea reddimus ecclesiæ de Egnesham totam terram quam Rogerus de Oili mihi dedit cum prænominata uxore mea in maritagium, scilicet, totam terram quam ipse Rogerus in Oxeneford habuit, quam prædicti monachi prius possederunt ex donacione Rogerii avi prædictæ Helewisæ uxoris suæ. Hæc autem omnia facta sunt et recognita et concessa coram justiciarijs domini regis ad scaccarium apud Westmonasterium, scilicet, coram Ricardo de Luci et Galfrido episcopo Eliensi et Joanne episcopo Norwicensi et Willielmo Basset, et postea apud Oxeneford coram justiciarijs itinerantibus, scilicet, Rogero filio Reinfredi, et Roberto Mantel et Radulpho filio Stephani, et Willielmo fratre ejus. His testibus, Waleramno de Cricchelada, magistro Edwardo, Rogero de Oili, Roberto de Witefeld.

Ego *Helewisa filia Rogeri de Oili* uxor Willielmi Cheinedut concessi ecclesiæ de Egnesham totam terram quam pater meus Rogerus de Oili dedit mihi in maritagium, quam monachi habuerunt et diu possederunt ex donacione avi mei Rogerii de Oili. Et hoc feci nulla coactione mariti mei Willielmi Cheinedut, et hoc ipsum ego cum marito recognovi ad scaccarium apud Westmonasterium coram justiciarijs domini regis de quibus super et pro hac concessione Godefridus abbas dedit marito meo Willielmo Cheinedut xxx. marcas, et mihi x. aureos. Testibus, Ricardo thesaurario regis, Waleramno de Cricchelad, Radulpho de Cheisn', Helia de Scaccario.

Reginaldus de Sancto Walerico dedi ecclesiæ de Egnesham ecclesiam de Legis pro salute Henrici regis et A. reginæ et liberorum suorum et pro mea et Bernardi filii mei salute. Testibus, Waltero de Blia, Hugone de Westberi, Rannulpho de Kent, Humfrido capellano, Helia de Glameford, Henrico de Turs, Adam de Sarteri.

Robertus Dei gratia Lincolnensis episcopus confirmamus donacionem nobilium virorum Joannis de Sancto Joanne et Reginaldi de Sancto Walerico.

Ego *Robertus archidiaconus Oxeneford* Godefridum abbatem de Egnesham in perpetuum personatum ecclesiæ de Legis suscepi ex donacione nobilium virorum Joannis de Sancto Joanne et Reginaldi de Sancto Walerico, et ex confirmatione Lincolnensis episcopi.*

Ego *Hugo Dei gratia Lincolnensis episcopus* ad præsentationem abbatis Roberti de Egnesham recepi Willielmum de Wares nepotem ejusdem abbatis ad perpetuam vicariam de Solthorn.

Hæc est finalis concordia facta in curia domini regis apud Rading, anno regis Henrici filii regis Joannis tertio, die Dominica proxima post Cineres, coram Ricardo Sarr. episcopo, Matheo filio Hereb. Radulpho Hareng, Waltero Foliot, Jacobo de Poterna, Waltero de Ripariis, Mauricio de Thurevill, Joanne de Wikenholt justiciariis itinerantibus, et inter Stephanum de Fretewell petentem et Adam abbatem de Egnesham tenentem. Pro hac concordia abbas

dedit prædicto Stephano et Sarra primæ uxori duo corrodia, &c. Præterea dictus abbas maritabit unam de filiabus prædicti Stephani, quam ipse Stephanus voluerit, infra v. annos ita quod non disparagetur. Præterea abbas dedit Stephano acram terræ quæ jacet juxta acram Roberti Marescall. Et sciendum quod prædictus Stephanus reddidit in manus Helia supprioris attornati prædicti abbatis coram prædictis justiciariis chirographum quod prius factum fuit in curia domini regis inter Milonem de Fretewell, et Milesentam uxorem ejus matrem prædicti Stephani.

Walterus abbas de Egnesham. Notum sit Willielmum Magnum, Roberti Magni filium, calumniam de Funestochia nunc omnino remisisse, unde et nos talionem concessimus assartum quod ipse fecit Stephani regis assensu et nostro. Testibus, Roberto de Terravasta, Oswaldo Sartore, Gilleberto Pincerna, Nicolao, et aliis.

Ego *Robertus de Anvers* dedi ecclesiæ de Egnesham terram quæ de feodo Roberti le Chevalchesul jure hæreditario ad me descendere poterat in villa de Fanfore, salva Nicholao filio meo et hæredibus suis tertia partæ dominici mei in prædicta villa; salva etiam Radulpho filio meo et hæredibus suis dimidia virgata terræ in eadem villa. Et hoc fideliter observandum tam ego quam Willielmus filius hæres meus affidavimus. His testibus, Petro Thalemasche, Hugone le Pouer, Willielmo Blundo, Gilleberto Tailard, Willielmo filio Baldewini, Ricardo Tailard, Joanne Janitore, Avenello, Roberto de Sydem', Thoma de Berton, Ricardo Pull, clericis, Willielmo Russel.

Confirmatio Willielmi de Anvers, filii Roberti de Anvers, est his testibus, Willielmo Blundo, Willielmo fratre domini abbatis, Waltero capellano de Egnesham, Nicholao de Anvers, Petro de Wattot, Humfrido Duket, Petro de Haywood, Henrico de Lechton.

Ego *Petrus Thalemasche, &c.* dedi totam terram meam quæ de feodo Roberti de Chevalchesul jure hæreditario ad me descendere potuit in villa de Fanfore, excepta una virgata terræ quam dedi Ricardo Tailard, qui eandem terram illis dedit. Confirmavi etiam monachis unam virgatam terræ quam vendidi Willielmo de Braci in villa de Stock quam idem Willielmus eis dedit. His testibus, Hugone de Pouere, Roberto de Anvers, Willielmo filio Baldewini, Ricardo Tailard, Gilleberto Tailard, Willielmo de Braci, Avenello Dispensatore, Joanne Janitore, Willielmo Russel, Roberto de Sydem', Thoma de Berton, Roberto Pull.

Ego *Ricardus Tailard* dedi monasterio, &c. Gillebertum filium Humfridi, et Alexandrum filium Alfredi, cum omnibus catallis in tota sequela eorum. Adam abbas Egnesham dedit mihi v. marcas, Viviano tunc vicecomite Oxon. His testibus, Ricardo Foliot, Petro Talemasche, Willielmo filio Baldewini, Roberto Bel, Gilleberto Tailard, Thoma de Nortwde, Ricardo de Submuro.

Hæc est finalis conventio inter A. abbatem de Egnesham et Robertum le Grant de Finestok, scilicet, quod abbas tradidit prædicto Roberto terram suam de Finestok, cum quodam assarto quod deliberavit de manibus Roberti Arsic et Petri de Staninges, et Robertus le Grant et hæres sui conservabunt et acquietabunt abbatem versus regem et dominum Falcasium de plegiagio quod factum fuit versus dominum Falcasium, &c. His testibus, Joanne Portario, domino Willielmo Blundo, Avenello, Waltero de Submuro, Ricardo de Submuro, Roberto Marescallo, Hernaldo Frankell.

Thomas filius Hugonis Dispensatoris salutem. Sciat is me quietum clamasse ecclesiæ de Egnesham totum jus in terra quam pater meus quondam tenuit de Waukelino Harang avunculo suo. Testibus, Radulpho de Norton, Genteschin Paupere, magistro Petro de Derham, Gileberto decano de Icteslipp, Galfrido de Mora, Fulcone filio Radulphi de Norton, Roberto de Dadinton, Joanne filio Willielmi de Kerlinton.

Hæc est conventio facta inter Adam abbatem de Egnesham et Robertum de Grant de Finestok, scilicet, quod abbas concessit Roberto terram quam deliberaverant de manibus Roberti Arsic et Petri de Staing', et prædictus Robertus et hæres sui conservabunt abbatem indemnem versus dominum regem et dominum Falcasium de plegiagio quod factum fuit versus Falcasium, &c. His testibus, domino Willielmo Blundo, Joanne Portario, Avenello, Wal-

* Hic est finis antiquissimæ manus qua scribitur liber de Egneshamensi monasterio.

tero de Submuro, Ricardo de Submuro, Roberto Marescallo, Ernaldo Frankel.

Ego *Willielmus de Olivet* assensu Willielmi filij mei dedi ecclesie de Egnesham tenementum quod ego et antecessores mei habuimus et tenuimus de Bernardo de Sancto Walerico et totum servicium quod Radulphus de Retswell et Hugo de Bladen mihi facere debent. His testibus, magistro Siluro de Sancto Michaeli, Willielmo filio Humfridi, Gileberto decano de Huntleslap, Roberto de Bradeston, Waltero persona de Rollendrich, Joele de Sancto Germano, Nicolao fratre ejus, Petro de Haiwod, Radulpho de Wotton, Ricardo de Hanleg.

Summa totius nostri debiti quod debetur David Judæo de Lincoln est cliiⁱⁱ. xv^s.

Ego *Thomas Frankelan* de Bissopstok dedi ecclesie de Egnesham terras de dominico meo, scilicet, quæ jacent juxta terras Willielmi Estmer, Willielmi Sterre, Adæ filij Joannis, Willielmi le Wodetot, Willielmi Neweman, Willielmi clerici, Bonevill, Adæ de Gizorzs, Willielmi Horn, Willielmi de la Leha, Joannis Baldine, Adæ filij Joannis, et unum messuagium quod Henricus decanus de Walingford de me tenet; item, terras de dominico meo juxta terras Stephani de la Mare, Adæ de Gardino, Willielmi Passelewe, Bertram, Gilleberti Estimer, Joannis Bruning, Rogeri Hereyth, Ricardi Huethehan, Ricardi Huetherhond, Stephani Atte-Mere, Matildis Ririf, Rogeri Herlyth; pro his donationibus Adam abbas Egnesham dedit mihi ix. marcas. His testibus, Radulpho persona de Stok, Joanne capellano de Garing, Luciano capellano de Stock, domino Waltero de Berton, magistro P. de Bradestud, Willielmo Braci, Willielmo de Wodetot; et in alia charta, Ricardo filio Mair, Osberto persona de Stock, Radulpho capellano de Egnesham, domino Willielmo de Berton, magistro Petro Malemains, Willielmo de Wodetot, Henrico Cock, Adam de Gizorzs, Roberto marescallo, Nicolao de Sancto Germano, Roberto tunc serviente de Stock, Joanne Bat; et in tertia charta sunt testes, præter quosdam prædictos, Walterus persona de Rollandrich, Galfrido Marmion, Galfrido de Curteio, Thoma de Edburbir, Simone Tyrel, Jordano marescallo.

Ego *Robertus de Gardino* confirmavi monachis de Egnesham unam virgatam quam emi de Thoma Frankelano et de Willielmo Thymbel. His testibus, Thoma de Langel, Roberto canonico de Sipton, Waltero de Cercenden, Rogero Gulafir' Otwi de Esthall, Alexandro de Thurn, Willielmo Blundo, magistro Petro Malesmains.

Ego *Wido de Diva* assensu et petitione Lucie de Chaisneto uxoris meæ dedi monachis de Egnesham virgatam terræ quam Willielmus Cradel tenuit. His testibus, H. persona de Duglinton, Willielmo persona de Estle, Alexandro de Mildecumb, Roberto de Cauz, Rogero de Bereford, Joanne Canet, Rogero de Harroc, Nigello clerico.

Ego *Petrus de la Mare* ratam habeo donationem quam bonæ memoriæ Robertus de la Mare pater meus fecit, terram scilicet quam Hugo Wrenne tenuit. His testibus, Willielmo de Grenvil, Radulpho filio Galfridi, Fulcone de Nortun, magistro Galfrido de Dorket, magistro Roberto de Launinton, Joanne camerario, Willielmo de Oxon, Joanne portario, Ricardo de Submuro.

Ricardus de la Mare dedi totam illam terram meam quam Gwido de Diva et Lucia uxor ejus pro homagio et servicio meo mihi dederunt. Testibus, Ricardo Pipard, Radulpho filio Galfridi, Rogero de Kingeston, Godefrido de la Lea, Matheo de la More, Paulino, Stephano de la More, Thoma de Berton, Roberto de Siderym, Avenello, Joanne portario, Willielmo de Oxon, Ricardo Submuro.

Ego *Alicia filia Joannis* capellani de Withefeld assensu et voluntate Roberti Rivel viri mei dedi ecclesie de Egnesham unum cotagium in villa de Egnesham cum ortolagio adjacente, &c. His testibus, Radulpho Halegod, magistro Petro de Staing', Ricardo de Submuro, Waltero de Submuro, Johanne fratre Stephani, Willielmo Russel, Roberto Mare.

Ego *Radulphus de Saucey* confirmavi monachis de Egnesham pratum quod tenui de Rogero de Oili in Escote, habendum et tenendum, &c. reddendo inde annuatim dicto Rogero de Oili et hæredibus suis unam libram piperis, et mihi et hæredibus meis unum denarium ad Pascha. Pro hac concessione dederunt mihi monachi xviii. marcas ester-

lingorum de bonis magistri Adæ quondam archidiaconi Oxon. in gersumam, anno gratiæ, 1241.

Ego *Gunyora de la Mare* in legitima viduitate mea dedi monachis, &c. dimidiam virgatam terræ in Estona quam Rogerus le Palm' de Estona de me tenuit, cum eodem Rogero et tota sequela sua, cum corpore Galfridi de Elfeistone quondam mariti mei.

Ego *Henricus de Teyden* miles dedi ecclesie de Egnesham iv. virgatas terræ arabiles extractas de dominico hæredis Hugonis de Cuylardvillæ in villa de Wykerisenden, illas scilicet quas Paulinus de Tayden frater meus pro homagio et servicio meo mihi dedit. Præterea dedi unam virgatam terræ quam Hugo de Anglo aliquando de me tenuit, præter iv. acras quas vendidi magistro Willielmo de Taney. Item dedi homagium et servicium trium solidorum quod Johannes de Marisco mihi facere consuevit.

Ego *Henricus filius Roberti de Derby* dedi terram quam Willielmus de Reppendon dedit Roberto patri meo.

Ego *Willielmus de Dyva* dedi terram illam quam Ricardus Rouland aliquando de me tenuit in villenagio. His testibus, domino Rogero de Turkeby, domino Gilberto de Prestona, magistro Symone de Walton, domino Joanne de Choboam tunc justiciarijs itinerantibus.

Ego *Willielmus de Diua* dedi monachis de Egnesham Ricardum Rouland de Wealde, qui fuit villanus et nativus meus cum tota sequela sua.

Ego *Isabella filia Hugonis de Cuillardevill* dedi totam terram meam, &c.

Ego *Johannes le Mire de Northon* dedi terram quam habui de Waltero Frankelano, et abbas et conventus præterea dederunt mihi pratum quod habuerunt de Radulpho de Saucey.

Ego *Philippus molendinarius de Oxon.* dedi seldam quam Joannes Caim aliquando tenuit, et postea Willielmus le Sauser, de qua selda dedi Henrico filio Henrici filij Simonis de Oxon. xii^d. perpetui redditus.

Ego *Gillebertus abbas Egnesham*, &c. remisit Thomæ de Gardino et hæredibus suis servicium unius armigeri quod nobis debebat et sectam curiæ nostræ propterea semel in anno ad Hokedai. Pro hac remissione dedit nobis prædictus Thomas unam virgatam terræ. Ipse vero Thomas et hæredes sui facient nihilominus homagium et regale servicium, et habebimus wardam hæredum suorum ut antea habebamus. His testibus, Laurentio le Brun, Stephano janitore, Radulpho filio clerici, Joanne filio Stephani, Roberto tunc custode de Mukelinton, Henrico de Lesseburga, Roberto de Marescall.

Ego *Margeria de Reduarijs* primogenita Joannis Byseht concessi ecclesie de Egnesham xs. in molendino meo de Wigewold quod Manasserus Biseht eis dedit. Testibus, domino Stephano de Harehull, domino Willielmo de Hasting, domino Ricardo de Hathingeden, Humfredo de la Barre, Roberto de Gaiton, Willielmo de Lasseberewe, Willielmo de Segre, Roberto de Solers, Rogero Harang.

Ego *Isabella filia H. de Cuylarduill* in legitima viduitate mea dedi terram meam quam emi de Willielmo de Colinton clerico filio Agnetis sororis meæ, &c.

Ego *Simon Pictor* filius Joannis le Franceis Oxon. confirmavi monachis de Egnesham redditum viii^s. de tenemento quod fuit quondam Joannis patris mei, qui pater meus illud emit de Matild de Grantpont et Elena sorore sua. Teste Laurencio Wyth tunc Majore Oxon.

Ego *Elias de Wimbervill* recepi a domino G. abbate de Egnesham cxxx. marcas argenti pro terra de Fulebroc ad acquietandum me de Judaismo contra Abraam judeum de Berchamstede, et contra Abraam filium suum, et contra Jacobum filium Floriæ judeum de London, et contra omnes judeos de debito patris mei usque ad festum sancti Joannis Baptistæ, anno Henrici filij regis Johannis 36, anno gratiæ 1252, et etiam duas marcas quas domino Thomæ de Valeines reddidi. Testibus domino Roberto de Esthal et domino Thoma de Valeines; et quietum clamavi pro me et hæredibus meis contra omnes gentes et contra matrem meam Eustachiam, si ipsa velit aliquid de prædicta terra petere nomine dotis.

Rogerus le Mey.

Ego *Philippus filius Rogeri Paris* confirmavi donationem quam Rogerus frater meus illis dedit, prædictæ vero seldæ mensurate continent in latitudine v. virgatas ulnarum domini regis cum pollice interposito et duos pollices; in profunditate vero continent vii. virgas ulnarum domini regis

cum pollice interposito et iv. pollices. Datum anno regis Henrici filij Johannis 39 in crastino apostolorum Simonis et Judæ.

Ego *Willielmus Bastard* de Wikerisindon dedi G. abbati de Egnesham domicilium illud quod dominus Henricus de Tayden quondam tenuit.

Ego *Simon de Coquina* et Amicia uxor mea reddidimus Joanni abbati Egnesham illud messuagium quod Thomas de ecclesia, qui fuit primus maritus prædictæ Amiciæ aliquando tenuit. His testibus, Willielmo de sancto Audoeno tunc ballivo de Wodestoke, Joanne Pady, Ricardo Halewy, Waltero le Marescall, Joanne Bacun, Joanne Morel, Ricardo Bacun.

Ego *Joannes Mody* filius et hæres Willielmi Mody de Egnesham dedi monachis de Egnesham messuagia mea in Egnesham. Testibus, domino Henrico de la Wade milite, Thoma de Langeley, Roberto le Eyo, Henrico de la Hull, Ricardo Bachon de Egnesham, Joanne Morel de eadem, Joanne Bacun filio Hugonis.

Nicholaus filius Ricardi de Hokele de Egnesham dedi ecclesiæ de Egnesham totum jus quod habui jure successionis Augustini filij Ricardi clerici cujus hæres sum, &c. His testibus, domino Henrico de la Wade milite, Joanne de la Wade filio suo, Joanne de Leya, Willielmo clerico, Ricardo Halewy, Ricardo Bacon, Ricardo Bonvalet.

NUM. LII.

De Sigillo Conventus, scilicet quomodo custodiatur, et quando magnum quando parvum Sigillum apponatur.

[E Libro Statutorum Monasterii de Eynesham, MS. Bodl. 435, cap. v.]

Est archa una depositis secularium assignata sub tribus seris quarum claves custodiunt prior et alii duo fratres in capitulo assignati. In hac archa reponitur theca duabus seris assignata, in qua reconditur majus sigillum conventus, et habet unam clavem dampnus abbas, et alius frater communi consilio capituli sicut et alii fratres supra constitutus. Istud majus sigillum sic sub tribus clavibus custoditus nunquam alicui scripto nisi in generali capitulo lecto et approbato, et ibidem coram omnibus assensu cunctorum signato, apponetur; nec signabunt hoc sigillo nisi magna et ardua ecclesiæ negotia et perpetuum robur obtinentia sicut cartæ vel cartis similia, vel talia scripta quæ majoribus fuerint destinanda, quibus minus sigillum decenter propter personarum excellentiam apponi non possit, et quæcunque fuerint ipso sigillo signata, ipsorum omnium memoria reponetur ad majorem securitatem et futurorum notitiam, ut sciant futuri quid moderni fecerint, sed si forte de veritate sigilli vel alicujus scripti orta fuerit dubitatio per repositum veritas completur, et istud sigillum sine minori sigillo a tergo semper ponendo nunquam emittetur.

De minori sigillo sciendum quod sub tribus seris custodietur, scilicet in archa ubi cartæ reponuntur; cujus duas claves duo strenui fratres ad hoc in capitulo provisi custodiunt, et pixidis clavem ubi reponitur sigillum prior, ita ut sine ipso et ipsius sigillo a tergo ponendo, si sigillum abbatis defuerit, cum conscientia fratrum quotquot adesse potuerint nichil signetur, et quæcunque scriptum signatum fuerit tenor ipsius in capitulo cunctis fratribus antea si possit, vel post si talis negligentia fuerit ostendatur, et omnia signata abbreviantur ne oblivioni tradantur quicquid et isto sigillo fuerit consignatum, facta est hæc provisio anno gratiæ m.cc.xxvii. in die Natali beatæ Virginis. Quæ autem de parvo sigillo conventus et sigillo abbatis vel prioris a tergo ponendo fiunt procuraciones provisum est anno gratiæ m.cc.xxviii. in vigiliis Conversionis sancti Pauli.

NUM. LIII.

[In a Book of Pensions remaining in the Augmentation Office.]

Eynsham.

AFTER my hartie commendacions these be the names of the abbats, priors, and convents which lately surrendered their houses and mon' into the kings hieghnes hands, for whome his grac^s. pleaso^r. ys ye shall make furthe sufficient

capacities in due forme after thaccustomable maner, w^t. dispensacions to have oon benefice w^t. cure, and the same to delyver w^tout demanding or taking of any money or fee. Thus fare you well from London the xxi. daye of January.

Nomina Monachorum de Eynsham.

Antonius Dunstone abbas.
Edmundus Ranysforde prior.
Gregorius Brodehurst subprior.
Thomas Philipps.
Thomas Knolls.
Robtus Forde capell' et cellerarius.
Johes Kockseter.
Willms Bucke.
Johes Hedges.

Afterwards is a List with the Pensions assigned as follows:

Nomina Monachorum de Eynsham.

Antonius Dunstone abbas	cxxxiiij ^{li} .	vj ^s . viij ^d .
Edmundus Raynforde prior	x ^{li} .	
Georgius Brodehurst supprior	vj ^{li} .	xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Robertus Forde cellerarius	viiij ^{li} .	
Thomas Mill	vj ^{li} .	vj ^s . viij ^d .
Thomas Philips	vj ^{li} .	vj ^s . viij ^d .
Thomas Knolls	vj ^{li} .	vj ^s . viij ^d .
Johes Kocseter	vj ^{li} .	vj ^s . viij ^d .
Willmus Buck	vj ^{li} .	vj ^s . viij ^d .
Johannes Hedgg ^s	vj ^{li} .	vj ^s . viij ^d .

THOMAS CRUMWELL.

NUM. LIV.

Diploma Regis Henrici VIII. de Domo et Ecclesia Mon. de Eynesham D. Edw. Northe mil. datis.

[MS. Cotton. Nero C. ix. fol. 158.]

REX omnibus ad quos, &c. Sciatis quod nos in consideratione veri, fidelis, et acceptabilis servitii dilecti servientis nostri Edwardi Northe militis, thesaurarii curiæ nostræ Augmentationum reventionum coronæ nostræ nobis ante hac multipliciter impensi, de gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris dedimus et concessimus, ac per præsentem damus et concedimus præfato Edwardo Northe totum dominium et scitum nuper monasterii de Eynesham, alias dict. Ensham, alias dict. Egnesham, in com. nostro Oxon. ac totam ecclesiam, campanile, plumbum, et cimiterium ejusdem nuper monasterii, ac omnia messuagia, domos, molendina, edificia, graungia, orrea, stabula, columbaria, hortos, pomaria, gardina, terras, et solum nostra, tam infra quam extra scitum, septum, ambitum, circuitum, et procinctum ejusdem nuper monasterii existent. ac etiam omnia maneria nostra de Eynesham, alias dicta Ensham, alias dict. Egnesham, Brokcead, Rowlandrytht Parva, alias dict. Rowryche, alias dict. Rowllrych, Milcombe, Woodeton alias dict. Wodeton, Milton, Chorleburye, Faller, Fynstoke, and^a Shyfforde, cum eorum juribus, membris, et pertinentiis universis in dicto comitatu nostro Oxon. dicto nuper monasterio spectan. et pertinen. Ac etiam totum manerium nostrum de Wykerysden cum suis membris et pertinentibus universis in comitatu nostro Glouc. dicto nuper monasterio spectan. et pertinen. ac totum illud clausum terræ et pasturam nostram vocat. le Frythe cum pertinentibus jacentem in Tiggresley et Eynesham, in dicto comitatu nostro Oxon. nuper monasterio de Abendon, in com. nostro Bark. spectan. et pertinen. aut pars vel percella possessionum et revencionum ejusdem nuper monasterii de Abendon existen. ac omnes illas rectorias nostras impropriatas ecclesiarum dict. de Eynesham, alias Ensham, alias dict. Egnesham, Fallar, et Fynstoke, Chadlyngton, Shorhampton, Chilton, et Chorleburye, cum suis juribus et pertinentibus universis in dicto comitatu nostro Oxon. dicto nuper monasterio de Eynesham, alias dict. Ensham, alias dict. Egnesham, appropriat. spectan. et pertinen. Necnon omnia messuagia, terras, tenementa, reversiones,

^a Sic.

servitia, decimas, oblationes, fructus, obventus, proficua, emolumenta, et commoditates quaecumque eisdem rectoriis seu eorum alicui quoquo modo spectan. sive pertinen. Damus etiam pro consideratione praedicta et ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris concedimus praefato Edwardo Northe patronag. advocaciones, donationes, nominationes, praesentationes, iura patronat. ecclesiarum et rectoriarum de Wooddeton, alias dict. Wodeton, alias dict. Woodeaton, et Rowlrith, alias dict. Rowlandrithe Parva, in dicto com. nostro Oxon. dicto nuper monasterio de Eynesham, alias dicto Ensham, alias dicto Egnesham, dudum spectan. et pertin. ac percella possessionum et reventionum ejusdem nuper monasterii existen. ac patronag. advocaciones, donationes, nominationes, praesentationes, et iura patronatus vicariarum et ecclesiarum de Eynesham, alias dicto Ensham, alias dicto Egnesham, et Chorleburye, in dicto comitatu nostro Oxon. dicto nuper monasterio de Eynesham, alias Ensham, alias dict. Egnesham, dudum spectan. et pertin. ac percella possessionum et reventionum ejusdem nuper monasterii existen. Ac etiam omnia et singula maneria, messuagia, terras, tenementa, redditus, reversiones, servicia, prata, pascua, pasturas, boscos, subboscos, aquas, communas, vias, piscarias, molendina, stagna, vivaria, parcos, warrennas, asserta, vasta, jampna, bruer. moras, mariscos tam salsos quam friscos, redditus, et proficua super quibuscumque dimissionibus et concessionibus reservat. redditus, et firmas tenentium et firmariorum pro termino vitae et annorum, copiam curiae et customar. redditus servic. redditus oneris, redditus siccos, annuitates, feod. firmas, feod. militum, cur. let. vis. franc. pleg. ac omnia quae ad visum franci plegii pertinent, natives et villanos cum eorum sequelis, bona et catalla waviata bona et catalla felonum et fugitivorum utlagat. attinct. et in exigend. posit. escaetas, relevia, extrahur. libertates, franchisesias, jura, jurisdictiones, privilegia, ac omnia alia proficua, commoditates, possessiones, et hereditamenta nostra quaecumque cum suis pertinentiis universis, scituata, jacen. et existent. in Eynesham, alias dict. Ensham, alias dict. Egnesham, Brokceud, Castelton, Rowlandrythe Parva, al. dict. Rowlrith, al. Rowlrythe, Milcombe, Wooddeton, al. dict. Woodeaton, al. dict. Woodeton, Milton, Chorleburye, Faller, Fynstoke, Northlyle, Wylcott, Shyfford, et Bampton, al. dict. Bamton, in dicto com. nostro Oxon. ac in Fulbroke, Eynesham in com. nostro Buk. et in Wykerysden in dicto com. nostro Glouc. dicto nuper monasterio de Eynesham, al. dict. Ensham, al. dict. Egnesham, nuper pertinen. seu spectan. aut percella possessionum, reventionum, seu proficuum ejusdem nuper monasterii dudum existen. Ac etiam reversionem et reversiones omnium et singulorum eorundem scitus maneriorum, rectoriarum, messuagiorum, terrarum, tenementorum, et caeterorum omnium et singulorum praemissorum, cum suis pertinentiis, ac reddit. revenciones et caetera annualia proficua quaecumque super quibuscumque dimiss. seu concess. praemiss. seu alicujus inde percellae facta, reservata, adeo plene et integre, ac in tam amplis modis et forma, ac cum omnibus ejusmodi libertatibus, warrennis, franchisesiis, privilegiis, et commoditatibus prout Anthonius Dunstone nuper abbas dicti nuper monasterii de Eynesham, al. dict. Ensham, alias dict. Egnesham, aut aliquis seu aliqui praedecessorum suorum Abbatum ejusdem nuper monasterii, aut aliquis alius seu aliqui alii in jure ejusdem nuper monasterii, aut ultimus abbas dicti monasterii de Abendon aut aliquis vel aliqui praedecessorum suorum virtute literarum nostrarum patentium, aut virtute literarum patentium aliquorum progenitorum nostrorum regum Angliae praescriptione vel aliquo alio modo eadem scitum, maneria, rectorias, terras, tenementa, redditus, reversiones, servitia, obventiones, et caetera eadem praemissa, cum suis pertinentiis dict. nuper monasteriis de Eynesham et Abendon dudum spectan. pertinen. aliquo tempore ante hac habuit, tenuit, usus fuit, seu gavisus fuit, habuerunt, tenuerunt, usi fuerunt, seu gavisus fuerunt, aut habere, tenere, uti, vel gaudere possit aut valeat, possint aut valeant, potuit aut valebat, potuerunt aut valebant, ac adeo plene et integre, et in tam amplis modis et forma, ac cum omnibus consimilibus libertatibus, franchisesiis, privilegiis, et warrennis prout eadem scitus, maneria, rectoria, messuagia, terrae, tenementa, redditus, reversiones, servitia, obventiones, et caetera eadem praemissa cum suis pertinentiis ad manus nostras quoquo modo devenerunt seu devenire debuerunt, ac in manibus nostris jam existunt seu existere debent vel debe-

rent, exceptis omnino nobis haeredibus et successoribus nostris, reservatis omnibus et omnimodis advocacionibus, donationibus, nominationibus, et patronatibus ecclesiarum, vicariarum, cantariarum, et capellarum dicto nuper Monasterio de Eynesham, al. dict. Ensham, al. dict. Egnesham, non appropriat. aut aliquibus praedictorum maneriorum, terrarum, seu tenementorum spectan. vel pertinen. praeter praedictas advocaciones, patronag. et iura patronat. ecclesiarum et vicar. de Eynesham et Chorleburye praedict. ac praeter advocaciones, patronag. et iura patronat. ecclesiarum de Woodeton, al. dict. Wodeton, et Rowlandrythe Parva, al. Rowlrith, praefato Edwardo Northe per praesentes concess. Quae quidem scit. maneria, rectoria, messuagia, terr. tenementa, et caetera singula praemissa dicto nuper monasterio de Eynsham dudum spectan. et pertinen. sunt clari annui valoris, praeter advocat. et boscos praedictos trescent. nonaginta quinque librarum. Ac praedict. claus. terrae et pasturae vocat. le Frithe dicto nuper monasterio de Abendon dudum spectan. et pertinen. sunt clari annui valoris trium librarum novemdecem solidorum et quatuor denariorum et unius obuli. habend. tenend. et gaudend. praedict. domum et scitum dicti nuper monasterii de Eynesham, al. dict. Ensham, alias dict. Egnesham, ac omnia praedicta maneria de Eynesham, al. dict. Ensham, alias dict. Egnesham, Brokceud, Rowlandrythe Parva, alias dict. Rowlrythe, Milcombe, Wooddeton, Milton, Chorleburye, Faller, Fynstoke, et Shyfford, cum omnibus et singulis eorum membris, juribus, et pertinentiis, ac totum praedictum manerium de Wykerysden cum suis juribus, membris, et pertinentiis in dicto comitatu nostro Glouc. ac praedictum clausum terrae et pasturae vocat. le Frythe cum suis pertinentiis, ac praedictas rectorias de Eynesham, alias dict. Ensham, alias dict. Egnesham, Faller, Fynstoke, Chadlyngton, Short Hampton, Chilton, et Chorleburye, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis, ac etiam omnia et singula praedicta messuagia, terras, tenementa, redditus, reversiones, servicia, prata, pascua, pasturas, boscos, subboscos, advocaciones, ac omnia et singula caetera praemissa (exceptis praexceptis) praefato Edwardo Northe, haeredibus et assignatis suis, imperpetuum, tenend. praedictum scitum, maneria, rectorias, ac caetera singula praemissa, de nobis haeredibus et successoribus nostris in capite, per servitium militare, videlicet per servitium vicesimae partis unius feodi militis, ac reddendo annuatim nobis, haeredibus, et successoribus nostris, pro praedict. scitu dicti nuper Monasterii de Eynesham ac manerio, mesuag. terr. tenementis, rectoria, et caeteris praemissis in Eynesham praedict. ac pro praedicto clauso vocato le Frythe viginti octo libras decem solidos et sex denarios, ac pro praedicto manerio de Brokceud et caeteris praemissis cum suis pertinentiis in Brokceud et Castelton praedict. duodecim solidos et octo denarios bonae et legalis monetae nostrae Anglicanae, ac pro praedicto manerio de Rowlandrythe Parva, et caeteris praemissis cum suis pertinentiis in Rowlandrythe Parva praedicta septemdecem solidos bonae et legalis monetae nostrae Anglicanae, ac pro praedicto manerio de Milcombe et caeteris praemissis cum suis pertinentiis in Milcombe praedicta decem solidos et octo denarios bonae et legalis monetae nostrae Anglicanae, ac pro praedictis maneriis de Wooddeton et Milton, et caeteris praemissis cum suis pertinentiis in Wooddeton et Milton praedictis triginta solidos bonae et legalis monetae nostrae Anglicanae, ac pro praedictis maneriis de Chorlebury, Faller, et Fynstoke cum pertinentiis, ac pro praedictis rectoriis de Chorleburye, Faller et Fynstoke, Chilton et Shorthampton, et caeteris praemissis, cum suis pertinentiis in Chorleburye, Chadlyngton, Faller, Fynstoke, Northelye, Wylcott, Shorthampton, et Chilton praedict. octo libras bonae et legalis monetae nostrae Anglicanae, ac pro praedicto manerio de Shyfford et caeteris praemissis cum suis pertinentiis in Shyfford et Bampton praedict. quadraginta quinque solidos et duos denarios sterling. ac pro praedict. terris, tenementis, et caeteris praemissis, cum suis pertinentiis, in Fulbroke Eynesham praedict. in dicto com. nostro Buk. sex solidos et decem denarios bonae et legalis monetae nostrae Anglicanae, ac pro praedicto manerio de Wykerysden cum suis pertinentiis in dicto com. nostro Gloucestr. ac pro praedictis terris, tenementis, et caeteris praemissis, cum suis pertinentiis, in Wykerysden praedicta, in dicto com. nostro Gloucestriae, tresdecem solidos bonae et legalis monetae nostrae Anglicanae, ad praedictam curiam nostram Augmentationum revencionum coronae nos.

træ ad festum sancti Michaelis archangeli singulis annis solvend. pro omnibus aliis serviciis et demandis quibuscumque proinde nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris quoquo modo reddend. solvend. vel faciend. Et ulterius de uberiori gratia nostra, et ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, ac pro considerationibus supradictis, volumus ac per præsentis pro nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris damus et concedimus præfato Edwardo Northe, hæredibus et assignatis suis, quod idem Edwardus, hæredes et assignati sui deinceps imperpetuum de tempore in tempus annuatim habebunt, tenebunt, utentur, et gaudebunt, ac habere, tenere, uti, et gaudere possunt et valeant, et eorum quilibet habere, uti, et gaudere possit et valeat vis. francipleg. et cur. et omnia quæ ad visum franc. pleg. et curiam pertinent, assisam et assaiam panis, vini, et cervisiæ, bona et catalla felonum et fugitivorum utlagatarum et in exigend. positorum, attinctorum, felonum de se, bona et catalla waviata, extrahur', et liberam warrennam de et in omnibus et singulis prædict. scitu, maneriis, terris, tenementis, et cæteris omnibus et singulis præmissis cum suis pertinen. superius per nos per præsentis præfato Edwardo Northe, hæredibus et assignatis suis in forma prædicta dat. et concess. ac de et in qualibet eorum percella, necnon omnia et omnimoda, tot, talia, tanta, hujusmodi et consimilia libertates, franchises, jura, jurisdictiones, privilegia, proficua, et emolumenta quæcumque de et in omnibus et singulis eisdem scitu, maneriis, messuagiis, terris, tenementis, et cæteris omnibus et singulis præmissis cum suis pertinen. ac de et in qualibet eorundem percella, quot, quanta, qualia, et quæ ac eisdem et consimilibus modo et forma prout ultimus abbas dicti nuper monasterii de Ensham aut ultimus abbas dicti nuper monasterii de Abendon aut aliquis seu aliqui prædecessorum suorum abbatum eorundem nuper monasteriorum aut eorum alterius aut aliquis alius sive aliqui alii in jure nuper monasteriorum illorum aut eorum alterius aliquo tempore antehac, virtute literarum nostrarum patentium, aut virtute literarum aliquarum patentium aliquorum progenitorum nostrorum regum Angliæ præscriptione aut aliter seu aliquo alio modo habuerunt, tenuerunt, usi fuerunt, seu gavisii fuerunt, habuit, tenuit, usus fuit, seu gavisus fuit, aut habere, tenere, uti, seu gaudere debuerunt, aut debuit. Et insuper de ampliori gratia nostra ac pro considerationibus supradictis, dedimus et concessimus ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris per præsentis damus et concedimus præfato Edwardo Northe, hæredibus et assignatis suis, quod ipse, hæredes et assignati sui habeant, teneant, et gaudeant annuatim unum Mercatum apud Chorleburye prædicta annuatim singulis septimanis, videlicet die Veneris, tenend. Ac volumus ac per præsentis pro nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris concedimus quod præfatus Edwardus Northe, hæredes et assignati sui, habeant, teneant, gaudeant, et utantur, ac habere, tenere, uti, et gaudere possint

et valeant mercatum illud una cum stallagio, tolneto, picago, libertatibus cur. pedis pulverati, franchises, privilegiis, et liberis consuetudinibus quibuscumque ad mercatum pertinent. ad usum proprium prædicti Edwardi, hæredum et assignatorum suorum prædictorum absque compoto seu aliquo alio proinde, nobis, hæredibus, vel successoribus nostris quoquo modo, reddendo, solvend. seu faciend. Damus itaque et concedimus præfato Edwardo Northe omnia exitus, redditus, revenciones, et proficua omnium et singulorum prædictorum scituum, maneriorum, messuagiorum, terrarum, tenementorum, rectoriarum, et omnium et singulorum cæterorum præmissorum cum suis pertinentibus a festo Annunciationis beatæ Mariæ Virginis ultimo præterito hucusque provenien. crescen. seu emergen. habend. et tenend. eadem exitus, redditus, revenciones, et proficua præfato Edwardo Northe de dono nostro absque compoto seu aliquo alio nobis, hæredibus, vel successoribus nostris quoquo modo reddendo, solvendo, seu faciendo. Et ulterius volumus pro consideratione prædicta, ac autoritate nostra regia qua fungimur, ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, per præsentis concedimus præfato Edwardo Northe, hæredibus et assignatis suis, quod idem Edwardus, hæredes et assignati sui habebunt, tenebunt, et gaudebunt, et in usus suos proprios convertent, ac habere, tenere, ac gaudere, ac in usus suos proprios convertere possint et valeant omnes et singulas prædictas rectorias de Eynesham, Faller, Fynstok, Chadlington, Shorthampton, Chilton, et Chorleburye, et earum quamlibet cum earum pertinentibus universis, ac omnes et omnimodas decimas, oblationes, obventiones, et cætera singula præmissa eisdem rectoriis seu earum alicui spectan. sive pertinen. adeo plene et integre, ac in tam amplis modo et forma prout dictus nuper Abbas dicti nuper monasterii de Eynesham aut aliquis vel aliqui prædecessorum suorum in jure ejusdem nuper monasterii easdem rectorias et cætera præmissa eisdem rectoriis seu earum alicui spectan. sive pertinen. aut aliquam inde percellam habuit, tenuit, vel gavisus fuit, ac in usum suum proprium convertebat, habuerunt, tenuerunt, seu gavisii fuerunt, ac in usus suos proprios convertebant, seu habere, tenere, vel gaudere, ac in usus suos proprios convertere potuit aut potuerunt, debuit aut debuerunt, ratione aut modo quocumque; volumus etiam pro consideratione prædicta, ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris per præsentis concedimus præfato Edwardo Northe quod habeat et habebit has literas nostras patentes sub magno sigillo nostro Angliæ debito modo fact. et sigillat. absque fine seu feodo, magno vel parvo, nobis in hanaperio nostro seu alibi ad usum nostrum quoquo modo reddendo, solvendo, seu faciendo, eo quod expressa mentio, &c. In cujus rei, &c. Teste rege apud Terlynge, xvij^o die Julij anno regni regis Henrici octavi xxxv^o.

Per breve de privato sigillo.

NUM. LV.

*Com. Ozon. } Sequuntur Valores divers. Maneriorum, Rectoriarum, Terr. et Tenement. in Com. prædict. quondam
Glouc. } parcell. Possessionum nuper Monasterii de Eynesham in dicto Com. Ozon. ac cujusdam Claus. Pasturæ
Buk. } voc. le Fryth jacen. infra Parochiam de Eynesham quondam parcell. nuper Monasterii de Abendon in
eodem Com. per Dominum Regem nunc, Henricum vij^m. per Literas suas Patentes sub magno Sigillo suo Angliæ
cuidam Georgio Darcy milit. hæred. et assignat. suis imperpetuum dat. et concess. ac per eundem Dominum Regem
ab eodem Georgio Darcey et Edwardo Northe milit. nuperrime de novo habit. et perquisit. prout inferius plenius
continetur.*

[Ibid. fol. 160.]

Manerium de Eynesham cum rector. ibidem ac cum quodam claus. vocat. le Frythe infra parochiam de Eynesham,	val. in	Red ^d . assis. tam liberorum et custum tenen. ac tenen. ad voluntatem domini, de anno in annum, quam firm. divers. terr. et teñt. ac ij. molen. dinorum sub uno tecto, dimiss. inter divers. tenen. per Indentur. pro termino annorum, ac cum redd. cujusdem teñt. cum certis terris eidem pertin. jac. infra parochiam de Wightham modo in tenura cujusdam Roberti Howes, necnon exitu scitus manerii sive domus nuper monasterii de Eynesham, cum duobus columbariis, stabulis, orreis, et aliis domibus et edificiis superastan. ac cum pomariis, gardinis, ortis, et aliis suis pertin.

		<p>infra præcinctum ejusdem man . . . ac etiam cum terris dominical. modo in tenura præfati Georgii Darcy militis ad volunt. necnon exit. et proficua rectoriæ de Eynesham ut in x^{mis}. garbarum et fœni in tenura ejusdem Georgii Darcy ad volunt. similiter existen. una cum profic. et perquis cur. et let. ac al. casual. ibidem communibus annis acciden. prout per supervis' ejusdem manerij plenius liquet et apparet</p> <p>Firm. cujusdam claus. pastur. in Eynesham parochia voc. le Fryth nuper parcell. possessionum nuper monasterii de Abendon modo in tenura cujusdam Johannis Aburye reddend. inde per annum</p>	<p>ccxxxix^{li}. xix^s. iiij^d.</p> <p>iiij^{li}. xix^s. iiij^d. ob.</p>	<p>ccxliij^{li}. xviiij^s. viij^d. ob.</p>
	Mis. et Repris.	<p>Annual. x^{ma}. domino regi reservat. videlicet pro dicto manerio de Eynesham xxviiij^{li}. xix^s. x^d. et pro dicto claus. voc. le Frythe x^s. viij^d. in toto per annum xxviiij^{li}. x^s. vj^d. Feod. ball. colligent. reddit. prædict. per annum liij^s. iiij^d. Feod. seneschalli ejusdem manerii de Eynesham ac omnium maneriorum subsequen. per annum xl^s. in toto per annum</p> <p>Et sic valent clar. per annum . . . ccx^{li}. xiiij^s. x^d. ob.</p>	<p>xxxiiij^{li}. iiij^s. x^d.</p>	
Manerium de Chorleburye cum membris,	valet in	<p>Redd. assis. tam liberorum et custum. tenen. in Chorleburye, Chadlington, Fawler, et Fynstoke, quam firm. unius tenementi in Wilcote cum terr. arrabil. prat. et pastur. eidem tenem. pertin. modo in tenura cujusdam Ricardi Eiton. Necnon firm. cujusdam molendini aquatici scituat. in Fawler cum terr. eidem pertin. dimiss. cuidam Johanni Hunte per indentur. Ac etiam firm. scitus manerii cum terr. dominical. modo in tenura Johannis Aburye per indentur. ut dicitur. Ac etiam exit. et profic. rectoriarum de Chorleburye, Chadlington, Shorthampton, Chylferton, Fawler, et Fynstoke, modo dimiss. dict. Johanni Aburye, Thomæ Brigges armig. et Willielmo Goughe, per indentur. ut dicitur, unacum proficuis et perquis. cur. let. et al. casual. ibidem communibus annis prout per supervis' ejusdem manerii simili modo apparet</p>	<p>iiiij^{xx}. iiiij^{li}. xix^s. j^d.</p>	
	Mis. et Repris.	<p>Annual. x^{ma}. domino regi reservat. per annum viij^{li}.</p> <p>Feod. ball. ibidem per annum xl^s.</p>	<p>x^{li}.</p>	
Manerium de Brookehend,	valet in	<p>Firm. ejusdem manerii cum terr. prat. past. et pastur. eidem pertin. unacum redd. tam librorum quam nativorum et custum. tenen. eidem manerio pertin. prout modo ad firmam insimul dimittuntur cuidam Johanni Hacher assignat. Willielmi Barton per indentur. pro termino cert. annorum reddend. inde per annum</p>	<p>vj^{li}. vj^s. viij^d.</p>	
	Mis. et Repris.	<p>Annual. x^{ma}. domino regi reservat. per annum</p> <p>Et sic valet clar. per annum . . . cxiiij^s.</p>	<p>xij^s. viij^d.</p>	
Manerium de Milcombe,	valet in	<p>Redd. assis. liberorum et custum. tenen. eidem manerio spectan. jac. infra parochias de Bloxham et Wiggington per annum sol. ad ij. anni terminos</p>	<p>vj^{li}. xix^s. viij^d.</p>	
	Mis. et Repris.	<p>Annual. x^{ma}. domino regi reservat. per annum</p> <p>Et rem. clar. per annum . . . vj^{li}. ix^s.</p>	<p>Inde x^s. viij^d.</p>	
Manerium de Shefforde,	valet in	<p>Redd. assis. tam librorum et custum. tenen. in Shefforde, Cote, Aston, Ducklington, et Stanlake, quam firm. scitus manerii cum terr. dominical. eidem pertin. modo dimiss. cuidam Stokes per indentur. pro termino annorum necnon in profic. et perquis. cur. ibidem communibus annis</p>	<p>xxiiij^{li}. vj^s. xj^d.</p>	
	Mis. et Repris.	<p>Annual. x^{ma}. domino regi reservat. per annum</p> <p>Et sic valet clar. per annum . . . xxj^{li}. xxj^d.</p>	<p>xlvi^s. ij^d.</p>	
Rowlith alias Rowlandrith,	valet in	<p>Firm. ejusdem manerii cum omnibus terris et ten. pratis, pascuis, pasturis, ac redd. eidem manerio pertin. prout modo dim. ad firmam per indentur. pro termino certorum annorum nondum expirat. reddend. inde per annum</p>	<p>viij^{li}.</p>	
	Mis. et Repris.	<p>X^{ma}. annual. domino regi reservat. per annum</p> <p>Et sic valet clar. per annum . . . vij^{li}. iiij^s.</p>	<p>xvj^s.</p>	

Woodeaton et Milton,	{	valet in	Redd. assis. tam custum. tenentium ad voluntatem domini, de anno in annum, quam firm. scit. ejusdem manerii cum terr. dominical. eidem pertinen. modo dimiss. cuidam Johanni Bolte pro termino annorum in toto per annum . . .	xv ^{li} .
		Mis. et Repris.	Annual. x ^{ma} . domino regi reservat. per annum	xxx ^s .
			Et sic valet clar. per annum	xij ^{li} . x ^s .

Com. Glouc.

Wike Risenden,	{	valet in	Firm. ejusdem manerii cum omnibus terris, tenementis, pratis, pascuis, et pasturis eidem pertin. prout modo dim. ad firm. cuidam Roberto Mynchen per indentur. pro termino annorum ut dicitur, reddend. inde per annum . . .	vij ^{li} .
		Mis. et Repris.	Annual. x ^{ma} . domino regi reservat. per annum	xiiij ^s .

Com. Buck.

valet in	{	Firm. ejusdem manerii cum omnibus terris et tenementis, pratis, pascuis, et pasturis, ac redd. et al. s. pertinen. eidem manerio quovismodo pertinen. sive spectan. prout modo ad firmam dim. cuidam Georgio Gifford per indentur. pro ter- mino certorum annorum nondum expirat. reddend. inde per annum	{	iiij ^{li} . viij ^s . iiij ^d .
Mis. et Repris.	{	Annual. x ^{ma} . domino regi reservat. per annum	}	vj ^s . x ^d .
		Et sic valet clar. per annum lxj ^s . vj ^d .		

Summa totalis valoris dict. terrarum } ccclij^{xx}. xvij^{li}. xix^s. iiij^d. ob. } Mis. et Repris. { xlix^{li}. xix^s. ij^d.
et possessionum per annum
Et sic valent clare per annum ccclix^{li}. ij^d. ob.

The Maner of Eynesham in the countie of Oxforde,	{	Furst in one woode there called the Highwood being coman contenythe by estimacion a thowsand acres and above being of the age of iiij ^{xx} . and c. yeres grouthe, whiche sayde wood called Highwood and w ^t . sundrye percelles of woode and heggerowes growing as well within certeyne closes percell of the demeanes as in and upon certeyne customarye holdes there, over and besydes timbre sufficient reserved for repairing of tenements for the tenants there sworne and charged upon the same to be worthe to be solde, the some of	M.M. m ^{ks} .
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The Maner of Chorlebury,	{	Item there is diuerse copices of woods growing within the saide Manoure of Chorleburye of sundrye yeres growthe conteynyng in all by estimacion to the nombre of cccc. acres, all whiche ys valowed yerely one acre with another with the woodde oppon the same to be worthe xij ^d . an acre, which ys yerelye in the hole xx ^{li} . which extendeth to be sold to the sum of	cccc ^{li} .
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The Maner of Woodeaton,	{	Item there ys growing within the saide Manoure of Woodeton one wood severallye enclosed conteinyng by estimacion xl. acres which wood w th . the soyle of the same ys valowed to be worthe yerelie xij ^d . the acre, which to be sold extendeth to the some	xl ^{li} .
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Sum of the valowe of all the saide woodes, with the soyle of the same, extendeth to } M.DCC.lxxij^{li}. vj^s. viij^d.
the some of

COMPUT^r MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 31 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

EYNESHAM NUPER MONASTERIUM.

Com' Oxon ^s			£.	s.	d.
Erdyngton	Firma Rector'		7	0	0
Thame	Pen ^{cō}		0	11	0
Cirencest ^r	Pen ^{cō}		0	10	0

Com' Oxon'		£.	s.	d.
Glouc'	Pençò	0	4	0
Oxon'	Pençò de Colleg' Bē Marie	0	8	0
Letcombe Basset	Pençò Rector'	0	13	4
Chorlebury	Pençò Vicar'	1	0	0
Showldren	Pençò Rector'	2	13	4
Saresden	Pençò Rector'	0	13	4
Heyforde apud Pontem	Pençò Rector'	1	0	0
Wescote	Pençò Rector'	0	6	8
Rowlyght	Pençò Rector'	0	10	0
Wotton	Pençò Rector'	0	6	8
Burleyfelde	Decim'	0	5	0
Bruerne	Pençò	2	0	0
Baldon	Pençò de Decimis	0	12	0
Strotton et Clifton Mills	Decim'	1	12	0
Wroxton	Decim'	0	3	0
Wynkeforde Feng	Pençò	0	1	0
Dodersmills	Pençò	1	0	0
Catesham Mills	Pençò	0	10	0
Catokesham	Pençò	0	6	8
Southnewyngton	Rector'	8	0	0
Carsyngton	Rector'	12	6	8
Mykelton	Firma Maner'	80	4	0
Norton Broyne	Rector'	10	0	0
Southstoke	Maner' et Rector'	53	6	8
Thedbury	Rector'	10	0	0
Banbury	Terr' et Decim'	4	13	4
Cropredy	Decim', Mes', &c.	5	13	4
Oxon' Vill	Teñta, &c.	1	6	8
Meryton	Rector'	2	10	0
Summa totalis recept'		182	2	4

Monastery of Burton upon Trent,

IN

STAFFORDSHIRE.



observes, that the boundaries of the lands in this Charter

Y a singular mistake, Sir William Dugdale, having found a Charter of King Eadred, given to one Wulfric in the year 949, of lands in Burgetune, took it for granted that this Wulfric was Wulfric Spott, and Burgetune the place where the abbey of Burton upon Trent was afterwards founded.^a Mr. Graves, however, in the Appendix to Hemming's Chartulary, p. 640,

are ascribable to "Burton on the Water" in Gloucestershire, and are verbatim in the Evesham Register, to which that village belonged.^b

The abbey of Burton upon Trent was really founded by Wulfric Spott, whose liberal donations for the support of the monks are minutely detailed in his will, printed by Sir William Dugdale in the original Saxon, to which a Latin translation is appended, together with the modern names of the different vills and manors mentioned in it.^c

Wulfric Spott appears to have been an officer attached to the court of King Ethelred, whose Charter of confirmation, dated in 1004, will also be found in the Appendix.^d The Polychronicon, Brompton, &c. date Wulfric Spott's foundation in 1002.^e The portion of his paternal inheritance with which he endowed the monastery (for he did

^a See the Charter in the App. of Instruments, Num. I.
^b See the Cotton MS. Vespas. B. xxiv. foll. 36, 66, 68 b.
^c Num. III. ^d Num. IV.

^e "Anno Domini millesimo secundo—Hoc anno fundatum est monasterium de Burton super Trent a quodam Wulrico Sponte, rege annuente." Brompt. Script. X. col. 885.

not give it all) is said to have been valued, even at that period of time, at seven hundred pounds.^a For a confirmation of his will, Wulfric Spott gave to the king two hundred marks or mancuses of gold, two silver-hilted swords, and four horses (two with caparisons and two without), together with the arms appertaining to each. To every bishop he gave five mancuses of gold, and to the two archbishops ten each. To Archbishop Ælfric he gave moreover the manor of Dumelton in Gloucestershire, which had been taken from the monastery of Abingdon.^b He also constituted King Ethelred sovereign lord, and Ælfric and Ælfhelme his brother protectors of the monastery and its possessions.^c

The church of Burton Abbey was dedicated to the blessed Virgin Mary, and St. Modwen: although in Domesday, as well as in many of the Charters to this monastery, it is called the abbey of St. Mary only. St. Modwen, or Modwenna, was an Irish saint, who lived as an anchorite several years near this place, in an island of the Trent called Andredesey, where she was buried. Her reliques were afterwards enshrined in this Abbey, which, on her account, according to Leland, was sometimes called MODWENNESTOW.^d St. Modwen's epitaph is thus given by Camden:

"Ortum Modwennæ dat Hibernia, Scotia finem,
Anglia dat tumulum, dat Deus astra poli.
Prima dedit vitam, sed mortem terra secunda,
Et terram terræ tertia terra dedit.
Aufert Lanfortin quam terra Conallea præfert,
Felix BURTONIUM virginis ossa tenet."^e

The following was the return of the possessions of Burton Abbey at the formation of the Domesday Survey, A. D. 1087.

In *Warwickshire*, the church of Burton held two hides and a half at Aldlyvestrev, which had been given to the monks by Earl Leoric. In *Staffordshire*, the abbey held a hide and a half in the vill of Stadford; a hide and a half in Brantestone; a hide and a half, with their appendages, in Witmere; a hide and a half in Stratone; half a hide, with its appendages, in Brunlege; three virgates of land in Derlavestone; three virgates in Lege; three virgates, and their appendages, in Acovre; a hide in Witestone and Nauuen; and half a hide in Beddintone. In *Derbyshire*, ten carucates at Ufre, including the berewicks of Ufre Parva, Findre, and Potlac, with the soke of Snellestone, Beruerdescote, Dellingeberie, Hougen, Redlesleie, Sudberie, Hiltune, and Sudtun; in Apleby five carucates; two carucates in Wineshalle; two carucates in Cotes, or Cotune; four carucates in Stapenhille; two carucates in Caldewelle given by King William the Conqueror;^f and five bovates and the third part of another bovat in Tichenballe.^g The total value of the lands in the three counties amounting to the annual sum of 39*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.*^h

^a See Num. II. The book of Abingdon, there quoted, says that Wulfric Spott gave the monastery the whole of his paternal inheritance; but this is evidently in contradiction to his Will.

^b Ibid.

^c Shaw, in the History of Staffordshire, conjectures this Wulfric Spott to have been the same person with Alfric, who was afterwards so traitorous in his conduct to King Ethelred; of whom see Dugd. Bar. tom. i. p. 7. The "Historia Fundatoris et Abbatum" in the Burton Register, says, that Wulfric Spott was killed by the Danes at Ipswich on the 11th kalends of November, A.D. 1010. His body was interred in the cloister at Burton. See Num. XXII.

^d Lel. Collect. tom. ii. p. 408. See also Tann. Notit. Mon. Staff. III. note i.; Gale, tom. iii. lib. vi. p. 256; Capgrave, in Vita; Butler's Lives of the Saints, edit. 8vo. Dubl. vol. viii. p. 52; and, above all, the Acta Sanctorum of the Bollandists, month of July, tom. ii. p. 241. St. Modwen has been already mentioned as the person who induced King Egbert to found the nunnery of Pollesworth in Warwickshire. See vol. ii. of the present Work, p. 365, App. Num. II. She had before established two famous nunneries in Scotland; one at Sterling, the other at Edinburgh.

^e Camd. Brit. edit. Gough, 1789, vol. ii. p. 377. Shaw, in his Hist. of Staffordshire, Burton upon Trent, vol. i. p. 1, says, "It is specified in a curious Rental of the earl of Uxbridge, written in the third year of Edward VI. that Andrew's Isle, alias Mudwin's Chapel, was then let to John Hewit, at will, at the annual sum or rent of three shillings and three pence. The situation is at this day known to be that insulated meadow between the two branches of the river opposite to the church: and there is a part of the water well known at this day by the name of Modwen's or Mudwin's hole. Dr. Plot also notices St. Modwen's well here, like other holy wells, as famous for the cure of the king's evil, and other extraordinary cures."

^f *Witmere*, *Wightmere*, or *Whitmore*, is a small member of VOL. III.

Two Extents of the lands belonging to this abbey in the reign of Henry the First, one in the time of abbat Nigel, the other in the first year of abbat Geoffrey, A. D. 1114, 14 Hen. I. are given by Shaw in his Appendix.¹ About this time, Shaw adds, there was a great dispute between Robert de Ferrers and Geoffrey abbat of Burton, concerning part of a wood between Balea and Watsches Broc, extending through Stanbruge, Hinfold, and Mere-wey, claimed by the monks; when, at length, the said Robert, struck, as the deed expresses it, with the fear of God, and commanded by the king, appointed himself protector and friend of the church; upon which the monks granted to him the said wood for twenty shillings per annum, and he gave them permission to send two carts to his wood to carry for themselves fire-wood of the dead wood in Nedwode. This agreement was first made in Tutbury castle, and afterwards confirmed in the chapter of Burton. Among the witnesses were Robert bishop of Chester, William Peverell, whom the king had sent to make this Agreement, &c. It was afterwards confirmed by several charters of William earl de Ferrers, grandson of Robert, who likewise granted to the monks twenty shillings rent from his mill at Bartone.²

In the Burton Annals, under the year 1114, is this entry, "Inchoatio Burtoniensis ecclesiæ."³

The liberties and privileges of this monastery were confirmed by King Henry the First,⁴ King Stephen, and King Henry the Second, who also granted to it a charter of free-warren.⁵ A charter of confirmation of privileges is likewise extant from Adeliza, queen of Henry the Second.⁶ Pope Lucius the Third, by a bull dated Sept. 9th, 1185, ordained that the rule of St. Benedict should for ever be observed here: he also confirmed all grants which had been or might thereafter be made to the monks, reckoning up the particulars of such as had been bestowed upon them to that time; adding the usual blessing and imprecation.⁷ King William the Conqueror's donations to Burton, in this Instrument, are noticed at greater length than in the Burton Annals. The liberties of Burton monastery were also confirmed by the several charters of Robert and Roger, bishops of Chester, and Walter and Richard, bishops of Coventry. About the time of Henry the Third, Shaw adds, Alan archdeacon of Stafford, A. de Stanes dean of Pirehill, and A. de Jebbeseia, his successor, confirmed the liberties of the monks.⁸

The charter of liberties granted to the monastery by King Henry the Third in the 11th year of his reign, will be found in the Appendix of Instruments,⁹ together with another charter, granted at the same time, for a market and fair at Bromley: the former to be held weekly, on Tuesdays; the latter annually, to continue three days, upon the eve of St. Bartholomew and two following days.¹⁰

Burton, situated in the meadows about half a mile north of the town, where was formerly a large grange belonging to the abbey. King Ethelred granted it to Wlfget, the first abbat in 1012, in consideration of the payment of seventy pounds. The king's charter (with the boundaries of the land annexed) is printed by Shaw, Hist. Staff. vol. i. p. 19; together with abstracts of some other Instruments relating to Withmere, pp. 20, 21. Abstracts of Instruments relating to *Brantestun*, another hamlet of Burton, also occur pp. 21, 22; of Scobenthal, or Shopnall, an ancient grange about a mile west from the town, belonging to the abbey, p. 23; of Horninglow, pp. 24, 25; and of Stretton, p. 26.

¹ The Annals of Burton say that King William also gave to the monastery the two Ufres, with all their land beyond the Dove, and Eclusa. See Num. XVII. sub an. MLXXXVII.

² Rolueston, or Rolleston, in Derbyshire, is, of course, unnamed in the Domesday Survey of the abbey property. King Ethelred's Charter, granting Rolueston in exchange for Eldeswirthe and Elfredinton, to abbat Wulfget, on account of the distance of these places from the abbey is printed by Shaw, Hist. Staff. vol. i. p. 28, from the Register of Burton, together with the boundaries of the manor, in Saxon. In the reign of Edward the Confessor it had become the lordship of Earl Torti; at whose death the king gave it to Morcar, earl of Northumberland.

³ See Num. V.

⁴ Hist. Staff. vol. i. App. to Burt. up. Trent, p. 1.

⁵ Hist. Staff. vol. i. p. 3, from Reg. Burton. p. 34.

⁶ See Num. XVII. sub. an.

⁷ App. Num. VI.

⁸ Num. XI. Afterwards confirmed by King John.

⁹ Num. XII.

¹⁰ Hist. Staff. ut supr. p. 3, from Reg. Burton. p. 40.

¹¹ Num. XV.

¹² Num. XVI. The following extract from a tenure roll of the

The Burton Annals contain the proceedings in the time of abbat Laurence, in the reign of Henry the Third, respecting the bridge at Egenton over the Dove, now called Monks Bridge; the inhabitants of which place were desirous to throw the burthen of repairing the bridge upon the abbey.^a

In the 14th of Edw. II. Thomas earl of Lancaster, being at the head of a formidable insurrection against the king, did much injury to Burton upon Trent. The abbey suffered so much at this time from the depredations of his followers, that the king gave to the monks the advowsons of the churches of Tatenhill and Hanbury, which were among the earl's property forfeited to the crown.^b

ABBATS of BURTON.

WLFGET, or WLFGETUS, has been already mentioned as the first abbat, A. D. 1004. He died in 1026.

BRITERIC, or BRICRIC, succeeded in 1027. He, as well as Wlfget and their five immediate successors, were originally monks of Winchester. Briteric died on Sunday the 12th of the kalends of May, A. D. 1050.

LEUBRIC, or LEURIC, became abbat in 1051. He died on the 8th of the ides of January, A. D. 1085. In the same year

GEOFFREY DE MALA TERRA became abbat. He was deposed in 1094, in the seventh year of William Rufus, for wastefulness and mismanagement in the concerns of the monastery. His successor was

NIGELL. He died on the 6th of the ides of May, A. D. 1113.

GEOFFREY became abbat in 1114. He died in 1151. He is stated to have taken great pains in ascertaining the legend of St. Modwen; and to have added a campanile, or bell tower, to the choir of the church.

ROBERT succeeded Geoffrey. The date of his election in the Annales Monast. Burton. is 1150. He also was deposed, A. D. 1159, for alienating the possessions of the monastery.

BERNARD, who had previously been a monk of Gloucester, and then abbat of Cerne, succeeded to the abbacy of Burton, upon relinquishing his former preferment, in 1160. He is stated to have recovered for his house the vill of Cotes, or Coton, which his predecessor had alienated to one who was sheriff of Staffordshire. The vill, however, remained long afterwards in litigation. Upon Bernard's death, in 1175, abbat

ROBERT was restored. His second abbacy, however, continued but a year and half. He died on the 15th of the kalends of December, 1177.

ROGER MALEBRAUNCH, prior of Great Malvern, became abbat of Burton in 1178. He died on the 2d of the nones of May, A. D. 1182.

RICHARD, prior of Rochester, became the next abbat. His death is placed on the 13th of the kalends of May, A. D. 1188.

NICHOLAS, prior of Abingdon, succeeded Richard. He died on the ides of December, A. D. 1197.^c His

Charters to the Monks of Burton, "de Camera," and "de Coquina," are printed by Shaw in his History of Staffordshire.^d

WILLIAM MELBURNE, a monk of Reading, was the next abbat. The Annals of Burton place his election in the year 1200.^e He appears to have been a great benefactor to the building of the town of Burton, where he also established first a fair and market. Other of his benefactions are recorded in the "Historia Fundatoris et Abbatum."^f Shaw has printed his Charter endowing the almshouse of the monastery.^g Abbat Melburne died on the 8th of the kalends of August, A. D. 1210. His successor is stated to have been

ROGER, a monk of Normandy. The Annals of Burton, however, do not place his entrance as abbat till 1215. "Eodem anno venit Rogerus abbas Normanniae."^h The "Historia Fundatoris et Abbatum" places abbat Roger's death on the 18th of the kalends of October, 1218: the Annals of Burton say in 1216; in which they are supported by the entry upon the Patent Roll announcing the royal assent to the election of

NICHOLAS DE WALINGFORD, who had previously been prior of Burton.ⁱ The "Historia Fundatoris et Abbatum" places this abbat's death on the 4th of the kalends of August, 1222.

RICHARD DE INSULA, prior of St. Edmundsbury, received the royal assent to his election June 10th, 6 Hen. III.^k He was afterwards made abbat of St. Edmundsbury. The Annals of Burton place his death in 1233.^l

LAURENCE, a monk of Burton, was the next abbat. The Patent Roll calls him LAURENTIUS DE SANCTO EDWARD. The royal assent was given to his election July 25th, 1239.^m He died on the 6th of the nones of July, 1260, and was buried in the church of Burton, between the altar of the Martyrs and the Mary-chapel. The building of the latter is said to have been begun in his time.ⁿ

JOHN DE STAFFORD, prior of the monastery, was elected abbat upon Laurence de St. Edward's death. The royal assent was given to his election July 15th, and the temporalities restored to him July 26th, 1260.^o He resigned his office on Sunday the 19th of the kalends of February, 1280, having been a monk of Burton sixty years; and died in the same year on the 8th of the kalends of March. He was interred near the centre of the Mary-chapel, which had been finished in the time of his abbacy by prior Michael de Mercinton.^p

THOMAS DE PAKINTON, monk and prior of Burton, had the king's assent given to his election Feb. 8th, and the temporalities restored Feb. 20th, 1281.^q He died on the kalends of October, 1305, and was interred in the church of Burton, before the high altar, under a marble stone bearing a cross fleury on the top. This stone appears afterwards to have been removed by abbat Feylde to Andreseye, and placed upon the tomb of St. Modwen. During abbat Pakinton's time the upper chancel of the church of Burton was rebuilt.^r

JOHN FISHER, alias STAPENHULL, called in the patent roll JOHN DE BURTON, had the temporalities of the

hundred of Offlow, preserved among the Harleian Charters in the British Museum, K. 10, explains the property and privileges of the monastery in that district about the year 1255.

"Abbas de Burton tenet in elemosynam de domino rege Burton, Horningelowe, Stretton, et Bromteston. Et habet apud Burton forum, tolnetum, nundinas bis per annum, et liberam curiam in qua placitat omnia placita excepto placito namii vetiti. Et habet warennam, nescitur quo waranto, et visum franciplegii, et sunt in dictis tribus villagiis, scilicet Horningelowe, Stretton, et Bromteston, cum villenagio de Burton sex hidas geldabiles et reddunt per annum vicecomiti pro visu franciplegii unam marcam, et ad auxilium vicecomitis et ad Wakefeg unam marcam pro dictis hidis geldabilibus sectam ad comitatum et ad hundredum per attornatum. Et dictus abbas ab anno regni regis Henrici qui nunc est xxviij^o. attraxit ad liberam curiam suam de Burton predictas sex hidas geldabiles, de assisis scilicet panis, cerevisie, et sanguinis effusione, unde dominus Rex damnificatus est pro dicta attractione xl. sol. scil. ad dimidiam marcam per annum. Sciendum est quod dictus abbas cepit unum waiffum, scilicet unum bovettum brunum de pretio ij^o. anno xxxiv. nescitur quo waranto.

"Petrus de Tok Ansindeleg de abbate de Burton de libertate sua per servitium unius marce per annum, et habet visum franciplegii sine vicecomite. Et est in dicta villa una hida."

^a Num. XVII.

^b Compare the Instruments, Numm. XIX. XX.

^c Hitherto the dates of the respective abbats have been obtained partly from the "Historia Fundatoris et Abbatum" printed in the Appendix to the present History, Num. XXII. and partly from the Annals of Burton printed by Gale.

^d Hist. Staff. tom. i. App. to Burton upon Trent, pp. 2, 3. See the latter charter in the Appendix to the present Account, Num. XIV. To this last charter the second abbat Nicholas, about the year 1120, made an augmentation. See Shaw, ut supr.

^e A. D. MCC. "Eodem anno venit abbas Willielmus Burtoniam ad Purificationem beate Mariæ."

^f Num. XXII.

^g Hist. Staff. tom. i. App. to Burton upon Trent, p. 3.

^h Gale, tom. i. p. 270.

ⁱ "Pat. 18 Joh. m. 2, Sept. 28. Rex præb. assens. elect. Nicholai, quondam prioris, in abbatem Burton." Harl. MS. 6957.

^k Pat. 6 Hen. III. m. 3.

^l Gale, Script. tom. i. p. 285.

^m Pat. 13 Hen. III. 25 Jul. m. 5.

ⁿ Hist. Fundat. et Abb. App. Num. XXII. 17.

^o Pat. 44 Hen. III. m. 6.

^p Hist. Fundat. ut supr. tit. 18: where his benefactions to the monastery, of a minor kind, are enumerated.

^q Pat. 9 Edw. I. p. 1.

^r Historia Fundat. &c. ut supr. tit. 19.

monastery restored to him Nov. 1st, 1305, his election as abbat having been previously confirmed by William de Eadburbury, vicar general to the bishop of Coventry and Litchfield, then abroad.^a The "*Historia Fundatoris et Abbatum*" speaks of him as a benefactor to the buildings of the monastery, and places his death on the 8th of the kalends of July, 1316. He was buried before the high altar of the abbey church, on the right of abbat Pakinton.

WILLIAM DE BROMLEYE, or BROMLEGH, according to the entry on the Patent Roll, received the royal assent to his election June 15th, and the temporalities July 12th, 1316.^b He died on the 11th of the kalends of July 1329; and was buried before the high altar, on the left of abbat Pakinton. It was during the time of this abbat that the Earl of Lancaster's rebellion took place.^c Upon abbat Bromleye's death the convent of Burton appears to have been divided as to the choice of a successor; one party choosing *Roger de Bylington*, a monk of the house, as abbat, the other choosing *Robert de Longedon*, prior of Tutbury, and both applying to the king for his assent, which was refused to both.^d The bishop of Coventry and Litchfield, however, ultimately appointed

ROBERT DE LONGEDON to the vacancy; to whom the temporalities were granted Sept. 10th, 1330.^e This abbat built what was called the chapel of the Confessors, and also began the erection of the chapter-house. He died on the 4th of the kalends of March, 1340.

ROBERT DE BRYKHULL received the royal assent to his election March 27th, and had the temporalities granted to him April 5th, 1341.^f Upon his death,

JOHN DE IBESTOCK was elected abbat. The temporalities were restored to him Sept. 5th, 1348.^g

THOMAS DE SOUTHAM, or SODETHOM, received the temporalities Oct. 20th, 1366.^h Upon his resignation,

JOHN DE SUDBURY was elected abbat; to whom the temporalities were granted Dec. 16th, 1400.ⁱ He resigned in 1423: in which year, on Sept. 21st,

WILLIAM MATTHEWE received the temporalities.^k He resigned Sept. 6th, 1430.

ROBERT OWNESBY was elected abbat Sept. 29th following.^l The royal assent was given to his election Oct. 7th, and the temporalities restored Oct. 14th.^m Abbat Ownesby resigned Jan. 24th, 1432.ⁿ

RALPH HENLEY was elected Feb. 7th following.^o The temporalities were restored to him March 10th.^p Upon Henley's resignation,

WILLIAM DE BROUSTON, or BRONSTON, was elected abbat. He received the temporalities March 17th, 1455.^q Upon his death,

THOMAS FELDE, or FEYLDE, was elected abbat. He received the temporalities April 13th, 1474.^r

WILLIAM FLEGHE received the temporalities as abbat Sept. 3d, 1494.^s He died May 14th, 1502. He was succeeded by

WILLIAM BONE, or BEYNE; to whom the temporalities of the monastery were granted June 8th, 1502.^t

JOHN BEATON, or BOSTON, as he is called in the "*Historia Fundatoris et Abbatum*," was the next abbat. Upon his resignation,

WILLIAM EDYS was elected. He received the temporalities April 13th, 1534;^u and on Nov. 14th, 1539, surrendered his monastery to the king.^v

The monastery of Burton upon Trent was valued, in the 26th year of Henry VIII. according to Dugdale, at the sum of 267*l.* 14*s.* 3*d.* per annum: according to Speed, at 356*l.* 16*s.* 3*d.* But in the Record in the First Fruits Office, according to Tanner, the whole yearly valuation of this monastery was 501*l.* 7*s.* 0*d.*: from which sum, after 89*l.* 0*s.* 2*d.* had been deducted for reprises, there remained clear 412*l.* 6*s.* 10*d.*^w

Bishop Tanner says, about Nov. 3d, 1541, King Henry the Eighth founded on the site and in the Church of this Monastery a COLLEGE of a DEAN and CANONS, to the honour of Jesus Christ and his mother Mary; and granted, for their support, the manor of Burton, and thirteen other manors, &c. belonging to the monastery.^x

This foundation consisted of a dean and four prebendaries only. WILLIAM EDYS, the last abbat, was the dean:^y *John Rudde*, B.D., *James Townley*, *Robert Moore*, and *Roger Ball*, the first prebendaries.

The Collegiate Church, however, was but of short continuance;^z for it was dissolved before Jan. 31st, 1545;^{aa} when all the lands and endowment of the same were granted by the king to Sir William Paget, his secretary; from whom they have descended to the present Marquis of Anglesea.

The only REGISTER of Burton abbey at present known is that which Dugdale saw in 1650; now, together with numerous detached Charters, in the Marquis of Anglesea's possession.^{ab}

^a Pat. 33 Edw. I. p. 2.

^b Pat. 10 Edw. II. p. 1.

^c *Historia Fundat. &c.* ut supr.

^d "Pat. 3 Edw. III. p. 1. Discordia in elect. abbatibus de Burton super Trent. Quidam elegerunt fratrem Rogerum de Bylington; alii elegerunt fratrem Rob. de Longedon priorem de Tuttebury in abbatem suum. Uterque personaliter accedunt ad regem pro assensu suo, sed denegat propter discordiam, 27 Jul." MS. Harl. 6959, p. 28.

^e Pat. 3 Edw. III. p. 2. "Episcopus Cov. et Litchf. propter discordiam in el. abbatibus de Burton super Trent. cassavit electionem et prefecit fratrem Rob. de Longedon in abbatem ejusdem. Rex reddit temporal. 10. Sept." Ibid. p. 30.

^f Pat. 14 Edw. III. p. 1.

^g Pat. 21 Edw. III. p. 2.

^h Pat. 40 Edw. III. p. 2.

ⁱ Pat. 2 Hen. IV. p. 1.

^j The Harleian catalogue of manuscripts, describing a collection of formulæ of Instruments from the Registers of the bishops of Litchfield and Coventry, num. 2179, notices the following, at fol. 29 b. of that manuscript, which would readily account for abbat Sudbury's resignation:

"Commissio sub mutue vicissitudinis obtentu. In causa fratris Johannis Sudbury abbatibus monasterii de Burtone super Trentam, gravia crimina adulterii et incontinentiæ cum Margeria Stretton de Magna Overa, et Agnete uxore Petri Gibbone commisit, ac eisdem mulieribus in criminibus hujusmodi sæpius et notorie adhebat, easdemque in ipsis criminibus publice tenuit, in animæ suæ grave periculum, Ordinisque et religionis suorum scandalum manifestum, aliorumque exemplum perniciosum."

^k Ann. Mon. Burton. Gale, tom. i. p. 448.

^l Pat. 9 Hen. VI. p. 1.

^m Gale, ut supr.

ⁿ Ibid.

^o Pat. 11 Hen. VI. p. 1.

^p Pat. 33 Hen. VI. p. 2.

^q Pat. 13 Edw. IV. p. 1.

^r Pat. 9 Hen. VII.

^s Pat. 17 Hen. VII.

^t Pat. 25 Hen. VIII.

^u Rym. Fœd. tom. xiv. p. 669. The following were the Annuities and Pensions still chargeable in the 2d & 3d of Phil. and Mar.

"BURTON super MONAST. Feod. Franc. comit. Hunt. superius generalis omnium possessionum dicti nuper monasterii per annum lxvj*l.* viij*l.* Annuis Johannis Gilbert per annum xx*l.* Johannis Stone per annum xxvj*l.* viij*l.* Willielmi Cartalage per annum lxvj*l.* viij*l.* Roberti Holder per annum xxvj*l.* viij*l.* Christoferi Fulchawe per annum xxvj*l.*

vij*l.* Willielmi Butts per annum xxvj*l.* viij*l.* Willielmi Caldewall per annum lx*l.* Georgii Stonynge per annum xl*l.* Roberti Bradshawe per annum iiij*l.* Johannis Norton per annum xxvj*l.* viij*l.* Johannis Adams per annum liij*l.* iii*l.* Johannis Moreley per annum xx*l.* Hugonis Wrighte per annum xxvj*l.* viij*l.* Christoferi Palmer per annum xxvj*l.* viij*l.* Willielmi Dedicke et Edmondi fil. ejus per annum xl*l.* Johannis Pomerton per annum xxvj*l.* viij*l.* Edmundi Lomen' per annum lx*l.* Roberti Bradshawe per annum lx*l.* Johannis Blounte per annum c*l.* Johannis Sedgewike per annum lxvj*l.* viij*l.* Edmundi Twynhoo per annum c*l.* Johannis Bradshawe per annum liij*l.* iii*l.* Walteri Browne et Ricardi Cotton per annum xl*l.* Penc. Willielmi Fysshier per annum vj*l.* Willielmi Symonds per annum c*l.* Humfridi Cotton per annum xl*l.* Roberti Brocke alias Broke per annum lxvj*l.* xiiij*l.* iii*l.* Johannis Rudde per annum xv*l.* Rogeri Bulle per annum xiiij*l.* vj*l.* viij*l.* Johannis Jermy alias Heron per annum vj*l.* xiiij*l.* iii*l.*

^v Tann. Notit. Mon.

^w Ibid.

^x The precise time of dean Edys' death is not recorded. Cole says, "He willed in 1544 to be buried on the south side of the high altar of Burton collegiate church." MS. Cole, Brit. Mus. vol. xxvii. fol. 89 b.

^y Bishop Tanner says, the dean and chapter were required by their Charter to lay out more in alms, and towards repairing highways, yearly, than the king's other new foundations in the cathedrals of Rochester, Bristol, Chester, Carlisle, Peterborough, or Ely. See Rym. Fœd. tom. xv. pp. 77, 78.

^z Shaw, Hist. Staff. vol. i. p. 8, says, it was in the month of October, 37 Hen. VIII. that the dean and prebendaries, by deed enrolled in Chancery, surrendered the church and all their lands to the king.

The following is the notice of the Pensions payable in the 2d & 3d Phil. and Mar. to the canons who had surrendered. "BURTON super COLLEG. Penc. Johannis Cartor nuper canonic. ibidem per annum vj*l.* Roberti More nuper præbendar. ibidem per annum xvij*l.* Willielmo Sutton un. minorum canonicorum ibidem vj*l.* Willielmi Hether nuper epistolar. ibidem per annum c*l.*"

^{aa} Bishop Tanner adds the following references to Records which have not been already noticed:

"Fin. 5 Hen. III. m. 4. Plac. de banco, 8 Hen. III. Mich. rot. 14, de commun. pastur. in Overe. Ibid. 9 Hen. III. Mich. rot. 20, pro triginta acris in Overe, Derb. Plac. de banco, 10 Hen. III. Hill. rot.

Shaw, in his History of Staffordshire, has engraved a fragment of the common SEAL of the ABBEY, the area representing St. Modwenna seated on a church; together with a smaller Seal, appendant to a Deed of the year 1498, bearing the inscription, SIGILL · ABBIS · ET · CO · DE · BVRTONA. He has also engraved the Seals of the following abbats: abbat Nicholas, 1188—1197, with a counter-seal representing a head, and the inscription, SANCTA MODWENNA; William Melburn, 1197—1210; Laurence, 1229—1260; John de Stafford, 1280; Thomas de Packinton, 1287; Thomas Southam, 1391; and a seal of 1441, probably of Ralph Henley.

The SEAL of the COLLEGIATE CHURCH is also engraved in Shaw's History. It represents our Saviour and his disciples at the last Supper, with the Arms of the Abbey below. Round the area, SIGILL · CŌE · DECANI · ET · CAPITVLI · ECCLESIE · COLLEGIATE · XPI · BVRTONIE · DE · TRNT.

A south view of this ABBEY and CHURCH was engraved by Hollar, in 1661, for the former edition of the Monasticon, vol. ii. p. 870. Shaw says, it is difficult to reconcile every part of this print with a ground-plan which he discovered amongst the abbey records at Beaudesert. The plan, an outline of which is engraved in his History, shows the form

and dimensions of the church; being in length two hundred and twenty-eight feet, and in breadth fifty-two feet and a half; the wall of it being five feet thick, having a tower at each end corresponding with those represented in Hollar's elevation. The cloister adjoining to it on the south side was a hundred feet square; and adjoining to that, on the south, was the fraytor, or common sitting-room, ninety-six feet in length, and thirty in breadth. On the east side of this was the dortor, or dormitory, a hundred feet in length and ten in breadth, with three other chambers annexed to it on the north. On the west of the cloister were the abbat's three chambers, &c. There were, also, two spacious gardens walled about.*

Shaw says, some considerable remains of the cloisters are still visible in the old walls between the present church of Burton upon Trent and the bowling-green, in which are several curious old arches; and beyond this, close to the river, are some other remains, represented in his History, plate III. In the work entitled the Beauties of England and Wales, vol. xiii. p. 757, is an engraving of some further remains of that part of the monastery which was appropriated to the abbat for his private residence, now called the old manor house.

Cartae ad Burtonense Coenobium in agro Staffordiensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

Carta Eadredi Regis.

[Ex vetusto exemplari in Bibl. Cottoniana, an. 1652.]

✠ EADREDUS rex Anglorum gloriosissimus, rectorque Northanhumborum, et paganorum imperator, Brittonumque propugnator, quem rex regum omnipotens regali gubernatione confulgoravit; quique rex confert alacriter larga lucra lictoribus, ut deinceps accipiat charitatis charismata. Ejus donum dignanter ritè refert cum cæteris Wulfric miles, de perenni hujus ruris libertate, quod sibi nunc atque suis contulerat hæredibus perfruendum, in Burgetune nuncupatum, taliterque terminatum in xij. ^b cassatibus.

✠ Ðij rýnb ðana tþentizer hýba land gemæra to Buphtune. æþert of Wipýrþorþa anblanz þeær to Pippennerþenne. of Pippennerþenne anblanz glæþer on Tþucanþene. up anblanz bene to ðære Spelþtope. rýþþan

þlang Foþt to ðan ealþan rice wýþ Slohterþorþ. anblanz rice on Penþur. anblanz rþeameþ eft on Wipýrþorþ.

✠ Ðon iþ ðij ðana vii. hýba land gemæra æt Wæþelþaner-býrþ ðe hýþ into Buphtune. æþert of Wæþelþaner-býrþ on Deopancumb. of Deopancumb on Cþenenabþoce. up be ðam zeþhte to ðam beorþan. of ðam beorþan on Fýrþille. of Fýrþille on Wæþþille. of Wæþþille on Sealterþille. of Sealterþille anblanz bþoce to ðam gþeatan ðorþne. of ðam ðo þne on ðorþneorþ. of ðorþneorþe on Foþt. eft anblanz Foþt ðæt monþa eo on Pænþic. up on rþeam of ðone Gapan Supþeapþne. of ðam Gapan on Horþýt. of Horþýt eft on Foþt. wýþ rþþan ðone Gapan. anblanz Foþt eft on Wæþelþaner býrþ.

✠ Ðon iþ ðij ðana vii. hýba land gemæra æt Dezeleþþorþa ðe hýþ into Buphtune. æþert of Blæþene on Wúler hlæþ þ rþþ up to Heorþþune. to Hþettanþaneþþýlle. of Hþettanþaneþþýlle on Heorþþnoc. of þam bþoce on ða rþige. anblanz rþige on ða bic. anblanz

12, de terris in Wilderton, Derb. Cart. Claus. 11 Hen. III. m. 10. Fin. 11 Hen. III. m. 6. Fin. Warw. 55 Hen. III. n. . pro advoc. eccl. de Adulvestre.

"Pat. 2 Edw. I. m. 1, d. de commun. pastur. in Overe Magna et Parva. Pat. 3 Edw. I. m. 11, de commun. pastur. in Drokelow. Assis. in com. Derb. 8 Edw. I. rot. 6, pro maner. de Cotes. Pat. 10 Edw. I. m. 1. Pat. 13 Edw. I. m. 17 vel 18. Pat. 18 Edw. I. prope fin. rot. Escaet. Derb. 28 Edw. I. n. 45, de terris in Overe Parva. Pat. 28 Edw. I. m. . Pat. 32 Edw. I. m. 9 vel 10.

"Pat. 1 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 9. Pat. 4 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 10, de mess. et terris in Northwyke juxta Wigorn. Brev. 6 Edw. II. Trin. rot. 7, pro libertat. Pat. 16 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 14, pro eccl. de Adulvestre, Warw. approprianda. Pat. 17 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 14, dorso, pro maner. de Adulvestre.

"Pat. 10 Edw. III. p. 1, m. . Pat. 11 Edw. III. p. 3, m. 20 vel 21. Pat. 17 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 28 vel 29. Pat. 18 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 11 vel 12. Pat. 30 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 22. Pat. 43 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 40.

"Pat. 7 Ric. II. p. 2, m. 20. Pat. 9 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 20. Rec. in Scacc. 18 Ric. II. Trin. rot. 19. Pat. 22 Ric. II. p. 2, m. 1.

"Pat. 9 Hen. IV. p. 2, m. 6.

"Pat. 1 Hen. V. p. 5, m. 10.

"Pat. 18 Hen. VI. p. 3, m. 14.

"Pat. 8 Edw. IV. p. 1, m. 9. Escaet. Staff. 13 Edw. IV. n. 67.

"Pat. 33 Hen. VIII. p. 4, m. . 3 Nov. de dotatione collegii Burton. Rec. in Scacc. 36 Hen. VIII. Hill. rot. 29, 34, de literis regis nunc patent. pro erectione cujusdam Collegii Christi et B. Mariæ in Burton super Trent."

Nasmith, in his Catalogue of the Manuscripts at Corpus Christi or Benet college Cambridge, num. cxi. p. 278, notices "Carta Athelstani regis de fundatione monasterii de Burton." For Athelstani, we should probably read Æthelredi.

In the Register of Tho. Arundel archbishop of Canterbury are,

"Querela abbatis et conventus monasterii de Burton Coventr. dioc. contra detinentes cartas et munimenta dicti monasterii, dat. apud Lamehith viij. die Decembris A. D. 1399," fol. 423 b.

"Cessio fratris Thomæ de Southam abbatis monasterii de Burton," fol. 485 b.

"Professio fratris Johannis abbatis monasterii de Burton Cov. et Lichf. dioc. in Capella de Lambeth, xxj. die Dec. A. D. 1400," fol. 485 b. See Ducarel's Extracts from the Lambeth Registers, Brit. Mus. vol. xiii. p. 202.

^a Hist. Staff. vol. i. pp. 8, 9.

^b Forsan legendum xx. sic enim Saxon. pro nisi tþentizer, repennendū tþelftizer.

ðic on ða ƿræt to ðære oðere ƿræt. of ðære ƿræt on Beagan pille ƿlang bƿocer eft on Blædene.

[*Id est,*

✠ Hi sunt viginti hidarum terræ termini (vel, fines) ad Burtonam (pertinentium.) Inprimis à Withigforda per longitudinem (vel, tractum) viæ ad Pippenespenne, à Pippenespenne per longitudinem vallis ad Turcandene, sursum per longitud. vallis usque ad Spelstowe, inde per longitudinem fossæ ad veterem foveam juxta Slohterford, per longitud. foveæ ad Penris, per longitudinem fluminis iterum ad Withigfordam.

✠ Hi verò sunt septem hidar. terræ termini apud Mæthelgari burgum, qui ad Burtonam spectant. Inprimis à Mæthelgari burgo ad Deopcumbe, à Deopcumbe ad Quenebroce, à Quenebroce sursum recta ad montem (vel, collem:) à monte ad Fiscwille, à Fiscwille ad Maeswille, à Maeswille ad Sealtswille, à Sealtswille per longitud. amnis ad magnum spinetum, à spineto ad montem spinosum, à monte spinoso ad fossam; iterum per longitud. fossæ, aquæ (scil.) illius munimenti, ad Penric, sursum per flumen usque ad gurgitem versus austrum, à gurgite ad Horpyt, ab Horpyt iterum ad fossam ad austrum gurgitis, per longitud. fossæ iterum ad Mæthelgari burgum.

✠ Hi verò sunt septem hidar. terræ termini apud Daeglesford, quæ ad Burtonam pertinent. Inprimis à Blædene ad Mulli aggerem, quo ascenditur ad Heortdune (et inde) ad Whettanstaneswille, à Whettanstaneswille ad Heortbroce, à broce (i. amne) ad semitam, per longitudinem semitæ ad fossam, per longitudinem fossæ ad plateam illam usque ad aliam plateam, ad plateam usque apud Beaganwille, per longitudinem amnis iterum ad Blædene.]

✠ Actum est anno nongentesimo quadragesimo atque nono Dominicæ incarnationis, quarto quoque quo regebat Eadredus rex regimina, et cum archiepiscopis cæterisque consulis hanc tellurem ad Burghtune consignavit. ✠ Odo, Wulfstan, Theodred, Ælfhæh, Ælfred, Ælfric, Wulfsig, Æthelgar, Keonwald, Wulfhelm, Cynsige, Albred, roborabant conscribendo cum laicis. Howæl rex Marcant regulus, Osulf, Bebbæ, Æthelmund, Ælfhelm, Urin, Grim, Gunner, Uhtred, Ælfgar, Scule, Coll, Morcær, Wulfric, Berhtferth, Æthelgeard, Ælfnioth, Ælfhæh, Clate, Wigstan, atque Ælfsige, Dunstan abbas, et Oscetel cypcærþ (i. ecclesiæ custos, vulgò, gardianus) triumphali signaculo sigillabant cœlolenus titulantes (i. rem datam cœlo, Dei sc. protectioni, commendantes.)

NUM. II.

[Ex libro MS. Abendonensi quondam penes baronem de Fenton, fol. 101 b.]

In his diebus quidam minister Athelredi regis Anglorum, dictus Wulfricus Spot, construxit abbatiam Burtun vocatam, deditque ei omnem hæreditatem paternam, appreciatam dcc. libras. Et ut hæc donatio rata haberetur, dedit Athelredo regi, ccc. mancass auri, pro ejus confirmatione, et unicuique episcopo v. mancass, et duobus archiepiscopis x. mancass. Insuper Alfrico archiepiscopo Cantuariæ, villam Dumbaltunam, à prædecessoribus suis, ab ecclesia Abendonensi injustè ablatam, et unicuique abbatiæ libram auri, et unicuique abbatisæ v. mancass.

NUM. III.

Testamentum Wulfrici Spott, Cænobii fundatoris.

[Ex Registro de Burton penes Will. dominum Paget anno 1650, fol. 2 a.]

In nomine Domini. Hæc ƿutelaf Wulfric hƿ leofan hlaforþe hƿ cƿibe ƿ eallon hƿ ƿneonþon. þ ƿ ƿ ic zeann minum hlaforþe tƿa hund manceƿra ƿolþer. and tƿa ƿeolþor hulteb ƿƿeorþ. and ƿeoperi honƿ. tƿa ƿeƿabelod. and tƿa unƿeƿabelode. ƿ ða ƿæƿna ða ðæƿto ƿebýraþ. ƿ ic zeann ælcum biƿeoƿe v. manceƿra ƿolþer. ƿ ðam tƿam aƿcebiƿeoƿan heora æƿþnon týn mancƿra ƿolþer. ƿ ic zeann into ælcum munuc ƿeƿole. i. ƿunþ ƿ ælcon abbode. ƿ ælcon abbatiƿra. v. mancƿra ƿolþer. ƿ ic zeann Ælfrice aƿcebiƿeoƿe ðær lander æt Dumeltan ƿorþ miþ ðon oþra ƿor mine ƿeƿle. ƿiþ ðon ðe he

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ƿneonþ ƿ fultum ðe betere ƿý into ðære ƿeoƿe ðe ic ƿeƿorht hæbbe. ƿ ic zeanne Ælfhelme ƿ Wulƿaƿe ðæra landa betƿux Ribbel ƿ Wæƿre. ƿ on Wiphalum. þ heo hƿ dælan him betƿeonan ƿra hƿ eƿnoƿt maƿon. butan heora æƿþer hƿ aƿen habben pille. on þ ƿeƿab ðonne ƿceabþenƿe ƿý þ heora æƿþer ƿýlle. iii. ðƿenþ ƿceabþa into ƿære ƿeoƿe æt Býrtune. ƿ ic zeann Ælfhelm Rolƿertun. ƿ Heorleƿertun. ƿ ic zeann Wulƿaƿe ƿær lander æt Beorleƿertune. ƿ æt Wepchamtune. ƿ ic zeann Ælfhelme ƿær lander æt Cunuzerburh. ƿiþ þon þe he do þ þa munucar habban ælceƿeapne þƿudþan dæl ƿær ƿeƿer. ƿ he þa tƿa dæl. ƿ ic zeann Wulƿaƿe ƿær lander æt Aleƿalbertune. ƿ ic zeann Uƿeƿeate ƿær lander æt Norþtune. on þ ƿeƿab þ he ƿneonþ ƿ fultum þe betere ƿý into ƿære ƿeoƿe. ƿ ic zeann minne earman dehter ƿær lander æt Elleƿorþe. ƿ ƿær æt Æclea. miþ eallon þam þe ƿær nu to hýrþ þa hƿile ðe hƿe dæg biþ. ƿ oƿer hƿe dægga þ lande into ƿære ƿeoƿe æt Býrtune. ƿ heo hit naƿe miþ nanon þenƿe to ƿorþƿeƿenne. ac hæbbe heo þone bƿýce þa hƿile þe heo hit ƿeapman cann. ƿ ƿa hit ƿýþþan into ƿære ƿeoƿe æt Býrtune. ƿorþon þe hit ƿær mineƿ ƿodƿæder ƿýra. ƿ ƿiþ ƿile þ Ælfhelme ƿý hƿe munþ ƿ ƿær lander. ƿ þ æt Tomƿurþin hƿe to nanon ƿeoƿdome. ne nanon ƿeƿopenan men butan þ heo þone ealþorþdom hebbe. ƿ ic zeann Wulƿaƿe minan cnihte ƿær lander æt Balƿýbeleaze. ealƿra hƿ ƿæder hit him beƿeat. and ic beƿeþe Wopcar þ land æt Walerho. ƿ þ æt Deozenbeorþe. ƿ þ æt Hƿiteƿille. ƿ þ æt Clune. ƿ þ æt Barleburh. ƿ þ æt Ducemanneƿtune. and þ æt Monerburh. and þ æt Eccingtone. and þ æt Bectune. and þ æt Doneceƿtne. and æt Monhƿtone. and ic zeann hƿiþe Albulƿertne ealƿra hit nu ƿtont miþ mete and miþ mannun and ic zeann Ælfhelme minan meaze ƿær lander on Palteƿtune. and ƿær þe dæg þ me beƿeþ. and ic zeann Ælƿeƿce þ land æt Wibbetorþe. and þ æt Tronƿan hƿ dæg. and oƿer hƿ dæg ƿa þ lande ƿor mine ƿeƿle ƿ ƿor hƿiþe moder. ƿ ƿor hƿiþe into Býrtone. and þiþ ƿýnþ þa þe ic zeann land into Býrtone. þ ƿiþ æƿerte Býrtone þe þ mýn tƿe on ƿtent. ƿ Stƿæton. and Bƿomleaze. and Beðintune. and Gazeleaze and Witeƿtun. and Laƿanþorþ. and Stýnleaze. ƿ Nipantun æt ðære ƿic. ƿ Wæðebun. ƿ þ little land ðe ic ahon oƿer Nipantune. ƿ Wýnerhýlle. ƿ Suttun and Ticenheale. and æt Scenctune. and æt Wicƿertane. and æt Halen. and æt Remerleaze. and þ æt Sciplea. and þ æt Suƿtune. and þ æt Æctune tƿeƿra manna dæg ealƿra ða ƿeƿeƿorþ ƿƿeap. and Deorleƿertun. and þ ðær to heƿeþ. þ ƿiþ Rudeƿarþ. and min litle lande on Cotepaltune. and Leze miþ eallon ðam þ ðær to heƿeþ. Æcoƿne miþ ðam ðe ðær to heƿeþ. þ ƿiþ Hilum. and Celƿdum. and Cæteƿþurne. and þ heƿeƿeat land æt Suttune. and Wopleze. and Bƿæƿerhale. Woprtun. and eal ƿeo ƿocna ðe ðæƿto heƿeþ. and þ land þiþerunn æt Wýllerleaze. and Oƿƿobertun. and Winneƿelþ. and Snoderƿic. into Woprtune. and þ æt Taƿapýllan. and þ land æt Æppelbý þe ic ƿeƿohte miþ minum ƿeo. and æt Weƿtune. and Buphtun. and ƿeo hit æt Sceaƿnƿorþa into Wicƿertane. and þ æt Heƿeburƿebýrƿe. ƿ Ealƿeƿurþe. ƿ Ælƿnebingtone. ƿ Eccleƿhale. ƿ æt Wæðdune. ƿ an hida æt Sceaon. ƿ ic zeann ðon hƿeðe in Tamƿurþin þ lande æt Langandune ealƿra hi hit me æƿi toleton. ƿ habban hi ðone bƿýce healfne. ƿ healfne ða muneƿar into B. ƿe on mete. ƿe on mannon. ƿe on ƿƿe. ƿe on ælcon ðingon. ƿ ƿe biƿeoƿe ƿo to hƿiþe lande æt Bubandune. ƿ ƿor þa munucar into B. to þan þe on þam land ƿiþ. ƿe on mannon. ƿe on eallon ðingon. ƿ þ lande ðam biƿeoƿe æt ðære ƿýle. ƿ ic pille þ ƿe cýnþ beo hlaforþe ðær mýnƿer ðe ic ƿeƿimbneðe ƿ ðæra landara ðe ic þýðer inn beƿeðen hæbbe. Gode to loƿe ƿ to ƿurþmýnta. ƿor minan hlaforþe. ƿ ƿor minne ƿeƿle. ƿ Ælfric aƿceþ. ƿ Ælfhelm min bƿoþor. þ hƿ ben munþ ƿ ƿneonþ ƿ ƿeƿeƿeocan into ðære ƿeoƿe ƿiþ ælne ƿeƿenne man. heom to nanne aƿenþe æhta. butan into ƿanctur Benedictur ƿeƿole. ƿ ic zeann minne ƿodƿohtor Wopcar þ Ealdbýþe þ lande æt Stƿættune. ƿ ðone bule ðe ƿær hƿe ealþer moder ƿ into ðan mýnƿe æt Býrt. an hundra ƿilþra honra. ƿ xvi. tame hencƿeƿta. ƿ ðær to eall þ ic hæbbe. on libbandan. ƿ on licƿendan. butan ðan þe ic beƿeðen hæbbe. ƿ God Ælmihtig hine aƿende of eallum Godeþ dƿeame ƿ of ealne cƿurtenra ƿeƿmanan. ƿe ðe ðiþ aƿende butan hit min ane cýne hlaforþ

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ry. 7 ic hopige to him gpa zaban. 7 gpa milbheoptan þ he hit nylle rylf ban. ne eac nanum oþrum zeparian. Valete in Chpurto.:

Ðiſ iſ geſeoſ boc to ðan mýnſtre ſet Býrtune. ðe Æþelneð cýnſ æſne eceſlice zeſneode Gobe to lope 7 eallon hiſ halſan topeonþunge gpa gpa hit Wulfric ze-ſtaþelode for hune 7 for hiſ ylþena ſaple 7 hit mið munecon zeſette. þ ðær æſne inne ðær haðer menn un-ðer heopa abbude Gobe ðeopian æſter ſanctur Benebic-ur tæcincge.:

Quod Latine sic interpretamur.

In nomine Domini. Hic declarat Wulfricus dilecto domino suo testamentum suum, et omnibus amicis suis: hoc est, quod ego do domino meo ducentas marcas auri, et duos gladios cum manubriis argentatis, et quatuor equos, duos (scil.) ephippiatos, et duos sine ephippiis, et arma quæ ed spectant. Item do cuique episcopo quinque marcas auri, et duobus archiepiscopis, ipsorum (scil.) utrique, decem marcas auri. Item do unicuique regulæ monachicæ (vel, monachorum ordini) unam libram, et cuique abbati, et cuique abbatissæ quinque marcas auri. Item do Ælfrico archiepiscopo terras illas apud Dumeltun, unâ cum cæteris, pro animâ meâ, ut ipse amicus et adjutor ed propensior sit erga illum locum (monasterii scilicet) quem ego construxi. Item do Ælfhelmo et Wulfago . . . terrarum illarum inter Ribbel et Maerse, et in Wirhale, ut ipsi distribuunt inter se maximâ quâ possint æqualitate, nisi eorum uterque suam propriam (partem) habere malit, eâ lege, ut quando ad squatinas capiendas itum fuerit, uterque det tria squatarum millia loco illi apud Byrtune. Item do Ælfhelmo Rolfestun, et Heorelfestun. Item do Wulfago terras illas apud Beorelfestune, et apud Merchamtune. Item do Ælfhelmo terras illas apud Cunugesburh, dummodò ipse curet ut monachi habeant quotannis tertiam partem piscium, (ibi scil. capiendorum) et ipse duas partes. Item do Wulfago terras illas apud Alewaldestune. Item do Ufegeato terras illas apud Northtune, eâ lege, ut is amicus et adjutor ed propensior sit erga illum locum. Item do misellæ filiæ meæ, terras illas apud Elleforde, et illas apud Aclea, cum omnibus quæ ed nunc pertinent, quamdiu dies ejus fuerint, (i. e. quoad vixerit) et post dies suos, transeant illæ ad locum illum (monasterium scil.) apud Byrtune: ipsa autem (ita) possideat, ut nullo modo corrumpat, sed habeat usum fructum (earundum) quamdiu promereri possit (i. e. quamdiu benè se gesserit): transeat autem postea ad locum illum apud Byrtune, quoniam erat (fundus iste) susceptoris mei donum. Item volo quod Ælfhelmus sit ipsius patronus: terras autem illas, et illam apud Tomwurthin nulli subiciat servituti, nec cujusvis generis hominibus nisi ipsi principatum illum (quem hodie dicimus comitatum) habuerint. Item do Wulfgaro puero (vel, famulo) meo terras illas apud Baltrytheleage prout pater ejus ipsi illas conquisivit. Item Morcaro terram illam apud Walesho, et illam apud Theagendethorpe, et illam apud Whitewille, et illam apud Clune, et illam apud Barleburh, et illam apud Ducemannestune, et illam apud Moresburh, et illam apud Eccingtune, et illam apud Bectune, et illam apud Donecestre, et apud Morliltune. Item do uxori suæ Aldulfestreo, sicut modò constat, cum cibariis, (i. terræ fructibus) et hominibus (colonis scil.) Item do Ælfhelmo cognato meo terras illas in Paltertune, et illas quas (quidam) Segth mihi legavit. Item do Æthelrico fundum illum apud Wibbetofte, et illum apud Twongan, in dies (i. vitam) suos, et post dies suos transeat fundus ille pro animâ meâ, et pro matre ipsius, et pro suâ, in Byrtunam. Atquæ hæ sunt terræ quas ego do (monasterio apud) Byrtone, i. e. inprimis Byrtone, ubi monasterium illud fundatum constat, et Straeton, et Bromleage, et Bedintune, et Gageleage, et Witestun, et Laganford, et Styrleage, et Niwantun apud vicum, et Waededun, et agellus ille quem habeo in altera Niwentune, et Wyneshylle, et Sutton, et Ticenheale, et apud Scenctune, et apud Wiggestane, et apud Halen, et apud Remesleage, et (fundus) ille apud Sciplea, et ille apud Suthtune, et ille apud Actune, (quem teneo) in duorum hominum dies, (i. e. vitam) prout pactum loquitur, et Deorlafestun, quodque ed spec-

tat, id est, Rudegard, et agellus meus in Cotewaltune et Lege, cum omnibus ed spectantibus: Acofre, cum illis quæ ed spectant i. e. Hilum, et Celfedum, et Cetesthurne, et fundus ille hereoto (servitute sic dictæ) obnoxius apud Sut-tune, et Morleage, et Braegeshale, Mortun, et omnis illa jurisdictio (Normanno-Latinis franchisesia) quæ ed spectat, et fundus ille ed pertingens apud Wyllesleage, et Oggode-stun, et Winnefeld et Snodeswic ad Mortunam pertinens, et ille apud Tathawyllan, et fundus ille apud Aeppeby, quem emi pecuniâ meâ et apud Westune, et Burtune, et hida (terræ portio scil. alendæ uni familiæ sufficiens) apud Scearnford ad Wiggestanam pertinens, et ille apud Here-burgebyrige, et Ealdeswurthe, et Aelfredingtune, et Ec-cleshale, et apud Waddune, et una hida apud Sceon. Item do conventui in Tamwurthin fundum illum apud Langan-dune, sicut ipsi (monachi) illum mihi antehac locarunt, et habeant ipsi usum fructum (ejus) dimidium et dimidium monachi Byrtunenses, cum in cibariis, tum in hominibus, tum in pecudibus, tum in rebus omnibus. Et episcopus accipiat terram suam apud Bubandune, et accipiant mona-chi Byrtunenses, id quod in fundo illo existit, tam in ho-minibus, quàm in rebus omnibus, et fundum illum episcopo exinde tradant. Item volo ut rex sit dominus monasterii illius quod ego construxi et prædiorum illorum quæ ego illi legavi, Dei in laudem et honorem, pro domino meo, et pro animâ meâ. Et Ælfricus archiepiscopus, et Ælfhelmus frater meus, (volo) ut sint patroni, et amici, et advocati illius loci contra omnes homines, ab eis non in propriam (ipsorum) possessionem (capessendi) nisi secundum sancti Benedicti regulam (curam scilicet habeant ut res et bona loci nemini cedant in peculium, sed omninò pro regulæ S. Benedicti ratione disponantur). Item do filiæ meæ lustricæ (sive in baptismo à me susceptæ) Morcaræ et Ealdgithæ fundum illum apud Staettune, et bullam illam quæ fuit aviæ suæ et monasterio illi apud Byrtune (do) centum equos feros (vel, indomitos) et sedecim equos domitos, (forsan spadones) et præterea quicquid habeo, vivum (scil. sit) vel mortuum, præter ea quæ (supra) legavi. Et Deus omni-potens eam avertat ab omni divino gaudio, et ab omni Christianorum communione, qui hoc (testamentum) aver-terit, nisi meus proprius naturalis dominus sit. Quin et spero eum adeo bonum, adeoque misericordem (fore) ut nec id ipse facturus sit, neque etiam ab ullo alio fieri sit pas-surus. Valete in Christo.

Hæc est magnifica illa charta (charta donationis scil.) monasterii apud Byrtune, quod Æthelredus rex semper et æternum liberum fecit, Dei in laudem, omniumque sanc-torum ejus in honorem, sicut id Wulfricus antea stabilivit, pro suâ et pro antecessorum suorum animabus et id mona-chis assignavit, ut inibi semper hujus ordinis viri sub eorum abbate Deo serviant secundum sancti Benedicti doc-trinam (vel, institutionem.)

Locorum hic memoratorum (cum situ) nomina vetusta ex modernis illustrata.

Dumeltan.	Dumbleton in com. Glouc.
Ribble 7 Wæpre.	Lancastriæ pars, } Derby. tria (fortè) wa- } Leland. pentachia. } Salford.
Wiphalum.	Wyrehall, juxta Cestriam (viz. fo- resta de Wirehall.)
Rollfertun.	Rolleston, in comitatu Derb.
Heonelfertun.	Harlaston, juxta Clifton, in com. Staf- fordiensi.
Beonelfertune.	Barleston, in com. Stafford.
Wapchamtune.	Marchington, juxta Uttoxeter, in com. Staffordensi.
Cunugeſbuph.	Coningsborough, juxta Doncastre, in com. Ebor.
Alepalbertune.	Alveston, in com. Derbiensi.
Nophtune.	Norton, in com. Derb. (in Scars- dale.)
Elleponða.	Elleforde, in com. Staff.
Aclea.	Okeley, juxta Elleford.
Tompupþin.	Tameworth, in com. Staff.
Baltrýþeleage.	Balterley, in com. Staff.

* Aliquid hic deesse conjicio.

• vel, squatarum capiendar. tempore adveniente.

• Vel, hi sacris initiati.

Walerho.	Walshall, in comitatu Staff. fortassè.
Deogenbeponpe.	
Hpteppille.	Whittwell, in com. Derb.
Clune.	Clowne, in com. Notting.
Baplebhph.	Barlborough, } in com. Derb.
Ducemannerjtane.	Duckmanton, }
Wonejbuph.	
Ecomgtune.	Ekinton, in com. } Derb. }
Bectune.	Beyghton, in com. } in Scarsdale. Derb. }
Donecertne.	Doncastre, in com. Ebor.
Woplrjtune.	
Albulperjtneo.	Austrey, in com. Warw.
Paltejtune.	Palterton, in com. Derb.
Wibbetopte.	Wibtoft, in comitatu Warw.
Tpongan.	Tonge, in comitatu Leicestriensi, juxta Dunnington.
Scpæton.	Stretton juxta Burton, in comitatu Staff.
Bpomleaz.	Bromley-Abbots, in comitatu Staff.
Bebintune.	In comitatu Staff.
Gazeleaze.	
Nipantune.	
Wæbedun.	
Nipantune.	
Wynerphylle.	In comitatu Staffordiæ juxta Tutt- bury.
Suttun.	Sutton, in comitatu Derb. propè Tut- bury.
Ticenheale.	Tikenhall, in com. Derb.
Scenctune.	Shankton, in comitatu Leic.
Wiczejtune.	Wigston, (cum duobus campanilibus) in com. Leic.
Halen.	
Remerleaze.	Ramsley, in paroch. de Aveley, in comitatu Salopiensi.
Scplea.	Shipley, juxta Claverley, in comitatu Salopiensi.
Suptune.	
Actune.	Acton, in com. Staff. fortassè.
Deoplapejtune.	Dorlaston juxta Stone, in comitatu Staffordiæ.
Rubegapb.	Rudyard, in comitatu Staff.
Cocepaktune.	
Acoppe.	Okeover, } in com. Staff.
Hilum.	Iium, }
Celpbum.	
Cettejtupune.	Casterne, in com. Staff.
Sutton.	Sutton, }
Wopleza.	Morley, } in com. Derb.
Bpegephale.	Bredeshale, }
Woptun.	
Willejtza.	Wilsley, in comitatu Derb.
Oggobertun.	Ogston, in comitatu Derb.
Winnepelbe.	Wingfeild manerium, in comitatu Derbiensi.
Snobepjic.	
Woptun.	
Æppelbye.	Appleby, in com. Leicest.
Wertune.	Weston, in com. Derbiensi.
Buphton.	Burton super Trent, in com. Staff. ubi abbatia sita.
Scæpnponba.	Sharnford, in com. Leic.
Wiggejtune.	Wigstou Parva juxta Sharnford.
Henbungebijuz.	Harbury, in com. Warw.
Ælberjupb.	Aldsworth, in com. Notting.
Ælfnebjngtune.	Alfreton, in com. Derb.
Ecclejhale.	Eccleshall (in Scarsdale) in com. Derb.
Wabbune.	
Scæon.	Shene, in com. Derb.
Langandune.	Longdon, in com. Staff.
Bubandune.	Bubington, in com. Staff.

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Carta Æthelredi Regis.

[Adhuc ex eodem Registro, de Burton, fol. 1.]

POSTQUAM malesuada veneniferi serpentis suggestio pri-

um generis humani parentem, invidia fraudulentæ, se-
duxit edulio pomi, mortis continuè sententia, hujusque vitæ
ærumnosa ipsi protoplasto opponitur peregrinatio. Unde
et in posteros mortiferæ cumulus damnationis ob multiplices
iniquitatum exercitationes adeo excrevit, ut totius adin-
ventor maliciæ diabolus, ab ipsius quam prædiximus, radice
originis totam sibi fermè hominum progeniem, divina per-
missione, et culpa exigente, ad pœnas consociaret gehennales,
ejus tumidæ ab initio satellitumque conspirantium præpa-
ratas elationi, donec unicus æterni patris verbigena sub-
stantia, dolens perisse quæ suæ ymaginebatur similitudini
misterio secretiori in ultima seculi ætate virginea sese carne
velaret, ac verus Deus verusque homo inter homines sine
peccati macula in personæ conversaretur unitate. Idque
supernum concilium inimico in tantum celabatur, ut ipsum
gula, vana gloria, avaritia quibus armis primum prostraret
hominem, adgredi non diffideret; autumans ipsum qui to-
tius bonitatis fons caputque est laqueo iniquæ posse irretiri
prævaricationis; sed sacræ Scripturæ testimonio tertio ab
ipsa transverberatus veritate, umbras denuò victus repedit
infernales. Huic nostræ auctori salutis mox famulatus ad-
fuit angelicus. Eisque omnibus, ita ut diximus, humani-
tatis exactis, Jesus sancto reffectus pneumate, sapientia
ætate proficiens et gratia medicamenta restaurationis hu-
manæ tali protinus proposuit institutione, "Pœnitentiam
(inquiens) agite, appropinquabit enim regnum cœlorum."

Hæcque et alia suæ documenta pietatis multiplicis dig-
natus est confirmare signis miraculorum, cæcos illuminando,
surdis auditum reddendo, mutis loquendi officium, mancis
manuum utilitatem, claudis gradiendi possibilitatem, para-
liticis membrorum integritatem, leprosis corporis emunda-
tionem, lunaticis dæmoniis obscurum mentis, mortuis
vitam, vivis viam vitæ hujusmodi sententiis celerando:
"Currite dum lucem habetis ut non tenebræ vos compre-
hendant." Verumtamen hostis insidiis antiqui infidelium
corda Judæorum inter hæc omnia obduraverunt, ut ipsum
mediatorem Dei et hominum post illata probra et flagella
cruci adfigere animo non metuerint cæcato. Qui tamen
corpus animatum tertia die incorruptibile victor resumpsit,
et immortalis, discipulisque palandum clausis exhibuit ja-
nuis, quadraginta inter eos, crebrius illis apparendo, con-
versatus ymeras, illisque adstantibus et intuentibus die
quadragesima cœli petiit habitacula, collocans secum nostræ
carnis substantiam in paterna dextera throni, angelis hæc
verba apostolis pronunciantibus, "Sic veniet quemadmo-
dum vidistis eum euntem in cœlum." De quo adventus sui
die ita ipse prophetavit, "Dies," inquit, "ille, dies iræ, dies
calamitatis et miseriæ, dies tribulationis et angustię, dies
tenebrarum et caliginis, dies nubis et turbinis, dies tubæ et
clangoris."

Tanti siquidem formidine diei adtactus, et tam dis-
tricto judici placere gestiens, ego Æthelred rex Anglorum,
offero ipsi Domino nostro Jesu Christo, libertatem monasterii
cujusdam vulgari usu æt Byrtun appellati, ut sit semper
cum omnibus quæ sibi subjacent villulis, prædiis, campis,
silvis, pratis, pascuis, aquarum decursibus, piscationum
hostiis et cunctis necessitatis humanæ utensilibus, æterna
securitate liberrimum, ut illud nobilis progeniei minister
Wlfricus extruxit et collegio instituit monachico, dominium
loci et in eo habitantium, meæ regali committens domina-
tioni. Habeatque abbas vocabulo Wlfgat ad hoc ordina-
tus est primus, liberam facultatem interiùs exteriorisque sub
mea ditione illud gubernandi post posito cujuslibet alterius
hominis dominio.

Hæc verò libertas hujus privilegii annotatione ideo
roboratur, quatinus in ipso loco ejusdem quo prædiximus
ordinis familia jugiter regulari more sub abbate tunc sibi
prælati juxta S. militans Benedicti adgregetur, spesque
præscripti ministri qui hoc Christo contulit monasterium,
per puram in ipso habitantium conversationem, sanctamque
eorum intercessionem ad cœlestium remunerationem eriga-
tur divitiarum. Verum si quispiam altioris inferiorisve per-
sonæ hunc locum devastare, vel quicquam ex eo abstrahere
seu minuere aut in servitutem studuerit redigere, tribus
tantummodò exceptis, expeditione scilicet, arcis pontisve
constructione, sciat se à cœlesti alienigenari gloria, et ge-
hennalia subire tormenta, ubi vermis est non moriens et
ignis indeficiens dentiumque stridor intolerabilis, ni citiùs à
sua respiscat pravitate. E contrario, si quis hoc donum
quod Christo offertur augmentare voluerit, noverit cœlestia

se recipere præmia, ubi Christus omnia in omnibus, dies sine nocte, lux indeficiens, claritas sempiterna, vita perpetua, gloria ineffabilis, gaudium sine fine.

Hæc sunt nomina villarum quæ præfatus minister ipsi sancto devotissimè subegit monasterio.

Æneft Býntune þe þ mýnster on rent. 7 Strætun. 7 Bromleaze. 7 Bedintun. 7 Gageleaze. 7 Witeftun. 7 Lagantpode. 7 Stýncleaze. 7 Nipantun æt ðære pic. 7 Wædebun. 7 oþer Nipantun. 7 Winerhýlle. 7 Suþtun. 7 Ticenhealle. 7 þæt æt Scenctune. 7 þæt æt Halen. 7 Remeleaze. 7 ðæt æt Scipleia. 7 ðæt æt Suþtune. 7 þæt æt Actune tpeþna manna bæz ealþa ða foneþarþ þneocaþ. 7 þæt æt Oplæftune. 7 Leze mid eallon ðam ðe ðæpto hýpþ. Hilum 7 Acoppe mid eallon ða ðe ðar in to hýpþ. 7 Bræzþerheale. 7 Montun. 7 eal reo focna ðe ðæpto heþeþ. 7 Willeleaze. 7 Tapa pillan. 7 Æppelbý. 7 þæt æt Buphtune. 7 æt Weftune. 7 ðæt æt Witzeftane. 7 þæt æt Sceapnforða. 7 þæt æt Calþeþpýrþe. 7 ðæt æt Ælþneþincftune. 7 þæt æt Wabbune. 7 þæt æt Snobepic. 7 þæt æt Wýnneþelb. 7 þæt æt Oggeþeþtune forþ in mid Montune. 7 þæt æt Heþebunþebýpuz. 7 ðæt æt Eccleþhale. 7 þæt æt Suþtune. 7 þæt æt Monleze.

Scripta siquidem est hujus libertas privilegii anno ab incarnatione Domini nostri Jesu Christi miiij. indictione ij. horum testimonio sapientum, quorum nomina inferius annotata cernuntur.

Ego Æþelneþ rex Anglorum hoc donum perpetuū ditavi libertate. Ego Æþelstan filius regis. Ego Ecþþbýht filius regis. Ego Æðmund filius regis. Ego Æþþuz filius regis. Ego Æþgar filius regis.

Ego Ælþric archiepiscopus composui. Ego Wlþftan archiepiscopus conclusi. Ego Ælþheah episcopus consignavi. Ego Ælþhun episcopus consensi. Ego Lyuuuz episcopus condixi. Ego Æþelric episcopus confirmavi. Ego Ælþhelm episcopus corroboravi. Ego Opþbýht episcopus assensi. Ego Gobþine episcopus adquevi. Ego Ælþgar episcopus adunavi. Ego Gobþine episcopus affirmavi. Ego Þizeþeþþ episcopus auxiliatus sum.

Ego Ælþeapþur abbas. Ego Ælþrinur abbas. Ego Wulþgarur abbas. Ego Keanulþur abbas. Ego Ælþrinur abbas. Ego Geþmanur abbas. Ego Gobemannur abbas. Ego Wulþricur abbas. Ego Leofþricur abbas. Ego Býpþolþur abbas. Ego Caþneþ abbas. Ego Æmeþ abbas. Ego Ælþric dux. Ego Ælþhelm dux. Ego Leofþine dux. Ego Æþelmeþ minister. Ego Opþulþ minister. Ego Wulþzeat minister. Ego Wulþheah minister. Ego Wulþtan minister. Ego Stýn minister. Ego Monþan minister. Ego Fnaena minister. Ego Æþelric minister. Ego Æþelmeþ minister. Ego Ælþgar minister. Ego Æþelþolþ minister. Ego Ulþcýtel minister. Ego Caþric minister. Ego Gobþine minister. Ego Æþelþeapþ minister. Ego Ælþgar minister. Ego Leþþine minister. Ego Býpþeþe minister. Ego Leþþine minister. Ego Ælmeþ minister.

NUM. V.

Prædia ad Abbatiam de Burton. spectantia, tempore Wilhelmi Regis Conquestoris.

[Ex Libro Censuali vocato *Domesday Book*, in domo Capitul. Westmonast. asservato.]

Warwicscire, tom i. fol. 239.

TERRA ECCLESIAE DE BERTONE. In Coleshelle Hund. Abbatia de Bertone tenet in ALDVLESTREV II^{us}. hidas et dimid. Terra est IIII. car. In dominio est una. et VI. villani et IIII. bord. cum. II. car. Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat XL. sol. et post X. sol. Modo XXX. solid. Hanc terram dedit Leuric comes eidem ecclesiae.

Statfordscire, ibid. fol. 247 b.

TERRA SANCTÆ MARIE DE BERTONE. Abbatia S. Mariæ de Bertone tenet in villa STADFORD unam hidam et dimid. Terra est II. car. Ibi sunt in dominio. et IX. villani habent ibi II. car. Ibi XVI. acr. prati. Silva dimid. leuu. long. et tantundem lat. Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat LX. sol. Modo LXX. solid.

Ipsa abbatia tenet BRANTSTONE. Godeva comitissa tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi. Ibi est I. hida et dimid.

Terra est V. car. In dominio est una et dim. et V. villani et III. bord. cum III. car. Ibi XXIIII. acr. prati. Silva dimid. leuu. long. et tantundem lat. Valuit LX. sol. Modo XL. sol.

Ipsa abbatia tenet WITMERE. Ibi I. hida et dim. cum append. suis. Terra est VII. car. In dominio sunt II^{us}. et VI. villani habent II. car. Ibi IIII. acr. prati. Silva una leuu. long. et alia lat. Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat IIII. lib. et post XX. sol. Modo L. sol.

Ipsa abbatia tenet STRATONE. Ibi I. hida et dimid. Terra est II. car. In dominio est una. et VIII. villani et II. bord. habent V. car. Ibi XXVIII. acr. prati. Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat LX. sol. et post XX. solid. Modo XL. solid.

Ipsa abbatia tenet BRVNLEGE. Ibi dimid. hida cum appendiciis. Terra est I. car. Ipsa est in dominio et presbyter cum villano et uno bord. habent I. car. Silva ibi II. leuu. long. et una lat. Valuit X. solid. Modo XX^{us}. solid.

Ipsa abbatia tenet DERLAVESTONE. et duo homines de ea. Ibi III. virg. terræ. Terra est II. car. Ibi sunt II. villani. Ibi VI. acr. prati. Silva II. quarent. long. et una quarent. lat. Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat XXX. solid. et post X. sol. Modo XXVII. sol. et II^{us}. den.

Ipsa abbatia tenet LEZE. Ibi III. virg. terræ. Terra est III. car. In dominio est una. Ibi unus liber homo et X. villani habentes V. car. Silva ibi I. leuu. long. et tantundem lat. Valuit et valet XL. solid.

Ipsa abbatia tenet ACovre. Ibi III. virg. terræ cum appendiciis suis. Terra est II. car. Eddulfus tenet ad censum. Ibi est unum molinum. Silva dimid. leuu. long. et III. quarent. lat. Val. XX. sol.

Ipsa abbatia tenet WITESTONE. et NAUEN de ea. Ibi I. hida. Terra est I. car. Ibi est ipsa cum I. villano et II. bord. Val. IIII. sol.

Ipsa abbatia tenet BEDDINTONE. Ibi dimid. hida. Terra est II. car. Ibi est unus villanus. Silva dimid. leuu. long. et tantundem lat. Valuit XIII. sol. modo VII. sol. et IIII. denar.

Derbyscire, ibid. fol. 273.

TERRA ABBATIAE DE BERTONE. Maner. In VFRE habebat Rex Edvardus X. car. terræ ad geld. Terra XV. car. Ibi adjacent III. berewicæ. VFRE PARVA. FINDRE. POTLAC. Ibi abb. de Bertone habet nunc in dominio V. car. et dimid. et XX. vill. et X. bord. habentes VIII. car. Ibi II. sedes molendinorum et LXXIII. acr. prati. Silva pastilis dim. lev. long. et dim. lat. et tantundem siluæ minutæ. Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat XXV. lib. modo X. lib. Soca ejusdem manerii. SNELLESTONE XII. bo. BERUERDESCOTE IIII. bo. DELLINGEBERIE III. bo. HOUGEN III. bo. REDLESLEIE XII. bo. SUDBERIE IIII. bo. HILTUNE IIII. bo. SUDTUN. I. car. Inter totum VI. car. et II. bou. terræ ad geld.

Maner. In APLEBY habet abb. de Berton V. car. terræ ad geld. Terræ V. car. De hac terra prestatit Leuric abbas Godæ comitissæ I. car. terræ quæ modo habet Rex. In eadem uilla modo in dominio II. car. et VIII. uillani et I. bord. cum I. car. Tempore Regis Edwardi val. XX. solid. modo LX. sol.

Maner. In WINESHALLE habet abb. de Bertone II. car. terræ ad geld. Terra III. car. Ibi nunc in dominio II. car. et X. villani habentes I. car. et dim. Ibi apposuit Rex Willielmus VI. sochemannos pertinentes ad Rapendune qui habent I. car. Ibi I. molendinum V. solid et IIII. denar. et VIII. acr. prati. Silva minuta I. lev. long. et I. quarent. lat. Tempore Regis Edwardi val. XX. sol. modo LX. sol.

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Maner. In COTVNE habebat Algar II. car. terræ ad geldum. Terra III. car. Modo habet abb. de Rege. Ibi nunc in dominio I. car. et VI. villani et III. bord. habentes II. car. Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat XL. sol. modo XXX.

Maner. In STAPENHILLE. hab. abb. de Bertone IIII. car. terræ et II. bov. ad geldum. Terra IIII. car. Ibi nunc in dominio II. car. et XII. villani habentes II. car. Ibi IIII. acr. prati. Silva past. I. leu. long. et III. quarent. lat. Tempore Regis Edwardi et modo val. LX. sol.

Maner. in CALDEWELLE hab. Ælfric II. car. terræ ad

geldum. Terra II. car. Ibi nunc in dominio I. car. et VI. villani cum I. car. Tempore Regis Edwardi et modo val. XX. sol. Hoc manerium dedit Rex Willielmus monachis pro beneficio suo.

In FICHENBALLE habet abb. de Bertone. V. bov. terræ et tertiam partem unius bovatae ad geldum. Ibi habet in dominio I. car. et IIII. vill. cum I. car. et VIII. acras prati et quintam partem silvæ pastilis ipsius manerii. Val. X. sol.

NUM. VI.

Carta Regis Henrici I. de Libertatibus.

[Shaw, Hist. Staff. tom. I. App. to Burton-upon-Trent, p. 1. Ex Reg. de Burton, penès com. Uxbr. p. 9.]

H. REX Anglorum R. episcopo Cestriæ et R. comiti Cestriæ et R. de Ferrariis, et omnibus vicecomitibus et ministris aliis in quorum vicecomitatibus et ministeriis Abbatia de Burtona, sicut eam melius tenuit aliquis abbas, cum soca et saca, et tol, et them, et infongentheof, et omnibus consuetudinibus, in burgo et extra burgum, et in luco, et in plano, et in aquis, et in viis et extra vias, et in omnibus rebus; et præcipio ut tam bene et tam honorifice teneat eam sicut unquam illam melius tenuit aliquis de antecessoribus suis; et volo ut eum honoretis et manutenetis pro amore meo. Testibus archiep. Cant. et archiep. Ebor. et ep. Wint. et ep. Salisb. et aliis episcopis, et R. cancell. et com. de Mell, et aliis comitibus et baronibus, apud Burnam.

NUM. VII.

Carta Nigelli Abbatis de Burton (super Trentam) de Terrâ de Acoure.

[Ex Registro de Burton, penès Will. dominum Paget, fol. 17 a.]

Ego frater Nigellus, Dei gratiâ, abbas Bertoniæ, dedi, in capitulo nostro, et omnes fratres mei mecum, terram de Acovere, Orme; hac conventionem, ut unoquoque anno nobis XX. oras persolvat; et proinde factus est homo noster, super quatuor ewangelia jurando, se nobis fidelitatem servaturum, et quod de istâ terrâ, nec de aliâ, neque de aliquâ re, per se aut per aliquem alium, nobis in dampno erit in vitâ suâ. Cum autem mortuus fuerit, deferre ad nos se faciat, cum totâ pecuniâ suâ, ad sepeliendum: quo sepulto, filius ejus in capitulum nostrum veniet, daturus pro relevatione ipsius terræ tantum pecuniæ quantum nobilis homo dare debet pro tali terrâ; jurando similiter sicut pater ejus juravit; donando sicut pater ejus donavit; tenendo sicut pater ejus tenuit; Ricardo abbate S. Petri super Dinam præsentem, Sueno nostro priore, cæterisque fratribus præsentibus, hujus rei testes fuerunt illi.

NUM. VIII.

De Tenurâ de Acoure et aliarum Terrarum per Rogerum de Acoure.

[Ex vet. Cod. MS. penès Joh. Vincent gen. fol. 2.]

DOMINUS Rogerus de Acoure tenet manerium de Acoure de abbate de Bertone et successoribus suis, adeo liberè et purè, sicut dominus rex concessit ecclesiæ de Bertone: reddendo indè dictis abbati et conventui duas marcas, ad festum S. Martini, pro omnibus. Et prædictus Rogerus ibit cum prædicto abbate, sumptibus ipsius abbatis, pro negotiis domus, apud Londonias.

Item prædictus Rogerus veniet ad curiam de Bertone, si fuerit rationabiliter summonitus, adjudicandum latronem, vel si fuerit bellum vadiandum.

Item idem Rogerus tenet de priore de Totteburi, omnes terras et tenementa infra has divisas subscriptas; viz. inter le Urlesweye, descendendo in le Morwall, et sic in Brisewall; et de Brisewall per rivulum, qui vocatur Mersiche, usque Douve, in longitudine; et in latitudine se extendit de aqua de Douve usque ad altam viam parcum directè usque aquam de Lortebourne et à Lortebourne; ascendendo usque Blorewalle; faciendo servicium subscriptum; viz. reddendo XXII. per annum, viz. ad festum S. Martini xj. et ad festum S. Joh. Bapt. viij. et ad festum

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S. Mich. iij. Et debet arare in Quadragesimâ cum tribus carucis per unum diem ad cibum dicti prioris; et valet opus cujuslibet carucæ iij. Item inveniet xvj. homines ad metendum per diem; et valet opus cujuslibet hominis j. ob. Et benè liceat domino de Acoure, aut facere illud servitutum, aut reddere ij. ix. pro prædicto servicio.

Item idem Rogerus et hæredes sui venient ad concilium dicti prioris, infra comitatus Derby et Stafford, si fuerit rationabiliter summonitus, nisi per alios dominos suos alibi contigerit summoniri; sed si extra prædictos comitatus laboraverit, dictus prior sibi et hominibus suis st equis, in omnibus inveniet.

Item, si dominus castri de Totteburi fuerit imprisonatus, ita quod redemi debeat, vel Eyniceam filiam suam maritaverit, et petat auxilium de prædicto priore, tunc idem Rogerus talliabitur pro unâ carucatâ terræ, sicut et cæteræ carucatæ terræ de feodo dicti prioris et ecclesiæ de Totteburi talliantur.

NUM. IX.

Carta Roberti Abbatis de Burton et ejusdem loci Conventus de Terrâ de Acoure.

[Ibid. fol. 3 a.]

SCIANT omnes, tam præsentem, quam futuri; quod ego Robertus abbas Burtonæ, et totus conventus ejusdem loci, concessimus et confirmavimus Radulpho filio Ormi, et hæredibus suis, totam terram de Acoure, cum omnibus pertinentiis quæ pertinent illæ prædictæ terræ, tenendam de nobis, et de ecclesiâ Burtonæ, tam liberè et tam quietè, quam dominus rex noster concessit ecclesiæ nostræ de Burton: reddendo nobis annuatim duas marcas argenti, ad festum S. Martini, pro omni servicio. Sed sciendum est, quod prædictus Radulphus, et hæredes sui, debent ad curiam regis ire cum abbate, pro negotio domus, super expensam abbatis. Et Radulphus prædictus et hæredes sui ad curiam abbatis venire debent, causâ judicandi latronem, si sit captus, vel causâ judicandi bataille: et hoc ad faciendum prædictus Radulphus et hæredes sui debent rationabiliter summoniri. Testes sunt hii, primùm ipsum capitulum ecclesiæ Burtonensis; scil. Jordanus prior, Briennius, Willielmus de S. Albano, et cæteri monachi ecclesiæ prædictæ. Deinde Galfridus de Bachepiz, Radulphus de Mungumeri, Galfridus de Tatinhul, Willielmus de Winshill, Godwinus de Brandestone, et Leisincus, et plures alii.

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Alia Carta ejusdem Abbatis et Conventus de eadem Terrâ.

[Ibid.]

SCIANT præsentem et futuri, quod ego Robertus abbas Burtonæ, totusque conventus ejusdem loci, concessimus et præsentem cartâ confirmavimus Hugoni filio Radulphi de Acoure, sibi et hæredibus suis, terram et tenuram suam quam habet in Acoure, in feodo et hæreditate de nobis tenendam, ita liberè et quietè sicut Radulphus ejus pater tenuit: reddendo nobis annuatim duas marcas argenti ad festum S. Martini. Testibus, Willielmo decano de Tatenhull, Roberto de Stapenhull, Ailwino capellano, Roberto de Lundoniis, Galfrido Salvagio, Radulpho filio Radulphi, Richerio ejus fratre, Roberto de Greseleia et Henrico fratre ejus; Henrico de Legâ, Nicholao filio Johannis de Wilintone, Ricardo de Legâ, Reginaldo de S. Albano, Simone pugili; Mathæo fratre ejus, Jordano de Povele, et multis aliis.

NUM. XI.

Carta Henrici II. Regis de libera Warennam.

[Shaw, App. to Burton-upon-Trent, p. 2.]

H. REX Angliæ, et dux Normanniæ et Aquitanniæ, et comes Andegaviæ, Walt. Cestr. episcopo, et comitibus, et baronibus, et justiciariis, et vicecomitibus, et ministris suis in quorum potestatibus abbatia de Burtona habet terras, et omnibus fidelibus suis, Francis et Anglicis, salutem. Scitis me concessisse abbati de Burtona habere warennam

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per totam terram suam sicut eum habuerunt prædecessores sui tempore regis Henrici avi mei, et sicut carta sua testatur. Et prohibeo ne quis in ea fuget neque leporem capiat neque venetur sine licentia abbatis super x. libr. forisfacturæ. Testibus Thoma cancell. et W. fil. Johannis, apud Burthou.

NUM. XII.

Carta Adelizæ Reginae.

[Ibid.]

A. REGINA Angliæ, ducissa Norm. et Aquitanniæ, et comitissa Andegaviæ, justiciariis et vicecomitibus in quorum balliis abbas Burton. habeat curiam suam plenarie de omnibus placitis et querelis et consuetudinibus, sicut carta domini mei regis H. quam inde habet testatur. Et super eandem cartam domini mei quæ testatur quod ipse oculis suis vidit cartam H. regis avi sui, aliam cartam non interrogetis, et prohibeo ne aliquis ecclesiam Burthoniæ super hoc vexet. Teste Jocelino de Baliol apud Wint. Per breve regis de ultra mare.

NUM. XIII.

Bulla Lucii Papæ Tertii.

[Adhuc ex Registro de Burton, fol. 7 a.]

LUCIUS episcopus servus servorum Dei, dilectis filiis Ricardo abbati monasterii de Burthonia, ejusque fratribus tam præsentibus quam futuris regularem vitam professis, imperpetuum. Piæ postulatio voluntatis effectum debet prosequente compleri, ut et devotionis sinceritas laudabiliter enitescat, et utilitas postulata vires indubitanter assumat. Eapropter, dilecti in Domino filii, vestris justis postulationibus vehementer annuimus, et præfatum monasterium de Burthonia, in quo divino estis obsequio mancipati, sub beati Petri et nostra protectione suscipimus, et præsentis scripti privilegio, communimus. Inprimis siquidem statuentes, ut ordo monasticus qui secundum domini et beati Benedicti regulam in eodem monasterio noscitur institutus, perpetuis ibidem temporibus inviolabiliter observetur. Præterea, quascumque possessiones, quæcumque bona, idem monasterium in præsentiarum justè et canonicè possidet, aut in futurum concessione pontificum, largitione regum vel principum, oblatione fidelium, seu aliis justis modis præstante Domino poterit adipisci, firma vobis vestrisque successoribus et illibata permaneant. In quibus hæc propriis duximus exprimenda vocabulis.

Locum ipsum in quo idem monasterium situm est cum omnibus pertinentiis suis: villam de Burthonia cum ecclesia et omnibus appendiciis suis: villam de Branteston, Sobenhall, terram de Tatenhille, Horniglawe, Straton, Withmere, Ansedeleaga; villam de Wineshull, Bersicote, Tichenhale; villam de Stapenhulle, Appelby, Aldulfestre, Caldewell; terram de Wulfricheston; villam de Pilathale; villam de Witestone; villam de Derlaveston, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis; villam de Bromlega, cum ecclesia et omnibus pertinentiis suis; villam de Felda, et villam de Lega, cum ecclesia et omnibus pertinentiis suis, ex dono Wulfrici Spotti vestræ ecclesiæ fundatoris.

Ex donatione bonæ memoriæ Willielmi regis Angliæ, villam de Offra cum ecclesia et omnibus pertinentiis suis: villam de Parva Offra cum capella: Findernam cum capella: Pothlac cum capella: villam de Wilentona cum ecclesia: ecclesiam sanctæ Mariæ de Derbeya cum duobus molendinis, et terram in eadem villa: terram de Henofra. Ex donatione quoque prædicti Wulfrici Spotti, Ylum cum ecclesia et omnibus appendiciis suis: Acofram cum capella: Cathesturne et capellam de Blora cum pertinentiis suis: capellam de Grendona cum pertinentiis suis: capellam de Calfdona, capellam de Scona cum tota decima: decimam de Lintona de terra illa quæ pertinet ad feudum de Calde-wella cum tota decima; totam etiam decimam de Truelega, decimam de Mosidene, decimam de Waterfale, de parte illa quæ vocatur Haselbach, cum tertia garba de alia parte. Terram quam habetis in Staffordia, decimam de Neutona, terram de Hamtona, ecclesiam de Stapehull cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, decimam videlicet de Drachelawe cum ca-

PELLA, capellam de Hescote cum tota decima, capellam de Nova-aula cum tota decima, et totam decimam de Stan-
tona.

Sanè novalium vestrorum quæ propriis manibus vel sumptibus colitis, sive de nutrimentis animalium vestrorum, nullus à vobis decimas extorquere præsumat. Liceat quoque vobis clericos vel laicos è seculo fugientes liberos et absolutos ad conversionem recipere, et eos absque contradictione aliqua retinere. Prohibemus insuper, ut nulli fratrum vestrorum post factam in monasterio vestro professionem fas sit de ipso absque abbatis sui licentia, nisi arctioris religionis obtentu, discedere. Discedentem verò sine communium literarum cautione nullus audeat retinere. In parochialibus verò ecclesiis quas habet, is licet vobis clericos vel sacerdotes eligere, et diocesano episcopo præsentare, quibus si idonei fuerint, episcopus curam animarum committat, et ei de spiritualibus, vobis autem de temporalibus, debeant respondere. Crisma quoque, oleum sanctum, consecrationes altarium seu basilicarum, ordinationes clericorum qui ad sacros ordines fuerint promovendi, à diocesano episcopo vobis sine pravitate aliqua præcipimus exhiberi. Cum autem generale interdictum terræ fuerit, liceat vobis, clausis januis, exclusis excommunicatis et interdictis, non pulsatis campanis, subpressa voce, divina officia celebrare. Sepulturam præterea ipsius loci liberam esse decernimus, ut eorum devotioni et extremæ voluntati qui se illic sepeliri deliberaverint, nisi forte excommunicati vel interdicti sint, nullus obsistat. Salva tamen justitia illarum ecclesiarum quibus mortuorum corpora assumuntur. Prohibemus etiam, ut nullus archiepiscopus, vel episcopus, aut eorum officialis, in vos vel ecclesiam vestram excommunicationis vel suspensionis aut interdicti, sententiam sine manifesta et rationabili causa promulgare præsumat, vel novas aut indebitas exactiones imponat. Libertates insuper, et immunitates, ac rationabiles consuetudines in ecclesia vestra hactenus observatas ratas habemus, easque futuris temporibus illibatas volumus permanere.

Decernimus ergo, ut nulli omnino hominum liceat præfatum monasterium temerè perturbare, aut ejus possessiones auferre, vel ablatas retinere, minuere, seu quibuslibet vexationibus fatigare, sed omnia integra conserventur, eorum pro quorum gubnatione ac sustentatione concessa sunt usibus omnimodis profutura, salva sedis apostolicæ auctoritate et diocesani episcopi canonica justitia. Si quæ igitur in futurum, ecclesiastica secularisve persona, hanc nostræ constitutionis paginam sciens, contra eam temerè venire temptaverit, secundò tertiove commonita, nisi reatum suum digna satisfactione correxerit, potestatis honorisque sui careat dignitate, reamque se divino judicio existere de perpetrata iniquitate cognoscat, et à sacratissimo corpore et sanguine Dei et Domini redemptoris nostri Jesu Christi aliena fiat, atque in extremo examine districtæ ultioni subjaceat. Cunctis autem eidem loca sua jura servantibus, sit pax Domini nostri Jesu Christi, quatinus et hic fructum bonæ actionis percipiant, et apud districtum judicem premia æternæ pacis inveniant. Amen. Amen. Ego Johannes presbyter cardinalis tituli sancti Marci subscribo, &c. Data Veronæ per manum Hugonis sanctæ Romanæ ecclesiæ notarii, iij. non. Septembris, indictione iij. incarnationis Dominicæ anno mclxxxv. pontificatus verò domini Lucii papæ III. anno quarto.

NUM. XIV.

Carta Nicholai Abbatis de Coquina Monachorum.

[Shaw, App. p. 3, ex Reg. de Burton. fol. 37 b.]

NICHIL habet karitas commune cum viciis quæ cæteris virtutibus principatur ut domina. Et tanta ab apostolo commendatione extollitur, ut qui eam non habuerint nihil esse prebentur; quia quo apostoli asserit auctoritas nulla absque karitate bona posse perficere: ego Nicholaus Dei gratia abbas Burton. karitatis intuitu a prædecessoribus meis minus acta quocumque meo tempore beneficio supplere volens, certos et speciales redditus coquinæ assigno monachorum, ne ob vectus inopiam justa possint fratres occasione conqueri. Assigno quidem hæc coquinæ, scilicet totum tenementum de Ylum, et redditus vicariæ ecclesiæ ejusdem villæ, et xiiii. sol. de Grendon, et unam marcā de Blora, et sexaginta sol. de Rad. de Stapeh', scilicet firmam suam, et undecim sol. de Wlfrichester, et xx. sol. de

com. de Ferr. et decem sol. de Tikenhal, et decem sol. de Stanton, et duo molendina sub ponte quæ tenebit coquinarius in manu sua, et piscarias eorundem molendinorum, et vivarium de Schobenhale cum molendino, molendinum de Bromle, et molendinum de Wineshull, et totam decimam de villa de Brontiston, et decimam porcellorum ejusdem villæ, et totam decimam Rad. de Stapenh. exceptis novis assartis. Item, decimam hominum de Tatenhull, qui de abbate vel de hominibus abbatis tenent, de blado, et feno, et pomarum fructu. Item, decimam de Withmere, et marum, et vivarium de Wineshull. Item coquinarius habebit unum hominem in villa de Burthon, scilicet Thomam juxta Leflet, qui nulli homini respondebit de tenemento suo, vel de aliqua re, nisi soli coquinario. Placitabit tum in curia abbatis et coquinario omnes forisfacturas habebit tam de illo quam de hæredibus suis, et Stud', et celenium, et consuetudines, et cætera omnia. Item habebit denarium qui vocatur horspeni de tota abbacia, et fispenni, et saltpeni, ad condimenta et salsamenta. Curiamque suam habebit juxta pontem qui est inter Burthon. et Sobenhal. Habebit præterea omne pratum quod est sub pomerio usque ad pontem ad sustinendas vaccas suas, et xx. porcos habebit de pannagio, et duos porcos in franc. cum porcis abbatis ad sagimen. Porci etiam ejus, quotquot habere voluerit, ibunt cum porcis abbatis in curia, in pascuis, in nemoribus, sine pannagio, et assugiam centum porcorum meliorum habebit de celario ad sagimen, et quatuor sextaria frumenti ad filur', et quotidie duo pulmenta et totum caseum in refectorio per annum, et medietatem butiri de celario, et totum sal ad omnes usus fratrum inveniet abbas, et ducentos discos, c. scilicet ad Pascha, et c. ad festum sancti Mich. et totum mel de alveario abbatis, et de nemore reservata cera abbati. Item fenum et præbendam ad unum equum habebit coquinarius, et conredum coco suo, et garcifero suo. Quicumque autem post me ventur. abbatis hominis assignatis redditibus beneficium suæ largitatis adjecerit, divina eum pietas digna mercede remuneret. Qui vero ea minuere presumpserit, indignationem Dei omnipotentis se noverit incursum.

NUM. XV.

Carta Henrici III. Regis de Libertatibus Monasterii Burthon.

[MS. Cotton. Vesp. E. III. fol. 17.]

HENRICUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ, &c. archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, prioribus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, forestariis, vicecomitibus, præpositis, ministris, et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse, et hac præsentī carta nostra confirmasse Deo et sanctæ Mariæ de Burthon. et abbati et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, warennam per totam terram suam; et prohibemus super decem libras forisfacturæ ne aliquis in ea fuget, neque leporem capiat, neque venetur, sine licentia abbatis. Concessimus etiam prædictis abbati et monachis curiam suam plenarie de omnibus placitis et querelis cum socca et sacca, et tol, et theam, et infongenthef, et omnibus consuetudinibus, in burgo et extra burgum, in bosco et plano, in aquis, in viis et extra vias, et in omnibus locis. Præcipimus etiam quod totum corredium et omnes res abbatis et monachorum de Burthonia, quas homines sui affidare poterunt suas esse proprias, sint quietæ de theloneo et passagio, et pontagio, et omni consuetudine. Et prohibemus quod nullus eis vel rebus suis in aliquo injuriam faciat vel contumeliam, vel injuste disturbet, super decem libras forisfacturæ. Et ideo vobis mandamus et firmiter præcipimus quod prædictos abbatem et monachos de Burthonia terras, res, redditus, tenementa, possessiones, et omnia sua, tam ecclesiastica quam laica, manuteneatis, custodiatis, et protegatis sicut nostra dominica, non inferentes eis vel rebus suis, neque ab aliquo inferri permittentes injuriam, gravamen, aut molestiam. Et si quis eis in aliquo forisfecerit, illud eis sine dilatione emendari faciat. Has autem libertates et quietantias prædictis abbati et monachis concessimus, et præsentī carta nostra confirmavimus, pro salute animæ nostræ et pro animabus domini Johannis regis patris nostri, et Henrici regis avi nostri, et ipsius Henrici regis avi nostri, et omnium antecessorum et

successorum nostrorum, sicut Confirmatio prædicti Johannis regis patris, et Cartæ Henrici regis avi Henrici regis avi nostri, et ipsius H. regis avi nostri, quas inde habent, rationabiliter testantur. Et præterea concessimus et hac carta nostra confirmavimus abbati et monachis de Burthonia ex dono domini Johannis regis patris nostri, unam feriam per tres dies duraturam, videlicet in vigilia sanctæ Modvennæ, et in die et in crastino, apud Burton; et ibidem unum forum in qualibet septimana, scilicet die Jovis, cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad hujusmodi feriam et forum pertinentibus; ita quod non sint ad nocumentum vicinarum feriarum et vicinorum mercatorum. Et prohibemus ne quis eos super iis vexet vel disturbet, super forisfacturam decem librarum sicut carta prædicta Johannis regis patris nostri, quam inde habent, rationabiliter testatur. His testibus, H. de Burgo comite Cantiae, justiciario nostro, &c. Data per manum venerabilis patris Radulphi de Nevill cancellarii nostri, apud Windesore, xii. die Maii anno regni nostri xi.

NUM. XVI.

Carta Henrici III. Regis de Mercato et Feria apud Broml.

[Ibid. fol. 17 b.]

HENRICUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ, &c. archiepiscopis, episcopis, ut supra. Sciatis nos, intuitu Dei et pro salute animæ nostræ et animarum antecessorum et hæredum nostrorum, concessisse et præsentī charta nostra confirmasse abbati et monachis de Burthonia super Trentam, quod habeant in perpetuum unum mercatum singulis septimanis per diem Martis apud manerium suum de Broml. et quod habeant ibidem singulis annis unam feriam per tres dies duraturam, videlicet in vigilia, et in die, et in crastino sancti Bartholomæi; nisi prædictum mercatum et prædicta feria sint ad nocumentum vicinorum mercatorum et vicinarum feriarum. Quare volumus et firmiter præcipimus quod prædicti abbas et monachi habeant in perpetuum prædictum mercatum et prædictam feriam cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad hujusmodi mercatum et feriam pertinentibus, sicut prædictum est. Hiis testibus, H. de Burgo, &c. Data ut supra.

NUM. XVII.

Excerpta ex Annalibus Burton.

[Ibid. fol. 1.]

ANNO ab incarnatione Domini m°.iiij°. indictione ij°. tempore Æthelredi regis Angliæ, patris sancti Edwardi regis et confessoris, quidam nobilis nomine Wlfricus cognomento Spot, construxit abbatiam Burton vocatam, deditque ei omnem hæreditatem paternam appretiatam septingentas libras. Et quia nondum utebantur sigillis in Anglia, fecit donum suum iis confirmari subscriptionibus prout in charta continetur.

m.vij. Rex Æthelredus excambivit villam de Rolueston pro duabus villis, videlicet Ældeswirthe et Ælfredinton, cum abbate Wulfgeto. Hanc villam de Rolueston tenet comes de Ferrariis in hæreditate.

m.xii. Abbas Wlffgetus emit villam de Withmere cum pertinentiis a rege Anglorum Æthelredo pro lxx. libris in auro et argento.

m.lxxxvii. Obiit Willielmus rex Bastardus. Hic dedit nobis, videlicet monasterio Burtonensi, Vfram Majorem et Minorem, tempore suo, cum tota terra de Ultra Doua et Ecclus.

m.xciii. Galfridus Mala Terra expulsus est de abbatia. Nigellus abbas venit, monachus et sacrista Wintoniæ.

m.cxiv. Inchoatio Burtoniensis ecclesiæ. Obiit Nigellus abbas: cui successit eodem anno Galfridus abbas, prior Wintoniæ.

m.cci. Eodem anno sanctus Wlstanus Wigorniensis et sancta Modwenna Burtoniensis claruerunt multis et magnis miraculis.

m.cxxxvii. Isto anno confirmavit rex Henricus libertates monasterii Burthoniensis.*

* Vid. Num. XV.

M.CCXXIX. Ricardus de Insula abbas Burthoniæ, quondam prior sancti Edmundi, factus est abbas sancti Edmundi, et in die sancti Edmundi installatus est, præsentibus Ricardo magno Cantuariensi archiepiscopo, et Hugone Elyensi, et quampluribus aliis episcopis et magnatibus Angliæ.

Laurentius monachus Burthoniæ, successit Ricardo, et factus est abbas Burthoniæ, et installatus est in secunda festivitate sanctæ Modwennæ per fratrem Johannem de Streton, tunc temporis ejusdem domus priorem, Nicholaum suppriorem.

M.CCXXIV. Abbas Laurentius Burthoniæ dedit D.CCC. marcas.

M.CCXXIX. Decimata est universalis ecclesia Angliæ, et omnia mobilia et immobilia clericorum et religiosorum, de præcepto domini Gregorii papæ, ad opus ejusdem papæ, magistro Stephano clerico memorati papæ ad hoc exequendum procuratore specialiter destinato.

Burthonia.

Summa decimarum redditus assisi totius abbatiæ de Burthonia, iv^{li}. xix^s.

Summa decimarum bladi et fœni de dominico de Burthonia xxxvj^s. viij^d.

De pomis, vj^d.

De anseribus, gallinis, agnis, et porcellis, vj^s. viij^d.

Summa decimæ bladi et fœni de Streton, xlvi^s. v^d.

Summa decimæ bladi et fœni de Bront' xv^s. ob.

Summa decimæ bladi et fœni de Winesham, v^s. iv^d.

Summa decimæ bladi et fœni de Stapeh, xxv^s. ix^d.

De Literis ultra Douuam.

Summa decimarum bladi et fœni de dominico abbatibus ultra Douuam, xliij^s. iij^d.

Summa de Alduluestr. xxxiv^s. ix^d. ob.

Summa de Appelb ... xvij^s.

Summa de Bronil ... vij^s. ix^d. ob.

Summa summarum Abbatis xvij^{li}. viij^s. j^d.

Summa decimationis decimæ fœni parochia de Burthonia, iv^s.

De Cantar. viij^d. ob.

De Andresey, ij^d.

De sacrista, j. marca.

De camera, ij. marcæ, viij^s. ix^d.

De infirmaria, xl^d.

De eleemosynaria, iv^s.

De refectorio, ij^d. ob.

De horto, xij^d.

De coopertorio, iv^s.

De anniversario, v^s.

De coquinaria, v. marcæ, viij^s. iij^d. ob.

Summa obedientiarum, viij^{li}. vj^s. j^d.

Summa summarum, xxiv^{li}. xiv^s. ij^d.

Sub pœna excommunicationis facta fuit ista decimatio, et consimilis per totum regnum Angliæ.

M.CCXXXIII. Ricardus de Insula, abbas sancti Edmundi, quondam abbas Burthoniæ, obiit.

Anno gratiæ M.CC.XI. Otto legatus convocavit omnes abbates, et priores proprios abbates non habentes, totius regni Angliæ apud Londonias, et singulatim super universos et singulos, ad opus domini papæ contra Frethericum imperatorem, tallagium pro voluntate sua imposuit et contributionem; nec erat diocesanus aliquis sive alius, qui se pro eis murum opponeret contra eum. Abbates etiam qui personaliter coram eo comparuerunt, supra modum gravati fuerunt; qui vero per procuratores facilius evaserunt, redemptione eis imposita minori et leviori.

Abbas Laurentius Burthoniæ æstimans sibi et monasterio suo expedire, coram legato personaliter comparens, de xxx. marcis finem fecit, assidente eidem legato, de domini regis præcepto et licentia speciali, qui etiam suum assensum hujusmodi contributioni præstabat et favorem, domino Radulfo de Nevill, episcopo Cicestræ, ejusdem cancellario. Tradidit etiam legato, licet invitus, memoratus abbas, sicut et cæteri, literas suas de tanta pecunia solvenda apud Londonias in festo sancti Nicholai proximo sequentis sigillo suo signatas. Quam quidem pecuniam frater Michael ejusdem

domus monachus et præcentor, in dicto festo domini papæ campsoribus ad hospitium præfati legati, videlicet ad aulam episcopi Dunelmensis, numeravit et pacavit, receptis literis legati de adquietantia.

MCCL. Isto anno apud Oxoniam inrotulatur sic in rotulis episcopi Lincolnæ; procurator abbatis Burthoniæ probavit longævam possessionem a tempore quo non extat memoria, de decimis de Appelb. sed nullum exhibuit instrumentum; ideo consulendus est papa.

MCCLIV. Isto anno in nocte sancti Leodegarii martyris combusta est villa de Burthonia.

Eodem anno dominus papa ad instantiam regis Angliæ concessit eidem decimam totius ecclesiæ Anglicanæ per triennium percipiendam, exceptis Ordine Cysterciensi et hospitaliorum et templariorum, et licet diversas litteras sigillatim antea diversis super hoc demandasset, tandem tamen eisdem revocatis et non obstantibus, W. episcopi Norwicensi hoc præcise demandavit exequendum. Idem autem episcopus, licet invitus, mandato hujusmodi obtemperans, per totum regnum in singulis capitulis cujuscunque diocesis fecit decanum et tres rectores vel vicarios qui fuerint majoris auctoritatis, pro sua voluntate jurare sub forma in ejusdem literis contenta subsequenti.

Literæ Episcopi Norwicensis executoriæ.

"Walterus permissione divina episcopus Norwicensis, &c. discretis viris suppriori de Burthonia, et juratis de capitulo, salutem in Domino. Cum sacramentum nuper præstiteritis super æstimatione omnium bonorum immobilium ad ecclesiam vestram spectantium, majorum et minorum, absque fraude facienda, exceptis proventibus ecclesiarum parochialium quas habetis, qui per decanos debent æstimari, et exceptis bonis quæ sunt in manu domini regis tempore vacationis; vobis in virtute obedientiæ qua Sedi apostolicæ tenemini, et sub religione sacramenti præstiti injungimus, quatenus in hac parte fideliter vos habentes, quæ sit justa æstimatio omnium bonorum vestrorum supradictorum in scriptis fideliter redigatis, et illam æstimationem plene, plane, et dilucide, per litteram patentem sigillo capituli signatam, nobis habere faciatis ad diem et locum infra scriptos. Damus siquidem vobis omnibus et singulis plenam potestatem compellendi ad jurandum omnes et singulos de decanatu vestro, pro veritate vobis in hac parte manifestanda, prout melius videritis expedire; contraditores et rebelles, si quos in officio vestro inveneritis, per interdicti aut excommunicationis sententias, nostra freti auctoritate, compescendo. Consulimus insuper ad vestram salutem et communem liberationem, quod in taxationibus faciendis sic diligentes ac veraces sollicitudine et facto vos habeatis, non obstantibus aliquibus taxationibus præhabitis, ne ex post facto vestra alii facta et dicta scrutantes, vos inveniant à via veritatis manifeste declinasse, et in sententiam excommunicationis incidisse, quæ per sedem apostolicam in omnes illos qui scienter in dicta decima subtrahenda, vel non solvenda, fraudem commiserint, promulgari demandatur. Volumus etiam si justum vobis visum fuerit, quod unusquisque cujus ecclesia tenetur ad firmam, juxta quantitatem firmæ quam recipit, respondeat de decima, dum sua voluntate et communi pactione ipsa firma durabit. Hoc siquidem officium vobis in remissione peccatorum injungimus, concedentes vobis auctoritate sedis apostolicæ, ut relaxationis indultæ omnibus terræ sanctæ subvenientibus participes efficiamini in Domino. Prædictas autem æstimationes in scriptis fideliter redactas nobis vel certo nuncio nostro sigillis vestris signatas tali die apud Lichfeld habere faciatis."

Rescriptum Supprioris et Juratorum.

"Venerabili in Christo patri W. Dei gratia Norwicensi episcopo, crucis executori à domino papa deputato, frater M. Supprior Burthoniæ et Jurati de capitulo, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noverit paternitas vestra nos ad mandatum vestrum justam æstimationem omnium bonorum nostrorum immobilium ad Ecclesiam nostram spectantium, exceptis proventibus ecclesiarum parochialium quas habemus per provinciam, et exceptis bonis quæ sunt in manu domini regis tempore vacationis, diligenter inquisivisse;

quam quidem æstimationem præsentium tenore vobis duximus significandam.

Ecclesia B. valet quatuordecim marcas.

Bona ad coquinam spectantia, valent centum et quinque solidos.

Bona ad cameram pertinentia, quinque marcas.

Ad refectorium et hospitale, xxx^d.

Ad infirmitorium, duas marcas.

Ad eleemosynam, quadraginta solidos.

Ad sacristiam, quinque solidos.

Ad camerariam, duos solidos.

Summa totius, tantum.

Decima inde deducta, tantum.

In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras sigillo abbatibus nostri signatas vobis transmittimus. Valete."

Facta est autem solutio istius pecuniæ primo anno nunciis ejusdem episcopi ad locum et terminum ab eis præfixum, et in depositum missa.

Forma Taxationis Decimæ ad Opus Domini Regis quæ fiebat per Episcopum Norwicensem, anno Domini 1254.

Bona immobilia parochiæ ecclesiæ de Burthonia decimata ad opus domini regis per juratos de capitulo, de præcepto domini Innocentii papæ quarti, exceptis his quæ sunt in manu domini regis tempore vacationis.

Ecclesia de Burthonia valet xiv. marcas.

Decima inde deducta, xvij^s. viij^d.

Abbas respondit pro medietate, ix^s. iv^d.

Sacrista, pro parte sua, iv^s. iv^d.

Coquinarius, pro parte sua, v^s.

Redditus sacristiæ assisus, v^s.

Decima inde deducta, vj^d.

Bona coquinæ valent v^{li}. v^s. Decima, x^s. vj^d.

Bona cameræ, v. marcæ. Decima, vj^s. viij^d.

Bona infirmariæ, ij. marcæ. Decima, xxxij^d.

Bona refectorii, xxx^d. Decima, iij^d.

Bona cantuariæ, ij^s. Decima, ij^d. ob.

Bona eleemosynariæ xl^s. Decima, iv^s.

Summa totius, xxj^{li}. xiv^s. vj^d.

Summa decimæ, xliij^s. v^d. ob.

Ecclesia Ylum [cum] capellis valet x. marcas.

Decima inde deducta, j. marca.

Coquinaria respondit pro medietate, scilicet dimidiam marcæ.

Conventus respondit de xl^d.

Camera respondit de xl^d.

Item de ecclesia de Oufra, xx^s.

Vicarius de Oufra respondit pro } In Decanatu de Der-

tertia parte. } beia.

De ecclesia de Sapeh, j. marca. }

De ecclesia de Broml. xvj. per dec. Blithfeld. }

De Appelb. de omnibus bonis, xiv^s. viij^d. }

Decima de Hamton, xxvij^d.

Ista decima domino regi à domino Innocentio quarto summo Pontifice primo concessa est, per tres annos duratura; et post ejus decessum à domino Alexandro IV. Papa, successore suo, plenarie confirmato.

De Secta de Oufra facienda pro tota Soka.

Memorandum quod anno proximo præcedenti, videlicet m.cclv. in autumpno facta est Inquisitio per totum regnum Angliæ de his qui in capite tenebant de rege Henrico filio regis Johannis, qualescumque possessiones; et ubi ventum est apud Nottingham inquirere de possessionibus abbatis Burthoniæ Ultro Douam, coram Henrico de Bathonia, et domino Henrico de Syreburn, justiciariis ibidem præsentibus, ita innotulatum est in illorum rotulis.

'Item dicunt quod Johannes filius Ricardi de Oufra facit eandem sectam ad Wapentakium ad turnum vicecomitis et ad comitatum, pro tota socha de Oufra, quæ est de feudo abbatis de Burthonia; et præter hoc omnes libere tenentes ad turnum vicecomitis veniunt bis per annum.'

De Ponte de Egenton.

Memorandum quod quidam hujus monasterii, Bur-

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thoniæ prior, nomine Johannes de Streton, eo quod natus fuit apud Streton, magnæ vir auctoritatis et literaturæ eminentis, ex abbatum qui tempore illo eidem præfuerunt monasterio licentia speciali, de bonis patris sui et matris defunctorum, pro eorundem animarum salute, pontem de Egenton, super aquam de Doue per longum tempus et fecit et misericorditer sustentavit. Post cujus autem in fata decessum, habitatores de Egenton, quod misericorditer factum fuerat scire nolentes, sed se fingentes ignorare, asserabant de Burthonia Abbatem pontem illum debere reparare, et in perpetuum sustentare, gratiam et eleemosynam in consuetudinem convertere cupientes. Quamobrem abbas Laurentius qui tunc temporis eidem præfuit monasterio, per quendam clericum de domini regis cancellaria sibi familiarem, videlicet Henricum de Mertenton nomine, a domini regis curia de Staffordia et de Derbeya vicecomitibus diversas literas per eadem verba sub tenore subsequenti impetravit.

Litera Domini Regis.

'Henricus Dei gratia rex Angliæ, &c. Vicecomiti Staffordiæ salutem. Quia per fractionem pontis de Egenton qui est ultra aquam de Doue inter comitatum Derbeia et comitatum Staffordiæ, magnum ut audivimus pervenit periculum et dispendium transeuntibus per pontem illum, et etiam toti patriæ; tibi præcipimus, quod una cum vicecomite nostro Derbeia, cui idem præcipimus, per sacramentum proborum et legalium hominum tam de comitatu Derbeia quam de comitatu Staffordiæ per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit, eo quod pons ille est in confinio comitatum prædictorum, diligenter inquiras, qui pontem illum totum vel partem reparare debent et consueverunt; et si aliqui ex gratia pontem illum aliquo tempore reparaverunt, qui illum reparaverint, et qui illum de jure reparare debeant. Et omnes illos qui pontem illum de jure reparare debent, distringas ad illum sine dilatione reparandum. Teste, &c.

Inquisitio de Pontis reparatione.

Eodemanno, videlicet Incarnationis Dominicæ m.cc.lvi. regni regis Henrici filii regis Johannis xl. Domini Laurentii abbatis Burthoniæ xxvii. die Sabbati proxima ante festum sancti Barnabæ apostoli, facta est inquisitio de reparatione pontis de Egentona per breve domini regis supradictum.

Nomina Electorum de Comitatu Staffordiæ.

Rogerus Durdent de Fischereswich,
Petrus de Scheyla,
Herveus de Oclee,
Radulfus de Somervil,
Willielmus filius Johannis de Fischereswich,
Radulfus filius Hugonis de Elleford,
Stephanus Haliday,
Nicholaus Pollard,
Ricardus filius Rogeri de Haselower,
Willielmus de Tatenhull,
Alanus de Ponter,
Nicholaus le Bolur de Wichenoure,
Robertus filius Walteri de Elleford,
Johannes Merveylus:

Veredictum,

Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod nullus de debito debet facere pontem ultra Doue, qui est confinio inter comitatum Derbeia et comitatum Staffordiæ, sed de eleemosynis, et de legatis totius patriæ idem pons solebat sustineri et reparari.

Breve Regis Vicecomiti Derbeia.

'Henricus Dei gratia rex Angliæ, &c. Vicecomiti Derbeia salutem. Quia per fractionem pontis de Egentona, qui est ultra aquam de Doue, &c. ut supra.

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Inquisitio.

Eodem anno et die facta est inquisitio per vicecomitem Derbiæ, ibidem præsentem personaliter de reparatione ejusdem pontis de Egentona, ex parte comitatus Derbeie per breve domini regis sicut superius.

Nomina Electorum de Derbeisyræ.

Stephanus filius Burgæ de Ailwardeston.
Henricus le Chambræis de Buruerdecote.
Willielmus de Schardel.
Petrus de Thurleston.
Ricardus de Aston.
Henricus filius Petri de Bolton.
Ricardus filius Orm. de Brunnelvester.
Henricus de la Chambre de Twyford.
Robertus de Henowere.
Willielmus de Lehes.
Henricus frater suus.
Walterus de Wilne.

Veredictum, ut supra.

Qui omnes dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod nullus de debito debet facere pontem ultra Douue, qui est in confinio inter comitatum Derbeie, &c. ut supra.

NUM. XVIII.

Carta Walteri Coventr. et Lichfeld. Episc. circa Ann. 1300.

[From a book remaining in the Augmentation Office, entitled "Liber Eccles. Wigorn."]

WALTERUS permissione divina Coventren. et Lichfeld. episcopus dilectis in Christo filiis abbati et conventui de Burton super Trent nostræ diocesis. benedictionem et gratiam. Salvatoris debitum suscepti regiminis nos merito sollicitat et inducit ut ea quæ necessario corrigenda perpendimus quantum ad nos attinet corrigamus vel saltem in melius prout nobis est possibile reformemus. Cum igitur per insinuationem clamorosa et tanquam succrescendo populariter divulgatam ad nos pervenerit quod status monasterij vestri multipliciter declinet ad ruinam, tam in disciplina regulari quam etiam in rebus et possessionibus ejusdem: Dominus insuper noster rex, qui ea occasione manus apponens ad relevationem status ejusdem, certum inibi custodem nuper sub certa forma deputaverat, nobis per literas suas nedum monitorias seu exhortatorias sed etiam munitorias et præceptorias sub data apud Fulmere xvij^o. die mensis Augusti proximo præterito nobis duxerat intimandum, immo verius injungendum, quod quia abbatia vestra indies per superfluitates solitas et defectum regiminis debiti in facultatibus multipliciter dilabitur, dissolvitur, et retroceditur de remedio oportuno contra præmissa providere curaremus tantam subversionem dictæ domus et tam verisimiliter in proximo imminens tollerare non possumus seu absque eo quod remedium apponamus sub dissimulatione pertransire verum quia ita diversa negotia occupati et potissime in præsentem parlamento prout vobis novimus non latere, ad vestrum monasterium cum ea qua vellemus celeritate declinare non valemus ad præsens vobis et vestrum singulis firmiter injungendo et sub pœna excommunicationis majoris præcipimus et mandamus quantinûs ab ordinationibus, monitionibus, et processibus quibuscunque personas vel res vestri monasterij quoquomodo tangentibus contra decretum nostrum dudum post ultimam visitationem nostram in monasterio vestro factam vobis directum totaliter desistatis. Et si quid in contrarium post datam literarum regiarum attemptaveritis seu feceritis attemptari infra sex dies a tempore receptionis præsentium revocare studeatis et revocetis cum effectum taliter vos habentes ne Dominus noster prædictus et nos prout ad ipsum et nos pertinet in vos seu vestrum singulares personas cujuscunque conditionis existant materiam habeamus gravius procedendi. Quid autem super præmissis duxeritis faciend^o nos citra festum sancti Clementis certificetis per literas vestras patentes harum seriem continentes. Datam London.

NUM. XIX.

Carta Regis Edwardi II. de Advocat. Ecclesiarum de Tatenhull et Hanbury.

[Shaw, Hist. Staff. App. to Burton-upon-Trent, p. 4. Ex Registro de Burton pen. Com. Oxbr. p. 113 b.]

EDWARDUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, dux Aquitanniæ, omnibus ad quos præsentem literam pervenerint salutem. Sciatis quod in augmentationem obsequii divini, et in perpetuam memoriam gloriosæ victoriæ quam Deus omnipotens sua gratia nuper nobis de inimicis et rebellibus nostris apud Burton super Trentam in comitatu Staffordiæ contulit, necnon pro relevatione status abbatiæ ejusdem villæ, quæ tunc per prædictos inimicos et rebelles nostros in multo depauperata extitit et destructa, dedimus et concessimus, pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, dilectis nobis in Christo Abbati et Conventui loci prædicti advocaciones ecclesiarum de Tatenhull et de Hanbury, quæ fuerunt Thomæ nuper comitis Lancastriæ inimici et rebellis nostri, et quæ per forisfacturam ejusdem Thomæ ad manus nostras tanquam eschaeta nostra devenerunt, habend. et tenend. sibi et successoribus suis in perpetuum. Concessimus, et pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, eisdem Abbati et Conventui quod ipsi ecclesias illas appropriare, et eas appropriatas in proprios usus tenere possint sibi et successoribus suis imperpetuum, sine impedimento vel occasione nostri vel hæredum nostrorum, justiciariorum, escaetorum, vicecomitum, aut aliorum ballivorum seu ministrorum nostrorum quorumcumque, statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis edito non obstante. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Knaresburgh secundo die Martii anno regni nostri sextodecimo.

NUM. XX.

Super Monasterio de Burton et Rebellibus ibi devictis.

[Rom. 17 Edw. II. m. 5, d. Rym. Fœd. tom. iv. p. 60, A.D. 1324.]

PAPÆ rex devota pedum oscula beatorum. Dum ad mentem reducimus quanta, exortæ nuper in regno nostro, turbationis tempore, religiosi viri, et nobis in Christo dilecti, abbas et monachi monasterii de Burton super Trentam, ordinis sancti Benedicti, Coventriæ et Leichfeldiæ diocesis, incommoda pertulerunt: et qualiter eorum possessiones et bona, per aggressus nostrorum rebellium, vastata fuerant; necnon ipsorum villa de Burton, etiam dum propè eramus, ipsis rebellibus in fugam conversis, immissis ignibus, reducta in cineres et favillas, gravis patitur anxietatis aculeos, et, pro ipsorum relevandâ penuriâ, eo solertius manus apponere cupimus adjutrices, quo nobis ibidem, cœlitûs attributæ, victoriæ, de ipsis nostris rebellibus, semper effici-mur memores, ac exinde divinis beneplacitis, in pietatis operibus promptiores. Nuper siquidem, pater sancte, pro relevatione status ipsorum abbatis et monachorum, et in augmentum divini obsequii, ac memoriam dictæ nostræ victoriæ, eis, de liberalitate regia, advocaciones ecclesiarum de Tatenhull et Hambury, dictæ diocesis, donavimus jure perpetuo possidendas: concedentes et licentiam tribuentes eisdem, quod ecclesias illas, ac ecclesiam de Aldulnestre, ejusdem diocesis, sibi appropriare possent, et in usus proprios tenere; ut, ex ipsorum proventibus, citiûs restaurare deperdita, et faciliûs incumbencia eis onera supportare potuissent. Desiderantes igitur, toto corde, intentionis nostræ propositum, quoad appropriationes dictarum ecclesiarum ipsis religiosi auctoritate apostolicâ faciendas, optato effectui mancipari, ad vestræ beatitudinis apices duximus recurrendum, votivis affectibus supplicantes, quatinus ad ipsorum religiosorum inopiam, in quam, non ex culpâ propriâ, sed furentis fortunæ injurâ insperatis eventibus, noscuntur incidisse, paternæ pietatis intuitu convertentes, supplicationem (quam vestræ Clementiæ transmittimus præsentibus interclusam, ut magis nota sit vestræ beatitudini intentio nostræ mentis) solitâ benignitate admittere, et juxta speratam fiduciam, tam gratiose expedire dignemini, intuitu caritatis, ut iidem religiosi, per apostolicæ munificentiae largitatem, ab imminente inopiâ relevati, hospitalitatem consuetam, et alia eis incumbencia onera, congruè valeant sup-

portare, et eo ferventiores efficiantur ad divina, quo temporalia subsidia sibi senserint non deesse. Conservet, &c. Dat. apud Westmonasterium decimo quinto die Junii.

NUM. XXI.

Placita de Quo Waranto coram W. de Herle et sociis suis itin. in Com. Derby. die Lunæ prox. post Festum Apost. Petri et Pauli, anno regni Regis Edw. III. quarto.

[Ex orig. in Domo Capitul. Westmonast. asservato.]

ABBAS de Burton super Trentam summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamat habere liberam warennam in maneriis suis de Stapenhull et Overe cum membris, et habere sok et sack, thol et them, et infangenthef, et habere totum corrodium et omnes res abbatis et monachorum de Burton quas homines sui affidare poterunt esse suas proprias quietas de theolonio, passagio, pontagio, et omni consuetudine.

Et abbas per Henricum de Asheburn attornatum suum venit, et quo ad warennam in maneriis prædictis superius clamata dicit quod dominus Henricus quondam rex Angliæ, proavus domini regis nunc, concessit, et carta sua confirmavit Deo et Sanctæ Mariæ de Burton et abbati et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus warennam per totam terram suam, et prohibuit super decem libras forisfacturæ ne aliquis in ea fuget, ne leporem capiat, neque venetur sine licentia abbatis, &c. Et eo waranto clamat warennam prædictam, &c. Et quo ad sok et sak, thol et them, et infangenthef superius clamatas dicit quod idem dominus H. rex &c. per eandem cartam suam concessit prædictis abbati et monachis curiam suam plenariam de omnibus placitis et querelis, cum soka et saka, thol et them, et infangenthef, et omnibus consuetudinibus in burgo et extra burgum, in bosco et plano, in aquis, in viis et extra vias, et in omnibus locis, &c. Prohibuit etiam quod totum corrodium et omnes res abbatis et monachorum de Burton quas homines sui affidare poterunt suas esse proprias sint quiete de theolonio, et passagio, et pontagio, et omni consuetudine, &c. Et profert cartam ipsius H. regis proavi, &c. quæ prædictus libertates testatur in forma prædicta cujus dat. est apud Wyndesore duodecimo die Maii anno regni sui undecimo. Et eo waranto clamat ipse libertates illas, &c.

Et Willielmus de Denum qui sequitur pro rege petit quod inquiratur qualiter et quo modo libertatibus prædictis usus est a tempore confectionis cartæ prædictæ, &c. Ideo inquiratur, &c. Juratores dicunt super sacramentum suum quod prædictus abbas et omnes prædecessores sui a tempore concessionum prædictarum bene usi sunt warennis illis in maneriis prædictis prout decet, et similiter infangenthef in prædicto manerio de Overe cum membris, et quod idem abbas habet furcas in eodem manerio de Overe; sed dicunt quod aliquando contigit quod quidam latro captus fuit cum manu opere in prædicto manerio de Stapenhull ad sectam partis et idem latro judicatus fuit in hundredo de Repyn-don; unde dicunt quod nec abbas nec aliquis prædecessorum suorum a tempore concessionis eis factæ de infangenthef unquam usi fuerunt libertate illa in prædicto manerio de Stapenhull, nec ibi habuerunt furcas. Et dicunt quod idem abbas et prædecessores sui a tempore concessionum prædictarum usi sunt quietantiis prædictis. Ideo prædicta libertas de infangenthef capiatur in manu domini regis. Postea Thomas de Tuttebiri et Robertus de Fyndhern fecerunt finem cum domino rege de viginti sol. pro libertate prædicta prædicto abbati rehabenda. Ideo rehabeat, &c. Et idem abbas quo ad libertatem istam et omnes alias superius clamatas ad præsens sine die salvo jure regis, &c.

NUM. XXII.

Historia Fundatoris et Abbatum.

[Ex Chronicis abbatum Burton, penes Will. dominum Paget, an. Dom. 1640.]

ILLUSTRIS et præpotens consul ac comes Merciorum, dominus Wulfricus Spott, regali propinquus prosapiæ, abbatem Wulfgetum et monachos à Wintonia, in monasterium suum de Burton Super Trent, quod cunctis commodis

copiosè condidit, primitus induxit, anno Domini millesimo quarto, et regni Etheldredi xxv. In cujus claustrò charissima ejus conjux domina Elswitha sub arcu lapideo juxta hostium ecclesiæ inferioris venerabiliter est tumulata, cujus solamen semper cœlo fiat. Amen. Ipse verò sexto anno sequenti, apud Gipsiswich à Danis, in bello letaliter contusus, die Lunæ xj. kal. Novembris anno Domini m.x. et regni Etheldredi prædicti xxxj. feliciter migravit ad Dominum, et in claustrò monasterii sui antedicti, sub arco lapideo juxta hostium ecclesiæ superioris, honorificè est tumulatus, fratre suo duce Alwino, et comite Morkero, cæterisque cognatis ejus et amicis largas terrarum tributibus possessiones. Quem sanctorum solamem semper lætificet. Amen.

Christi millenis transactis quatuor annis,
Est fundata domus Burtoniæ, cui quoque patronus
Spot Wulfricus erat, si quis de nomine quærat.

1. Wulfgetus monachus Wintoniæ, sicut supradictum est prædicti monasterii de Burton super Trent primus abbas factus est, anno Domini miiij. et regni prædicti regis Etheldredi xxv. et præfuit monasterio xxij. annis, temporibus prædicti Etheldredi, Edmundi, et Canuti regum Angliæ, et obiit die Jovis xij. kal. Maii anno Domini mxxvj. et regni Canuti prædicti x. Prædictus verò Wulfgetus adquisivit à rege Etheldredo villas de Withmere, et de Rolleston pro Allesworth et Alfordington, quæ longè erant à monasterio, pro lx. libris in auro et argento, ut patet per cartas de eisdem.

2. Britericus monachus Wintoniæ successit prædicto Wulfgeto, et præfuit monasterio xxiiij. annis, tempore Canuti, Harauldi, Hardekanuti et sancti Edwardi, regum Angliæ, et obiit die Sabbati xij. kal. Maii, anno Domini ml. et dictus sanctus dedit monasterio de Burton, Willington cum ecclesia ejusdem, et Stapynhull cum ecclesia ejusdem.

3. Leuricus monachus Wintoniæ successit dicto Briterico, et præfuit monasterio xxxv. annis tempore S. Edwardi confessoris, Haraldi perjuri, et Willielmi primi regis Angliæ. Et obiit die Lunæ viij. die idus Januarii anno Domini mxxxv. et dicti regis Willielmi xix. sepultus quoque est. Hic spoliavit feretrum sanctæ Modwenæ quod satis preciosum erat, instinctu cujusdam aurifabri ad alendum inopes, quia fames ægra fuit, de quo Dominus sumpsit vindictam, ut in miraculis dictæ virginis plenius continetur. Et anno ejus xvij. fuit conquestus Angliæ. Item hujus tempore dedit rex Willielmus prædicto monasterio manerium de Overa cum suis pertinentiis; videlicet parva Overa, Fynderna, Henovera, Potlac. Item in Derby ecclesiam sanctæ Mariæ cum suis pertinentiis, duas sedes molendinorum videlicet Cope-castelmyln cum insula ejusdem, le Schirismylne, cum cæteris terris. Et xij. acras prati, cum cæteris consuetudinibus in Walwikstrete ibidem, in recompensatione cæterarum terrarum quas abstulit de prædicto monasterio, ut habetur in libro de Domusdaie apud Wintoniam et Westmonasterium.

4. Galfridus Mala Terra, monachus Wintoniæ successit dicto Leverico, et præfuit monasterio x. annis, tempore Willielmi primi, et Willielmi secundi regum Angliæ. Hic propter dissipationem terrarum cæterorumque bonorum monasterii, inde expulsus est, anno Domini mxciiij. et dicti regis Willielmi secundi septimo. Hujus tempore idem rex Willielmus Rufus dedit monasterio villas de Coton et Cawldwall, &c. ut habetur in libro de Domusdaie apud Wintoniam et Westmonasterium. Item hujus tempore, contigit illud grande miraculum, vel illa horrenda vindicta de duobus rusticis de Stapinhull, apud Drakelow, qui confugerunt ad Rogerium Pictarium comitem de Drake-low, ut habetur in miraculis sanctæ Modwenæ virginis; unde processit illud vulgare dictum, The Devill of Drake-low.

5. Nigellus, monachus et sacrista Wintoniæ, successit antedicto Galfrido, et præfuit monasterio annis xxj. tempore Willielmi secundi et Henrici primi regum Angliæ, et obiit die Sabbati vj. nonas Maii, anno Domini mxciiij. et dicti regis Henrici xiiij. Hujus tempore contigit illud miraculum, vel illa vindicta de custode nemorum comitis Totesburie de amissione oculorum ejus. In novissimis

diebus ejusdem, inchoatum fuit novum opus in occidentali fine ecclesiae.

6. Galfridus, monachus et prior Wintoniae successit praedicto Nigello, et praefuit monasterio xxxvj. annis, tempore Henrici et Stephani regum Angliae. Hic cessit sequenti Roberto anno Domini mcl. et obiit die Lunae iiij. non. Augusti anno sequenti, videlicet anno Domini mclj. et dicti regis Stephani xvj. Hic dictavit vitam et miracula sanctae Modwenae virginis, pro qua misit in Hiberniam, ut haberetur in prohemio ejusdem. Item construxit speciosum campanile super chorum coopertum plumbo divers. tot. . . . ut habetur in miraculis dictae virginis, in fine.

7. Robertus, monachus Wintoniae, successit dicto Galfrido, et praefuit monasterio ix. annis tempore antedicti Stephani et Henrici secundi filii imperatricis regis Angliae. Hic propter alienationem possessionum et rerum monasterii depositus et expulsus est de abbacia, anno Domini mclix. et dicti regis Henrici quinto. Iste Robertus dedit villam de Cotes, alias Coton, cuidam vicecomiti de Stafford.

8. Barnardus, quondam monachus Gloverniae, postea abbas de Cerne, unde recessit propter magnas ejusdem domus exordinationes, successit antedicto Roberto, et praefuit monasterio xvj. annis tempore Henrici secundi, et Thomae Cantuariensis archiepiscopi, et obiit die Martis iiij. kal. Feb. anno Domini mclxxv. et dicti regis Henrici xxj. Hic persecutus est propter villam de Cotes, sive Coton, et recuperavit eam.

9. Robertus antedictus sic ante expulsus iterum successit praedicto Barnardo, et praefuit monasterio uno anno et dimidio, consensu fratrum, tempore praedicti regis Henrici secundi, filii imperatricis, et obiit die Veneris xv. kal. Decembris anno Domini mclxxvij. et dicti regis Henrici xxiiij.

10. Rogerus Malebraunch, prior Malverniae Majoris, successit praedicto Roberto, et praefuit monasterio iiij. annis et amplius, tempore Henrici secundi, et obiit die Dominica secundo nonas Maii anno Domini mclxxxij. et dicti regis Henrici xxvij. Hic implacitavit Stephanum Segrave pro villo de Coton, sive Cotis, qui ejecit eum inde, et adhuc pendet placitum, quia rex inde seisitur.

11. Ricardus, prior de Roffa, successit dicto Rogero, et praefuit monasterio ferè v. annis, tempore Henrici secundi, et obiit die Veneris xij. kal. Maii anno Domini mclxxxvij. et regis Henrici antedicti xxxij.

12. Nicholaus, prior Abendoniae, successit praedicto Ricardo, et praefuit monasterio xij. annis tempore Henrici secundi et Ricardi primi, regum Angliae, et obiit die Jovis idus Decembris anno Domini mclxxxvij. et dicti regis Richardi viij. sepultusque est ante altare sanctae Modwenae virginis inter duos fratres. Hic fecit primum burgum de Burton, videlicet villam et novum vicum de Burton. Item dimisit coquinam conventui, et dedit ad pitanciam eidem, ut patet per cartas inde.

13. Willielmus Melburne, monachus de Radingia, successit praedicto Nicholao, et praefuit monasterio xvj. annis, tempore Richardi primi, et Johannis regum Angliae, et obiit die Jovis viij. kal. Augusti, anno Domini mccc. et anno regis Johannis xvj. Anno hujus primo facta erat revelatio reliquiarum ecclesiae Burtonii, ut patet in libro de eadem revelatione. Item hic burgum à magno ponte de Burton usque ad novum pontem versus Horninglowe fecit, et dedit burgensibus cartam inde, et tenuit ibidem primò forum et feriam. Item dedit capellae sanctae Modwenae in Anderseya xij^d. de burgagio Roberti de Pecco, quia Galfridus episcopus praepit ei in dedicatione ejusdem ut dotaret eam in aliquo. Item dedit coquinam molendinum de Siwardmore, et cameram xvij^d. de terra Willielmi de Derby, et xij^d. ad lampadem coram cruce, et x^d. ad obitum suum.

14. Rogerus Normannus, monachus de Normannia, successit praedicto Willielmo, et praefuit monasterio ferè duobus annis, tempore regis Johannis et Henrici tertii regis Angliae, et obiit die Lunae xvij. kal. Octobris, anno Domini mcccxvij. et dicti regis Henrici anno primo. Hic dedit coquinam virgatum terrae, quae fuit Johannis de Lane.

15. Nicholaus de Wallingford, monachus et prior Burtonii successit antedicto Rogero, et praefuit monasterio vj. annis tempore Henrici tertii regis Angliae; et obiit die Martis quarto kal. Augusti anno Domini mcccxxij. et dicti regis Henrici vj. Hic dedit coquinam unam virgatum terrae quae fuit Johannis Pikhull, et decimam de Horinglow, et

relaxavit servicium parochianorum in lapicidina, pro quodam annuo censu. Item fecit tenentibus totius parochiae tam liberis quam nativis cartam de minutis decimis, pro quodam annuo reddito.

16. Ricardus de Insula, monachus et prior sancti Edmundi, successit dicto Nicholao, et praefuit monasterio vj. annis, tempore dicti regis Henrici tertii. Et postea electus est in abbatem sancti Edmundi, anno Domini mcccix. et dicti regis Henrici xiiij. Iste Ricardus fecit capellam sancti Edmundi et donavit eidem certos redditus, et dedit eandem capellam priori cum redditibus eisdem. Item dedit coquinam conventuali molendinum superius contra Stapinhull, et de Stretton super Doufam, &c. in permutatione cum camerario, et vj^d. viij^d. ad pitanciam in die obitus sui, qui est iiij. kal. Septembris, et erat redditus dicti burgi ad abbatem pertinentis (ut patet per rentale inde), xlv^d. viij^d.

17. Laurencius, monachus et coquinarius Burton, successit praedicto Ricardo, et praefuit monasterio xxxij. annis, tempore Henrici tertii, et installatus est in festo Translationis sanctae Modwenae virginis, et obiit die Mercurii sexto nonas Julii, anno Domini mcllx. et dicti regis Henrici lxx. sepultusque est sub arcu superius inter altare martyrum et capellam sanctae Mariae virginis. Hic dedit conventui molendinum de Aldovestre et vivarium in viridario ad recreationem infirmorum, et elemosinariae illam domum lapideam juxta ecclesiam ad pauperes suscipiendos, et in die obitus sui ad coquinam x^d. et ad vinum x^d. et ad pauperes x^d. et de granario abbatis singulis monachis singulos simnellos. Et hujus tempore inchoata fuit capella beatae Mariae virginis, et erant in conventu xxx. monachi. Item habuit placitum cum villanis de le Hurst apud Bromley. Hujus tempore fuit redditum burgagium.

18. Johannes Stafford, monachus et prior Burtoniae, successit dicto Laurencio, et praefuit monasterio xx. annis, tempore Henrici et Edwardi regum Angliae. Et cessit die Sabbati xix. kal. Februarii anno Domini mcllxxx. et dicti regis Edwardi viij. et monachatus sui lx. et obiit vij. kal. Martii, sepultusque est in capella beatae Mariae sub lapide marmoreo, ferè in medio ante altare. Et hoc est epitaphium sepulchri ejusdem:

"Hic jacet abbas Johannes de Stafforde, cujus animae propicietur Deus, et det vitam aeternam. Amen."

In hujus tempore prior Michael fecit dictam capellam, qui similiter jacet ibidem sub marmore juxta altare, à sinistris ejusdem Johannis abbatis. Et hoc est epitaphium ejus scriptum Gallicè:

"Ici git daun Michel de Mercinton a ki alme Dieu face pardon et joye pardurablement li done Dieu omnipotent. Amen."

Anglicè.

"Here lyeth dawn Michel of Merchinton, to whose sole God make pardon, and joy everlasting to him give God almighty. Amen."

Iste Johannes fecit burgum de Bradwaie a le Brele-crosse, Hantasia, et Andesleytest, et remisit v^d. de tenemento quod Willielmus Davy tenuit, pro via amplianda ibidem versus Wihetmore, ubi prius non erat nisi modica semita. Item dedit coquinam conventuali piscariam inter vadum de Drakelowe et molendinum ibidem, et contra terram de Stretton, et xl^d. de molendino de Bromley. Item fecit seldas in foro de Burton, et dedit easdem elemosinario, &c. Item habuit placitum cum villanis de Overa pro quo obligavit c^d. capellae de Sallowe, &c. Hic quoque natus est in Stretton. Ex bonis parentum suorum fecit pontem ibidem ultra aquam de Dowfe, ideo vocatur le Monksbridge. Hujus tempore videlicet anno ipsius xj. fuit redditus burgi de Burtona vij^d. vj^d. j^d.

19. Thomas Pakington, monachus et prior Burtonensis, successit dicto Johanni, et praefuit monasterio ferè xxvj. annis, tempore Edwardi praedicti. Et obiit die Jovis kal. Octobris anno Domini mcccv. et dicti regis Edwardi xxxij. sepultusque est in medio ante summum altare sub lapide marmoreo cum cruce, modo ligni frondosi. Qui quidem lapis postea translatus est in Anderseye per Thomam Feylde abbatem, et jacet super tumbam sanctae Modwenae virginis. Hic fecit burgum de le Cattestrete per medium di Siwardmore usque Hikenelstrete. Et dedit coqui-

nariæ tres acras prati ad molendinum superius. Et anno ejus sexto fuit maxima fames, ob quam fecit burgum prædictum. Et xvj. die Decembris anno ejus xij. quidam puer dictus Willielmus Bonde ascendit trabes ecclesiæ ante summum altare cum quodam carpentario vocato Roberto Helcote; et hora vespertina quando antiphona O Sapientia incipiebatur, decedit in terram et expiravit. Et sic ejus tempore facta fuit nova fabrica cancellæ ecclesiæ superioris et consummata. Et circa festum Exaltationis Sanctæ Crucis anno ejus xxij. facta est dissensio inter monasterium de Burton et liberè tenentes de patria pro quodam fossato facto circa nemus de Winshull.

20. Johannes Piscator, alias Stapunhull, monachus Burton, successit dicto Thomæ, et præfuit monasterio xj. annis, tempore Edwardi primi et Edwardi secundi filii Edwardi, regum Angliæ; et obiit die Jovis viij. kal. Julii anno Domini mcccxvj. et dicti regis Edwardi filii regis Edwardi, x. sepultusque est sub lapide marmoreo ante summum altare à dextris Thomæ abbatis. Et hoc est epitaphium ejusdem abbatis Johannis scriptum in parva cruce [-] et die Martis xvij. kal. Januarii anno ejus primo dedicatum fuit summum altare, et altaria de apostolis et martyribus. Iste fecit ædificium longum juxta portas abbatiæ et Helle: item ædificium inter campanile, et longum ædificium sacristariæ et anno ejus tertio Dominica in crastino post festum sanctæ Mariæ frater Robertus Longdon monachus Burton factus est prior Tutesburie per dominum Thomam comitem Lancastriæ.

21. Willielmus de Bromley, monachus et cellerarius Burtoniæ, successit dicto Johanni, et præfuit monasterio xij. annis, tempore Edwardi secundi et Edwardi tertii regum Angliæ, et obiit die Mercurii xj. kal. Julii anno Domini mcccxxix. dicti regis Edwardi tertio, sepultusque est sub lapide hispido sive arenario ante summum altare à sinistris Thomæ abbatis. Hic fecit magnam aulam juxta aquam de le Flete, et columbare in le Poleyert, et magnum horreum in le Bere de Stapenhull per fratrem Robertum Britehil celerarium ejusdem. Et dedit conventui longum illud ædificium juxta portas abbatiæ, et duo messuagia Thomæ Russ, et insulas ultra molendinum superius, et quinque dies ad sanguinis imminutionem à meridie diei Sabbati usque ad vespertas feria quarta in loco illo circumfossato in parco de Shapenhale, cum augmentatione panis et cervisiæ ultra solitum corrodium. Item anno ejus sexto dominus Thomas, comes Lancastriæ, removit à monasterio die Mercurii sexto idus Martii, rege Edwardo superveniente.

22. Robertus Longdone, prior Tutesburie, et prior monachus Burtoniæ, successit prædicto Willielmo, et præfuit monasterio xij. annis, tempore regis Edwardi tertii, et obiit die Mercurii iij. kal. Martii, anno Domini mcccxl. et dicti regis Edwardi xij. sepultusque est sub arcu inter altare apostolorum et confessorum. Hic fecit capellam eandem confessorum cum voluta ejusdem, et capitulum opere artificioso, videlicet à fundo usque ad medium in altitudine ejus. Iste Robertus remisit camerariæ unam marcam quam abbas habere consueverat, et dedit ei vij. provenientes de decem burgagiis inclusis infra croftam coquinarii, in recompensationem xix. quos abbas ei solvere consueverat pro le Hurst assignata per Willielmum Melbourne abbatem prædictum.

23. Robertus Brikhull, monachus et cellerarius Burtoniæ, successit dicto Roberto, et præfuit monasterio viij. annis tempore Edwardi regis iij. et obiit idus Augusti anno Domini mcccxlviij. et dicti regis Edwardi xxij. sepultusque est sub lapide marmoreo in cancella superiore in medio ante summum altare. Hic consummavit capitulum opere artificioso, et fecit magnam fenestram supra summum altare, et magnum orrium, columbare, et cætera ædificia apud Shopinhale, &c. Hujus etiam tempore frater Robertus Stapenhull fecit et dedit conventui molendinum fullonicum et duo ædificia, unum quondam Rogeri de Parco, et aliud quondam domini Ricardi de Asheburne capellani. Qui quidem Robertus obiit die Sabbati, et est sub arcu inferiori juxta altare apostolorum et confessorum tumulatus.

24. Johannes Ibstocke, monachus et elemosinarius Burton, successit prædicto Roberto, et præfuit monasterio xvij. annis tempore Edwardi tertii. Et obiit die Lunæ 5 kal.

Octobris anno Domini mcccclxvj. et dicti regis Edwardi xl. sepultusque est ante summum altare à dextris prædicti Roberti Brikhull abbatis. Hic, dum esset elemosinarius, fecit altum ædificium in foro, videlicet Gareffes. Item fecit boreale latum ecclesiæ parochialis, deposita prius ibidem quoddam magna synagoga. Item fecit cameram parvam abbatis inter magnam aulam et exteriorem cameram ibidem. Et acquisivit dimidium manerii de Calwelle. Item dedit conventui le Belhouse orchard, et xx. de Felde, et addidit ad sanguinis imminutionem duos dies et dimidium, et concessit ut habere solatium hujusmodi à Sabbato ad Sabbatum.

25. Thomas Sowtham, monachus Burton, capellanus abbatis, successit prædicto Johanni, et præfuit monasterio xxxiij. annis, tempore Edwardi tertii, Ricardi secundi, et Henrici quarti regum Angliæ. Et cessit ante festum Omnium Sanctorum, anno Domini mcccc. et dicti regis Henrici secundo. Et obiit 3 idus Aprilis, sepultusque est sub lapide marmoreo in capella martyrum. Hic acquisivit terras et redditus ad cantariam suam et obitum suum. Item hujus tempore frater Johannes Sudburie sacrista fudit de novo tres magnas campanas in campanili inferiori. Item emit crucem argenteam cum tribus imaginibus, et calicem cum crucifixo in pede, ad summum altare. Item hujus tempore frater Reginaldus Ibstocke acquisivit redditus ad obitum suum, qui quidem jacet à dextris Roberti Stapenhull monachi.

26. Johannes Sudburie, monachus et sacrista Burtoniæ, successit dicto Thomæ, et præfuit monasterio xxiiij. annis, tempore Henrici quarti, quinti et sexti, regum Angliæ, et cessit die Martis xvij. die Januarii, anno Domini mccccxxiiij. et dicti regis Henrici secundo. Et obiit secundo idus Septembris xv. anno sequenti, videlicet anno Domini mccccxxxix. Hic fuit baccalarius in jure canonico, sepultusque est in medio ante altare in capella confessorum sub albo lapide. Hic appropriavit rectoriam de Aldestre, consensu domini Walteri Batill rectoris. Hujus tempore frater Ricardus Creyhton sacrista, fecit opus lapideum cancellaturæ cum novo tecto ecclesiæ inferioris. Item frater Johannes Babe, prior et sacrista, fecit novum opus lapideum campanilis ecclesiæ superioris, et nova stalla in choro, cum feretro novo sanctæ Modwennæ, portiforium, et duos textus ejusdem operis, et scripsit librum magnum et choro in juvenilia cum esset subsacrista. Idem Johannes Sudburie adquisivit terras et tenementa ad cantariam et obitum suum, &c.

27. Willielmus Mathew, monachus et elemosinarius Burton, successit prædicto Johanni, et præfuit monasterio vi. annis, tempore regis Henrici sexti, et cessit die Jovis idus Septembris in festo Exaltationis Sanctæ Crucis anno Domini mccccxxx. et dicti regis Henrici viij. Et obiit sexto idus Octobris proximo sequentis, sepultusque est sub lapide hispido sive arenario in capella beate Mariæ supra gradum juxta sedile in muro ibidem. Et anno ejus primo frater Nicholas Warde coquinarius fecit portas fluviales apud molendinum inferius. Et anno ejus secundo dominus Johannes Babe prior obiit die Lunæ x. kal. Augusti sepultusque est ad caput in medio chori sub lapide emplastro. Et vij. kal. Martii anno ejus quarto, die Lunæ, dominica prima Quadragesimæ, idem abbas posuit primum lapidem australis partis portarum abbatiæ. Et mense Junii inchoatum fuit opus lapideum inter Andrewseymeyda et le Horseholme. Et anno ejus quinto, die Lunæ xv. kal. Martii inceptum fuit pavementum altæ villæ, diruto causeto, ponendo gutteram in medio. Et die Lunæ xij. kal. Aprilis proximo sequentis inceptum fuit causetum novi vici ante portas abbatiæ.

28. Robertus Ousby, monachus S. Albani, successit prædicto Willielmo in festo S. Edmundi regis et martyris, instinctu Willielmi Heyworth, Coventriæ et Lichfeldii episcopi et præfuit monasterio duobus annis, tempore regis Henrici sexti, et cessit die Sabbati ix. kal. Februarii anno Domini mccccxxij. et dicti regis Henrici xj. Hujus tempore iij. kal. Martij, die Jovis dominica prima Quadragesimæ, anno ejus primo, positus est primus lapis novi claustrum incipiendo ad angulum versus elemosinariam, et eodem anno consummatum. Item die Mercurii secundo idus Septembris, eodem anno, inceptum fuit opus lapideum fontis in foro juxta le Garets.

Com' Staff'		£.	s.	d.
Burton	Terr' et Teñta ad Offic' Custod' Capell' Bē Marie spectan'	4	0	0
Branston	Terr' et Teñta	12	14	5
Calengwood	Terr' et Teñta juxta	1	6	8
Burton, Wyghtmere, et al. loc.	Terr' et Teñta Cantar' Wilh' Beyne spectan'	8	13	4
Burton Extra	Terr' et Teñta	11	8	4
Hornynghlow et Wyghtmere	Terr' et Teñta	15	5	8
Stretton	Terr' et Teñta ad Vol' Dñi.	19	3	9
Anseley	Capital' Redd'	13	5	4
Bromeley	Terr' Dominical', viz. Magn' Parc' et Bentelee	11	13	4
Bromley Abbatis	Capital' Redd'	7	7	2½
- - - - -	Terr' et Teñta	16	10	11
Bromley Hurst	Terr' et Teñta cum Molend'	40	6	8
Legh et Fyld	Capital' Redd'	5	0	0
Pyllytonhall	Capital' Redd'	0	16	6
Dorlaston juxta Stone	Capital' Redd'	2	11	0
Okeover	Capital' Redd'	1	6	8
Wyston	Capital' Redd'	0	10	0
Burton super Trent	Profic' et Perquis' Cur'	3	6	8
Com' Derb'				
Stapenhull et Wynishull	Terr' Dominical'	0	13	4
Derby	Teñta et Molend' Aquat'	3	6	8
- - - - -	Teñta et Capital' Redd'	1	14	0
Wynshull	Terr' et Teñta	12	13	2
- - - - -	Una Clausura	1	0	0
Stapenhull	Terr' et Teñta	9	4	6
- - - - -	Una Clausura vocata le Royle	2	0	0
Caldwall	Terr' et Teñta	9	17	6
Overa Magna	Maner'	24	16	10
Overa Parva	Maner'	17	15	11
Fynderna	Maner'	13	12	4
Tyknale	Capital' Redd'	0	10	0
Wyllington et Potlok	Capital' Redd'	1	16	4
Hunsedon Grange	Terr' et Teñta	6	0	0
Appulby	Terr' et Teñta	10	5	0
Com' Warw'				
Aldestre	Terr' et Teñta	17	12	6
London'				
London' Civit'	Un' Teñtum	2	0	0
Summa Temporalium		402	15	4½

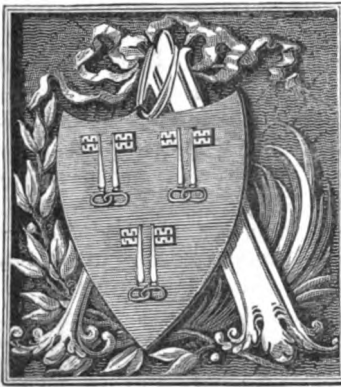
Spiritualia.

Com' Staff'				
Burton super Trent	Ecchia	33	0	0
- - - - -	Capella Sēe Modvenne	2	0	0
Bromley Abbatis	Ecchia	13	6	8
Ylom	Ecchia et Rectoria	8	13	4
Caldon	Capella	2	6	8
Blythfeld	Penō Ecchie	1	0	0
Grendon	Penō Ecchie	0	13	4
Leghe	Penō Ecchie	3	6	8
Rydware Hampstall	Penō Ecchie	0	5	0
Overa Magna cum Membris de Parva Overa et Fynderna, com' Derb'	Ecchia	8	13	4
Aldestre	Ecchia	16	0	0
Stapenhull cum Decimis de Wynshull	Ecchia	10	0	0
Summa Spiritualium		98	11	8
Summa tam Spiritual' quam Temporal'		501	7	0½

Abbotsbury Abbey,

IN

DORSETSHIRE.



ABBOTSBURY Abbey is situated in the hundred of Uggescombe, and deanery of Bridport, in Dorsetshire, a hundred and twenty-seven miles from London.

Coker, in his "Survey of the Countie of Dorset," states, from the Register of this monastery, that a church was built here in the very infancy of Christianity among the Britons by one Bertelfus, a priest, who dedicated it to St. Peter; "unto whom,"

he adds, "the same saint had often appeared, and amongst other things gave him a charter written with his own hand, which will be needless for me to exemplify; only in it St. Peter professeth to have consecrated the church himself, and to have given it the name of Abodesbyry."^a

Orc, Orcius, Orkingus, or Urkus, steward of the palace to King Canute, with his wife Thola, appear to have been the real founders of this monastery. Thola, or Tola, is said to have purchased Piddle, now Tol-Piddle, which she and her husband gave to it, together with the vills of Abbotsbury, Portesham, Helston, and Anstie, all in the countie of Dorset.^b

Reyner dates the foundation of this monastery in 1026.^c Bishop Tanner says, Orcus instituted a society of secular canons here about 1026, who were by him or his widow Tola, in the time of Edward the Confessor, changed into a monastery of the Benedictine order.^d Leland, in his *Collectanea*, says, that Orcus, having expelled the canons, introduced monks.^e Coker says, the monastery was built by Orcus in 1044, and that the first monks here were brought from Cerne.^f

By a Charter of Inspeximus of the eighth of Edward the Second it appears that King Edward the Confessor granted to Orcus, who stood in the same relation to him as before to King Canute, being his huscarl or domestic servant, the shore in all his land and all wrecks of the same. This Charter is addressed to Alfwold the bishop, Earl Harold, Alfred the sheriff, and the King's ministri of Dorsetshire. By a second Charter the same king gave licence to Thola, widow of Orcus, that she might bequeath her lands and goods to the monastery of St. Peter here, declaring himself, at the same time, protector of the convent and its possessions. This second Charter is addressed to Hereman bishop of Salisbury, who was promoted to that see in 1056. King William the First, by a Charter addressed to the same bishop and copied in the same *Inspeximus*, declares

the abbat and brethren of the monastery, their lands, men, &c. to be under his protection; adding the libertics of sac and soc, tol, theam, and infangentheife.^g

According to the Domesday return, the church of Abbotsbury held, in 1087, twenty-one hides in Abbotsbury, eight hides in Pidele, eighteen in Eltone, twelve in Portesham, five virgates in Sevemetone, two hides and a half in Widetone, one carucate in Bourtone, and two hides in Atrem: the whole of these possessions being situated within the limits of Dorsetshire, and the annual value amounting to no less a sum than 69*l*. 5*s*. 6*d*. One hide appertaining to Abbotsbury, with a virgate in Portesham, both of which had been allotted to the monks' table in the time of King Edward the Confessor, are returned as being unjustly detained from the monks by the wife of Hugh fil. Grip.^h

The copy of an inquisition concerning the estates, privileges, and rents of this monastery, taken in the 53d of Henry III. A. D. 1269, made before John le Moyne the king's escheator, and Andrew Wake sheriff of Dorset, at Uggescomb, will be found in the Appendix.ⁱ

In the 10th of Edw. III. the abbat had a Charter of free-warren in Abbotsbury, Portisham, Louke, Graveston, Wodeton Abbas, Finlegh, Witherston, Hilton, Tolepiddle, and Ramsbury, in Dorsetshire; and in Holewell, in the county of Somerset.^k

A confirmation of divers grants was also obtained by the abbat and convent from the king in the 8th year of Henry the Seventh.^l

The nature and revenue of the different possessions of this monastery in the 32d year of Henry the Eighth will be seen in the Abstract of the Ministers Accompts.

Hutchins says, "8 Edw. I. the abbat paid two marks scutage. 14 Hen. II. he accounted for one mark, and one knight's fee on aid for marrying the king's daughter. 6 Ric. I. he paid twenty shillings scutage for redeeming the king. 12, 13 Joh. he held one knight's fee. 30 Hen. III. he paid 20*s*. for one fee on the aid for marrying the king's eldest daughter. 38 Hen. III. he paid 40*s*. for two fees on the aid of making the king's eldest son a knight. 7 Edw. I. he paid 40*s*. for two fees on the scutage of Wales."^m

A chantry called Strangeways Chantry was founded here by indenture tripartite between John abbat of Abbotsbury, William Milton abbat of Milton, and Thomas Strangeways, Esq. dated on the last day of February, 1505. This chantry had conferred upon it the vicarage of the parish church of Portesham, and lands to the yearly value of ten marks; the abbat obliging the monastery for the same to keep a monk, being a priest, to say mass daily, for ever, and other prayers, for the souls of the said Strangeways, his wife and family, as also to pray for King Henry the

^a Coker, *Surv.* p. 30.

^b See Num. I.

^c Apostolat. Benedict. tract. ii. § 6, m. 3.

^d Notit. Mon.

^e Lel. Collect. tom. iii. p. 149.

^f *Surv. of Dorset*, ut supr. Of the gild, or fraternity of St. Peter founded here by Orcus, with its rules, see the Appendix of Instr. Num. III.

^g See Numm. IV. V. VI.

^h See Num. VII.

ⁱ Num. IX.

^k Claus. 10 Edw. III. n. 41. Tann. Notit. Mon.

^l Hutch. Hist. Dors. last edit. vol. ii. p. 276, ex Orig. 8 Hen. VII. rot. 86.

^m Hutch. p. 276.

Seventh, &c. under the penalty of 3s. 4d. to be paid to the bishop of the diocese, and 3s. 4d. to the heirs of the said Strangeways for every omission. There is, however, this proviso in the indenture, that if by any accident there shall not be eight monks priests in the monastery, then shall they be exempted from the obligation of this mass.^a

ABBATS of ABBOTSBURY.

GEOFFREY, t. Hen. I.^b

In 1175, 21 Hen. II. this abbey was vacant.^c It was again in the king's hands A. D. 1213, 14 Joh.^d

ROGER DE BREDETTON, or, as Hutchins calls him, BRETON, sacrist of the monastery, was made abbat in 1344; the royal assent being given to his election Feb. 11th that year.^e

JOHN DE HELTON, or HILTON, was the next abbat. He received the royal assent Oct. 28th, and had the temporalities restored Oct. 31st, 1256.^f Upon his death,

PHILIP DE SHIREBURN was elected. He obtained the royal assent May 27th, 1283.^g

WILLIAM DE KINGESTON succeeded upon Shireburn's death. The royal assent was given to his election on Jan. 14th, 1294:^h nevertheless, it was afterwards set aside, and the temporalities of the monastery were finally restored on March 2d that year to

BENEDICT DE LODRES, who had been presented as abbat by the bishop of Salisbury.ⁱ Upon his death

RALPH DE SHIRBORN was elected. The king gave his assent to his election July 6th, 1319.^k Upon the death of Ralph,

PETER DE SHIRBORN was elected in the month of February, 1320. The temporalities of the monastery were restored to him on the 12th of March following.^l

WILLIAM LE FAUKENER, or DE FAUCONER, received the royal assent to his election Jan. 29th, and the temporalities were restored Feb. 23d, 1323.^m Upon his death,

WALTER DE SAUNFORD, or SAMFORD, was elected abbat; to whom the temporalities were restored Jan. 26th, 1343.ⁿ

WALTER DE STOKES, or STOKES, succeeded upon Saunford's death. He received the temporalities of the monastery Jan. 17th, 1348.^o Upon his cession,

HENRY TOLRE was elected abbat. The temporalities were restored to him July 16th, 1354.^p

WILLIAM DE CERNE was chosen abbat upon Tolre's

death. He received the temporalities Sept. 22, 1376.^q Upon his death,

ROBERT BYLSAY was elected; to whom the temporalities were restored Dec. 18th, 1401.^r Hutchins calls him *Bisley*, or *Bilsey*.

RICHARD DE PERCY had the temporalities restored to him as abbat, upon Bylsay's death, Dec. 1st, 1426.^s Upon Percy's resignation,

EDWARD WATTON was chosen abbat. The king gave his assent to the election September 22d, and the temporalities were restored Sept. 24th, 1442.^t Watton had previously been prior of the monastery. He died Sept. 23, 1452.^u

WILLIAM WOLLER, WELLER, or WULLER, was elected abbat Oct. 5th, and received the temporalities Oct. 26th, 1452.^v He was buried Nov. 27th, 1468.

HUGH DORCHESTYR was elected abbat Dec. 13th, 1468. He died 17th May, 1496.^w

JOHN ABBOTSBURY, prior of the monastery, was elected abbat June 16th, and received the temporalities Aug. 12th, 1496.^x He died Oct. 8th, 1505.^y

JOHN PORTHAM, who had also been prior, was the next abbat. Hutchins, who calls him PORTESHAM, says, "his parental name seems to have been Pysing, or Peasing, and he probably had the local name of Portesham, from the place of his birth."^z

ROGER RODDEN, *alias* CORTON, was confirmed abbat Dec 30th, 1534, and received the temporalities Jan. 16th following.^{aa} On March 12th, 1539, he, with the prior and eight monks, surrendered this abbey to William Petre, LL.D.^{ab} The pensions bestowed at the Dissolution will be found in the Appendix of Instruments.^{ac} The site of this monastery was granted in the 35th of Hen. VIII. to Sir Giles Strangeway, Knt.^{ad}

The only REGISTER of this monastery known was that which formerly belonged to the Strangeway family, used by Sir William Dugdale in the Appendix to the present Account; and which was destroyed, together with the mansion-house of the Strangeways at Abbotsbury, in the civil wars of Charles the First.^{ae}

Leland, in his *Collectanea*, edit. 1770, vol. iii. p. 149, notices the following manuscripts which he saw in the LIBRARY of Abbotsbury abbey:

"Paschasius Rodbertus super Lamentationes Hieremiæ.
Stephanus Cantuariensis super Esaiam.
Smaragdi Diadema.
Pars Veteris Testamenti Saxonice.

^a See Num. XII.

^b Lib. Nig. Scacc. See Num. VIII.

^c Brompton. col. 1102 b. Rad. de Diceto, col. 587 a.

^d Madox, Hist. Exch. c. x. p. 214.

^e Pat. 30 Hen. III. m. 7.

^f Pat. 42 Hen. III. m. 1; 43 Hen. III.

^g Pat. 12 Edw. I. ^h Pat. 25 Edw. I.

ⁱ See the Instrument Num. XI.

^k Pat. 13, 14 Edw. II.

^l Pat. 14 Edw. II.

^m Pat. 17 Edw. II. p. 1.

ⁿ Pat. 17 Edw. III. p. 2.

^o Pat. 22 Edw. III. p. 3.

^p Pat. 28 Edw. III. p. 2.

^q Pat. 50 Edw. III. p. 2.

^r Pat. 3 Hen. IV. p. 1.

^s Pat. 5 Hen. VI.

^t Pat. 21 Hen. VI. p. 1.

^u Hutch. Hist. Dors. vol. ii. p. 277.

^v Hutch. ibid. Pat. 31 Hen. VI. p. 1.

^w Hutchins, ut supr.

^x Rot. Orig. 11 Hen. VII.

^y Hutchins, ut supr.

^z Ibid.

^{aa} Rot. Orig. 26 Hen. VIII.

^{ab} Thomas Bradford was, at this time, prior.

The Cottonian manuscript Cleop. E. iv. fol. 57 b, contains the following appointment from Thomas Legh, LL.D. one of the visitors of the monastery, for a person of the name of Vincent to be prior. It is without date.

"In Dei nomine Amen. Nos Thomas Legh, legum doctor, illustrissimi domini regis in mon. de Abbotsbury visitator specialiter deputatus, dompnum . . . Vincent auctoritate nobis in hac parte commissa in priorem dictæ domus constituimus, mandantes omnibus et singulis officium suum concernen. similiter pareant et intendant, sub pœna regii contemptus. Et eidem insuper mandantes ut debite suum officium exequatur."

^{ac} Num. XIII. The following were the fees, annuities, and pensions still chargeable in the 2d & 3d of Philip and Mary:

"ABBURY nuper MON. Feod. Egidii Strangways mil. capit. VOL. III.

seneschalli omnium possess. dicti nuper monasterii per annum iiij^{ss}. Willielmi Gerard, Johannis Baly, et Willielmi Welborne subseneschall. cur. et audit. nuper monasterii prædicti per annum cxij^{ss}. iiij^{ss}. Annuat. Thomæ Elkyns per annum iiij^{ss}. Johannis Tregonwell per annum iiij^{ss}. Georgii de la Linde per annum xxvj^{ss}. viij^{ss}. Johannis Parkyns per annum xl^{ss}. Johannis Horsey per annum xlvj^{ss}. viij^{ss}. Penc. Willielmi Gregorie per annum vj^{ss}. Johannis Vincent per annum vj^{ss}. Henrici Lyme per annum cvj^{ss}. viij^{ss}. Willielmi Bever per annum c^{ss}. Willielmi Stible per annum c^{ss}. Thomæ Holneste per annum c^{ss}."

^{ad} See Jones's Index of Records in the King's Remembrancer's Office in the Exchequer.

^{ae} Hutch. ut supr. p. 278. The following references to public documents, not already noticed, are given by Bishop Tanner in the *Notitia Monastica*:

"Rot. cart. 45 Hen. III. m. 4. Cart. 54 Hen. III. m. 13, 14. Cart. 56 Hen. III. n. 3, pro mercat. die Martis, et feria in vigil. die et crast. S. Mariæ Magdalene apud Helton, Dorset.

"Cart. 9 Edw. I. n. 55 vel 56, pro mercat. apud Abbodesbury. Pat. 20 Edw. I. m. . . Claus. 25 Edw. I. m. 12.

"Cart. 8 Edw. II. n. 5. Inquis. ad quod damnum, 8 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 81. Pat. 8 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 6. et m. 19 d, de wrecco maria. Pat. 15 Edw. III. p. 3, m. . . Pat. 16 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 1. Claus. 35 Edw. III. m. 16, 20 d, et m. 22, pro terris in Odestoke, co. Wilt. Pat. 35 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 13, pro terris in Odestoke, et pro advoc. eccl. de Swintenetolre concess. huic abbatiæ per Will. Edindon episc. Winton. pro anniversario suo celebrand. Claus. 36 Edw. III. m. 12, de terris in Swinetolre, et advoc. ecclesiæ. Pat. 39 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 19.

"Pat. 9 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 19 vel 20. Pat. 16 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 27, pro maner. de Bromlegh Castle.

"Pat. 10 Hen. IV. p. 2, m. 10. Pat. 14 Hen. IV. m. 23.

"Pat. 2 Hen. V. p. 2, m. 19, 13, pro terris in Holewale, co. Somerset. excambiatas.

"Pat. 17 Hen. VI. p. 2, m. 25, de maner. de Skilgate, Milton, &c.

"Pat. 1 Edw. IV. p. 3, m. 19, de hundredo de Uggescomb."

Albinus de Trinitate, ad Carolum magnum.
Prosper de Vita contemplativa et activa."

The SEAL of this abbey exhibits an ancient church, built in a simple style of architecture, in the form of a cross. It was first engraved by Vertue for the Society of Antiquaries. The impression whence the print was taken, appendant to the Surrender in the Augmentation Office, is greatly mutilated.

The ABBEY-RUINS consist of a large Barn; the Gate-house, or principal entrance; a portion of the walls; a large stable supposed to have been the Dormitory; a ruined porch, which apparently belonged to the conventual church; and two Buildings, conjectured to have been the malt-house and brew-house.^a The barn, which is very ancient, when entire, was the largest in the county of Dorset. One half of it only is now used: the walls of the remaining part, covered with ivy, are in a less perfect state.

The Messrs. Buck engraved a view of the ruins of this abbey in 1733. The head-piece to the account of the hundred of Uggescomb in Hutchins's History of Dorset represents what remained in 1761.^b

The chapel of St. Mary, at the east end of the conventual church, of very elegant architecture, was preserved after the Dissolution by Sir Giles Strangeways as a place of sepulture for his family; but it was demolished when the mansion-house, which had been built out of the abbey-materials, was destroyed.

Leland, in his Collectanea, and Hutchins, have preserved the names of various persons who had willed to be interred in the conventual church; among whom were the founder Orcus and his wife Thola.^c

West of the abbey, under Chapel-Hill, is a ground of fourteen acres, supposed to have been the abbey-garden, and still so called, where are the remains of terraces and fish-ponds.

Cartae ad Abbottesburiense Coenobium in agro Dorsetensi spectantes,

CIRCA ANN. DOM. MXXVI. FUNDATUM,^d ET S. PETRO APOSTOLO DEDICATUM.

NUM. I.

QUIDAM Orcus,^e vir suo tempore præpotens, et Canuto Anglo Danorum regi eximiè charus, simul cum heroina quadam, Tola nomine, conjuge sua, Rothomagi in Normannia oriundâ, cœnobium istud fundavit. Quæ quidem Tola villam quandam, tunc Piddle, hodie verò Tole-Piddle nuncupatam, in agro Dorsetensi, pretio emit, quam cum villis istis, Abbottesbury, Portesham, Helton, et Anstie vulgò nominatis, et in eodem agro sitis, ipsa simul cum viro, cœnobio suo dono dedit. De cujus foundationis quam ita vocant chartâ, hæc (inter alia) olim excerpta:—Et cum ea (Tola scil.) diu vixit (idem Orcus) non sine spe, sed sine possibilitate procreandæ prolis. Ubi etiam, de ecclesiastico loci officio hæc:—Et ecclesiam raro servitio ibidem ministratam invenit ab uno presbytero suam uxorem habente. Hæc autem ex relatione viri quidem cui credatur longè dignissimi, domini Johannis Strangeways, ordinis sui, equestris scilicet, magni sanè ornamenti, ac ædium istarum nunc domini nuper accepimus, unâ cum duabus chartis, et quadam de tempore Henrici regis ejus nominis septimi, membranâ, sigillo abbatis et conventus Abbottesburiensis communi roboratâ, perpetuæ quam ita nominarunt Cantariæ in eadem abbazia celebrandæ, progenitorum suorum quibusdam, ob eorum in locum munificentiam singularem, gratitudinis ergò, pro more seculi, concessæ, et Strangeways Chantery vulgariter nuncupatæ, formam satis prolixè descriptam continente. Chartæ verò, quas ex ipsissimis descripsimus autographis, nobis à nobilissimo equite, pro suâ erga nos humanitate et benevolentia, atque operis istius promovendi et exornandi studio, nuper, ut diximus, libentissimè transmissis, sequuntur. Quarum utrâque, quæ notis his inclusa [] cum in autographis, ex nimia vetustate in

illis locis laceris et lacunosis, planè desint, ne claudicent, nostra qualis qualis supplevit conjectura.

Abbottebury.

[Lelandi Collectan. vol. iii. p. 254.]

ORCUS, æconomus Canuti regis, expulsis canonicis secularibus, introduxit monachos. Sepultus est ibidem cum Thola conjuge.

NUM. II.

Carta Canuti Regis, de Porteshamme, Orcio Ministro suo collato.

PMUNDANIS cladibus ista ærumnosa vita [tam var]iis defectibus ita lacescendo tabescit ac deficit, ut in maturæ mortis occiduis casibus, heu pro dolor! quamplurimi æternum trahantur ad interitum. Sed n[obis cu]nctis elaborandum omnibus notis extat sanè sapientibus, ut spurcitas Belial evitantes, theoricæ vitæ amœnissima consequi mereamur contubern[ia]. Quamobrem ego Cnut, annuente ac favente Dei omnipotentis clementiâ, totius Anglorum basileus, cæterarumque nationum in circuitu degentium regens atque [gubernans q]uandam ruris particulam vij. scilicet terræ mansas, eo in loco ubi ruricolæ terræ illius nomen indidere aet Porteshamme, meo ministro quem noti atque amici Orcy voc[ita]re solent, pro ejus amabili fidelitate, libenti animo, libertate perpetuâ largitus sum, quatinus ille habeat atque perpetualiter possideat quamdiu vital[e suum sta]men^f vigerit. Cumque dissolutionem sui corporis imminere cognoverit, cuicumque sibi libuerit hæredi jure hæreditario in æternam possessio-

^a Engraved in Hutchins's History, last edit. vol. ii. Pl. xiii.

^b Ibid. vol. ii. p. 273.

^c Lel. Collect. edit. 1770, tom. 1, p. 66. Hutch. ut supr. p. 278.

^d Reyner. Apostolat. Benedictin. in Angl. tract. ii. sect. vi. memb. 3.

^e Eid. Reynero, Orkingus, quem palatii regii Oeconomum, appellat.

^f for. spiramen.

nem derelinqu[at. Sit autem] hæc prænominata villula libera, cum omnibus ad illam ritè pertinentibus, in campis ac pascuis, pratis, aquarumque cursibus, rebus tantummodo tribus excepti[s, expeditione] videlicet, pontis, arcisve recuperatione. Si autem tempore contigerit aliquo quempiam hominum aliquem antiquiorem librum contra istius libri libertatem produ[cere, irritum] computetur, isto per omnia in sua stabilitate permanente atque vigente. Si quis autem quod non optamus, nostræ munificentiae donum pervertere conamine [uo præsumpserit,] collegio privatus perpetuæ felicitatis, ærumpnam hauriat atrocissimæ calamitatis, mortis nisi ante terminum præsumptionem hanc temerariam legali [satisfactione] emendare studuerit. † His verò vocabulis divulgari videntur termini agrorum videlicet prædictorum. Ænept of Mylebroce on Cucelehyllle. of Cucelehyllle on holun. of holun on Motbeorh. of Motbeorh on þe rtræt. of ðære rtræt on ðone ealban pæz ðurh ðone gnaf 7 gpa on ðone rmalan pæþ ofer ða rtræt on þone ealban pæz 7 gpa anblanz pæz on Atange [a b] eaph. 7 gpa on æt rtealler beorh. of ðam beorh gup on ða ealban pale. gpa on corfgeter pætran totan. of ðam totan gup be pale on ðære dicehyrnan. 7 gpa pæz be dic on ofne hyrnan. gpa gup be dic on ðære mæbe hyrnan. 7 ðær pæz be dic on ofne mæbe hyrnan. 7 gpa gup anblanz dic on halgan pyl. of halgan pylle pæz be dic on ða clæian lane. of ðære clæian lane on Mylebroc abun be rtræame eft of Mylebroce on Cucelehyllle.

Id est. Primò à Mylebroca [amne à molendino fortè nominato] ad Cucelishyllam [montem sic dictum:] à Cucelishylla ad cavernam: à caverna ad Motbeorgam [collem sic dictum:] à Motbeorga ad vicum, à vico ad veterem viam, per lucum; et sic ad angustam semitam ultra vicum ad veterem viam; et sic in longum viæ ad Atange collem, et sic ad stationis collem: à colle austrum versùs ad veterem voraginem sic ad Corfgetis tugurium; à tugurio austrum versùs secùs voraginem ad fossæ angulum; et sic occidentum versùs per fossam ad alterum angulum: sic austrum versùs per fossam ad prati angulum; et ibi occidentum versùs per fossam ad alterum prati angulum; et sic austrum versùs in longum fossæ ad sacrum fontem: à sacro fonte occidentem versùs secus fossam ad viculum argillaceum: à viculo argillaceo ad Mylebrocam per decursum fluminis: iterum à Mylebroca ad Cucelishyllam.

† Acta est autem hæc præfata donatio, anno Domini incarnationis MXXIIJ, indictione vij, horum consilio et testimonio, quorum nomina hic infra habentur. † Ego Cnut rex Anglorum almæ crucis signaculo hanc munificentiam consignavi.

† Ego Æthelnoth archiepiscopus. † Ego Ælfsie episcopus. † Ego Byrhtwold episcopus. † Ego Ælfmar episcopus. † Ego Byrhtwi episcopus. † Ego Godwine dux. † Ego Eglaf dux. † Ego Hacun dux. † Ego Byrhtmar abbas. † Ego Æthelwerd abbas. † Ego Æthelwold abbas. † Ego Ælfwi abbas. † Ego Lyfing abbas. † Ego Eadsie presbyter. † Ego Eadwold presbyter. † Ego Ælfwine presbyter. † Ego Thorth minister. † Ego Agemund minister. † Ego Thorth minister. † Ego Leofwine minister. † Ego Thurcylhoga minister. † Ego Karl minister. † Ego Tovihwita minister. † Ego Byrhtsie minister. † Ego Kartoca minister. † Ego Tovireada minister. † Ego Brothor minister. † Ego Ælfget minister. † Ego Bovi minister. † Ego Thurgod minister. † Ego Æthelmær minister. † Ego Byrhtic minister. † Ego Sigewerd minister. † Ego Winhus minister. † Ego Wulfnoth minister. † Ego Thurstan minister.

A tergo hæc;

Ðis is ðæra VII. hida landboc to Porteshamme ðe Cnut kynunge gebocode Ofce his ðegne on ece 7nfe.

[Id est,

Hic est septem hidarum Porteshammensium codex,

¹ Quædam hic fugerunt, ne conjecturâ quidem facillè revocanda.

quas Canutus rex scripto contulit Orco ejus ministro, jure hæreditario [vel, in æternam hæreditatem].

NUM. III.

De Fraternitate, vulgò Gyldâ, apud Abbodesburiam, per Orcum institutâ.

† Her cýþ on ðisum zeppte þ Orce hæfþ zegýfen ðæ zegýlb healle and ðone rtebe æt Abbodesbýrþz Gobe to lofe and rancte Petre. and ðam zýlbrcipe to azenne. on bæze. and æfter bæze him and his zebedban to langrumum zemýnde. 7e ðe þis apendan pýle hæbbe him piþ Gobe zemæne on ðam miclan dome. Ðonne rýndon ðis þa forþarþ þe Orcey and þa zegýlban æt Abbodesbýrþz gecopen habbaþ Gobe to lofe. and rancte Petre to Wuprýmýnte. and heora raplum to þearfe. þ is æroft þrým nihton ær Petre mærran æt ælcan zegýlban ænne peningc. ofþe an peningc purþ peaxer. loc hræfer mape neob rý into ðam mýnrte and on mærræ æfen æt tcam zegýlbum ænne bpadne hlaþ pell befeþen and pell zegýrled to urum zemænum ælmýrran. and rir pucan ær Petre mærræ bæze rceote ælc zegýlba ænne zýlbrefter fulne clæner hræter. and þ beo zelært binnan tcam ðazum be þær inganzer pite. þ rýndon þrý rertnar hræter. and 7e pubu beo zelært binnan ðrým ðazum æfter þam corn zerceote. æt ælcon riht zegýlban ane býrþene puber. and tpa æt þam unzýlban. ofþe zýlbe ænne zýlb refter corner. And 7e ðe býrþene unberfehþ. and þ zecpeme ne ðeþ beo he his inganzer rýlbrg. and ðær ne beo nan zýru. and 7e zýlba þe oðerne mýrnet innan zýlbe on eornofte hize zebete he þ be his inganze piþ ealne zereþrædene. 7 rýþþan piþ ðone man þe he mýrnetre gpa gpa he hit rýndon mæze. and zýf he nele to bote zebuzan. ðolize he ðære zereþrædene. and ælcene ofne zýlbrædene. And 7e ðe ma manna inlæbe. þonne he rceole buton ðær rtræpder leafe and ðæra feorþerna zýlbe his inganz.

And zýf ænigum on urum zereþrædene his forþ riþ zetibe rceote ælc zegýlba ænne peningc æt þam lice for þære raple ofþe zýlbe be ðrýz zýlbum. 7 zýf ure æniz zeuntrumob rý binnan rýxtiz [m milan ðon] ne rýndon þe rýtýne men þ hine zereþcon. 7 zýf he forþrapen rý. xxx. 7 ða hine zebunzon to ðære rtope þe he to zýrnde on his life. 7 zýf he on neapýrte forþ rapen rý. rapnize man ðone rtræpder. to hrýlcene rtope þ lic rceole. 7 7e rtræpder rapnize rýþþan þa zegýlban gpa þela gpa he mæze mært to zeruban ofþe to zerenban. þ hi ðær to cumon. 7 þ lic purþlice beftandan 7 to mýnrte ferian. 7 for ðære raple zeorne zebidban. þ býþ rihtlice zecpeben zýlbrædene þ pe þur ðon. 7 hit zerutþ þ pell æzþer ze for Gobe ze for porolbe. forþanþe pe nýton hrýlc ure hraþort forþræarþ. ðonne zelyre pe þurh Godeþ fultume þ ur fremize eallon þar forþorþ zecpeben on ær. zýf pe hit rihtlice healþar.

Uton biðban God ælmihtizne zeorne mid inþerþne heortan þ he ur miltizge. 7 eac gpa his halgan apoftol rancte Petre þ he ur zepingize 7 urne pæz zepýme to eceþe nerfe. forþan ðe pe for his lufon þis zegýlb zezaderodon. he hæfþ ðone anpealb on heoþenum þ he mot lætan into heoþenon ðone ðe he pýle. 7 forþinnan ðam þe he nele. gpa gpa Churc rýlf cæþ to him on his Godrþelle. Petrus ic betæce ðe heoþenon riceþ cæze. and gpa hræt gpa ðu pýlt habban zebunden ofer eorþan þ býþ zebunden on heoþenum. and gpa hræt gpa ðu pýlt habban unbunden ofer eorþan þ býþ unbunden on heoþenum. Uton habban hyht 7 hopan to him. þ he ur beþite. a her on porolbe. 7 æfter forþriþe ure rapla zehelpe he ur zebunze on eceþe nerfe. Amen.

Idem Latine redditum.

Hic innotescat ex hoc scripto, quod Orcyus dedit [vel dedicavit] sodalitiî aulam et locum apud Abbodesberiam ad laudem Dei, et S. Petri et fraternitatis, [à seipso] dum vixerit possidenda; et postea in perpetuam sui et uxoris

² fortè cotan.

suae memoriam; qui hoc averterit, inter Deum sit et ipsum [rationem scil. super eo Deo reddat] in magno [vel generali] iudicio. Hoc autem est pactum quod Orcyus et contubernales apud Abbodesberiam elegerunt [i. fecerunt] ad laudem Dei, et ad honorem sancti Petri atque ad animarum suarum opus [utilitatem sc. vel subsidium]. Id est, inprimis, tertia ante Petri missam [i. festum] nocte, sodalium unusquisque unum denarium, sive ceræ quantitatem æquivalentem, utrum horum magis expediat monasterio conferat: et in vigilia festi duo sodales [pendant] unum panem amplum, bene paratum, et bene cribratum, ad nostram communem eleemosynam. Et hebdomadâ ante Petri missæ diem [vel festum] quintâ, contribuat sodalium quisque unum sextarium contubernali [dictum] frumento pluro plenum, et persolvatur id intra biduum, sub ingressus mulctâ [non solventibus irrogandâ: mulcta fortè summam vel symbolam à quolibet in sodalium admissio introitus nomine, solvendam æquivalente:] trium scilicet frumenti sextarium. Et lignum persolvatur [i. inferatur] intra triduum post illam tritici collationem: unusquisque [scilicet] verus sodalis unum (inferat) ligni onus, et non sodales [ni fratrum album scil. tanquam contributarii, licet fortè indiginæ, et fratribus cohabitantes, nondum relati] duo: sin minus unum reddant tritici sextarium [illum] contubernalem [dictum]. Et qui onus suscepit, illud autem, uti par erit, non præstiterit, fit introitus sui reus [mulctam scil. incurrat, summam vel symbolam, introitus nomine, solutam, æquivalentem] sine ulla indulgentia. Porro, sodalis qui alium intra contubernium deditâ operâ malè tractaverit, ingressu suo id redimat [vel compenset, mulctam scil. de quâ supra, pendendo] apud universam societatem, et postea apud illum quem malè tractaverit, prout poterit. Et si compensare recusaverit, sodalio mulctetur [i. expellatur] nec alterius cujuscunque contubernii capax sit. Plures autem (quàm par erit) qui introduxerit homines absque dispensatoris et obsonatorum licentiâ, introitu suo mulctetur [mulctam scil. de qua supra solvendo].

Et si nostræ fraternitatis mortem quis obierit, defuncto conferat unusquisque socius denarium pro ejus animâ, [vel, in animæ defuncti remedium:] aut in triplum mulctetur. Et si nostrum quis infirmetur intra sexaginta abhinc millia, inveniamus [i. congregemus] quindecim viros qui eum abducant: si autem decesserit xxx. qui ad locum illum quem ipse vivens desideraverit, eum deferant. Si verò in vicinia decesserit, notificetur dispensatori quem ad locum corpus pertinet; dispensator autem postea tot sodalibus quot, vel ad eos equitando vel mittendo omnino poterit notificet, hoc fine, ut eò se conferant, et corpori honorabiliter assistant, atque ad cœnobiū deferant, ac pro anima [defuncti] sedulò orent. Id meritò vocetur sodalicium, si ita faciemus, et bene conveniet, tum Dei tum mundi intuitu, quoniam nescimus quis nostrum moriatur primus. Credimus autem, Dei auxilio freti nobis omnibus hoc pactum antedictum, id si rectè observemus futurum.

Deum omnipotentem oremus sedulò, intimo corde, ut nostri misereatur, et similiter apostulum ejus sanctum Petrum, ut pro nobis intercedat, et viam nostram ad requiem æternam ampliet [vel, aperiat]. Amoris enim ejus intuitu hoc sodalium congregavimus [i. instituimus]. Ipse [si quidem] potestatem habet in cœlo, ut in cœlum admittere possit quos voluerit, et repellere quos [ingredi] noluerit, sicut Christus ipse dixit ei in Evangelio. "Petre, tibi regni cœlorum clavem trado, et quicquid tu ligari velis in terra, id ligabitur in cœlo; et quicquid tu solvi velis in terra, id solvetur in cœlo." Confidamus et speremus in eo, ut nos, hoc in mundo, semper custodiat, et post animarum nostrarum excessum, auxilium nobis ferat in requie æterna. Amen.

[Præter hæc, monumenta quidem haud vulgaria, superiùs exhibita, pauca alia à nobis, saltem ad præsens expectanda: quandoquidem veterem cœnobii librum MS. (Registrum vulgò vocant) in quem et foundationis historia, et donationum omnium tabulæ, cæteraque loci monumenta literaria, superioris ævi curâ, relata fuerant, ab eodem equite ornatissimo, ejus domino, in nupera rerum Anglicarum adeo funestâ, verè scelestâ commotione, aut sublesta

manu surreptum, aut hostium igne consumptum, magno cum suo ipsius et rei antiquæ dispendio, periisse justè doleamus.]

NUM. IV.

Charta Edwardi Regis, Confessoris dicti.

[Chartæ 8 Edw. II. num. 5.]

Rex archiepiscopis, &c. salutem. Inspeximus cartam quam celebris memoriæ dominus Edwardus, quondam rex Angliæ, progenitor noster fecit in hæc verba. ✠ Eadpaþb künz gnet Alþpold B. 7 Hapold eopl. and Alþneb ꝥcýrge-neuan and ealle mine þegenes on Dornætæn ꝥneonðlice. 7 ic cýþe eop. þ Uþk min hufkapl habbe hý ꝥrpanð eall ꝥopne zen hýr a ðe* lanð. oþer eal þel 7 ꝥneolice. upp of ꝥæ. 7 ut on ꝥæ. 7 eall þ to hý ꝥrpanðe zebryuen hýr be minum fullan bebode.*.

[Id est,

✠ Edwardus rex, salutem dico Alfwoldo episcopo, et Haroldo comiti, et Alfredo vicecomiti, et omnibus meis Dorsetensis pagi ministris, amicè. Et vobis notum facio, quod Urkus famulus meus domesticus, habeat littus per universum fundum suum ubique, benè et liberè, tam ad mare, quàm extra mare, cum omnibus ad idem littus naufragio delatis, meo pleno mandato.]

NUM. V.

Alia ejusdem Regis Charta.

[Ibid.]

INSPEXIMUS etiam quandam aliam cartam quam præfatus Edwardus fecit in hæc verba. ✠ Eadpaþb künz gnet Heþemann B. 7 Hapold eopl. 7 ealle mine ðegenas on Dornætæn ꝥneonðlice. 7 ic cýþe eop þ hit 7 min fulla unna þ Tole min man Uþceþ lafe þ heo beceþe hýre lanð 7 ehta into ꝥancte Petre æt Abbodeþbyrþz ꝥra hýre leofeþt rý be minan fullan zeleanan. ꝥra full 7 ꝥra ꝥopþ ꝥra ða ꝥopereþda ær zepnhte ꝥæpan þ hit ꝥeolde æþter heopra begna ðaze hýre 7 Uþkeþ hýre hlaforðes ꝥor heopra ꝥaple zan into ðam halþan mýnþre.*. Nu pille ic þ heopra cþide ꝥrande ꝥra ꝥra hit zeporeþeþ þe on zodne manna zepnþeþe ðe ðar þid þepan. 7 ic pille þ ꝥpils ꝥneolþ beo into ðam mýnþre ꝥpils 7 into elcan oþre þær ðe beþt 7 on eallan þingzan. 7 ic me 7ýlþ pille beon zehealb 7 munð þeþ oþer. 7 oþer þa ape þe ðar into hufþ. 7 ic nelle nanan menn zeþapian ðe ðar zeutige ænig ðæra ðinga ðæf ðe hýz ðibeþ inn zedon habbaþ.*.

[Id est,

✠ Edwardus rex, salutem dicit Hermannō episcopo, Haroldo comiti, et omnibus suis agri Dorsetensis ministris, amicè. Notum vobis facio, quòd Tola famuli mei Urci vidua, legare [vel, donare] possit fundum suum atque bona [cœnobio] S. Petri de Abbotesburia, eo quo sibi magis placuerit modo, plenâ meâ cum licentiâ; tam plenè et eatenus omnino sicut eorum erat pactum antea factum; quod [videlicet] post eorum obitum [suum scil. et Urci domini sui^b] ad sanctum transirent illa cœnobium. Volo autem ut eorum institutum stet [vel, valeat] modo et formâ quibus antea inter eos coram probis hominibus in testimonium adhibitis pactum fuit. Volo etiam ut idem cœnobium eisdem omnino gaudeat libertatibus, ac aliud quodcunque cujus optimus est status. Egomet etiam custos ero et protector ejus, omniumque rerum eò spectantium: nec ut aliquis inde abstrahat quod illuc contulerunt, permittam.]

NUM. VI.

Charta Gulielmi Regis, Conquestoris dicti.

[Ibid.]

INSPEXIMUS etiam chartam quam celebris memoriæ

* f. aze.

^b i. viri.

dominus Willielmus, quondam rex Angliæ, progenitor noster, fecit abbati et conventui de Abbodesbury in hæc verba. Willelm kynz 3net Hepeman bircop 7 Brithwi 7 Scepwine 7 ealle mine ðegenas on Dorseton 3neonbluce. 7 ic cýþe eop ðæt 3e abbot æt Abbodesbýrnz. 7 ða 3ebroþra. 7 ða land. 7 ða men. 7 ælc ðara ðinga ðæt ðe hýrþ in to 3ante Petres mýnrþne to Abbodesbýrnz ðæt hit 3r eall on minre munde 7 on minan fullan 3ehealde under God. 3ra full 7 3ra 3onþ 3ra hit ðeber in 3urþ Opc leg on Eabpandes bæge kynczer minef mezer. 7 ic 3eann him ðæt he beo 3urþe hýr 3ace 7 hýr 3ocne binnan portce 7 butan. 7 tollef 7 teamef 7 inþanggeneþeoueþ. 7 ic nelle nanum men 3eþapian ðæt him æt ænizon ðingon mýrbeode. Gob eop 3ehealde.*.

[Id est,

Willelmus rex salutem; dico Hermannus episcopo, et Brithwio, et Scewino, et omnibus ministris meis Dorsetensibus, amicis. Et notum vobis facio, abbatem Abbotesburiensem, et fratres, et terras, et homines, et omnia ad cœnobium S. Petri Abbotesburiensis pertinentia, meâ omnino sub Deo gaudere protectione et plenâ custodiâ, adeo plenè et amplè ac ab Orco, tempore regis Edwardi cognati mei, eò fuerint collata. Eidem etiam [abbati scil.] concedo ut habeat libertates, saca et soca [dictas] intra portus et extra, tol insuper et theam, et infangentheife: nec alicui permittam, ut ei in aliquo injuriam faciat. Valete.]

NUM. VII.

Prædia ad Abbatiam de Abbotesbur. spectantia, tempore Willielmi Regis Conquestoris.

[Ex Libro Censuali vocato *Domesday Book*, in domo Capitul. Westmonast. asservato.]

Dorsete, tom. i. fol. 78.

TERRA ABBATIE ABODESBERIENSIS.

ECCLESIA ABODESBERIENSIS tenet ABODESBERIE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro XXI. hida. Terra est XVI. car. De ea sunt in dominio VIII. hidæ. et ibi v. car. et XIII. servi. et XXXII. villani. et XVI. bord. cum XVI. car. Ibi II. molini reddunt XVI. sol. et III. den. et XXXVI. acr. prati. Pastura XXVII. quarent. long. et una leuna et III. quarent. lat. Siluæ VIII. quarent. Valet XXVI. lib.

Huic manerio pertin. una hida. Tempore Regis Edwardi ad victum monachorum erat. Hanc Hugo accepit injuste et retinuit, et adhuc uxor ejus vi detinet.

Ipsa ecclesia tenet PIDELE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro XVIII. hid. Terra est XII. car. De ea sunt in dominio VIII. hidæ. et ibi III. car. et XIII. servi et XVI. villani. et XIII. coscez cum v. car. Ibi II. molini redd. XX. solid. et VI. quarent. prati et XVIII. quarent. pasturæ. Valet XII. lib.

Ipsa ecclesia tenet ELTONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro XVIII. hid. Terra est x. car. De ea sunt in dominio IX. hidæ et una virgata terræ. et ibi III. car. et VIII. servi. et XVII. villani et XII. bord. cum VII. car. Ibi molinum reddens XX. denar. et x. acr. prati. Pastura I. leu. long. et dim. leu. lat. Siluæ III. quarent. Valet XV. lib.

Ipsa ecclesia tenet PORTESHAM. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro XII. hid. Terra est IX. car. De ea sunt in dominio v. hidæ et ibi III. car. et XII. servi. et XII. villani et x. bord. cum v. car. Ibi molinum reddens x. sol. et XXIII. acr. prati. Pastura I. leu. long. et II. quarent. lat. Valet XII. lib.

f. grip.

Huic manerio pertin. una virgata terræ quam Hugo injuste accep. et uxor ejus adhuc vi tenet. h. erat in victu monachorum tempore Regis Edwardi.

Ipsa ecclesia tenet SEVEMETONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro v. virg. terræ. Terra est I. car. quæ

ibi est cum I. servo. et I. bord. Ibi VI. acr. prati et III. quarent. pasturæ. Valet XV. sol. et VI. den.

Ipsa ecclesia tenet WIDETONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro II. hid. et dimid. Terra est IIII. car. De ea est in dominio I. hida. et ibi II. car. et IIII. servi. et IIII. villani cum II. car. Ibi v. acr. prati. et III. quarent. pasturæ et III. quarent. silvæ. Valet XL. solid.

Ipsa ecclesia tenet BOVRTONE. Terra est I. car. Hanc habent ibi II. villani et III. quarent silvæ. Valet x. solid.

et una vidua

Ipsa ecclesia tenet ATREM. et Bollo de abbate. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro II. hid. Terra est II. car. quæ ibi sunt et II. servi. et I. villanus et III. bord. Ibi v. acr. prati et III. quarent. silvæ. Valet XX. sol.

NUM. VIII.

Carta Abbatis de Abbodesberi.

[Lib. Nig. Scacc. tom. i. p. 76.]

DOMINO suo H. Anglorum regi, Galfridus abbas de Abbodesbi,* devotas orationes in Christo. Quoniam ita imperastis, innotescimus vobis quod abbatia Abbodesberi nullum habuit militem antiquitus feofatum, servitium unius militis debet abbatia de dominio suo. Eum^b Rogerus episcopus habuit custodiam abbatie duas hidas apud Atrum, ad maritandam quandam neptam suam, dedit Nicholao de Meriet, contradicente Conventu Ecclesie.

Hanc terram longo tempore tenuerunt VI.^c ipsi et Henricus eorum eorum,^d et nullum servitium ecclesie facere voluerunt. Ista terra antiquitus reddere solebat gablum XX. solidorum, sicut testatur vestrum regium scriptum.

Ego vero intelligens, quod aliter non potui recuperare servitium istius terræ, concessi huic Henrico terram tenendam sibi et hæredibus suis, faciendo servitium dimidii militis, et hoc modo fefedavimus eum, ut faceret servitium dimidii militis quod debebat ecclesie de dominio suo.

Quidam autem abbas, antecessor^e noster, fefavit quandam militem, Willelmum nomine, sic^f testatur carta ejus quam vobis mitto. Valete.

NUM. IX.

Inquisitio de Prædiis, Privilegiis, et Redditibus, Abbotesburiensis Cœnobii.

[Escaet. 53 Hen. III. num. 40, Dorset.]

INQUISITIO facta coram Johanne le Moyne, domini regis escheatore, et Andrea Wake vicecomite Dorset, apud Uggescumb, die Mercurii proximo post festum apostolorum Simonis et Judæ, anno regni regis Henrici quinquagesimo quarto, per Johannem de Witefeld, &c. Juratores, qui dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod abbas de Abbodesburie, et prædecessores sui, habent omnes libertates et liberas consuetudines in brevi contentas, et quietantias suas cum socâ et sacâ et tol et them et infangenthef, et eisdem usi sunt in omnibus terris suis infra limites hundredi de Uggescumb. In cæteris verò terris forinsecis, ut Helton, Tollenidele,^g Oth, Wudeton, non. Præterea Wudeton est infra limites hundredi de Wytchurech. Et prædicti abbas et prædecessores sui sunt quieti de secta illius hundredi, per concessionem Roberti de Mandevil, quondam domini ejusdem hundredi excepto quod villani sui ter in anno venient ad la lagh-day, ad præsentandum placita coronæ sine occasione. Et idem abbas veniet per aliquem liberum hominem attornatum suum qualem præsentare voluerit, ad afforciammentum curiæ tantum.

Item dicunt, quod idem abbas et prædecessores sui quieti sunt hucusque in omnimodis exercitiis de servitio domini regis per servitium unius militis. Et quod semper hucusque habuerunt omnia per mare appulsa littori pertinentia ad ipsam abbathiam, scilicet Wrek, et quod semper hucusque usi sunt libertatibus prædictis. Et quod prædicti jurati benè intelligunt quod dominus rex potest confirmare omnes concessionem regum Angliæ prius factas, sine dampno

* pro Abbodesberi.
f. vi.

b. f. Cum.
d. redundat.

e. pro antecessor.
f. Tol-le-Pidale.

g. f. sicut.

vel sui præjudicio. Item dicunt quod dictus abbas et prædecessores sui nunquam tenuerunt in Baronia, sed per servitium unius militis, et tenuerunt abbatiam illam de domino rege in capite. Et non tenentur ei facere servitium baronis in suo exercitu, nec unquam in aliquâ summonitione fecerunt, nec unquam fuit dominus rex in seysina de servitio baronis.

Item de terris postmodum acquisitis dicunt quod dominus abbas et prædecessores sui adquisierunt sibi et abbatie suæ in Graveston unam carucatam terræ de dono Eustachii filii Roberti, et Roberti Clerk filii Hugonis de Bosco et Jordani de Sarnevil de feodo Aluredi de Lincoln. Item in Wytheston unam carucatam terræ de dono Willielmi filii Roberti, de feodo Henrici de Novo-Burgo; et dimidiam virgatam terræ de dono Henrici le Warner de eodem feodo, et in Denekam unam vigatam terræ de dono Rogeri de Denekam de eodem feodo. Et in Poryete unam virgatam terræ de dono Philippi de Poryete, unde medietas de feodo Galfridi de Wrokeshall, et alia medietas de feodo Waketti de Rosey. Et in Bexinton servitium Johannis le Frye, quod valet per annum iij^d. de dono et feodo Henrici de Novoburgo. Et in Shypton tres virgatas terræ de dono Thomæ Marreward, Roberti de Kaynesham, et Thomæ de Childecumb, de feodo Galfridi Marreward. In Porton dimidiam virgatam terræ de dono domini de Porton de feodo Gilberti de Oskereswull. Et in Eschalnedon unam virgatam terræ de dono Randulfi le Sperrissin, de feodo Willielmi Harang. In Westehalnedon dimidiam virgatam terræ et v^d. viij^d. annui redditus de dono Roberti de Bosco, de feodo Aluredi de Lincoln. In Morbathe unam virgatam terræ de dono Galfridi de Morba. Et dimidium ferlingum terræ de dono magistri Roberti de Bridiport, de feodo comitis Devonie. In Wrokeshal unam virgatam terræ de dono Osberti le Deneys de feodo Henrici de Novo-Burgo. In Winterbern-Stapleton unam virgatam terræ de dono Radulfi Belet, de feodo Willielmi Martel. In Waram unum messuagium cum libertatibus de dono Thurstoni de Waram, de feodo comitis Glovernie. In Wape v^d. annui redditus de dono Roberti de Bingham, de feodo Johannis de Wittfeld. In Brodewaye unum messuagium de dono Johannis de Cruket, de feodo Nicholai Poynz. In Langton dimidiam virgatam de dono Roberti de Langeton, de feodo Aluredi de Lincoln. In burgo de Bridiport quinque messuagia et xij^d. ix^d. annui redditus, et ij^l. ceræ, de dono diversorum, de feodo domini regis. In burgo de Dorcestria unum messuagium, et ij^d. annui redditus, et ij^l. ceræ, j^l. piperis de dono diversorum, de feodo domini regis. In Brigge ij. solidos annui redditus de dono Philippi de Sarnevil, de feodo Aluredi de Lincoln. In Preston in comitatu Sumersett xv^d. annui redditus, de dono Walteri de Bruges, de feodo Willielmi Quarrel. In Horsinton x^d. annui redditus de dono Radulphi Russel, de feodo Jacobi de Novo-Mercato.

NUM. X.

Placita de Juratis et Assisis apud Shyreborne in Com. Dors. in octab. S. Hillar. coram Joh. de Reygate et sociis suis Justiciar. itiner. ibidem anno regni Regis Edwardi fil. Regis Henrici sexto.

[Ex orig. in domo Capitul. Westmon. asservato.]

ABBAS de Abbotesbire summonitus fuit ad ostend. quo waranto tenet quoddam mercatum in Abbotesbire levatum ad nocumentum liberi burgi domini regis de Briddeport; et quo waranto subtraxit domino regi sectam debitam ad hundredum domini regis de Whiteweye de terra illa infra prædictum hundredum et alii in com. sine assensu et voluntate domini regis et prædecessorum suorum, &c.

Et abbas venit et dicit quod nihil clam. in prædicto mercato. Dicit etiam quod nullam terram subtraxit de hundredo prædicto et quod ipse facit sectam illam prout facere debet, et quod dominus rex de eisdem est in seysina, &c. Ideo dictus abbas inde sine die, &c.

NUM. XI.

De Temporalibus restituendis Benedicto de Lodres Abbati.

[Claus. 25 Edw. I. m. 12. Prynn, Papal Usurp. tom. iii. p. 768.]

Rex dilecto suo Malculino de Harlegh escaetori suo

citra Trentam, salutem. Cum venerabilis pater N. Sarum episcopus electionem nuper factam in ecclesia conventuali de Abbodesbury de fratre Willielmo de Kyngeston priore ejusdem monasterii in abbatem loci illius, cui prius regium assensum adhibuimus et favorem, cassaverit, et eidem ecclesie de fratre Benedicto de Lodres monacho ejusdem domus providerit, ipsumque Benedictum in abbatem loci illius præfecerit, ac per suas patentes literas nos rogaverit, ut provisioni suæ in hac parte regium præberemus assensum, quod nostrum esset ulterius exequendo. Nos provisioni hujusmodi regium præbentes assensum, hac vice de nostra gratia speciali cepimus fidelitatem ipsius Benedicti, et temporalia abbatie prædictæ, prout moris est, restituimus eidem. Ita tamen quod hæc nostra gratia nobis vel hæredibus nostris in præjudicium non cedat, nec futuris temporibus in consequentiam trahatur. Et ideo vobis mandamus quod eidem fratri Benedicto temporalia abbatie prædictæ liberetis, sicut prædictum est. Teste rege apud Clarindon, secundo die Martii.

NUM. XII.

Cantuarie (Strangeways-Chantry vulgò nuncupatæ) apud Abbotesburiam, æternum celebrandæ, Ordinatio.

[Ex autographo penes D. Johannem Strangeways mil. an. 1652.]

PRÆSENS indentura tripartita indentata facta inter Johannem abbatem monasterii de Abbotysbury in comitatu Dorset, et conventum ejusdem, ex una parte, et Willielmum Milton, abbatem monasterii de Milton in eodem comitatu, et Thomam Strangways armigerum, executorem testamenti Alianoræ, nuper uxoris Thomæ Strangways senioris armigeri, posteaque uxoris Johannis Twynyho armigeri defuncti, viduæ, unius filiarum Walteri Tayleboys de Kyme, et Aliciæ uxoris ejus, quæ fuit una filiarum Humfridi Stafford de Hoke cum manu argentea, parte ex altera, testatur, quod cum præfata Alianora in vita sua, pro salute animæ suæ aliorumque infrascriptorum, cum magnis suis sumptibus labore et expensis, appropriari fecit vicariam ecclesie parochialis de Portesham in comitatu prædicto ad antedictum monasterium de Abbotesbury, necnon regiam licenciam optinuit quod præfatus abbas de Abbotesbury, et successores sui, perquirere possint sibi et successoribus suis terras et tenementa annui valoris decem marcarum ultra reprisas, prout in literis domini regis patentibus inde confectis plenius liquet. Et ulterius eadem Alianora, ad perquisitionem terrarum et tenementorum annui valoris viginti sex solidorum et octo denariorum per eosdem abbatem de Abbotesbury et conventum nuper virtute licencie regie prædictæ perquisitorum, viginti libras legalis monetæ Angliæ eisdem abbati et conventui dedit et exposuit.

In quorum omnium et singulorum præmissorum consideratione, et pro laudabili et largiflua ejusdem Alianoræ erga monasterium illud dispensatione præhabita, prædicti abbas et conventus de Abbotesbury, habitaque superinde matura deliberatione, ex eorum communi consensu et bona voluntate per præsentem concedunt, pro se et successoribus suis, quod ipsi et successores sui annuatim imperpetuum assignabunt, ordinabunt, et invenient, sive exhibebunt, unum monachum presbyterum idoneum et honestum de conventu suo prædicto, juxta discretionem ipsorum abbatis et conventus et successorum suorum nominandum et deputandum, cotidie imperpetuum unam missam in capella beatæ Mariæ infra ecclesiam monasterii illius celebraturum, immediate post missam beatæ Mariæ, ut moris est celebraturam videlicet die Mercurii, missam de Requiem, die Veneris, de passione Christi, in Sabbato, de sancta Maria Dei matre, et in aliis diebus cujuslibet ebdomadæ, missam ad placitum sacerdotis missam celebrantis, nisi aliquod duplex festum in aliquo dictorum dierum intervenerit, extunc missa ejusdem festi celebretur.

Et immediate post quamlibet hujusmodi missam celebratam, idem sacerdos protunc celebrans dicere tenebitur Psalmum, De Profundis, cum oratione, Inclina Domine pro animabus sequentibus. In quibus quidem missis quotidianis idem sacerdos dicere tenebitur orationem sive collectam Deus qui caritatis dona per gratiam, cum secreto et comunione ejusdem pro felici et bono statu Christianissimi principis et domini nostri Henrici, regis Angliæ et Franciæ

septimi, Edmundi episcopi Sarisberiensis, Willielmi Arundell de Mautreverse militis, et Elizabethæ uxoris ejus, Roberti Willoughby, domini de Broke, Edwardi Willoughby, decani ecclesiæ cathedralis Exoniæ, Wil. Milton, abbatis de Milton, Egidii Strangways, armigeri, Tho. Strangways et Elizabethæ uxoris ejus, Johā. Strangways, Jacobi Strangways, Hen. Champneys, et Johannæ uxoris ejus, et Ricardi Elyot servientis ad legem, et omnium aliorum viventium pro quibus prædicti Thomas Strangways senior, et Alianora uxor ejus orare tenebantur. Necnon collectam sive orationem, Inclina Domine, aut orationem, Omnipotens sempiternus Deus unica salus mortalium, cum secreto et communione debitis pro animabus ipsorum omnium superiùs nominatorum, cum ab hac luce migraverint, et pro animabus præfatæ Alianoræ hujus missæ fundatricis, Thomæ Strangways senioris, et Johannis Twynyho, nuper virorum suorum prædictorum, Walteri Tayleboys armigeri, et Aliciæ uxoris ejus, parentum ipsius Alianoræ, Johannis Stafford, quondam Cantuariensis archiepiscopi, Humfridi Stafford, nuper comitis Devonix, Aviciæ, nuper comitissæ Ormond, filiæ Ricardi Stafford militis, Roberti Willoughby militis, nuper domini de Broke et Blanchiæ uxoris ejus, Joh. Willoughby militis, et Annæ uxoris ejus, parentum ipsius Roberti, Thomæ Strangways armigeri, et Katerinæ uxoris ejus, quondam ducissæ Norfolkix, Humfridi Stafford militis, et Aliciæ uxoris ejus, Humfridi Stafford junioris militis, et Elizabethæ uxoris ejus, Willielmi Stafford armigeri, Ricardi Stafford militis, Johannis Stafford militis, Rogeri Strangways armigeri, et Johannæ uxoris ejus, Johannis Mautreverse militis, et Aliciæ uxoris ejus, Johannis Collyll militis, et Elizabethæ uxoris ejus, Henrici Strangways armigeri, et Dorotheæ, Margeriæ, et Katerinæ, uxorum ejus, ac pro animabus omnium antecessorum et amicorum supradictorum Thomæ Strangways senioris, et Alianoræ; et pro animabus omnium et singulorum pro quibus iidem Thomas et Alianora uxor ejus quomodolibet orare tenebantur. Necnon pro animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum. Et hæc missa vulgariter Strangways-Masse nuncupabitur. Et monachus autem qui ipsam missam cotidie, ut præmittitur, celebraverit, percipiet in fine cujuslibet septimanæ, pro salario suo, quatuordecim denarios legalis monetæ Angliæ solvendo ac fideliter et integrè sibi liberandos apud scaccarium ejusdem abbatix per manus abbatis vel receptoris sui pro tempore tunc ibidem existentis, ultra salarium, proventum, et emolumentum ipsi monacho à dicto monasterio seu aliter solvi, tradi, et liberari consueta.

Concedunt etiam prædicti abbas et conventus pro se et successoribus suis, quod dies anniversarius ipsorum Thomæ et Alianoræ annuatim imperpetuū quolibet secundo die mensis Aprilis, in eodem monasterio solempniter observetur cum exequiis defunctorum die immediatè præcedenti post prandium solempniter decantandis, et missa solempnis de Requiem, ut est moris, ipso secundo die ad magnum altare ejusdem monasterii, cum orationibus, suffragiis, et ceremoniis idoneis celebretur, nisi illo secundo die festum Paschæ, vel dominica in passione Domini, seu ebdomada in Passione, vel ebdomada infra octavas Paschæ illo tempore contigerit, quo casu, quamcitiùs postea commodè fieri poterit modo prædicto celebretur, quarum exequiarum et missarum solempnitatum abbas monasterii prædicti pro tempore existens, continuè erit executor, si justa causa non fuerit impeditus, quo casu dignior persona illius monasterii tunc præsens præmissa solempnia exequetur. Et idem abbas et successores sui annuatim in ipso anniversario quatuor cereos in illis exequiis et missa in choro ibidem ardentes, et quatuor cereos circa funerale tunc ibidem ardentes inveniet. Necnon inter pauperes tunc adesse contingentes, post missam illam finitam, decem solidos bonæ monetæ seu eorundem valore in pane frumentario confecto distribui faciet imperpetuū, et sacristæ monasterii prædicti pro luminariis prædictis inveniendis duos solidos, et pro pane vino et cereis cotidie in missis prædictis expendendis duos solidos annuatim solvet. Et eodem die anniversario idem abbas et successores sui abbati et conventui monasterii prædicti pro eorum pietancia octo solidos deliberabit sue deliberari faciet annuatim imperpetuū, et clericis in eodem anniversario pulsantibus quatuor denarios, et bedmanno qui obitum et anniversarium hujusmodi denunciabit annuatim quatuor denarios, et monachis junioribus sacerdotibus non

existentibus, et psalterium tunc ibidem dicentibus, duodecim denarios annuatim distribuet vel distribui faciet, et cuidam pauperi homini per præfatum abbatem et successores suos juxta orationem Humfridi Stafford militis, fundatoris cujusdam missæ ibidem, vulgariter Staffords-Masse nuncupatæ electo, sex solidos et octo denarios, ad festa Paschæ et sancti Michaelis archangeli annuatim æquis portionibus persolvat imperpetuum, ut idem pauper, ut præmittitur, per abbates illos solomodo et non per aliquos hæredes ipsius Alianoræ electus, tam prædictæ missæ cotidiane ipsius Humfridi, quam ipsius Alianoræ, si commodè fieri poterit, adesse, et sacerdotes missas illas dicentes adjuvet, et ministret, si literatus existet.

Et ulterius idem abbas et conventus et successores sui imperpetuum, de tempore in tempus, omnimoda vestimenta, missalia, calices, corporalia, et cætera omnia necessaria in singulis hujusmodi missis ibidem dicendis, et omnia alia prædicto altari incumbencia et oportuna invenient. Volunt insuper et concedunt præfati abbas et conventus pro se et successoribus suis, quod bene liceat episcopo loci illius diocesano pro tempore existenti, in qualibet visitatione sua ordinaria, necnon aliis temporibus congruis, per se aut per alium sufficientem deputatum suum vel deputatos suos absque onere tamen ipsorum abbatis et conventus, auscultare et inquirere quotiens sibi videbitur oportunum, an præmissa omnia et singula modo et forma sicuti præmittitur, in omnibus et per omnia continuè sint facta, dicta, impleta, et fideliter observata.

Et si defectum in præmissis vel in aliquo præmissorum per culpam sive negligentiam dictorum abbatis et conventus, aut eorum successorum vel alicujus eorundem reperiri contigerit, ipsi abbas et conventus obligant se et successores suos per præsentem eidem episcopo loci prædicti diocesano, et ejus successoribus, necnon præfatis executoribus et ipsius Alianoræ hæredibus, ad solvendum pro qualibet missa hujusmodi ommissa, eidem episcopo diocesano pro tempore existenti, tres solidos et quatuor denarios sterlingorum, statim et immediatè post hujusmodi omissionem solvendo, et de terris et tenementis dictorum abbatis et conventus ibidem levandos, et tres solidos et quatuor denarios præfatis executoribus, et post eorum decessum, præfatis hæredibus solvendo et, ut præfertur, levandos. Ita tamen et proviso, quòd abbas et conventus prædicti et eorum successores, propter culpam, negligentiam, defectum, vel pœnam hujusmodi, extra monasterium suum prædictum non vocentur, trahantur, vel turbentur, dummodo culpa aut negligentia illa non sit nimium multiplicata aut continuata.

Proviso semper, quòd si monachorum monasterii de Abbotsbury prædicti numerum per mortem, infirmitatem, infortunium, aliamve justam et rationabilem causam, imposterum minui contigerit, ita quòd plures quam octo monachi presbyteri non sint in monasterio prædicto, idonei et potentes ad missas dietim celebrandas, quòd tunc ipsi abbas et conventus et successores sui, à celebratione hujusmodi cotidiane missæ vocatæ Strangways Masse exonerentur, quousque numerus monachorum ibidem presbyterorum creverit et auctus fuerit usque ad numerum novem monachorum, missas legere valentium, et ydoneorum. Et in hoc casu, ac pro tempore quo numerus monachorum, ut præfertur, defecerit, quilibet monachus ipsorum monachorum presbyterorum infra numerum novem monachorum presbyterorum, ut prædicatur, pro tempore deficientium, dicet quolibet die in missa sua per eum dicenda specialem memoriam pro bono statu prædictorum viventium, inter vivos videlicet collectas sive orationes prædictas pro vivis prænotatas, et pro animabus defunctorum, inter mortuos, videlicet, orationes et collectas suprascriptas pro eis ut decet superiùs ordinatas: et pro speciali memoria illa per eosdem monachos sic dicenda quilibet eorundem octo monachorum easdem orationes et collectas in missis suis sic cotidie dicentium, percipiet in fine cujuslibet septimanæ toto tempore quo numerus prædictorum novem monachorum defecerit, duos denarios per manus abbatis vel receptoris sui pro tempore existentis, fideliter persolvendo.

Concedunt insuper prædicti abbas et conventus de Abbotsbury prædicto, pro se et successoribus suis, quòd omnes supradicti, tam inter vivos nominati, quam, (ut prædicatur,) nominandi, necnon omnes supradicti inter mortuos nominati et nominandi, participes sint omnium bonorum

spiritualium tam in vigiliis, orationibus, jejuniis, et aliis quibuscunque piis operibus et elemosinis quæ fiunt et amodò fieri contigerint in suo monasterio prædicto, quàm etiam in missis omnium et singulorum monachorum monasterii illius ubicumque infra monasterium illud vel extra celebraturis. Et quod nomina eorum infrascripta in martilogio inscribi, articulari,* recitari, et commemorari debeant, et animæ eorum immediatè post animas defunctorum ejusdem monasterii, et animas eorum quas idem abbas et conventus et eorum successores recommendari priùs tenentur, nominatim recitabuntur, temporibus et locis congruis ad hæc ibidem consuetis imperpetuum. In cujus rei memoriam et testimonium prædicti abbas et conventus de Abbottesbury prædicto, sigillum suum commune, et cæteræ partes prædictæ sigilla sua, præsentis scripto tripartito indentato apposuerunt. Data ultimo die mensis Februarii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinto.

Epitaphium Jacobi Strangeways Armigeri.
[Ibid.]

Hic jacet corpus Jacobi Strangways armigeri, qui obiit octavo idus Decembris, anno Domini millesimo ccccc . . ij. pro cujus anima celebrabitur ad præsens altare imperpetuum missa cotidiana, ex ordinatione et fundatione dominæ Katerinæ Gordan, consortis suæ: quorum animæ perpetua pace quiescant. Amen.

NUM. XIII.

The late Howse of Abbottysburye.

[In a Book of Pensions remaining in the Augmentation Office.]

PENÇONS appoynted by the kings hyghnes commys-
sions to the late abbott and covent of Abbottysbury in the
countie of Dorsett the xijth. day of Marche in the xxxth.
yere of the reigne of oure soūaigne lorde king Henry the
viijth. and they and eūy of them to haue one quaris pençon
at thaūncacōn of o^r. Lady next endyng, and at the feast of
saynt Mychell tharchangell next aft^r that one halfe yeres
pençons, and soo from halfe yere to halfe yere duryng
there lyves.

That is to say,

Ffyrst to Roger Rodden abbott . . .	lxxx ^{li} .
Thoñs Bradforde p ^{lor} . . .	ix ^{li} .
Thoñs Tolpudle . . .	vij ^{li} .
Willm Grey . . .	vj ^{li} .
Johñ Blandforde . . .	vj ^{li} .
Johñ Vynsant . . .	vj ^{li} .
Henry Lyme . . .	cvj ^s . viij ^d .
Willm Bonor . . .	c ^s .
Willm Styby . . .	c ^s .
Thoñs Holnest . . .	xl ^s .
Sñ . . .	cxv ^{li} . vj ^s . viij ^d .

WILLIAM PETRE.
JOHN SMYTH.

COMPUT^r MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 32 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

ABBOTTISBURY NUP^r MONASTER.

Com ^r Dors ^r		£.	s.	d.
Abbottisbury	Firm ^r Scit ^r Mon ^r cum Terr ^r Dñic ^r	27	16	4
- - - - -	Redd ^r Assis ^r	55	10	5½
- - - - -	Perquis ^r Cur ^r cum Profic ^r Nund ^r . . .	0	16	8
Elleworth Est	Firma Maner ^r	8	0	0
Lowke	Firma Maner ^r	8	6	6
Watton Abbis cum Terr ^r in Lyme	Redd ^r lib ^r Ten ^r	0	10	0½
- - - - -	Redd ^r cust ^r Ten ^r cum Vendic ^r Operum	39	2	5
- - - - -	Firma Maner ^r	5	6	8
- - - - -	Perquis ^r Cur ^r	1	6	0
Helton Maner ^r cum Membr ^r in Lolbroke et Bell	Redd ^r lib ^r Ten ^r	1	0	0
- - - - -	Redd ^r cust ^r Ten ^r in Helton	14	18	1½
Anstie	Redd ^r Assis ^r	9	4	5
Palbrok et Rawlisbury	Redd ^r cust ^r Ten ^r	3	17	2
Allar	Redd ^r	3	5	2
Newton	Redd ^r Assis ^r	5	16	0
Bell	Redd ^r Assis ^r	2	13	4
- - - - -	Firma Maner ^r	8	6	10
Lulbrok	Firma Mes ^r et Terr ^r	8	6	8
- - - - -	Perquis ^r Curie	0	8	0
Tollepudell	Redd ^r cust ^r Ten ^r	26	13	2
- - - - -	Firma Capital ^r Mans ^r	11	0	0
- - - - -	Perquis ^r Curie	1	18	2
Portesham Maner ^r cum Rector ^r	Redd ^r lib ^r Ten ^r	0	12	4
- - - - -	Redd ^r cust ^r Ten ^r	25	13	11
- - - - -	Firma Maner ^r	17	10	8
Westhilmerton	Firma Maner ^r	8	0	0
Esthilmhamton	Firma Terr ^r	6	6	8
- - - - -	Firma Rectorie	27	2	0

* anne, matriculari?

Com' Dors'

		£.	s.	d.
Esthelfhamton	Perquis' Curie	0	14	8
Wetherston	Redd' cust' Ten'	7	18	6
- - - - -	Firm' Capital' Mans'	4	15	4
- - - - -	Perquis' Curie		null	
Graveston et Shepton	Redd' cust' Ten' in Shep'	1	10	2
- - - - -	Firma de Grav'	6	13	4
- - - - -	Perquis' Curie		null	
Wilgate Maner'	Redd' tam lib' quam cust' Ten' cum			
- - - - -	Operibus custum'	7	15	7½
- - - - -	Perquis' Curie	0	0	8
Milton subtus Stowre	Firma Maner'	6	0	0
- - - - -	Perquis' Curie	1	4	2
Hollewall	Firma Maner'	20	16	8
- - - - -	Perquis' Curie	0	7	0
Kyngeston Russell	Redd' Assis'	9	9	10
Bexyngton & Odstok	Redd' Terr'	9	0	0
Birport & Dorchester	Redd' Terr'	4	10	4
Tollpudell	Firma Rectorie	8	11	0
Abbottysbury	Firma Rectorie	23	1	0
Wynterborne Martyn Rector'	Firma Rectorie	24	13	4
Toller'	Firma Rectorie	7	6	8
- - - - -	Redd' Terr'	1	10	8

Abbey of St. Bennet of Hulme,

IN

NORFOLK.



HIS solitary place among the marshes, says Bishop Tanner, then known by the name of Cowholm and Calvescroft, was given by a little prince called Horn to a society of religious hermits, under the government of one SUNEMAN, about the year 800, who (with the chapel of St. Benedict by them here built) were all destroyed in the general devastation of this country by the Danes under Hinguar and Hubba, A. D. 870. In the next century a holy man called WOLFRIC gathered seven companions hither, and rebuilt the chapel and houses; they had lived here sixty years when King Canute thought fit to found and endow this place for an abbey of black monks to the honour of St. Benedict, before A. D. 1020.^a

Brompton,^b and Rudborn after Ralph de Diceto,^c

date the building of this monastery as subsequent to Canute's return from Rome in the year 1031: but Bishop Tanner justly observes, that it should rather be placed in the very beginning of his reign; otherwise, how could a colony of thirteen monks, with books, ornaments, &c. have been sent hence to St. Edmundsbury A. D. 1020, or 1021. Archbishop Wlstan is also one of the witnesses to Canute's charter, who died in 1023.^d

Canute's charter bestows upon the monastery the manors of Horning, Ludham, and Neteshird; in the first of which, about fourteen miles from Norwich, the abbey was situated.

The next charter to the monastery upon record is that of King Edward the Confessor. Among the possessions which it enumerates we find the vill and church of Horning; the hundred of Turnstede; the churches and vill of Neteshird; the churches of Hovetone and Belhae, with the vill of Hovetone; lands in Suthwalsham which had belonged to Ralph Stalre; the church and vill of Withestede; the church of Hanninge, with the land in Hanninge which had belonged to Edric the stiresman (or admiral to K. Edward

^a Tann. Notit. Mon. See also Blomef. Hist. Norf. vol. v. p. 1428, fol. edit. St. Benedict, abbat of Cassina, and founder of the Order from him named, was never abbat here, as Hen. Knyghton, Script. X. Tryd. col. 2325.

^b See Num. I.

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^c "Iste rex Cnuto abbatiam sancti Benedicti de Hulme fundavit, monachosque ibidem sub regulâ sancti Benedicti degentes collocavit anno gratiæ MXXXI. ut Radulphus de Dyceto in Chronica sua." T. Rudb. Hist. Major Wint. Angl. Sac. tom. i. p. 235.

^d Notit. Mon. Norf. v. Note 2.

^e See Num. II.

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the Confessor); the churches and vills of Thurgartun and Thweyt; the church of Calethorp, with the land in that vill which had belonged to Egelwin the alderman; the churches of Erpingham and Antingham, with the land in those vills which had been Edric Stiresman's; the church and vill of Northwalsham; the church of Swaneton, with the land in the vill of the same which had been Saxy's; the churches of Scothowe and Lammesse, with the land in those vills, and in Estone and Hobbesse, which had been Egelwin's; the church and vill of Ludham; the church of Bestone, with the land there which had been Egelwin's; the church of Stalham, with the land which had been Odulf's; the church of Waxtonesham, with the land which had been Edric Stiresman's; the churches of Winterton and Sumerton, with the land which had been Godric's; the churches of Thirne and Askeby, with the land in those vills and in Rollesby which had been Egelwin's; the church of Caestre, with the land in that vill which had belonged to Grimolf the Dane; the land at Redham and Nortune which had been Egelwin's; the church of Bastwick, and the land in that vill which had been Egelwin's; the church of Randewrthe, with the land which had belonged to Egelward the priest; the church of St. Martin at Shotesham, with the land there and in Grenesvill which had belonged to Brictrith; and, lastly, the land in Tybenham which had been Egelwin's. Among the privileges we find sac, soc, tol, theam, infangenthef, grithbriche, forestal, wreck of sea, hamsocne, blodewite, flithwite, ferdwite, flemmenfirthe, haverpeni, and wardpeni, with freedom from toll throughout England.^a

Blomefield says this abbey was fortified by the monks with strong walls, and that it resembled more a castle than a cloister, and, *as tradition says*, held out some time against King William the First, till betrayed by the treachery of one of the monks, on condition of his being made abbat, who on his promotion was ordered to be hanged directly.^b No historical evidence, however, appears to support this tradition.

The extended enumeration of the abbey property (which laid entirely in Norfolk), as preserved in the Domesday Survey will be found in the Appendix of Instruments.^c The money-value of the different estates appears to have increased greatly between the time of King Edward the Confessor and the period of taking the Conqueror's inquests. As is usual in the second volume of Domesday, the live stock upon the manors is frequently enumerated.

A confirmatory charter from King William the Second, relating to a hundred acres of arable land and six of meadow in Burgh, with a reference to the Domesday Survey as then preserved at Winchester, will also be found in the Appendix:^d together with three charters of King Henry the First; one relating to the churches of Scothowe and Lammesse,^e one granting free-warren on the lands of the monks in Swantone and Bastwyk,^f and one respecting a quit-claim of land in Hardele.^g

K. Stephen and the Empress Maud both confirmed the liberties of this monastery in their fullest extent. King Stephen's charter is dated at Norwich;^h the Empress Matilda's at Oxford, in 1140.ⁱ From King Stephen, also, the monks of St. Bennets afterwards received the two hundreds of Fleg, and Happinge hundred, with their respective rents

and customs;^k together with a grant of a small portion of land in Yarmouth.^l

It is singular that the Register of Hulme, from which these several charters have been copied, should, among the royal charters to the monastery, contain a copy of the Instrument by which Stephen ensured the succession of the crown of England to King Henry the Second.

The charters of liberties granted to the monks by King Henry the Second and King Richard the First^m were couched as near as possible in the same terms with those of King Stephen and the Empress Maud. The charters of King Edward the Confessor, the Empress Matilda, King Henry the Second, and King Richard the First were recited and confirmed by King Edward the First in his fourteenth year.ⁿ

From King Henry the Second the monks of St. Bennet received an express charter of confirmation of their general exemption from toll.^o An Instrument, in the name of Eleanor his queen, relating to the manor of Ouby, will also be found in the Appendix; framed, in all probability, while the king was absent in foreign parts.^p

From King Henry the Third the monks received a license to hold two fairs annually at Grabbardeferie, dated in the thirty-first year of his reign;^q and a grant of free-warren made in his thirty-seventh year.^r

Among the Papal privileges to this monastery the most important appear to have been those of Pope Eugenius and Pope Lucius the Second.^s

The gradual erection of the buildings of this abbey will be best noticed in the accounts of the respective abbats, according to whose care or negligence in the management of the revenues the various structures which composed it rose or were dilapidated.

Our most important information upon this head is derived from an imperfect folio leaf, written in small columns, prefixed to a Chronicle by a monk of Hulme, preserved in the Cottonian library, and compiled at the close of the thirteenth century.^t

ABBATS of ST. BENNET OF HULME.

WOLFRIC, according to Brompton, was adopted as the first abbat upon Canute's foundation.^u He was succeeded by

ELISINUS, or ALFINUS, who is expressly stated to have detached the colony from this monastery in 1020, when the secular priests were expelled from Bury St. Edmund.^v To this abbat, it appears, the monks of St. Bennet Hulme were first indebted for a church of stone.^w The names of the persons more immediately concerned in the construction of the building are probably preserved among the "*Nomina eorum qui debent habere mandata in cœna Domini cum monachis viventibus*:"^x among whom we find "*Thuru'dus et Edwardus ædificatores hujus ecclesiæ*." Elsinus was abbat in 1046, when Edward the Confessor gave his charter.^y

THURSTAN, who is also called THURSTANUS DE LUDHAM, was the next abbat: the leaf prefixed to John of Oxenede's Chronicle calls him "*operis incepti promotor sollicitus, et officinorum monasterii sui ædicator indefessus*."^z

^a See Num. III. Sir William Dugdale's copies of this and Canute's charter have been collated with the Cottonian MS. Galba E. II., whence they were transcribed, with great advantage.

^b Hist. Norf. ut supr. So strong, however, was the abbey considered at a later period, that in 1382, we are told, certain insurgents who endeavoured to raise a rebellion in Norfolk contemplated the occupation of it as a fortress, if driven from Norwich. Blomef. Hist. Norf. fol. edit. vol. ii. p. 81.

^c Num. IV.

^d Num. V.

^e Num. VI.

^f Num. VII.

^g Num. VIII.

^h Num. XII.

ⁱ Num. XIII.

^j Num. XIV. It is remarkable that in this charter the queen signs, as a witness, after the bishops.

^k Num. XV.

^l See the Cotton. MS. Galba E. II. foll. 31, 34.

^m Ibid. fol. 37. John de Oxenede, in a Chronicle which will be presently noticed, MS. Cotton. Nero D. II. fol. 233, details the form with which it was obtained. A.D. MCCLXXXVI. "Eodem anno circa Epiphaniam dominus rex Angliæ Edwardus, inspectis cartis et libertatibus a regibus Angliæ prædecessoribus suis ecclesiæ sancti Benedicti de Hulmo concessis et confirmatis, una cum carta sancti Edwardi regis

quam in sua præsentia perlegi specialiter fecerat, cæteris specificatis, eam cum omnibus libertatibus in ea contentis de verbo in verbum in sua carta de novo conscripta confirmavit. Qua in præsentia justiciariorum itinerantium ap. Norwyc. recitata Deo protegente et illa mediante libertates ecclesiæ prædictæ in suo pristino statu conservantur."

ⁿ Num. XVII.

^o See Num. XX.

^p Num. XXIII.

^q Num. XXIV.

^r Numm. XXV. XXVI.

^s MS. Cotton. Nero D. II. fol. 215. "Chronica Joh. de Oxenedes monachi S. Benedicti de Hulmo ab adventu Horsæ et Hengisti in Britanniam ad A. D. 1293."

^t See Num. I.

^u Ibid.

^v "Hujus abbatis tempore ecclesia Holmensis lapidea, antea lutea, quæ tempore Cnuti regis a fundamentis in honore sancti Benedicti abbatis fuerat inchoata. In construendi prosecutione opus non segniter continuavit inceptum." MS. Cotton. Nero D. II. fol. 214.

^w See Num. XXI.

^x Willis, Mit. Abb. vol. i. p. 119, by some strange mistake dates abbat Wolfric's death in 1046.

^y MS. Cotton. Nero D. II. ut supr.

William of Worcestre ascribes the construction of the dormitory to his time.^a Abbat Thurstan died on the nones of October, 1064.^b He is said to have been interred before the altar of St. Michael, with the following verses on his tomb:

"Abbas mausoleo Thurstanus pausat in isto,
Qui fuit egregius pastor gregis ipse secundus.^c
Hujus cenobii decus, sibi gaudia cœli
Det, cujus exequias celebravimus æque dolentes,
Nonis Octobris cui Christus misereatur."

ALWOLD, or ETHELWOLD, succeeded Thurstan. Blomefield, on the authority of William of Worcester, states, that King Harold gave Alwold the custody of the county of Norfolk; but that on the Conquest he fled into Denmark through fear of William, and never returned.^d The testimony of the fragment prefixed to John of Oxenede's Chronicle, however, is more to be relied on: it states him to have been Harold's admiral, to have been persecuted by the Conqueror, but to have continued in his abbacy till his death, which happened on the 18th of the kalends of December, 1089.^e

RALPH, a Norman by descent, is considered in the fragment just noticed as the fourth abbat. He died on the 2d of the nones of October, 1101.^f

RICHERUS, or, as Willis calls him, RICHARDUS, another Norman, succeeded Ralph. He is stated to have completed the western bell-tower, which abbat Alwold had begun: but he is also stated to have done much mischief to the revenues of the monastery in granting out the abbey lands to his relations.^g He died on the 14th of the kalends of February, A. D. 1125.

CONRAD, a monk and sacrist of the church of the Holy Trinity at Canterbury, succeeded Richerus. He brought with him to St. Bennet of Hulme several relics of St. Dunstan; and among others, a cup fabricated by the

saint's own hands, which appears to have been long preserved in the monastery.^h A charter from this abbat, which he offered upon the altar of his church, appropriating certain lands in Houetone and North Walsham to the table of the monks, will be found in the Appendix of Instruments.ⁱ William of Worcester calls him King Henry the First's confessor.^k He died on the 13th of the kalends of March, A. D. 1127.^l

WILLIAM BASSET, of whom William of Worcester speaks as "de alta progenie,"^m was the next abbat. Blomefield, without sufficient reason, suspects him to have held the office at least as early as 1124.ⁿ According to the author of Neustria Pia, his name was Bassus; and he was originally a monk of Utica in Normandy. The leaf prefixed to John of Oxenede's Chronicle says, "Willielmus cognomento Basset, substantiæ monasterii sui aliquantulum dilapidator. Feoffavit antecessorem Petri de Alto bosco, et fecit eum de feodo Senescallum; et terram de Waxtonesham cuidam, ac terram de Karleton Fourhowe alteri hæreditarie dedit."^o He died, according to the same authority, in 1134. William of Worcester says in 1133.^p

ANSELM, prior of Dover, succeeded William Basset. He died on the 5th of the ides of December, 1140.^q

DANIEL, from various circumstances, as well as from the express statement of the entry already quoted in the account of Richerus^r from the Cottonian Register of Hulme, appears to have been twice abbat. The first time he seems to have been removed by King Stephen, and

HUGH, the nephew of that monarch, substituted in his room. William of Worcester says, "Hugo, nepos Stephani regis, miles regis nobilis, qui factus monachus loco Danielis per regem, viriliter defendit jura sancti Benedicti."^s

The leaf in the Cottonian volume Nero D. II. states his assumption of the monastic garb to have originated in the sufferings arising from a wound.^t It also details an anecdote of his subsequent life, which the reader will have

^a "Dormitorium fuit constructum circa suum tempus." Itin. Will. de Worcestre, edit. Nasm. p. 348. The dormitory is ascribed on clearer authority to abbat Daniel.

^b Willis, again by mistake, makes Thurstan to have been abbat from 1064 to 1069. Mit. Ab. ut supr.

^c The writer considering Thurstan as the second abbat, and excluding Wolfric from the list.

^d Hist. Norf. vol. v. p. 1429. William of Worcester says, "1069. Ethelwoldus, habuit custodiam patriæ Norf. sub Haroldo rege, et fecit . . . sed ex timore Willielmi Conquestoris fugiebat in Daniam, nec revenit." edit. Nasm. ut supr.

^e "Huic etiam a rege Haraldo marina committatur custodia; qua de causa a Willielmo Conquestore non parva sustinuit discrimina. Hic per quatuor regum tempora in sua vixit abbatia, sancti scilicet Edwardi, Haraldus proditoris, Willielmi Conquestoris, et Willielmi Rufi filii ejus. In cujus regni anno iij. mense Decembri xvij. kal. ejusdem anno incarnationis Dominicæ Mlxxxix. vitæ term. fecit." MS. Cott. Nero D. II. ut supr.

^f Ibid.

^g The fragment so often quoted says, "Hic constituit famulos cenobii, prioris, et obedientiariorum, liberationes et stipendia ab abbate percipere. Hic etiam campanarium occidentale quod abbas Alwoldus imperfectum reliquit ad finem perfectum perduxit. Insuper et duas majores fundi fecit campanas. Hic ad neptem suam cuidam nobili maritanda, terra de Rollesby cum pertinentiis ab ecclesia S. Benedicti alienavit. Qui postquam abbatiam suam ut voluit disposuerat." Ibid.

The Register of Hulme in the Cottonian library is still more particular in regard to the alienations made by Richerus and some of his successors: viz.

"Tempore gloriosi regis Henrici primi fuerunt abbates in Anglia, quorum alii ædificabant, alii vero destruebant ecclesias suas, sed non per eum neque per preceptum ejus. Ex quibus fuit abbas Richerus, de Holm, qui ecclesiam nostram vastavit donando terras et possessiones parentibus suis, fratribus, nepotibus, neptis, quæ reddebant firmam ad victum monachorum et ad hospitalitatem illius loci manutenendam, et ad opera Ecclesiæ sustinenda. Istæ sunt terræ quæ prædictus abbas Richerus foras de dominio posuit. Bertæ nepti suæ dedit terram apud Castrum in maritagium, quæ inveniebat corredium abbatie xv. diebus. Matildæ nepti suæ dedit in maritagium terram de Wintertona et de Sumertona quæ valet x. marc. per annum pro xxv. sol. ad coquinam abbatie et monachorum. Terram illam habet injuste Johannes filius ejus qui vi disforciat abbati et monachis etiam illos xxv. solidos et homines de feudo illo destruit, et de terra projecit et miserabiliter pauperes facit. Roberto fratri suo dedit terram de Stalham et de Ingham et de Besetona quæ per unum mensem victum reddebat ecclesiæ. Terram de Rollesby dedit foras de dominio quæ inveniebat abbatie victum xv. diebus. Terram de Grenesvilla et de Hardelee posuit foras de dominio et terram de Parva Hobossa quæ per viij. dies pascit abbatiam. Sed quis longum est omnia dinumerare tantum dedit ille Richerus et successores ejus abbates de Hulmo foris de dominiis et terris et possessionibus quod non remanserunt nobis plusquam quindecim carucatæ

terræ postquam bonæ memoriæ rex Henricus suscepit coronam. Post obitum vero ejus Anselmus abbas foras dedit Tybenham, quæ inveniebat omni abbatie corredium xv. diebus. Et terras et pasturas apud Basingham et Turgarton quas Ricardus filius Bondæ tenet. Et terram de Ouby quam Willielmus tenet. Et terram de Tueyt et de Pastone quas Osbernus presbiter tenet. Hæc ipse et alia multa. Abbas autem Daniel, prima vice, quando fuit primitus abbas ibi dedit Grenesvillam Roberto Picot. Et Hugoni filio Elurici dedit Waxtonesham quæ pertinet ad coquinam monachorum. Et Willielmo de Hasting dedit molendinum de Westwyc et Wicherefeld. Abbas etiam Hugo dedit Nicholao clerico terram de Walesham cum mariscis ovium salinis, et alium mariscum cum salinis et ovibus quem homines abbatie mercati sunt de Philippo fratre Gaufridi Ridel pro l. marcis argenti. Et Roberto fratri Symonis dedit terram de Ling in North Walsham. Et Rogero Blenc dedit terram apud Hecham. Iste Hugo abbas fuit nepos Stephani regis. Et quando Daniel fuit secundo abbas dedit Nicholao clerico terram et homines apud Yrsted, et Nicholao de Burewelle dedit terram apud Antingham. Et homines de Houetone quos invenit in dominio dedit Petro de Houetone. Hæc et alia multa foras dederint quæ modo ad memoriam non recurrunt." Reg. S. Bened. de Hulmo, Cott. Galba E. II. fol. 53 b.

^h "Hic casulam sancti Dunstani et benedictionarium ejusdem, et aliam casulam rubeam, cum CALICE quam ipse sanctus propriis manibus fabricavit, secum apud S. Benedictum detulit, qui hactenus cum honore ibidem conservantur." MS. Cotton. Nero D. II. fol. 214.

ⁱ Num. XI.

^k — "sapiens fuit confessor regis Henrici primi." Itin. Will. de Worc. p. 348.

^l MS. Cotton. Nero D. II. fol. 214.

^m Itin. ut supr. See also Dugd. Bar. tom. i. p. 378.

ⁿ Hist. Norf. vol. v. p. 1429.

^o MS. Cotton. Nero D. II. ut supr.

^p Willis, upon no alleged authority, places his death in 1137. Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 119. The following is the return during the time of this abbat in the Liber Niger Scaccarij:

"Carta Abb. de Hulmo.

"Karissimo domino suo H. illustri regi Anglorum, Willielmus Dei gratia dictus abbas de Hulmo salutem et fidele servitium. Isti sunt milites de veteri feofamento ecclesiæ meæ. Willielmus de Caletorp habet feodum mil. Ricardus de Hurstestede tenet feodum mil. In eadem villa Bartholomæus de Glanvilla tenet tres partes militis. In villa de Hamigg' Walterus de Willinton tenet dimidiam partem militis. Stephanus tenet quintam partem militis in Beseton et in Stalham. De novo feofamento post mortem regis H. non habemus." tom. i. p. 283.

^q Obit. Cant. He is unnoticed in the leaf prefixed to Oxenede's Chronicle.

^r See note ^g in the present page.

^s Itin. Will. de Worc. ut supr.

^t "Hugo nepos Stephani regis Angliæ miles strenuus. Qui aliquando in bello vulneratus de vita desperatus apud Tyrum monachilem

the goodness to peruse in Latin. He finally left this monastery for the abbacy of Chertsey;^a when

DANIEL was again restored. William of Worcester says, "1153. Daniel fuit vitriarius et laicus, sed sapiens; rex Stephanus, si scivisset cantare missam, faceret ipsum archiepiscopum Cantuariæ. Habuit uxorem et filium nomine Henricum."^b The Cottonian fragment in the manuscript Nero D. II. says, "*qui ante conversionem suam uxorem habuit et filium H.*"^c

Abbat Daniel is recorded to have built the chapter-house and dormitory of the monastery, as well as the hospital of St. James at Horning, at the head of the causey going down to St. Bennet's abbey.^d He died on the 6th of the ides of November, A. D. 1153.

WILLIAM, the second abbat of the name, who succeeded Daniel, died on the 6th of the ides of February, 1168.^e

THOMAS, whom William of Worcester calls the good abbat, is the next upon the list. He built the Refectory and the middle portion of the cloister.^f His death is placed on the 3d of the ides of Sept. 1186.^g

RALPH, prior of the monastery, was elected abbat upon Thomas's death. The Cottonian fragment, so often quoted, enlarges much upon the benefits which the abbey derived from him. "Hic alteram Claustrum partem, dimidiam Infirmariam cum capella et claustrum ejusdem a fundamentis construxit. Ecclesiam, refecturium, dormitorium, capitulum, infirmariam, et cæteras officinas plumbo cooperiri fecit. Ecclesias vero de Houetone quas in usus proprios adquisierat in utilitatem diversarum monasterii sui officinarum per portiones sagaciter prout cuque sibi videbatur expedire divisit." He died on the 11th of the nones of February, 1210, during the Interdict; when, in consequence, he was buried without the cemetery. One of his successors, however, abbat Reginald, removed his body at a subsequent period into the conventual church.^h

JOHN, a monk of St. Edmundsbury, who, according to William of Worcester, was also called JOHN LE CHAMIEL, and, according to Blomefield, JOHN LE CHANCEL, or, CHAMONT, Willis says CHAMANT, was the next abbat. The Cottonian fragment merely says of him, "Hic susceptam a rege S. Benedicti Baroniam, per dimidium annum et amplius gubernabat, et lampadem ante altare sanctæ Mariæ jugiter nocte dieque ardere constituit."ⁱ The shortness of his rule proves what Blomefield asserts, that during the greater part of the Interdict the abbey of St. Bennet of Hulme was in the king's hands.^k Abbat John died in 1213; when

REGINALD was elected abbat. The Cottonian fragment says that Reginald built the hall for strangers.^l William of Worcester calls him "præclarissimus in ædificiis maneriorum in quampluribus villis suis."^m He died in 1229.ⁿ

SAMPSON, prior of St. Bennet's, received the royal assent to his election as abbat in the month of June that year.^o The Cottonian fragment speaks of him as a painter: "operi picture, in quo peritus erat, se totum dedit." He died on the 6th of the kalends of June, 1237.^p

ROBERT DE THORKES, or TORKESY, whom Blomefield calls *Robert de Thirkeby*, received the king's assent to his election as abbat here June 15th, 1237. He had previously been prior of Ramsey.^q The Cottonian fragment calls him "vir prudens, in negotiis sæcularibus dapilis, et pomposus." After enumerating certain gifts from him of vestments, it adds, "hic etiam Cameram lapideam ad orientalem partem ecclesiæ cum capella construxit, ac pistrinum a fundamentis fabricavit." He died on the second of the ides of August, 1251. A licence for a fresh election was granted on the 20th of the same month: but his successor,

WILLIAM DE RINGFELD, did not receive the royal assent to his election till October the 15th following. William de Ringfeld was precentor of the monastery.^r He died on the 11th of the kalends of May, 1256.

ADAM DE NETESHIRD, NOTTISHIRD, or NETELHURDE, received the royal assent to his election May 8th, 1256.^s Among other benefactions to his monastery, he laid the foundation of a new presbytery or choir, to the church; and procured the appropriation of the churches of Felmingham, Neteshyrde, and Bastwyk, for the keeping up of hospitality.^t He died on the 14th of the kalends of September, 1268.^u

RICHARD DE BUKEHAM, or BUKENHAM, prior of the monastery, obtained the royal assent to his election as abbat Oct. 3d, and received the temporalities of the monastery Oct. 24th, 1268.^v He appears to have finished the new presbytery.^w He died on the 6th of the ides of June, 1275.

NICHOLAS DE WALESHAM, whom the Cottonian fragment calls NICHOLAS DE SWTH WALESHAM, was the next abbat. He had previously been prior of the monastery. The royal assent to his election was given June 15th, and the temporalities of the monastery restored to him July 4th, 1275.^x He died Nov. 15th, 1302. On the 23d of the same month a licence for a fresh election was granted; and on the 15th of December the royal assent was given to the election of

suscepit habitum. Qui convalescens de infirmitate stetit per aliquod tempus in eadem religione et postea rege avunculo suo agente factus est abbas sancti Benedicti de Hulmo."

^a "Qui jura et libertates ecclesiæ suæ viriliter ac strenue defendebat; maxime eo quod de nobili genere esset tota illum metuebat patria. Unde vicecomes quidam nomine Wymerus Caperun eum exosum habebat, per quem quædam muliercula latenter lectuli abbatis ignorantis et dormientis introducta ab insidiatoribus inventa, apud manerium suum de Syleby, clamore levato, ipsum abbatem innocentem testiculis privavit. Qui tanti confratris scandali pudore patriam ac provinciam relinquens cessit abbatie suæ et loco. Qui postea agente rege Stephano avunculo suo abbatiam Certeseye ubi vitæ terminum fecit adeptus est."

It is not, at first sight, easy, perhaps, to reconcile this statement with the notice which has been already taken of abbat Hugh in the account of Chertsey in the first volume of the present work. (See vol. i. p. 423.) The attainable memoranda respecting the abbats of that monastery in the earlier period of its history are few and indistinct. The HUGH who became abbat there in 1107 was decidedly a different person from the nephew of King Stephen, who must now be added to the list between abbat DANIEL, who occurs in 1149, and AYMER, who is noticed in the Liber Niger Scaccarii, about the year 1175.

^b Itin. ut supr.

^c The son, "dictus Henricus Danielis," is the same who is called DANIEL as abbat of Ramsey. See vol. ii. p. 548.

^d "Hic fundavit Capitulum, et Dormitorium S. Benedicti, et Hospitalem S. Jacobi juxta calcetum a fundamentis construxit." MS. Cotton. Nero D. II. ut supr. William of Worcester, who, p. 340, also speaks of Daniel as the founder of the dortour, or dormitory, still adds, in the same page, "*Willielmus secundus abbas perfectit Capitulum, et construxit dormitorium.*"

^e MS. Cotton. Nero D. II. ut supr. Willis, Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 120, places him, by mistake, between HUGH and DANIEL.

^f "Hic construxit refectorium et mediam partem Claustrum, ac alia domui suæ necessaria fecit." Ibid.

^g Ibid. William of Worcester, p. 340, says, "THOMAS fuit Anglicus, monachus de Pratellis, prior de Tofftes qui est cella de Pratellis; suo tempore abbatia sancti Benedicti destructa fuit, quia fuit in mani-

bus regis ante suum tempus per septem annos; et bene restauravit ecclesiam monasterii, dimidiam claustrum et refectorium fecit, et multa alia bona."

^h MS. Cotton. Nero D. II. ut supr. William of Worcester, p. 341, says he was originally a monk of Cluny. Willis calls him prior of Ramsey.

ⁱ MS. Cotton. ut supr.

^j Hist. Norf. fol. edit. vol. v. p. 1431.

^k "Hic magnam aulam hospitum ædificavit."

^l Itin. p. 349.

^m MS. Cotton. Nero D. II. fol. 214 b. May 24th. Willis, Mit. Ab.

ⁿ Pat. 13 Hen. III. m. 7.

^o MS. Cotton. Nero D. II. ut supr.

^p Pat. 21 Hen. III. The certificate sent by the monks of St. Bennet-Hulme to the king upon his election will be found in Prynn's Papal Usurpations, tom. iii. pp. 69, 70, where he is called "Priorem de Rameseya, virum morigeratum, bene literatum."

^q Pat. 35 Hen. III. m. 1. The Cottonian fragment says, "Hic de exemptione domus suæ vacationis tempore a rege Henrico III. in spe positus, sed morte preveniente ab incepto negotio est impeditus."

^r Pat. 40 Hen. III. m. 10, 11.

^s "Vir omnibus prædecessoribus suis laude dignior. Hic secundo anno prælationis suæ fundamentum novi presbyterii vijj^o. id. Maii jecit, et propria manu primum lapidem benedicendo posuit." "Qui inter cætera bona quæ fecit opera, ecclesias de Felmingham, Neteshyrde, et Bastwyk ad hospitalitatem sustinendam in proprios usus adquisivit." MS. Cotton. Nero D. II. ut supr.

^t HENRY DE HASTINGS is here inserted by Willis, from the Collections of Henry Wharton. He is said to have died May 13th, 1273. No trace of such a person as abbat, however, occurs either in the fragment prefixed to Oxne's Chronicle, or in the Cottonian Register: Bukeham, moreover, on the Patent Roll is represented as succeeding on the death of abbat Neteshird.

^u Pat. 52 Hen. III. m. 2.

^v "Hic operis novi presbyterii executor extitit curiosus, et quicquid de eo prædecessor suus reliquit imperfectum, ipse defectus supplens, ad perfectam operis consummationem honorifice perduxit." MS. Cotton. ut supr.

^w Pat. 3 Edw. I. m. 16, 20.

HENRY DE BROKE, to whom the temporalities were delivered on January the 8th following.^a Prynné says, that at this time the king's escheator distrained the abbat of St. Benedict de Hulmo for the palfrey and cup of his predecessor, pretended to be anciently due to the king by his prerogative, and received from the predecessors of the abbat upon every occasion; whereas there was never any received by the king before. A writ of enquiry was in consequence issued to the king's escheator, upon which an inquisition was found for the abbat against the king.^b There was likewise, he adds, another writ of enquiry issued, and inquisition made about the same time, at the suit of the prior and convent of the said abbey, touching certain lands and tenements which they held and enjoyed for their sustentation, divided from the rest of the temporalities time out of mind, which neither the abbats during the plenarty nor the king's escheators during the vacancy ever inter-meddled with in any king's reign; which the king's escheator seized into his hands upon the last vacation to their prejudice, as they suggested; which was found for the prior and convent.^c Upon the death of Henry de Broke, which happened Dec. 14th, 1325,^d

JOHN DE AYLESHAM was elected abbat. He received the temporalities Jan. 21st following.^e He died Feb. 7th, 1346.

ROBERT DE AYLESHAM received the king's assent to his election Feb. 24th, and had the temporalities of the monastery delivered to him March 18th, 1346.^f He died July 4th, 1349.^g A licence for a fresh election was obtained on July 22d; and on August 20th following the royal assent was given to the election of

WILLIAM DE HADESCO, who received the temporalities of the monastery on September the 25th.^h Upon his death, which happened Feb. 8th, 1364,

WILLIAM DE METHELWOLDE was elected abbat; to whom the temporalities were granted in the same year, on May the 14th.ⁱ He died Feb. 21st, 1395; when

ROBERT DE SANCTA FIDE was elected abbat. He received the temporalities April 20th following.^k

SIMON BRIGHAM had the temporalities of the monastery restored to him December the 15th, 1396.^l He died July 19th, 1411.^m

RICHARD DE SOUTH WALSHAM received the royal assent to his election Aug. 10th, and the temporalities Sept. 6th, 1411.ⁿ He died July 11th, 1439.^o

JOHN MARTYN had the temporalities restored to him Sept. 18th, 1439.^p He died July 18th, 1459.^q

^a Pat. 31 Edw. I.

^b Prynné, *Papal Usurpations*, tom. iii. p. 996. See the writ and inquisition, Num. XXXVI.

^c Ibid. tom. iii. p. 997. See also Num. XXXVII.

Prynné, tom. iii. p. 1113, says, in the 33d, but he must mean in the 31st, of Edw. I. the king granted the custody of the temporalities of the abbey to the prior and convent, upon the following terms:

—“Reddendo nobis et hæredibus nostris pro qualibet vacatione abbatie prædictæ, sive duraverit per quatuor menses sive per minus tempus ducentas marcas infra eosdem quatuor menses. Et si forte vacatio abbatie illius duraverit ultra quatuor menses, tunc prædicti prior et conventus pro proximis quatuor mensibus integris sequentibus, si tanto tempore duraverit, solvant nobis et hæredibus nostris ducentas marcas: et sic pro quibuscumque quatuor mensibus integris post primos quatuor menses durante vacatione prædicta ducentas marcas. Et si ultra quatuor menses integros duraverit minori tempore quam per quatuor menses, tunc pro illo minori tempore de dictis ducentis marcis, pro rata temporis illius, proportionaliter nobis solvant.”

^d Itin. Will. de Worcester.

^e Pat. 19 Edw. II. p. 1.

^f Kennett, MS. Diptycha.

^g Pat. 23 Edw. III. p. 2.

^h Pat. 19 Ric. II. p. 2.

ⁱ Kennett, ut supr.

^k Kennett, ut supr. Blomefield, *Hist. of Norf.* vol. v. p. 1430, says, “In the duke's palace yard at Norwich, at the entrance of a house near the river, lies a large grave stone with an abbat in his robes cut thereon, brought from the ruins of this abbey, and thus inscribed: ‘Frater Ricardus de South-Walsham, abbas monasterij sancti Benedicti de Hulmo, qui obiit anno Domini quadringentesimo vicesimo nono,’ with the arms of the monastery.” But the reading must be faulty: the inscription ought to run, ‘Millesimo quadringentesimo tricesimo nono.’

^l Pat. 18 Hen. VI. p. 1. ^m Kennett, ut supr.

ⁿ Pat. 37 Hen. VI. p. 2.

^o Blomef. ut supr.

^p Pat. 49 Hen. VI. William of Worcester records a lampoon upon the monastery during the time of this abbat:

“Comœdia ad monasterium Hulmi, ordinis sancti Benedicti diolvol. III.

JOHN KEVING received the royal assent to his election Aug. 16th, and the temporalities Sept. 25th, 1459.^r A licence for a fresh election was obtained, upon his resignation, Oct. 25th, 1469.^s Blomefield says, he was instituted to the rectory of Smalburgh in Norfolk in 1475, and called late abbat of St. Bennet's. He died in 1500.^t

THOMAS PAKEFIELD had his election confirmed Nov. 16th, and received the temporalities Nov. 26th, 1469.^u Upon his death, in 1492,

ROBERT CUBYLE, or CUBIT, became abbat. He occurs in 1499.^v

WILLIAM FOREST had the temporalities of the monastery restored to him March 18th, 1505.^w

JOHN REDINGE was made abbat in 1510. He occurs in 1518, and again in 1522.^x

WILLIAM REPPES, or REPPYS, alias RUGGE, D.D., received the temporalities July 14th, 1530.^y Willis says, “William Rugge, alias Repse or Reppes, D. D. and fellow of Gonvill-hall in Cambridge, and son of William Rugge of North Reppes co. Norfolk, was made abbat on the 26th of April, 1530. Six years after which, being promoted by King Henry the Eighth to the see of Norwich, he the said Rugge, by virtue of a private act of parliament, parted with all the lands of his bishoprick (except the site of his episcopal palace in Norwich) to the king, by way of exchange, for the revenues belonging to the abbey of Hulme and priory of Hickling; which last being soon after alienated by him, the whole income since his time appertaining to the see of Norwich has been only the estate of Hulme monastery, which his successors have enjoyed to this present, according to the purport of the said act; which, continuing unrepealed, gave occasion to the late worthy Bishop Richard Montague, tempore Caroli primi, to subscribe himself in his leases executed a little before the great rebellion, ‘Richard by divine permission Lord Bishop of Norwich, and Lord Abbat of St. Benedicts de Hulm.’ But to return to Bishop Rugge, alias Repse; he died an. 1550, Sept. 21st, and was buried in the middle of the cathedral church of Norwich, having been deprived by order of K. Edward the Sixth on the 31st of January preceding, notwithstanding he had been a zealous stickler for the king's supremacy, and influenced his convent twenty one in number to subscribe to the same an. 1534.”^z

Dr. afterwards Bishop Tanner, in a communication printed in the second volume of Willis's *Mitred Abbeys*, makes the following correction of this account:

“The fatal exchange of the lands of the bishoprick

cessis Norwicensis, directa ad reformationem sequentium, cujus data est primo die Septembris sub anno Christi, 1477, et a morte domini Johannis Fastolf militis (eorum benefactor precipuus) 17. in cujus monasterii ecclesia tumulatur.

Porticum regale,
Signum capitale,
Sordidum mappale,
Olus sine sale,
Cervisia novale,
Stratum lapidale,
Stabulum sordidale,
Fenum gladiale,
Hospitalitas parcimoniale,
Ignis caminis frigidale,
Vadia servientium videtur valde vane;
Ideo hospites ibunt sine vale.
Fastolf ejus benefactor in donis ampliæ,
Et valde cito monachis immemorale.

Itin. Will. de Worcester, 8vo. Cantab. 1778, pp. 161, 162.

Blomefield says, that “in 1487 John Jermy Esq. of Metfield in Suffolk deposited in the hands of Thomas Pakefield, then abbat, whom he appointed one of his executors, two hundred marks, as a maintenance for a priest to sing herein for his soul.” *Hist. Norf.* vol. v. p. 1431.

^r Coll. MSS. Hen. Whart.

^s MS. Lansd. 963, ex Rot. Orig.

^t Coll. MSS. Hen. Whart.

^u MS. Lansd. ut supr. ex Rot. Orig. Willis gives the names of the abbat and monks, with the respective offices of the latter, in 1532. “WILLIAM REPPES S. T. P. ABBAT; William Herryngge, *camerarius*; Richard Barkway S. T. B. Richard Sall, *refectorarius*; William Beccles, *cellerarius*; Thomas Scotten, *prior*; Roger Ramwork, *sacrist*; Nicholas Norwich, *subprior* et *penitentiarius*; Robert Stratford, *succentor*; Richard Norwyche, *out-ryder*; Thomas Hanse, *præcentor*; Rob. Cambrydge, *subsacrist*; John Lammass; John Dilham; William Mychell; Thomas Stonham, *abbat's prior*; Richard Mytten; Richard Hanydance; Thomas Henyng.” *Mit. Ab.* vol. ii. p. 147.

^v *Mit. Ab.* vol. i. p. 121. Leland calls Bishop Rugge “Vir profecto candidissimus, et mihi familiariter cognitus, tum præterea theologus ad unguem doctus.”

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with those of St. Bennet's Holme and Hickling was made in February, 27 Hen. VIII., at which time abbat Repps was nominated to the see of Norwich, though not elected till May.

"The said Bishop Repps, alias Rugge, alienated from the bishoprick not only the priory of Hickling, but many good manors belonging to the abbey, some by absolute gift, others upon trifling exchanges, and made long leases, so that he was at last unable to maintain the state of the bishoprick, and forced to resign, with a pension of two hundred marks (as I have somewhere met with). 'Tis certain he was *not deprived*, because in the patent of commission of John Hopton the bishoprick is said to be void by the resignation of William the last bishop. The porter or some servant of the bishoprick is said to have made a copy of verses beginning thus,

Poor Will, thou *rugged* art and *ragged* all,
Thy abbey cannot bless thee in such fame
To keep a palace, state, and lordly hall,
When gone is thence what should maintain the same.
First pay thy debts, and hence return to *cell*,
And pray the blessed saint whom thou dost serve,
That others may maintaine the pallace well,
For if thou stay'st we all are like to starve."

"Bishop Reppes lived," Dr. Tanner continues, "at St. Bennet's, for I have seen processes or citations to call persons before him, or his auditor causarum, in Capellâ sancti Salvatoris infra manerium nostrum de Hulmo; and sometimes in Capellâ sanctæ Mariæ infra manerium nostrum de Hulmo, 1542. However, in his, or the succeeding bishop's time, the abbey was suffered to fall entirely to ruin. Bishop Jegon sued the administratrix of Bishop Redman for 3161*l.* dilapidations about the monastery; but it had been none so long that he recovered nothing.—

"Bishop Freake repair'd a handsome hall or grange called Ludham Hall, built by abbat Martin, an. 1450, about a mile from the abbey, in a better situation, which was the country seat and indeed chief place of residence of all the succeeding bishops, who had here round them 300*l.* or 400*l.* per annum domains, and all sorts of meats, venison,

wild fowl, rabbits, and fish in great plenty of their own; and thereby were enabled to live honourably and hospitably till Bishop Montague came, who leased it out upon lives to provide for his family; since which the bishops have been forced to live at Norwich, with nothing to supply their tables but what they buy by the penny at market."

The revenues of St. Bennet's abbey were valued in the 26th of Henry the Eighth, according to Dugdale, at 583*l.* 17*s.* 0*d.* per annum; according to Speed, at 677*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.*^c

A bull of Pope Clement, relating to the proposed annexation of the monastery of St. Bennet of Hulme, as early as the 20th of Henry the Eighth, will be found in the Appendix copied from Rymer;^d together with the act of the 27th of Henry the Eighth arranging the exchange with the crown during the vacancy of the bishoprick, in which it will be observed that the bishop was enjoined, exclusive of a prior who was to be always "datyve or removable" at his will, to "kepe contynually, within the said monastery of Seynt Benett, at the lest xij. monkes, for the mayntenance and kepyng of dyvyne service there."

The principal REGISTER of this monastery is that preserved in the Cottonian library, now in the British Museum, marked Galba E. ii. The contents of which are arranged as follows: 1. Royal charters and writs. 2. Bulls and papal privileges. 3. Charters from the archbishops of Canterbury, and bishops of Norwich; letters of recognition; endowments; confirmations; institutions to churches; &c. 4. Compositions with, and letters of confirmation from the prior and convent of Norwich. 5. Transcripts of charters, leases, quit-claims, &c. arranged under the abbats Richerus, fol. 54; Conradus, fol. 55; Willielmus I. fol. 55 b; Anselmus, fol. 56; Hugo, fol. 57 b; Daniel, fol. 59 b; Willielmus II. fol. 60; Thomas, fol. 63 b; Radulfus, fol. 68 b; Adam prior, fol. 73; Reginaldus, fol. 74; Sampson, fol. 88 b; Robertus, fol. 91 b; Willielmus III. fol. 117; Adam, fol. 126; Ricardus, fol. 141; Nicholaus, fol. 149; exclusive of numerous instruments, memoranda, &c. in various hands, many of them much later than that in which the arranged contents of the manuscript are written.^f At the end of the

* Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 146. The last stanza of the verses is from Blomefield. Gough, in Camd. edit. 1789, vol. ii. p. 107, speaking of the bishoprick of Norwich, says, "The bishops see and possessions, viz., about thirty manors, being fixed by Bishop Herbert, continued with his successors till 27 Hen. VIII. when Richard Nix, then bishop, falling under a premunire, to regain the king's favour surrendered all the lands of his bishoprick into the king's hands, who granted, with the consent of parliament, some time after, to him and his successors, the site and possessions of the abbey of St. Benet of Holme."

^b Ibid. vol. ii. p. 148.

^c Tann. Notit. Mon.

^d Num. XXXVIII.

^e See the Act, Num. XXXIX. A single corrody was all that remained upon the list of pensions in the 2d and 3d of Philip and Mary, A. D. 1553. "S'CI BENEDICTI IN VLMO NUPER MQN. Corr. Johannis Godsalve mil. per annum iiij*l.* xii*s.* iiij*d.*" Willis, Mit. Ab. tom. ii. p. 147, says that no Pensions could remain on the list, "because if any monks remained unprovided for, they were maintained out of the bishoprick and not from the crown."

^f This manuscript is marked with two series of folios: the modern one beginning with the ancient table of contents prefixed to the volume, and running through a series of two hundred and twenty-two leaves. To these folios the figures which accompany the abbats' names above refer, as well as the references affixed to the deeds transcribed in the Appendix of Instruments. The second series of folios is that which is marked in the original hand of the volume in small Roman numerals, beginning at folio 30 of the modern series. This second series is that referred to in the TABLE OF CONTENTS just mentioned, which is here transcribed, as giving a full detail of the deeds entered in the manuscript. In the original, several leaves of this table have been transposed.

Carta Regum.

1. Carti Kanuti regis de villis de Hornyngg, Ludham, et Net', folio 1 in dextra parte.
2. Carta sancti Edwardi de ecclesiis, villis, terris, et libertatibus, ibid.
3. Carta Henrici primi de ecclesiis de Scothowe et Lammesse, fol. 1 in sinistra parte.
4. Carta ejusdem de warennæ in Swantone et Bastwyk, ibid.
5. Carta ejusdem de quietâ clamat. Godrici de terra in Hardele, fol. 2 in d. parte.
6. Carta Willielmi II. regis de c. acris. terræ, vj. acris prati in Burgo, et iiij*l.* hominibus in Wynterton, fol. 1 in s. parte.
7. Carta Matildis imperatricis de libertatibus, fol. 2 in d. parte.
8. Carta Stephani regis de libertatibus, ibid.
9. Carta ejusdem de hundr. de Fleg. et Happyngg, fol. 4 in s. parte.

10. Breve ejusdem de prædictis hundr. ibid.
11. Carta ejusdem facta regi Henr. II. de successionē regni, fol. 7 in d. parte.
12. Carta Henrici II. de libertatibus, fol. 2 in d. parte.
13. Carta ejusdem de libertate abbatie de geldis de Happyng hundred et Waxtonesham, fol. 2 in s. parte.
14. Litera ejusdem de warennæ per totam terram abbatie, fol. 2 in s. parte.
15. Carta ejusdem de libertate tolnei per totam Angliam, fol. 3 in d. parte.
16. Litera ejusdem de fugitivis et cattall. eorum, fol. 3 in s. parte.
17. Litera ejusdem Comitū Warennæ de l. marciis, ibid.
18. Litera ejusdem de x. acris terræ in hundr. de Tunsted, et x. in Fleg. ibid.
19. Litera regis Henrici II. de terra Adæ dapiferi, fol. 4 in s. parte.
20. Carta regis Ricardi I. de libertatibus, fol. 5 in d. parte.
21. Carta ejusdem de protectione abbatie, ibid.
22. Carta ejusdem de murthero et de communi misericordia, ibid.
23. Carta regis Henrici III. de warennæ in xiiii. villis, fol. 5 in s. parte.
24. Carta ejusdem de quietâ clam. decimæ, ibid.
25. Carta ejusdem de eadem decima, ibid.
26. Carta ejusdem de quietâ clam. vicesimæ abbatis et villanorum suorum, fol. 5 in s. parte.
27. Queta clamat. ejusdem de compoto reddendo pro custodia episcopatus Norwici, fol. 6 in d. parte.
28. Breve ejusdem de compoto reddendo episcopatus Norwici, ibid.
29. Item aliud Breve de eodem, ibid.
30. Queta clam. ejusdem de abbatia sancti Benedicti, ibid.
31. Breve regis Edwardi I. post Conquestum de compoto reddendo de custodia episcopatus Norwici, ibid.
32. Confirmatio ejusdem cartarum sancti Edwardi, et Matildis imperatricis, et cæterorum, fol. 8 in d. parte.
33. Breve regis contra amerciamenta in turno vicecomitis, fol. 144 in s. parte.

Bulle.

34. Privilegium Eugenii papæ de ecclesiis, villis, libertatibus, consuetudinibus, et electione abbatibus, fol. 9 in d. parte.
35. Privilegium Lucii ii. papæ de ecclesiis, villis, novalibus, et de stallatione abbatibus, et de interdicto, ibid.
36. Bulla Lucii papæ ne filii habeant ecclesias patrum suorum, fol. 10 in d. parte.
37. Bulla Clementis iii. papæ ne filii succedant patribus in ecclesiis, ibid.

volume is an entry, accompanied by a notary's mark, indicating it to have been exhibited at the legatine visitation

38. Confirmatio Innocentii iii. papæ super terris, possessionibus, et decimis, fol. 10 in sinistra parte.
39. Privilegium ejusdem de novalibus, ibid.
40. Confirmatio ejusdem de libertatibus et exemptionibus, ibid.
41. Privilegium ejusdem de priore sancti Benedicti ne teneatur cognoscere de causis, fol. 11 in dextra parte.
42. Confirmatio Gregorii papæ de pratis, terris, et possessionibus ibid.
43. Confirmatio Gregorii ix. de libertatibus et immunitatibus, cum consuetudinibus antiquis, et ecclesia de Scothowe, fol. 11 in s. parte.
44. Confirmatio Gregorii papæ de terris, possessionibus et libertatibus, ibid.
45. Privilegium Gregorii papæ de decimis duarum garbarum, ibid.
46. Bulla Alexandri papæ de procuracionibus archiepiscopi et episcopi, ibid.
47. Confirmatio ejusdem de pensionibus in ecclesiis, fol. 12 in d. parte.
48. Privilegium Alexandri papæ de decimis redimendis in alienis parochiis, fol. 12 in s. parte.
49. Privilegium ejusdem contra provisores, ibid.
50. Privilegium ejusdem de privilegiis et indulgentiis utendis, ibid.
51. Privilegium ejusdem de pensionibus uxorum, ibid.
52. Privilegium ejusdem de pensionibus ecclesias recusantium, ibid.
53. Privilegium ejusdem de episcopo et archidiacono visitantibus, fol. 13 in d. parte.
54. Confirmatio ejusdem de decimis, ibid.
55. Privilegium Urbani papæ de vicariis taxandis, ibid.
- * 56. Privilegium ejusdem ne seculares clerici intrent capitulum cum archiepiscopo vel episcopo visitantibus, ibid.
57. Confirmatio Adriani papæ de hundredis de Happyngg et Fleg. fol. 13 in s. parte.

Antyngham.

58. Litera regis Henrici II. de terra in Antyngham, fol. 4 in s. parte.
59. Carta Thomæ abbatis de vi. acris terræ in Antyngham, fol. 35 in d. parte.
60. Carta Radulphi abbatis de v. acris terræ cum pertin. in Antyngham, fol. 42 in s. parte.
61. Finalis concordia inter Rogerum de Antyngham et Reginaldum abbatem de medietate advocacionis ecclesiæ sanctæ M^o. in Antyngham, fol. 58, in d. parte.
62. Carta Willielmi abbatis de terra Skæet in Antyngham, fol. 95 in d. parte.
63. Restitutio manerii de Antyngham camerario per Adam abbatem, fol. 104 in s. parte.
64. Carta Bartholomei de Antyngham de una pecia terræ in eadem villa, fol. 117 in d. parte.
65. Notabile de placito inter Nicholaum abbatem et rectorem ecclesiæ sanctæ Margar. de Antyngham de quadam pensione, fol. 137 in s. parte.
66. Sententia Johannis de Ferby de supradicta pensione solvenda, fol. 138 in d. parte.

Asshmanhagh.

67. Confirmatio Honorii papæ de ecclesia de Asshmanhagh, fol. 11 in d. parte.
68. Carta Thomæ abbatis de x. acris et dim. terræ in Asshmanhagh, fol. 36 in s. parte.

Askeby.

69. Carta Thomæ abbatis de x. acris terræ in soka de Askeby, fol. 38 in d. parte.
70. Carta Reginaldi abbatis de una acra et una roda terræ in Askeby, fol. 44 in s. parte.
71. Carta Roberti abbatis de excambio cujusdam mes. in Askeby, fol. 63 in d. parte.
72. Carta Jacobi de Runham de quodam mesuagio in Askeby, fol. 78 in s. parte.
73. Quæta clamatio Michaelis de Snore de iii. acr. terræ in Askeby, fol. 93 in d. parte.
74. Quæta clamatio ejusdem de terris in Askeby et Thirne, ibid.
75. Quæta clamatio ejusdem de testamento Richeri de Stratton, ibid.
76. Institutio Nicholai de Suthfeld in ecclesia de Askeby, fol. 125 in d. parte.
77. Conventio inter rectorem de Askeby et rectorem de Burgo, de decimis, fol. 143 in s. parte.
78. Carta Willielmi de Sparham junioris de una acra terræ in Askeby data ecclesiæ de Askeby, fol. 141 in s. parte.
79. Conventio inter Hugonem Cayly et rectorem de Askeby, de via in eadem, fol. 143 in s. parte.

Baketon.

80. Conventio inter Robertum abbatem et Ceciliam le Leche de tenementis in Baketon et Boythorp, fol. 81 in s. parte.

81. Recordatio de terra Cecilie le Leche in Baketon et Witton, ibid.
82. Notabile de ten. Roberti le Leche in Baketon et Wytton, ibid.
83. Quæta clamatio Edmundi comitis Cornubiæ de redditu xxx⁴. et vi. quarter. bladi et bras. pro ten. in Baketon et Witton, fol. 137 in s. parte.
84. Carta Roberti medici de minis de Baketon, fol. 24 in s. parte.

Banyngham.

85. Carta Petri de Alto Bosco de homagio Willielmi Piote et Henr. Neuman in Banyngham, fol. 68 in d. parte.
86. Quæta clam. Johannis vicarii de Totyngton de ten. in Banyngham, fol. 71 in s. parte.
87. Carta Johannis de le Fen de mes. Henrici le Neuman de Banyngham, fol. 117 in d. parte.

Basyngham.

88. Transcriptum donationis Anselmi abbatis de terr. et pastur. apud Basyngham, fol. 27 in s. parte.
89. Carta Walteri de Basyngham de iiii^o. wag. sal. de quodam marisco percipiendo, fol. 40 in d. parte.

Bastwyk.

90. Confirmatio Alexandri papæ de ecclesiis Bastwyk, Netesherde, Houeton, et Asshmanhagh, fol. 12 in d. parte.
91. Appropriatio ecclesiæ de Bastwyk per Walterum episcopum, fol. 20 in d. parte.
92. Carta Willielmi ii. abbatis de terra Hugonis de Wroxham in Bastwyk, fol. 31 in s. parte.
93. Notatio de xx. acris terræ in Bastwyk ex dono Thomæ abbatis, fol. 35 in d. parte.
94. Carta Thomæ abbatis de terra Roberti ad monasterium in Bastwyk, fol. 37 in d. parte.
95. Carta Warini de Toftes de terra in Bastwyk ut supra, fol. 37 in d. parte.
96. Finalis concordia de tertia parte advocacionis ecclesiæ de Bastwyk, fol. 43 in d. parte.
97. Carta Adæ prioris et conventus de terra in Bastwyk, fol. 44 in d. parte. *Sacr.*
98. Carta Radulphi de Bodham de redd. xii⁴. in Bastwyk, fol. 54 in d. parte. *Sacr.*
99. Conventio inter Reginaldum abbatem et Rogerum Grumet de xiiii^o. acr. terræ cum pertin. in Bastwyk, fol. 55 in s. parte.
100. Quæta clam. Johannis filii Willielmi sacerdotis de terra in Bastwyk, et Randeworthe, fol. 54 in s. parte.
101. Quæta clam. Rogeri Grumet de ten. in Bastwyk, fol. 54 in s. parte.
102. Carta Rogeri le Veile de ii. acr. terræ in Bastwyk, fol. 82 in d. parte.
103. Carta Alexandri de Northwro de ten. in Bastwyk, fol. 100 in d. parte.
104. Carta ejusdem de iii. acr. terræ et dim. rod. in Bastwyk, fol. 100 in d. parte.
105. Quæta clam. Isabellæ de Wroxham de mes. in Bastwyk, fol. 106 in s. parte.
106. Notabile de Quiet. clam. Rogeri Noreys de Neteshirde de tenemento in Bastwyk, fol. 133 in d. parte.
107. Quiet. clam. ejusdem de eodem, fol. 133 in s. parte.

Bastwyk Parva.

108. Confirmatio pensionis iiii^o. solidorum in ecclesia da Bastwyk Parva, fol. 18 in s. parte.

Belaghe.

109. Carta Radulphi de Bodham de iiii^o. acr. terræ et dim. in Belagh et H. fol. 49 in d. parte.
110. Carta Rogeri Pride de eisdem, fol. 49 in d. parte.
111. Carta Radulphi de Bodham de xiiii. acris terræ in Belaghe, fol. 49 in s. parte. *Sacr.*
112. Carta ejusdem de redd. xii⁴. in Belaghe, fol. 50 in s. parte.
113. Carta Willielmi Wybbe de omnibus terris suis in villis de Belaghe et Coutesdale, fol. 50 in s. parte.
114. Carta ejusdem de eadem terra, fol. 55 in s. parte.
115. Carta Willielmi de ecclesia de v. acr. terræ in Belaghe, fol. 56 in s. parte. *Celer.*
116. Carta Radulphi de Bodham de x. acr. terræ in Belaghe, fol. 57 in d. parte.
117. Carta ejusdem de x. acris terræ in Belaghe, fol. 57 in d. parte.
118. Conventio inter Robertum abbatem et Alic. de Burgo de quadam mora in Belaghe, fol. 68 in s. parte.
119. Carta Johannis Ibry de Belagh de i. pecia terræ in B. fol. 69 in d. parte.
120. Carta ejusdem de dimidia acra terræ cum pertin. in Belaghe, fol. 69 in d. parte.
121. Carta ejusdem de tribus rodibus terræ cum pertin. in Belaghe, fol. 69 in d. parte.
122. Carta ejusdem de redd. ii⁴. in Belagh, fol. 69 in s. parte.

of this priory made by Cardinal Wolsey's order in 1529; viz. "Exhibit. in visitatione legatina reverendissimi domini

123. Carta ejusdem de redd. iii^d. in eadem, fol. 69 in s. parte.
 124. Carta Johannis fil. Goscelini de i^a. acr. terræ in eadem, fol. 69 in s. parte.
 125. Carta Galfridi le Syre de i^a. acr. terræ cum pertin. in Belaghe, fol. 70 in d. parte.
 126. Carta ejusdem de dim. acr. terræ in campo de Belaghe, fol. 70 in d. parte.
 127. Carta ejusdem de i. acr. terræ et dim. in campo de Belaghe, et Humpton, fol. 70 in d. parte.
 128. Carta Johannis Ibrī de i. rod. terræ et dim. in Belaghe, fol. 78 in s. parte.
 129. Conventio inter Robertum abbatem et Alic. de Burgo de terra in Belagh et Couteshale, fol. 79 in s. parte.
 130. Carta Galfridi le Syre de dimidia acra terræ cum pertin. in Belagh, fol. 81 in d. parte.
 131. Carta Alani Ibrī de terris et mariscis, serviciis et custumis, fol. 82 in d. parte.
 132. Carta Johannis de Houeton de i. acr. cum pertin. in Belaghe, fol. 83 in d. parte.
 133. Carta Thomæ de Houeton de annuo redd. iii^d. pro terra in Belaghe, fol. 97 in d. parte.
 134. Carta ejusdem de redd. ii^d. pro terra in Belaghe, fol. 97 in s. parte.
 135. Carta Alinæ Marescale de redd. et servic. Willielmi de Netes-hirde pro ten. in Belaghe et Couteshale, fol. 105 in s. parte.
 136. Carta Alani Ibrī de i. marlera in Belaghe, fol. 107 in d. parte.
 137. Carta Adæ abbatis de terra et prato in Belaghe, fol. 110 in s. parte.
 138. Carta Alani Ibrī de redd. ii^d. in Belaghe, fol. 110 in s. parte.
 139. Carta Johannis de Redham de i. marlera in Belagh, fol. 113 in d. parte.
 140. Carta Thomæ de Belagh de i. marlera in eadem, fol. 114 in d. parte.

Berton.

141. Confirmatio Huberti archiepiscopi Cant. de institutione Willielmi de Gymyngham in ecclesia de Berton, fol. 15 in s. parte.
 142. Confirmatio Willielmi episcopi Norwic. de dono Alberti Greale de terra in Berton, fol. 16 in d. parte.
 143. Institutio Willielmi de Gemyngham in ecclesia de Berton, fol. 18 in s. parte.
 144. Carta Alberti Grealey de terra in Berton, fol. 33 in s. parte.
 145. Carta Joscelyn de Dirlyngham de redd. iii^d. in Berton, fol. 48 in s. parte.
 146. Carta Willielmi de Gemyngham de eodem, fol. 48 in s. parte.
 147. Carta Roberti de Worthstede de toto ten. suo in villis de Berton et Smalbergh, fol. 50 in s. parte.
 148. Carta Margeriæ fil. Roberti de Malteby de eodem ten. fol. 50 in s. parte.
 149. Carta Roberti de Worthstede de præfato ten. fol. 50 in s. parte.
 150. Carta Margeriæ de Worthstede de ten. supradicto, fol. 51 in d. parte.
 151. Carta Henrici Calvi de terra in Berton, fol. 79 in d. parte.
 152. Carta Willielmi le Buteler de villanis Simone Palmere et Willielmo Bisshop, fol. 105 in s. parte.
 153. Carta Willielmi de Gymyngham de i. mea. cum crofto in Berton, fol. 110 in d. parte.
 154. Carta Walteri de Berton de eodem mea. cum crofto, fol. 110 in d. parte.
 155. Carta Remeri de Gymyngham de donatione secunda, fol. 110 in s. parte.
 156. Placitum inter Ricardum abbatem et Henr. de Berton de tenemento in eadem, fol. 116 in s. parte.
 157. Carta Willielmi le Boteler de homagio in Berton, fol. 125 in s. parte.
 158. Carta ejusdem ad tenend. sine medio, fol. 125 in s. parte.

Beston.

159. Carta Hugonis abbatis de terra in Beston, fol. 29 in d. parte.
 160. Breve Stephani regis de eadem terra, fol. 29 in d. parte.

Billokby.

161. Carta Willielmi II. abbatis de terra in Billokby, fol. 32 in s. parte.
 162. Carti Roberti abbatis de terra in Billokby, fol. 62 in d. parte.
 163. Carta Ricardi le Paumer de Billokby, de terris, pratis, run-cariis, in Billokby et Clipesby, fol. 105 in d. parte.
 164. Carta Yvonis capellani de Billokby de terra in eadem, fol. 107 in s. parte. *Camerar.*

Boythorp.

165. Carta Adæ prioris et conventus de terra in Boythorp, fol. 44 in d. parte.

Burgh.

166. Carta Willielmi II. regis de centum acris terræ et vi. acris prati in Burgo et iij^{or}. hominibus in Wynterton, fol. 1 in s. parte.
 167. Carta Willielmi de Ausyngges de terra de Burgh in Lothing-lond, fol. 55 in s. parte.
 168. Carti Radulphi de Burgo de marisco in eadem, fol. 56 in d. parte.

169. Conventio inter Willielmum abbatem et Clementem priorem de Bromholm, de libero accessu ad fontes de Burgo in Luthinglond, fol. 93 in s. parte.

170. Quiet. clam. Willielmi abbatis de ten. in vill. de Burgo in Lothinglond cum terr. redd. et servic. fol. 94 in s. parte.

Burwode.

171. Carta Willielmi abbatis de terra Haldeni prepositi in Burwode et Simundi in Ludham, fol. 26 in s. parte.
 172. Carta Willielmi ii. abbatis de terra Brithnod et Hagne in Burwode, fol. 31 in d. parte.

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173. Carta Adæ prioris et conventus de corrodio dato, fol. 43 in s. parte.

Calthorp.

174. Conventio inter Adam abbatem et Willielmum de Calthorp, de homagio et servitio ejusdem pro ten. in Calthorp et Erpyngham, fol. 102 in s. parte.
 175. Carta Margeriæ de Alto bosco de ten. in Calthorp et Erpyngham, fol. 103 in d. parte.
 176. Carta Matildis de Alto bosco de ten. in Calthorp et Erpyngham, fol. 103 in d. parte.
 177. Carta Eufraise de Alto bosco de supradictis ten. fol. 103 in s. parte.

Carleton.

178. Carta Willielmi ii. abbatis de terra in Carleton et Berford, fol. 32 in d. parte.

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179. Litera regis Henr. II. de ecclesiis de Castre, fol. 4 in s. parte.
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 228. Queta clam. Ricardi de la Rokele de eisdem decimis, fol. 74 in d. parte.
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304. Littera ejusdem de x. acr. terræ in hundr. de Tunsted et x. in Fleg, ibid.
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316. Carta Radulphi abbatis de quodam mesuagio in Hardele, fol. 42 in d. parte. *Sacr.*
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329. Carta regis Henrici ii. de terra in Hegham juxta, fol. 2 in s. parte.
330. Littera ejusdem de manerio de Hegham, ibid.

331. Littera ejusdem de eodem manerio, fol. 3 in d. parte.
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351. Carta Roberti de Valeins de clam. suo in Asardesholm, fol. 30 in s. parte.
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354. Carta Willielmi ii. abbatis de firma dimissa de Hegham, fol. 33 in d. parte.
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358. Carta Ethæ Wymer de i. acra prati in Estfen, fol. 54 in d. parte. *Infirmar.*
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365. Carta Philippi de Stratton de quodam mes. in Hegham, ibid.
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371. Quiet. clam. Benedicti rectoris ecclesie de Clipesby de omnibus terris et tenementis Adæ de Pottere Hegham in eadem villa, ibid.
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 401. Carta Thomæ de Nova villa de prato in Parva Hauboy, fol. 107 in s. parte.
 402. Queta clam. Alic. de Nova villa de eodem, ibid.
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680. *Excamb. tenementorum in Ludham inter Johannem Bacon et Henricum abbatem, fol. 169 in s. parte.*

681. *Conventio inter Henricum abbatem et Sabinam filiam J. de Ludham de i. acra et dim. terræ in Smythescroft in Ludham, fol. 170 in d. parte.*

682. *De communitate et met. omnium hamelett. in Ludham, fol. 175 in s. parte.*

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683. *Carta regis Ricardi de murthero et de communi misericordia, fol. 5 in d. parte.*

Marcham.

684. *Carta Willielmi abbatis de terra Wydonis in Marcham, fol. 26 in s. parte. Sacr.*

Melton Parva.

685. *Litera regis Henrici ii. de terra in Parva Melton, fol. iiii. in s. parte. Celerar.*

686. *Litera Theobaldi archiepiscopi Cantuar. de recognic. Huberti de Monte Canisio de Parva Melton, fol. 15 in d. parte.*

687. *Carta Godrici dapiferi de terra in Minori Melton, fol. 25 in d. parte.*

688. *Carta Anselmi abbatis de terra in Minori Melton, fol. 27 in d. parte.*

689. *Carta ejusdem de eadem terra, ibid.*

690. *Carta Huberti de Monte Canisio de Minori Melton, fol. 33 in d. parte.*

691. *Conventio inter W. ii. abbatem et Hubertum de Monte Canisio, ibid.*

Multon Parva.

692. *Quiet. cla. Willielmi Beubras de advocacione ecclesiæ in Parva Multon, fol. 106 in s. parte.*

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* 693. *Nomina earum qui debent habere mandata in cœna Domini cum monachis viventibus, fol. 6 in s. parte.*

* 694. *Nomina feodorum pertin. Abbathie, ibid.*

695. *Privilegium Innoc. papæ iii. de novalibus, fol. 10 in s. parte.*

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696. *Confirmatio Theobaldi archiepiscopi Cantuar. de ecclesiis de Neteshirde, Irsted, et Bastwyk, fol. 15 in d. parte.*

697. *Confirm. W. Episcopi Norwic. de eccl. de Neteshird et Irsted, fol. 16 in s. parte.*

698. *Institutio Wymeri decani in vicar. ecclesiarum de N. et I. fol. 17 in d. parte.*

699. *Institutio Radulphi capellani in ecclesia de Neteshirde, ibid.*

700. *Confirmatio W. iii. episcopi de ecclesiis Neteshird, Irsted, et Bastwyk, fol. 19 in s. parte.*

701. *Appropriatio ecclesiæ de Neteshirde per Walterum episcopum, fol. 20 in s. parte.*

702. *Confirmatio ecclesiarum de Neteshird, Irsted, et Bastwik, fol. 21 in d. parte.*

703. *Confirmatio capituli Norwic. de appropriatione eccl. de N. I. fol. 22 in s. parte.*

704. *Confirmatio ejusdem de appropriatione ecclesiæ de Neteshirde, ibid.*

705. *Carta Thomæ abbatis de quadam bruer. in Net. fol. 35 in d. parte.*

706. *Carta ejusdem de terra voc. Munkescroft in Net. fol. 38 in d. parte.*

707. *Carta Roberti Pottough de terra in Neteshirde, fol. 48 in s. parte.*

708. *Carta Sampsonis abbatis de quodam mes. in villa de Neteshird, fol. 59 in s. parte.*

709. *Carta ejusdem de v. acris terræ in Neteshirde, ibid.*

710. *Carta Roberti abbatis de alleganc. Ricardi Gry. de Neteshirde, fol. 83 in s. parte.*

711. *Carta Benedicti de Neteshirde de terra in eadem, fol. 102 in s. parte.*

712. *Carta Thomæ de Walton de i. acr. terræ in Neteshirde, fol. 114 in s. parte.*

713. *Carta Matildis inclusæ de Irsted de terra supradicta, fol. 115 in d. parte.*

714. *Carta Ricardi Idweyn de i. pecia terræ in Grishawe, fol. 131 in d. parte.*

715. *Quiet. Nich. abbatis de redd. v^d. fol. 132 in s. parte.*

716. *Quiet. cla. Reginaldi le Gros de Hugone Hacun nativo suo, fol. 136 in d. parte.*

717. *Carta Willielmi de Burwod de nativis, fol. 140 in d. parte.*

Neuton.

718. *Carta Ricardi de Blunvilla et Willielmi Maleherbe de una pertica terræ in Neuton, fol. 47 in s. parte.*

North Walsham.

719. *Confirmatio Ricardi archiepiscopi Cantuar. de institutione Eywardi presbyteri in ecclesia de North Walsham, fol. 15 in s. parte.*

720. *Institutio Thomæ archidiaconi in ecclesia de North Walsham, fol. 17 in s. parte.*

721. *Carta Hugonis abbatis de terra Tyke in North Walsham et Antyngham, fol. 29 in s. parte.*

722. *Carta Willielmi ii. abbatis de terra in North Walsham, fol. 32 in d. parte.*

723. *Carta Thomæ abbatis de terra Estani Fitele in North Walsham, fol. 37 in d. parte.*

724. *Carta ejusdem de ecclesia de North Walsham, fol. 38 in s. parte. Sacr.*

725. *Carta Radulphi abbatis de feodo Ailwardi in North Walsham, fol. 41 in d. parte.*

726. *Carta ejusdem abbatis de ten. Adæ de Northwalsham in eadem, ibid.*

727. *Carta ejusdem abbatis de mesuagio Almeri Messe in Northw. fol. 42 in d. parte.*

728. *Finalis concordia de advocacione ecclesiæ de Northw. fol. 43 in d. parte.*

729. *Finalis concordia de ii. pertic. terræ in Northw. fol. 42 in s. parte.*

730. *Carta Ricardi de Worthsted de terra Erneshil in Northw. fol. 52 in d. parte.*

731. *Carta Johannis de Grauele de terra magistri J. de Wirm. fol. 52 in d. parte.*

732. *Carta Landulfi domini papæ subdiaconi de i. mesuagio in Northwalsham, ibid.*

733. *Carta Willielmi de Gisneye de excambio terræ in North Walsham, fol. 52 in s. parte.*

734. *Carta Wykas de Swanton de terra in Northwalsham, fol. 56 in s. parte.*

735. *Finalis concordia inter Nicholaum de Witham et Reginaldum abbatem de redd. duorum vomerum in Walsham, fol. 58 in s. parte.*

736. *Carta Landulfi de quodam mesuagio in North Walsham, fol. 61 in s. parte.*

737. *Finalis concordia inter Willielmum de Felmyngham et Sampsonem abbatem de communa pastura in Walsham in Swanton, fol. 62 in s. parte.*

738. *Concessio Roberti abbatis de capell. Ricardi Pincorne, fol. 63 in s. parte.*

739. *Quiet. Reg. le Gros de communa in bosco de Walsham, fol. 64 in s. parte.*

740. *Quiet. Bartholomei le Gros de eadem re, fol. 64 in s. parte.*

741. *Quiet. Willielmi de Wybrigg de prædicta re, fol. 64 in s. parte.*

742. *Quiet. Bartholomei de Felmyngham de eadem, ibid.*

743. *Quiet. Willielmi de Felmyngham de eadem, fol. 65 in d. parte.*

744. *Quiet. Roberti de Felmyngham de eadem re, fol. 65 in d. parte.*

745. *Quiet. Godefr. de Felmyngham de præfata re, ibid.*

746. *Quiet. Galfr. de Felmyngham de supradicta re, ibid.*

747. *Quiet. Isaac de Felmyngham de eadem re, ibid.*

748. *Quiet. Hugonis de Antyngham de supradicta re, fol. 65 in s. parte.*

749. *Quiet. Roberti Geldegrev de præfata re, ibid.*

750. *Quiet. Ricardi fil. Eborardi et Hermeri Scrapeakyn de eadem, ibid.*

751. *Quiet. Roberti de North Walsham de terra in eadem, ibid.*

752. *Quiet. Ricardi le Boteler de communa in bosc. de Walsham et de Swaneton, fol. 68 in s. parte.*

753. *Carta Roberti abbatis de xxi. acr. terræ et dim. in Walsham, fol. 83 in s. parte.*

754. *Carta Willielmi abbatis de i. mes. et xxvii. acr. terræ cum pertin. fol. 95 in d. parte.*

755. *Carta Willielmi le Boteler de homagio et servicio Radulphi de Reppes in North Walsham, fol. 99 in s. parte.*

756. *Carta Elisei presbyteri de redd. vi^d. et ob. ibid.*

757. *Carta Nicholai Boteler de homagio Eustachii Atte Wode, fol. 100 in s. parte.*

758. *Quiet. Roberti clerici de redd. et servic. pertin. ad Symonem de Ponte &c. fol. 102 in d. parte.*

759. *Carta Willielmi de Houeton de redd. iii^d. in North Walsham, fol. 103 in s. parte.*

760. *Quiet. clam. Johannis de North Walsham de ten. in eadem, fol. 105 in d. parte.*

761. *Quiet. clam. Willielmi Rymor de communa boscorum in Walsham, fol. 105 in s. parte.*

762. *Carta Willielmi le Boter, Radulphi de Reppes, et Hugonis de Colby, fol. 106 in d. parte.*

763. *Carta ejusdem de homagio prædictorum, ibid.*

764. *Carta Johannis fil. Hug. et Marg. de Colby de carta feoffamenti Willielmi le Boteler, ibid.*

765. *Conventio inter Ad. abbatem et Galfridum de Arneshil de ten. in North Walsham, fol. 107 in s. parte.*

766. *Carta Adæ abbatis de terra Willielmi le Boteler in Walsham, fol. 111 in d. parte.*

767. *Quiet. clam. Stephani fil. Helisei de North Walsham de ten. in eadem, fol. 112 in d. parte.*

768. *Quiet. clam. Ricardi fil. Helisei de North Walsham de prædicto ten. ibid.*

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769. Carta Helie fil. Ade sacerdot. de Walsham de terra in eadem, fol. 112 in d. parte.

770. Carta Cecilie et Alicie filiarum Ade sac. de Walsham de quodam mesuagio in eadem, ibid.

771. Carta Rogeri de Bradefeld de libertate Bartholomei Zetered de Walsham, fol. 116 in d. parte.

772. Excambium terre de villen. in North Walsham, fol. 117 in d. parte.

773. Rotulatio placiti de brevibus quo waranto portatis super Abbatem, fol. 133 in s. parte.

774. Quiet. clam. Roberti Herward de Aldeburgh de communa pastura in boscis de Walsham et Swanton, fol. 134 in d. parte.

775. Quiet. clam. Johannis Elfroun de Antyngham de eadem, ibid.

776. Quiet. clam. Roberti Bryen de eadem pastura, fol. 135 in d. parte.

777. Carta Petri Curteys de dimidia acra terre in North Walsham, fol. 139 in s. parte.

778. Quiet. clam. Willielmi le Parker de allegancia Beatricis, Johannis, Walteri de Eccles, fol. 141 in s. parte.

779. Litera officialis archidiaconi de inquisitione super vacatione ecclesie de North-Walsham, fol. 144 in d. parte.

780. Placitum de franco plegio in North Walsham, fol. 158 in s. parte.

781. Inquisitio de jure communitatis warennie in North Walsham, fol. 160 in s. parte.

782. Carta Edwardi regis de licentia appropriationis ecclesie de North Walsham, fol. 166 in s. parte.

783. Inquisitio facta de tolreto bladorum et brasei tenentium de soca de Gymyngham, fol. 175 in s. parte.

Norton.

784. Litera attornationis Bartholomei de Redham de redd. in Norton, fol. 126 in s. parte.

785. Quiet. clam. Bartholomei de Redham de homagio Thomæ Rosselyn, fol. 127 in s. parte.

786. Carta ejusdem ad tenend. sine medio, ibid.

Norwich.

787. Confirmatio Willielmi archiepiscopi de ecclesia sancti Michaelis, fol. 15 in d. parte.

788. Concessio Ebrardi episcopi Norwic. de ecclesia sancti Michaelis, fol. 15 in s. parte.

789. Institutio Augustini de Hoxa in ecclesia sancti Petri in Cunsforth, fol. 17 in s. parte.

790. Carta Hugonis abbatis de terra juxta Fybrigge et Norwico, fol. 28 in s. parte. *Celerar.*

791. Carta ejusdem de terra in Mancroft, ibid. *Sacr.*

792. Carta ejusdem de terra in Coslanie in Norwico, fol. 29 in s. parte.

793. Carta Danielis abbatis de terra juxta Fybrigge, fol. 30 in s. parte.

794. Carta Willielmi ii. abbatis de terra in Norwico, fol. 32 in d. parte. *Infirmar.*

795. Carta Thomæ abbatis de terra Nicholai fil. Rogeri Girros, fol. 35 in s. parte. *Celerar.*

796. Carta ejusdem de terra in Mancroft in Norwico, fol. 37 in s. parte.

797. Carta ejusdem de terra in Coslanie in Norwico, fol. 37 in d. parte.

798. Carta ejusdem de terra juxta Mancroft, fol. 38 in s. parte.

799. Carta Radulphi abbatis de terra apud Westwyk in Norwico, fol. 41 in s. parte.

800. Carta ejusdem de quodam mesuagio inter molend. de Westwyk et stratam publicam versus Hegham, fol. 41 in s. parte.

801. Carta ejusdem de terra juxta Coslaniebrigge in Norwico, ibid. *Celerar.*

802. Carta Ade prioris et conventus de terra in Conesforthe, fol. 44 in d. parte. *Infirmar.*

803. Carta Ranulfi de Brook de redd. iii^{or}. s. in foro et in Berstrete in Norwico, fol. 46 in s. parte.

804. Carta Willielmi Wanter de terra in Swyn market, ibid.

805. Carta ejusdem de terra in Berstrete in Norwico, ibid.

806. Carta ejusdem de terra in Berstrete in Norwico, ibid.

807. Carta Clementis le Moyne de redd. iii^{or}. in Swyn market, fol. 57 in s. parte.

808. Carta Roberti abbatis de terra Willielmi le Gauter in Swyn market, fol. 63 in s. parte. *Elemos.*

809. Carta Rogeri de Granario de redd. v^o. in Norwico, fol. 80 in d. parte.

810. Carta Bartholomei de Beluaco de terra in Norwico, fol. 81 in s. parte.

811. Carta Thomæ scriptoris de annuo redd. vi^d. in Norwico, fol. 82 in s. parte. *Elemos.*

812. Placitum inter Sampsonem Judeum de Norwico et Robertum abbatem, fol. 86 in s. parte.

813. Carta Johannis Ordiner de redd. ii^o. in parochia Sancti Swithuni in Norwico, fol. 107 in s. parte. *Pietanc.*

814. Carta Walteri Marescalli de terra in Norwico in parochia Sancti Cuthberti, fol. 111 in d. parte.

815. Carta Walteri le Mercer de quodam mes. in parochia Sancti Cuthberti in Norwico, fol. 111 in s. parte.

816. Quiet. clam. Willielmi But de redd. iii^{or}. marc. in Norwico et de vi. acris et dim. terre in Grengewile, fol. 120 in d. parte.

817. Carta Radulphi Knyght de redd. xl^o. in Norwico, fol. 120 in s. parte.

818. Carta Radulphi de Norwico de mes. in parochia Apostolorum Symonis et Jude, ibid.

819. Carta Ricardi le Cu de Norwico de uno mesuagio cum pertin. super chaio de Fybrigge, fol. 120 in s. parte.

820. Carta Willielmi de Lincolnia de i. mes. in Norwico in parochia Sancti Michaelis de Placitis, fol. 136 in d. parte.

821. Quiet. clam. Custantie relictæ ejusdem de prædicto mesuagio, ibid.

822. Carta ejusdem Willielmi de Lyncoln. de attorn. fol. 136 in s. parte.

823. Quiet. clam. Johannis de Rendelisham de prædicto mesuagio, ibid.

824. Quiet. clam. Henr. de Lyouns de prædicto mesuagio, ibid.

825. Quiet. ejusdem de redd. xii^d. de præfato mesuagio, ibid.

826. Carta Ricardi de Griston de supradicto mesuagio, fol. 136 in d. parte.

827. Deliberatio gaolæ castri Norwic. fol. 164 in d. parte.

Ocle.

828. Carta Willielmi Rufi de redditu iii^d. in Ocle, fol. 29 in s. parte.

Ouby.

* 829. Litera Theobaldi archiepiscopi de resignatione manerii de Ouby, fol. 3 in s. parte.

* 830. Litera Alianoræ reginæ pro frumento debito monachis de manerio de Ouby, ibid.

831. Breve Henrici regis Willielmo abbati de terra et marisco in Ouby, fol. 34 in d. parte.

832. Carta Thomæ abbatis de terra in Oubi et Reppes. fol. 36 in d. parte.

833. Quiet. clam. Ade fil. Euerardi de Ouby de una acra et una rod. terre in Ouby, fol. 54 in d. parte.

834. Carta Roberti abbatis de xiii. acr. terre et dim. in Ouby, fol. 63 in d. parte.

835. Carta W. de Sparham de xiii. acr. et dim. terre in Ouby, fol. 76 in d. parte. *Celer.*

836. Quiet. ejusdem de homagio Willielmi fil. Hugonis de Ouby, ibid.

837. Excambium inter W. abbatem et Elynald. de Rollesby de pratis in Ouby et Thirne cum redd. i^d. fol. 94 in d. parte.

838. Conventio inter Adam abbatem et Hug. de Cayly de xl^o. minis frumenti pro ten. in Ouby, fol. 101 in s. parte.

839. Confirmatio Walteri episcopi de capella W. de Sparham apud Ouby, fol. 141 in d. parte et 143 in s. parte.

840. Carta Willielmi de Sparham jun. de capella prædicta, fol. 141 in s. parte.

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841. Cara regis Ricardi de protectione abbathie, fol. 5 in d. parte.

842. Confirmatio Gregorii papæ de pratis, terris, et possessionibus, fol. 11 in d. parte.

843. Bulla Alexandri papæ de procurationibus archiepiscopi et episcopi, fol. 11 in s. parte.

844. Confirmatio ejusdem de pensionibus in ecclesiis, fol. 12 in d. parte.

845. Privilegium ejusdem contra provisores, fol. 12 in s. parte.

846. Privilegium ejusdem de privileg. et indulgent. utendis, ibid.

847. Privilegium ejusdem de pens. uxorum, ibid.

848. Privilegium ejusdem de pensionibus ecclesias recusantibus, ibid.

849. Confirmatio Johannis episcopi Norwic. de pensionibus in ecclesiis, fol. 18 in d. parte.

850. Confirmatio capituli Norwic. de pensionibus ecclesiarum, fol. 23 in d. parte.

Pankesford.

851. Carta Rogeri de Valeynes de bruar. et marisco in Pankesford, fol. 34 in d. parte.

852. Carta Ricardi de Bleuile de redd. iii^{or}. in Pankesf. fol. 54 in d. parte.

Paston.

853. Carta Anselmi abbatis de terra in Paston, fol. 27 in s. parte.

854. Carta Willielmi ii. abbatis de terra in Paston, fol. 34 in d. parte.

855. Quiet. clam. Ricardi de Paston de terra in eadem, fol. 52 in s. parte.

856. Quiet. clam. ejusdem de eadem terra, fol. 53 in d. parte.

857. Inquis. de leta de Paston per comitem Warennie, fol. 119 in d. parte.

858. Carta Clementis de Paston de libertate ejusdem, fol. 132 in s. parte.

859. Obligatio ejusdem de annuo redditu v^o. vii^d. et ob. pro quondam mes. &c. fol. 133 in d. parte.

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Possewyk.

860. Carta Philippi de Possewyk de marisco de Foulholm, fol. 29 in s. parte.
 861. Carta domini Rogeri de Cressi de marisco de Possewyk, fol. 55 in d. parte.
 862. Carta Thomæ abbatis de marisco de Possewyk, fol. 38 in d. parte.
 863. Confirmatio Willielmi episcopi Norw. de marisco de Fugilholm, fol. 16 in s. parte.

Q.

864. Quiet. clam. regis Henrici iii. de compoto redd. pro custod. episcopatus Norwici, fol. 6 in d. parte.
 865. Quiet. clam. ejusdem de custod. abbathie, ibid.

Rackeia.

866. Carta Willielmi ii. abbatis de terra in Rackeia, fol. 31 in d. parte. *Infirmar.*
 867. Carta ejusdem de eadem terra, ibid.
 868. Carta Bartholomei de Buxton de dimidia acra terræ in Rackeia cum redd. i^d. fol. 82 in s. parte. *Elem.*

Randeworth.

869. Littera Henrici regis ii. de terra in Randeworth, fol. 3 in d. parte.
 870. Littera Theobaldi archiepiscopi de ecclesia de Randeworth, ibid.
 871. Littera Henrici regis ii. de ecclesia de Randeworth, fol. 3 in s. parte.
 872. Littera ejusdem de eadem ecclesia, ibid.
 873. Institutio Radulphi de Stokesby in eadem ecclesia, fol. 16 in s. parte.
 874. Carta Willielmi ii. abbatis de terra Rogeri portarii in R. fol. 31 in d. parte.
 875. Carta Elfredi Trone de iii. rod. terræ in Rand. fol. 56 in d. parte.
 876. Carta Aluredi personæ de dim. acr. terræ in Rand. fol. 57 in s. parte.
 877. Carta Willielmi de Mouton de iii. acr. terræ et dim. et una acra moræ in Rand. et Pankesford, fol. 83 in d. parte.
 878. Placitum inter Ricardum abbatem et Joh. de Mouton de iii. acr. terræ et iii. rod. marisci in Rand. et Pank. fol. 116 in d. parte.
 879. Assisa inter abbatem et Joh. de Mouton de iii. acris terræ et iii. rod. marisci, fol. 119 in s. parte.
 880. Carta Galfridi de Hilcroft de terra in Rand. fol. 129 in s. parte.
 881. Carta ejusdem de terra Crummestoft in Randeworth, fol. 130 in d. parte.
 882. Processus placiti de ecclesia de Randeworth, fol. 132 in d. parte.
 883. Quiet. clam. Nicholai abbatis de advocacione ejusdem ecclesie, ibid.
 884. Quiet. clam. ejusdem de eadem ecclesia, ibid.

Redham.

885. Carta Thomæ abbatis de terris in Redham, Scothowe, et Lammesse, fol. 34 in s. parte.
 886. Conventio super una garba decimarum de Redham, fol. 104 in d. parte.
 887. Carta Adæ abbatis de dimissione decimarum tertie garbæ de dominico Stephani de Redham, fol. 111. in d. parte.
 888. Quiet. clam. Bartholomæi de Redham de homagio Johannis de Ingham, fol. 127 in d. parte.
 889. Carta ejusdem de scutagio Johannis de Ingham, ibid.
 890. Carta ejusdem de homagio prædicti Johannis, fol. 127 in s. parte.
 891. Carta Nicholai abbatis de manerio de Redham, ibid.
 892. Obligatio Bartholomæi de Redham de iii. marcis argenti, ibid.

Reppes.

893. Littera Henrici regis ii. de ecclesia de Reppes, fol. 3 in s. parte.
 894. Littera ejusdem de eadem ecclesia, ibid.
 895. Finalis concordia de advocacione ecclesie prædictæ, fol. 43 in s. parte.

Rifton.

896. Quiet. clam. Walteri Kynt de terra Godwini de le Syk in Rifton, fol. 79 in s. parte.

Roulesby.

897. Carta Willielmi abbatis de terra in Rouelisby, fol. 27 in d. parte.
 898. Carta Anselini abbatis de terra in Rouelisby, ibid.

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Rumburgh.

899. Transcriptum obligationis Blakeri monachi, fol. 30 in d. parte.

Runton.

900. Carta Thomæ abbatis de terra in Runton, fol. 36 in d. parte.

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901. Carta Stephani regis Henrico duci Normanniæ de successionem regni, fol. 7 in d. parte.
 • 902. Transcriptum Willielmi I. abbatis Adæ fil. Hermanni de senescaleia abbathie et aliis, fol. 26 in s. parte.
 903. Quiet. Petri. de Alto bosco de senescaleia abbathie et hundr. de Tunsted, fol. 66 in s. parte.
 904. Littera ejusdem justiciariis de prædicta quiet. de senescaleia, fol. 67 in d. parte.

Saxlyngham.

905. Carta Hugonis abbatis de feudo et servitio de Saxlyngham per servitium dim. militis, fol. 28 in s. parte.
 906. Carta Eustachii de Vesey de terra in Saxlyngham, ibid.
 907. Carta Alicie de Frostenden de homagio in villa de Saxlyngham, fol. 52 in s. parte.

Sandryngham.

908. Carta Nicholai abbatis de terra in Sandryngham, fol. 142 in d. parte.
 909. Littera ejusdem de attorn. faciend. ibid.

Scothowe.

910. Carta Henrici regis I. de ecclesiis de Scothowe et Lammesse, fol. 1 in s. parte.
 911. Littera Henrici II. de ecclesia de Scothowe, fol. 3 in d. parte.
 912. Donum Alicie le Miliers de ii. part. decimarum suarum in Scothowe, fol. 6 in s. parte.
 913. Confirmatio Greg. IX. de ecclesia de Scothowe, fol. 11 in s. parte.
 • 914. Appropriatio ecclesie de Scothowe per Thomam episcopum, fol. 19 in d. parte.
 915. Inductio ecclesie de Scothowe per archidiaconum Norwic. fol. 19 in s. parte.
 916. Confirmatio capituli Norwic. de appropriatione ecclesie de Scothowe et decimis maneriorum et firmariorum, fol. 22 in s. parte.
 917. Confirmatio capituli Norwic. de appropriatione ecclesie de Scothowe, fol. 23 in d. parte.
 918. Carta Anselmi abbatis de terra in Scothowe et Erpyngham hundred. fol. 27 in s. parte. *Sacr.*
 919. Quiet. clam. Bartholomæi de Redham de ecclesiis de Scothowe et Lammesse, fol. 39 in s. parte.
 920. Taxatio vicarie ecclesie de Scothowe, fol. 45 in s. parte.
 921. Carta Hugonis de Miliers de i. pec. terræ ad Lindele in Scothowe, fol. 57 in s. parte.
 922. Carta Rogeri de Alto bosco de v. acris terræ in Scothowe et de x. acris terræ apud Lindele, fol. 73 in s. parte.
 923. Carta Adæ de Gedhyngg de v. acris terræ in Birkele, fol. 77 in d. parte.
 924. Quiet. Isabellæ de Parva Hauboy de ii. acris terræ et dim. in campo de Scothowe, fol. 78 in d. parte.
 925. Quiet. clam. Roberti de Skegeton de homagio Edivæ et Edæ fil. Godwini de le Syth in Scothowe, ibid.
 926. Carta Rogeri de Wilby de v. acris terræ in Scothowe, fol. 78 in s. parte, et 87 in s. parte, et 90 in s. parte.
 927. Finalis concordia inter Stephanum de Redham et Robertum abbatem de manerio de Scothowe, fol. 86 in d. parte.
 928. Placitum inter Stephanum de Redham et abbatem sancti Benedicti de advocacione ecclesiarum de Scothowe et Lammesse, fol. 87 in d. parte.
 929. Carta Rogeri de Wilby de annuo redditu x^d. in Scothowe, fol. 90 in s. parte.
 930. Quiet. clam. Isabellæ de Hauboy de terra in Scothowe, fol. 93 in s. parte.
 931. Carta Ricardi de Scothowe de redd. vi^d. ad luminare sanctæ Virginis Mariæ, fol. 107 in d. parte. *Elemos.*
 932. Quiet. clam. Juwetæ de Wilby de jure et clam. suo in terra de Scothowe, fol. 108 in d. parte.
 933. Conventio inter Bartholomæum de Redham et Ricardum abbatem de j. acra terræ super moram de Birkele, fol. 114 in s. parte.
 934. Carta Roberti de Skegeton de molendino ventritico in villa de Scothowe, fol. 115 in s. parte.
 935. Carta Roberti de Skegeton de prædicto molendino, fol. 115 in s. parte.
 936. Carta Johannis de ecclesia de Scothowe de excambio terræ in eadem cum homagio Bartholomæi de Redham militis, fol. 124 in s. parte.
 937. Finalis concordia inter Nicholaum abbatem et Willielmum le Spicer de xiii. acris terræ in Scothowe et Westwyk, fol. 133 in s. parte.

preserved among the Cottonian charters in the British Mu-

seum, marked rv. 57, in a few places illegible. Many of

938. Carta Roberti de Buxton de homagio Johannis ad ecclesiam de Hauboyis pro ten. in Scothowe, fol. 134 in s. parte.

939. Carta ejusdem de eodem, ibid.

940. Carta ejusdem de attorn. faciend. ibid.

941. Carta Johannis de Parva Hauboyis de homagio et servic. iiiⁱ. et iiⁱ. redd. pro prædicto ten. ibid.

942. Quiet. clam. ejusdem de eodem redd. ibid.

943. Carta Edwardi III. regis de xvi. mes. cclxvii. acr. et i. rod. terræ in Scothowe et Scouriston, fol. 145 in d. parte.

944. Carta Radulphi Urry et Nicholai Ridel de prædictis, ibid.

945. Placitum de manerio de Scothowe cum advocacione ecclesiæ ejusdem, fol. 145 in s. parte.

946. Breve Edwardi III. regis de med. tertie partis manerii de Scothowe, fol. 149 in d. parte.

947. Record. juratorum de prædicta med. ibid.

948. Breve Edwardi III. regis de prædicta medietate, fol. 149 in s. parte.

949. Certificatio thesaurar. et baron. de prædicta medietate, ibid.

950. Breve Edwardi III. regis de prædicta medietate, ibid.

951. Inquisitio super eadem, ibid.

952. Breve Edwardi III. regis de prædicta medietate, ibid.

953. Placitum de advocacione ecclesiæ de Scothowe, fol. 168 in d. parte.

954. Judicium de advocacione ejusdem, fol. 169 in d. parte.

Shotesham.

955. Carta regis Henrici II. de molend. et stagnis de Shotesham et Walsham, fol. 2 in s. parte.

956. Quiet. Roberti de Vallibus de ii. carucis terræ in Shotesham, fol. 39 in d. parte.

957. Concord. finalis de advocacione ecclesiæ beati Martini de Shotesham, fol. 42 in s. parte.

958. Finalis concordia de ii. carucis terræ cum pertinentiis in Shotesham, ibid.

959. Carta Walteri de Neuton de stagno molendini de Shotesham, fol. 47 in s. parte.

960. Carta Ranulphi de Beynton de quadam terra in Shotesham, fol. 48 in d. parte.

961. Carta Sampsonis abbatis de ten. in Shotesham, fol. 61 in d. parte.

962. Finalis concordia inter Nicholaum fil. Ricardi et Sampsonem abbatem de vii. acris terræ in Shotesham, fol. 62 in s. parte.

963. Carta Symonis de Shotesham de vi. acris terræ in eadem, fol. 74 in s. parte.

964. Conventio inter Gilbertum de Wesnam et Walterum Costard de terra in Shotesham, ibid.

965. Carta ejusdem de homagio Walteri Costard, ibid.

966. Carta ejusdem de redd. bladi in Shotesham, fol. 75 in d. parte.

967. Carta ejusdem de terra in Shotesham, ibid.

968. Quiet. ejusdem de redd. bladi in Shotesham, ibid.

969. Quiet. Willielmi de Wenlyngg de annuo redd. bladi in Shotesham, fol. 75 in s. parte.

970. Quiet. clam. Symonis de Shotesham de quodam mes. et iii. acris terræ in eadem, ibid.

971. Carta Thomæ Flory de terra in Horscroft, ibid.

972. Carta Stephani de Penteneye de terra in Horscroft, ibid.

973. Quiet. Rosæ Flory de terra in Shotesham, ibid.

974. Carta Willielmi abbatis de i^a. pecia terræ cum pertinentiis in Shotesham per redd. i^a. fol. 95 in d. parte.

975. Carta Emmæ Coupere de terra in Shotesham, fol. 139 in s. parte.

Shipden.

976. Quiet. Beatrice Wlf. de i. mes. et x. acr. terræ in Shipden, fol. 128 in d. parte.

Sloleye.

977. Carta Radulphi Wattok de homagio Johannis atte Brake nativi sui de Sloleye, fol. 114 in d. parte.

Smalbergh.

978. Institutio Johannis de Smalbergh in ecclesia de Smalbergh, fol. 18 in s. parte.

979. Institutio Johannis clerici in ecclesia de Smalbergh, fol. 40 in s. parte.

980. Quiet. Radulphi de Smalbergh de advocacione ecclesiæ de eadem, fol. 51 in d. parte.

981. Quiet. Galfridi fil. Radulphi, Willielmi de Smalbergh, et Willielmi de Andeborwe, de prædicta advocacione, ibid.

982. Quiet. clam. Reg. filii Hugonis de Smalbergh de eadem advocacione, ibid.

983. Quiet. clam. Huberti, Johannis, et Theobaldi fil. W. de Smalbergh de advocacione prædicta, ibid.

984. Litera decani de Waxton archid. Norff. de statu et jure ecclesiæ de Smalbergh, fol. 57 in s. parte.

985. Litera ejusdem præfato archid. de eadem re, fol. 58 in d. parte.

986. Quiet. clam. Willielmi de Stalham de advocacione ecclesiæ de Smalbergh, fol. 68 in d. parte.

987. De ten. et sokemannis quæ Rogerus Bygot et homines sui subtraxerunt in Smalbergh et cæteris villis, fol. 174 in d. parte.

Skegeton.

988. Compositio inter magistrum N. et Radulphum de Skegeton de duobus parochianis, fol. 18 in d. parte.

989. Carta Willielmi de Witnelle de iii. rod. terræ in Skegeton, fol. 52 in s. parte.

990. Notabile de parentela Eudonis de Skegeton, fol. 129 in s. parte.

991. Finalis concordia inter Willielmum de Whitnelle et Willielmum de Skegeton de medietate ii. partium feodi ii. militum in Skegeton, fol. 130 in d. parte.

992. Carta Johannis de Skegeton de redd. xviii^d. cum quiet. clam. de bosco in Swanton, fol. 138 in s. parte.

Somerton.

993. Quiet. clam. Johannis Isonde de Scothowe de i^a. mes. vj. acr. terræ et medietate de le frith in Somerton, fol. 98 in s. parte.

994. Finalis concordia inter Ad. abbatem et Thomam Beguyle de redd. xxv^a. in Somerton et Wynterton, fol. 108 in s. parte.

South Walsham.

995. Carta Radulphi comitis de mandreda Astitelis* in Walsham cum sak et sok et sokne et omni consuetudine, fol. 6 in s. parte.

996. Confirmatio Willielmi episcopi Norwic. de ecclesia de South Walsham Philippo de Fordham, fol. 16 in d. parte.

997. Confirmatio Johannis episcopi Norwic. de pensione in ecclesia sancti Laurentii de South Walsham, fol. 18 in d. parte.

998. Carta Hugonis abbatis de terra in South Walsham, fol. 29 in d. parte.

999. Carta Radulphi Kirketot de ecclesia sanctæ Mariæ in South Walsham cum Sunderlond halle, fol. 29 in s. parte.

1000. Carta Stephani regis de terra Galfridi clerici in South Walsham, fol. 28 in s. parte.

1001. Carta Hugonis abbatis de terra in South Walsham, fol. 29 in d. parte.

1002. Donum Huberti Kirketot de c. acris terræ in Ridecroft, fol. 3 in s. parte.

1003. Carta regis Henrici II. de terra Huberti Kirketot, fol. 4 in s. parte.

1004. Carta Aldredi Buttecarl de xv^a. de manerio de South Walsham, fol. 33 in s. parte.

1005. Carta Radulphi filii Roberti Pyncel de xx^a. in South Walsham, ibid.

1006. Carta Huberti Kyrketot de terra in Ridecroft in South Walsham, fol. 34 in d. parte.

1007. Carta Thomæ abbatis de terra in South Walsham, fol. 34 in s. parte.

1008. Finalis concordia de advocacione ecclesiæ sancti Laurentii in South Walsham, fol. 43 in s. parte.

1009. Carta Reginaldi abbatis de iii. acris terræ in Walsham, fol. 44 in s. parte.

1010. Carta ejusdem de terra Huberti capellani in Walsham, fol. 45 in d. parte.

1011. Finalis concordia inter Bartholomæum de Stukeye et Reginaldum abbatem de xliiii. acris terræ cum pertinentiis in Walsham, fol. 59 in d. parte.

1012. Carta Johannis de Turteuyle de terra in South Walsham, fol. 128 in s. parte.

1013. Carta ejusdem de medio, ibid.

1014. Litera attorn. ejusdem de eadem re, fol. 128 in d. parte.

1015. Quiet. clam. Roberti Turteuyle de ten. in South Walsham, fol. 129 in d. parte.

1016. Quiet. clam. Nicholai abbatis de secta curiæ de Harell, ibid.

1017. Carta Stephani de Cotyngham de dim. acr. terræ in South Walsham, fol. 135 in s. parte.

1018. Quiet. clam. ejusdem de redd. in eadem, ibid.

Stalham.

1019. Privilegium Innocentii iii. de ecclesiis de Stalham et Thweyt, fol. 10 in s. parte.

1020. Confirmatio Willielmi episcopi Norwic. de institutione Jocelini clerici in ecclesia de Stalham, fol. 15 in s. parte.

1021. Institutio magistri Johannis Wirmegeya in ecclesia de Stalham, fol. 17 in d. parte.

1022. Institutio Thomæ de Walton in ecclesia de Stalham, fol. 18 in s. parte.

1023. Confirmatio Walteri episcopi de cantaria in capella Reginaldi le Gros apud Stalham, fol. 20 in d. parte.

1024. Carta Ranulphi de Stalham de i. pecia terræ in mes. suo in eadem, fol. 53 in d. parte.

1025. Carta Willielmi filii Ranulphi de Stalham de eadem terra, ibid.

* Sic in orig.

the instruments contained in it have been already noticed in

the abstract of the Cottonian MS. Galba E. ii. They relate

1026. Quiet. clam. Willielmi de Stalham de advocacione ecclesie de Stalham, fol. 68 in d. parte.

1027. Carta Reginaldi le Gros de i. pecia terre in Stalham, fol. 78 in d. parte.

1028. Quiet. clam. Willielmi de Stalham de advocacione ecclesie de Stalham, fol. 80 in d. parte.

1029. Carta Reginaldi le Gros de excambio terre in Stalham, fol. 83 in s. parte.

1030. Carta Nicholai abbatis de ten. in Stalham, Beston, &c. fol. 126 in s. parte.

1031. Carta Willielmi de Stalham de medietate feodi i. militis, fol. 127 in d. parte.

1032. Inquisitio super vacatione ecclesie de Stalham, fol. 130 in s. parte.

1033. Quiet. clam. Rogeri le Bigot de hæredibus Willielmi de Stalham, fol. 139 in s. parte.

1034. Litera ejusdem de prædictis hæredibus, ibid.

1035. Litera ejusdem de prædictis, fol. 140 in d. parte.

Stokesby.

1036. Obligatio domini Willielmi de Redham de redd. in Stokesby, fol. 126 in d. parte.

1037. Carta Nicholai abbatis de homagio et relevio prædicti Willielmi, ibid.

Swanton.

* 1038. Carta Henrici I. de warena in Swanton et Bastwik, fol. 1 in s. parte.

1039. Institutio Gervasii fil. Nicholai in ecclesia de Swanton, fol. 17 in s. parte.

1040. Institutio Stephani de Ludham in ecclesia de Swanton, fol. 19 in d. parte.

1041. Testificatio Thomæ episcopi de ii. garbis decimarum dominicarum in Swanton, fol. 19 in s. parte.

1042. Carta Thomæ abbatis de terra voc. Heggess et Fred in Swanton, fol. 38 in d. parte.

1043. Carta Radulphi abbatis de terris in Swanton, fol. 42 in d. parte.

1044. Carta Nicholai rectoris de Swanton de decimis ii. garbarum in eadem, fol. 45 in s. parte.

1045. Carta Johannis fil. Roberti sacerdotis de Scothowe de terra quæ vocatur Frith in Swanton, fol. 52 in d. parte.

1046. Carta ejusdem de situ molendini cum stagno in Swanton, fol. 52 in s. parte.

1047. Quiet. clam. Willielmi de Whitnelle de communa in Swanton, ibid.

1048. Quiet. clam. Radulphi de Skeyton de communa in Swanton et Walsham, ibid.

1049. Quiet. Roberti de Skeyton de communa pastura in boscis de Swanton et Walsham, fol. 64 in d. parte.

1050. Quiet. clam. Clariciæ de Whitwelle de eadem re, ibid.

1051. Quiet. Richeri de Witwelle de eadem, fol. 64 in s. parte.

1052. Quiet. clam. Willielmi de Holgate de supradicta re, ibid.

1053. Quiet. Johannis de Felmyngham de eadem re, fol. 65 in d. parte.

1054. Quiet. Willielmi le Neuman de eadem, ibid.

1055. Finalis concordia inter Symonem de Nodariis et Robertum abbatem de iii. acris terre et i. mes. et i. molend. in Swanton, fol. 86 in d. parte.

1056. Quiet. clam. Bartholomei Baysebolle de ii. acris terre et i. rod. et medietate de la frith in Swanton, fol. 91 in d. parte.

1057. Conventio inter Ad. abbatem et Thomam de Walcote de i. pecia pasture in Swanton, fol. 104 in d. parte.

1058. Conventio inter Adam abbatem et Thomam rectorem de Swanton de crofto vocato le Frith in eadem, ibid.

1059. Carta Johannis le Vernon de ten. in Swanton, fol. 112 in s. parte.

1060. Carta ejusdem de eodem tenemento, ibid.

1061. Quiet. clam. Roberti de Skegeton de homagio Petri Pyot de Swanton cum tota sequela sua, fol. 125 in d. parte.

1062. Carta ejusdem de prædicto Petro et sequela sua, ibid.

1063. Quiet. clam. Emmæ Keye de Swanton, fol. 133 in d. parte.

1064. Inquisitio de communa Goscelini Shimbald in bosco de Swanton, fol. 138 in s. parte.

T.

1065. Confirmatio Innocentii papæ super terris, possessionibus, et decimis, fol. 10 in s. parte.

1066. Confirmatio Gregorii papæ de terris, possessionibus, et libertatibus, fol. 11 in s. parte.

1067. Confirmatio Theobaldi archiepiscopi de terris, ecclesiis, et possessionibus, fol. 15 in d. parte.

1068. Transcriptum terr. donat. extra abbatiam per abbates Richerum, Anselmum, et al. fol. 24 in s. parte.

1069. Transcriptum donationis Richeri abbatis de dominicis terris, fol. 25 in s. parte.

Thirne.

1070. Institutio Willielmi de Dunham in ecclesia de Thirne, fol. 18 in s. parte.

1071. Carta Willielmi ii. abbatis de terra Osberni presbyteri in Thirne, fol. 32 in s. parte.

1072. Carta Thomæ fil. Nicholai de Thirne de redd. xii^d. fol. 54 in d. parte. *Infirmar.*

1073. Carta Thomæ de Thirne de redd. xviii^d. in eadem, fol. 55 in d. parte.

1074. Carta ejusdem de redd. ii^d. in Thirne, ibid. *Celer.*

1075. Carta Thomæ de Thirne de vii. acris terre in Thirne et Askeby, fol. 56 in s. parte.

1076. Carta Sampsonis abbatis de terra dat. ecclesie de Thirne, fol. 61 in d. parte.

1077. Carta Alexandri de Vallibus de uno juncar. in Thirne ultra Swynlawir, fol. 70 in s. parte.

1078. Carta Guvæ de Thirne de redd. vi^d. magno altari pro terra in Thirne, fol. 70 in s. parte.

1079. Carta Richeri de Stratton de annuo redd. iii^d. et vi^d. in Thirne, viz. celer. ii^d. infirmar. xii^d. et sacristæ vi^d. fol. 71 in d. parte.

1080. Quiet. clam. Ernaldi de Ouby de terra in Thirne, fol. 94 in d. parte.

Thorndon.

1081. Carta Aliciæ uxoris domini Ricardi de Calxston de redd. ii^d. ad sustentationem lampadis beatæ Mariæ in Thorndon, fol. 66 in d. parte. *Sacr.*

Thurgerton.

1082. Carta Hugonis abbatis de xxxi. acris terre in Thurgerton, fol. 29 in d. parte.

1083. Carta Willielmi ii. abbatis de manerio de Thurgerton, fol. 33 in d. parte.

1084. Carta Thomæ abbatis de xxxi. acris terre juxta parcum de Haneworth, fol. 36 in s. parte.

1085. Carta Radulphi abbatis de decimis dominicis in Thurgerton, fol. 42 in d. parte. *Camerar.*

1086. Finalis concordia de manerio de Thurgerton, fol. 43 in d. parte.

1087. Finalis concordia de vii. acris terre in Thurgerton, ibid.

1088. Finalis concordia inter Radulphum de Thweyt et abbatem de manerio de Thurgerton, fol. 58 in d. parte.

1089. Quiet. clam. Petri de Alto bosco militis de manerio de Thurgerton, fol. 66 in s. parte.

1090. Taxatio maneriorum et omnium bonorum temporalium per Walterum episcopum, fol. 96 in d. parte et s.

Thweyt.

1091. Carta Anselmi abbatis de xiii. acris terre in Thweyt, et xxii. acr. terre in Thurgerton, fol. 27 in d. parte.

1092. Carta Hugonis abbatis de terra jacente inter Runton et Felbrygg, fol. 28 in s. parte.

1093. Carta Willielmi ii. abbatis de terra in Thweyt, fol. 32 in s. parte.

1094. Carta ejusdem de manerio de Thweyt, ibid.

1095. Carta Thomæ abbatis de manerio de Thweyt, fol. 38 in d. parte.

1096. Carta Radulphi abbatis de tertia parte decimarum dominicarum in villa de Thweyt, fol. 42 in d. parte.

1097. Finalis concordia de toto manerio de Thweyt, fol. 42 in s. parte.

1098. Compositio inter Johannem rectorem de Thweyt et Robertum de Thweyt de ii. garbis decimarum dominicarum in eadem, fol. 60 in s. parte.

1099. Quiet. clam. Symonis de Noyers de decimis in Thweyt, fol. 135 in d. parte.

1100. Quiet. clam. Bartholomei de Somerton de decimis in Thweyt, ibid.

1101. Quiet. clam. Matild. de Thweyt de decimis in eadem, ibid.

1102. Quiet. clam. Petri de Brampton de decimis in Thweyt, ibid.

Tybenham.

1103. Littera regis Henrici II. de firma de Tybenham, fol. 4 in d. parte.

1104. Carta Willielmi abbatis de terra in Tybenham, fol. 26 in s. parte.

1105. Carta Anselmi abbatis de terra in Tybenham, fol. 27 in d. parte.

1106. Carta Thomæ abbatis de ten. in Tybenham, fol. 35 in s. parte.

1107. Carta Osberni filii Hervei de terra in Tybenham, fol. 39 in d. parte.

1108. Carta Willielmi de Huntyngfeld de ecclesia et manerio de Tybenham, fol. 39 in d. parte.

1109. Finalis concordia inter Osbertum Dagworth et Robertum abbatem de manerio et terra in Tybenham, fol. 85 in s. parte.

1110. Finalis concordia inter Adam fil. Walteri et Robertum abbatem de i. mes. et i. carucata terre cum pertinentiis, fol. 86 in s. parte.

1111. Quiet. clam. Johannis Ossegod de servitio Rogeri Erewyn de ten. in Tybenham, fol. 129 in s. parte.

1112. Carta Roberti de Esthawe de dimidia acra prati in Tybenham, fol. 131 in d. parte.

to the churches of Ludham, Felmyngham, Horning, Netesherde, Irstede, Bastwick, Hoveton, Antyngham, Bidham, Hecham, North Walsham, South Walsham, Belay, Askeby, Scothowe, Assemanbaghe, Cunningsford, Staffam, and St. Michael in Norwich; with tithes in Waxtonesham, Ingham,

Fordham, Swanton, Cruchestoke, and Haningges: chiefly of the 13th century. Also precedents of presentations, resignations, &c.

A few charters relating to this monastery are preserved among Bishop Tanner's own manuscripts, now at Oxford.*

Weybrigg.

1153. Carta prioris de Weybrigg de annuo redd. xii^d. fol. 81 in d. parte. *Celer.*

Wichyngham.

1154. Carta Hugonis abbatis de terra in Wichyngham, fol. 29 in d. parte. *Sacr.*

1155. Carta Stephani sacristæ de terra in Wichyngham, fol. 44 in d. parte. *Sacr.*

1156. Compositio inter Sampsonem abbatem et Willielmum priorem de Walsyngham de ten. Galfridi Turteville in Wichyngham, fol. 61 in d. parte.

Winterton.

1157. Litera regis Henrici II. de terra de Wynterton et Somerton, fol. 4 in d. parte.

1158. Carta Nicholai Toli de homag. fratris sui et redd. xii^d. in Wynterton, fol. 54 in s. parte.

1159. Carta ejusdem de homag. Henrici filii Thomæ de Ludham cum redd. i^d. in Wynterton, *ibid.* *Celer.*

Witton.

1160. Carta Johannis de Dunham de homagio Rogeri atte Mere nativi sui de Witton, fol. 140 in d. parte.

Wroxham.

1161. Conventio inter Robertum abbatem et priorissam de Carowe de piscaria inter pontem de Wroxham et domum sancti Benedicti, fol. 82 in s. parte.

1162. Finalis concordia inter Robertum abbatem et priorissam de Carowe de piscaria aquæ de Wroxham, fol. 85 in d. parte.

1163. Quiet. Adæ abbatis de piscariis in Welle et in Elm in Wroxham, fol. 109 in s. parte.

1164. Quiet. clam. Alexandri de Wroxham de piscaria inter pontem de Wroxham et Grabardesferie, fol. 140 in d. parte et 142 in s. parte.

Worthsted.

1165. Carta Roberti de Wrthsted militis de redd. et homagio in eadem, fol. 51 in d. parte.

1166. Carta Roberti de Wrthsted de homagio et servicio Rogeri filii Bernardi de Worthsted cum redd. iiii^s. in eadem, fol. 51 in s. parte.

1167. Carta ejusdem de homagio Odonis Dunnyng cum sequela sua in Worthsted, *ibid.*

1168. Carta ejusdem de xv. acris terræ et viii. de bruar. cum pertin. in villa de Worthstede, *ibid.*

1169. Carta ejusdem de homagio et servicio Odonis carpentarii in Worthsted, *ibid.*

1170. Carta ejusdem de iiii^s. de decimis molend. de Wrthstede, fol. 52 in d. parte.

1171. Quiet. clam. Walteri de Briggate de ten. in Wrthsted, fol. 55 in s. parte.

1172. Queta clam. Reginaldi Kipir de ten. in Wrthstede, *ibid.*

1173. Carta Roberti de Wrthsted de Mora in eadem, fol. 56 in d. parte.

1174. Carta ejusdem Roberti de Waltero Emor cum toto ten. et sequela et x. acr. et dim. terræ in Worthsted, *ibid.*

1175. Carta ejusdem de Richero de Herneshil, *ibid.* *Sacr.*

1176. Carta Sampsonis abbatis de xv. acris terræ in Wrthsted, fol. 60 in d. parte.

1177. Quiet. Roberti abbatis de ecclesia de Worthsted, fol. 63 in s. parte.

1178. Carta Walteri de Alto bosco de dim. acra turbar. in Worthsted, *ibid.*

1179. Quiet. cla. Judeorum de terra Roberti de Worthsted, fol. 86 in s. parte.

1180. Carta Odonis de Wymundham de i. mes. et terr. in Worthsted, fol. 90 in d. parte.

1181. Carta ejusdem de uno mes. et xxxv. acr. et i^s. pertic. terræ arabilis in Worthsted, *ibid.*

1182. Carta Matildis de Worthsted de supradictis, fol. 90 in s. parte.

1183. Carta Matildis de Wymundham de i. mes. cum edificiis xxx. acr. et i^s. perticata terræ arabilis in Worthsted, fol. 108 in d. parte.

1184. Placitum de ten. in Worthsted, fol. 174 in s. parte.

1185. Carta Nicholai filii Philippi de Worsted, fol. 188 in s. parte.

* "In libris notatis *Asley*, n. 61, testamentum Roberti fil. Alani de Fordham, pro terris in Fordham: *Jackson*, n. 15, de decimis quibusdam in Fordham [Cantab.]: *Bristol*, n. 76, carta Thomæ abbatis de terra in Gernemutha: *Jernegan*, n. 179, carta Rogeri de Valeins, de c. acris in Panksford: n. 229, carta Anselmi abbatis de P. Middeltune concess. Rad. fil. Godrici: *Appleton*, n. 157, carta Nic. fil. Philippi, de terris in Worstede, 10 Edw. II. n. 274. Indent. de mariscis in Acle

1113. Quiet. clam. Willielmi de Bosuyle de fossato abbatis in Tybenham, fol. 136 in s. parte.

1114. Compotus Rogeri de Wlferston escaetoris de novis adquis. post mortem W. de Hadesco abbatis, fol. 149 in d. parte.

1115. Carta Edwardi regis III. de xiii. acris terræ et xxvi. acris bosci in Tybenham, fol. 159 in d. parte.

1116. Inquisitio de supradictis, *ibid.*

1117. Carta Rodlandi Targe de supradictis, fol. 159 in s. parte.

1118. Carta Edwardi III. regis de supradictis, fol. 160 in d. parte.

1119. Carta ejusdem de supradictis, *ibid.*

1120. Carta ejusdem de supradictis, *ibid.*

1121. Carta ejusdem de supradictis, fol. 160 in s. parte.

Totyngton.

1122. Carta Adæ abbatis de terra in Totyngton, fol. 111 in d. parte.

1123. Quiet. clam. Petri de le Fen de terra vocata Honynghlond in Totyngton et Banynggham, fol. 115 in d. parte.

1124. Carta Johannis atte Fen de terra supradicta, *ibid.*

1125. Carta Johannis filii Willielmi filii Hervey de Tutyngton de viii^s. den. fol. 166 in s. parte.

W.

1126. Litera regis Henrici II. de warennæ per totam terram abbatie, fol. 2 in s. parte.

* 1127 Carta regis Henrici III. de warennæ in xiiii. villis, fol. 5 in s. parte.

1128. Carta ejusdem de vicesima abbatis et villanorum suorum, *ibid.*

1129. Privilegium Urbani papæ de vicar. taxandis, fol. 13 in d. parte.

1130. Compositio inter priorem Norwic. et abbatem, de wrecco maris, fol. 22 in d. parte.

1131. Compositio inter priorem Norwic. et abbatem, de wrecco maris, fol. 61 in s. parte.

1132. Conventio inter dominum abbatem et Oliverum de Ingham de wrecco maris, fol. 100 in d. parte.

Waldene.

1133. Conventio fraternitatis inter nos et domum de Walden, fol. 60 in s. parte.

Walton.

1134. Carta Reginaldi abbatis de xii. acris terræ in Walton, fol. 45 in s. parte.

1135. Carta Willielmi Lefferiz de terra in Walton, fol. 53 in s. parte.

Waxtonesham.

1136. Litera regis Henrici II. de ecclesia de Waxtonesham, fol. 4 in d. parte.

1137. Litera ejusdem de terra de Waxtonesham et Horseye, *ibid.*

1138. Litera ejusdem de terra de Waxtonesham, fol. 4 in s. parte.

1139. Ordinatio Willielmi episcopi Norwic. de decimis dominicis domini Oliveri de Ingham in parochia de Waxtonesham, fol. 21 in d. parte.

1140. Carta Thomæ abbatis de terra Stannardi presbyteri in Waxtonesham, fol. 35 in s. parte. *Sacr.*

1141. Notabile de ten. Michaelis de Waxtonesham, fol. 127 in s. parte.

1142. Conventio inter Nicholaum abbatem et Johannem de Waxtonesham de eodem ten. fol. 128 in d. parte.

1143. Processus placiti de decimis de Waxtonesham, fol. 129 in d. parte.

1144. Numerus carucarum de feodo abbatis in decanatu de Waxtonesham, fol. 173 in d. parte.

Westwyk.

1145. Litera regis Henrici II. de terra in Westwyk, fol. 3 in s. parte.

1146. Carta Thomæ abbatis de terra in Wikerefeld cum dim. molend. de Westwyk, fol. 36 in d. parte.

1147. Finalis concordia de advocacione ecclesiæ de Westwyk, fol. 43 in d. parte.

1148. Carta Roberti abbatis de quodam messuagio cum edificiis in Westwyk, fol. 63 in d. parte.

1149. Quiet. Roberti Talifer de i^s. acra terræ cum ædificiis in Westwyk, fol. 82 in d. parte.

1150. Carta Willielmi le Spicer de Westwyk de villanis Eborardi Reynier et Rad. Morwemete de eadem, fol. 113 in d. parte.

1151. Finalis concordia de homagiis prædictorum natorum, fol. 113 in s. parte.

1152. Obligatio Mauricii de Hauboy et sociorum suorum pro Willielmo de Gestweyt et Yda uxore sua, fol. 113 in s. parte.

Other references to records, chiefly repositied in the Tower of London, are given in the *Notitia Monastica*.^a

Leland, in his *Collectanea*, vol. iii. p. 29, notices the following manuscripts in the LIBRARY of this house:

"Alexander Nequam de Utensilibus.

R. Lincolnienis doctissimi Commentarii super libros Dionysii de Hierarchia.

Summa, alias Speculum Sacerdotum, Richardi de Leycestria.

Chronicon de Alexandro Magno.

Henricus Huntingdunensis de Herbarum virtute, carmine."

The ARMS engraved in the initial Letter of this Account of the monastery of St. Bennet, are those assigned to it by Reyner and Bishop Tanner. The Continuator of Blomefield, also, describes the same coat as having formerly at least existed in Thurgarton church, and on the porch of North Walsham church in Norfolk, both formerly belonging to the abbey.^b According to Tanner, Blomefield says these Arms want "a hand from a cloud, issuing sometimes from the dexter chief corner, and sometimes from the sinister; for in all the old stone carving, the hand is always inserted in one of those places."^c Mr. Cole, in one of his manuscripts now preserved in the British Museum, from a Pro-

cession Roll of the Lords to Parliament, in 1512, gives these Arms a little different, viz. Sa. a Crosier in Pale O. having two ribbons or tassels entwined about it A. inter four Crowns O.^d

TWO SEALS of this abbey are extant. One, of a round form, but smaller than the usual seals of mitred abbies. It represents a figure full-faced, sitting, with a glory round the head, probably of St. Benedict, holding a crosier in the right hand and a book in the left. From two or three mutilated impressions, the legend appears to have been, SIGILLVM ABBATIE DE HVLMO. The other, attached to an instrument printed in Rymer, of the 22d of Hen. VIII. entitled "Ad Papam super causa Regis," represents St. Benedict under a Gothic canopy. The legend is, SIGILLVM DOMINI ECCLESIE SCI BENEDICTI DE HVLMO. At the bottom of the Seal, under the figure, are the Arms of the abbey, a Crosier, with a ribbon entwined, between two Crowns.^e

The EDIFICE of the CHURCH of St. Bennet of Hulme is said to have been magnificent. The south aisle was built about the middle of the fifteenth century by Sir John Fastolf,^f who also built the Lady chapel, on the side of the chancel or presbytery where he was interred.^g

tentis ad firmam de abbate de Tyntern: *Hobart*, n. 173, carta Clem. le Monie, de terris in Norvico ad le Swine-market; *Willoughby*, n. 19, carta Roberti de Valeins de Hasardes Holme: n. 22, carta Ricardi de Paston, pro terris in Paston: n. 43, pro terra in Grenesvilla concessa a Daniele abbate Roberto Picot."

^a Viz. "Cartæ in turre Londin. antiq. O. n. 1 et 2. Edwardi Conf. n. 3 et 7 R. Hen. II. n. 4, 5, 6 R. Ric. I. n. 8, Matildis imperatricis. Fin. Norf. 7 Ric. I. n. 7, pro advoc. eccl. de North Walsham. Fin. Norf. 8 Ric. I. n. 61, pro advoc. eccl. de Rapps, et medietat. eccl. de Askeby. Cart. 5 Joan. n. 67, de terras in Thurgarton.

"Fin. Norf. 3 Hen. III. n. 20, pro advoc. medietat. eccl. de Antingham: n. 37, pro maner. de Thurgarton: n. 60, pro terris in Hardele: Fin. Norf. 5 Hen. III. n. 101, pro terris in Castre: Plac. de baneo, 9 Hen. III. rot. 14, pro advoc. eccl. de Felmingham: Plac. de banco, 10 Hen. III. Hill. rot. 14, de commun. pastur. in Swaneton: Claus. 10 Hen. III. m. 20, pro feria apud Ashmenhaw: Fin. Norf. 12 Hen. III. n. 136, pro molendino in Heilesdon; et n. 153, 157. Fin. Norf. 13 Hen. III. n. 17, pro ten. in Irsted: n. 21, pro terris in Walsham: n. 27, de terris in Shotesham: Fin. Norf. 34 Hen. III. n. 40, pro serviciis in Scotho, Lammas, &c.: n. 72, de terris in Hecham: n. 120, de mess. in Tibenham: n. 125, pro molendino in Swanton: Cart. 37 Hen. III. m. 15; Fin. Norf. 41 Hen. III. n. 21, pro advoc. mediet. eccl. de Felmingham: Fin. Norf. 43 Hen. III. n. 136, de marisco vocat. Flogdages in Somerton et Winterton: Fin. Norf. 45 Hen. III. n. 20, pro maner. de Waltons in Ludham: Fin. Norf. 52 Hen. III. n. 104, pro maner. de Grenvills in Stoke.

"Cart. 14 Edw. I. n. 46. Plac. Assis. in com. Norf. 14 Edw. I. rot. 48, de viii. exit. letæ in Ludham: Fin. Norf. 14 Edw. I. n. 114, pro terris in Scotho et Westwyke: Escaet. Norf. 23 Edw. I. n. 126, pro terris in Irsted, Neteshed, &c. Pat. 25 Edw. I. p. 2, m. penult. Pat. 27 Edw. I. m. . . . Pat. 33 Edw. I. p. 2, m. . . . Pat. 34 Edw. I. m. 1 vel 2. Escaet. Norf. 34 Edw. I. n. 86, 92, et 121, de terris in Heigham Potter, Ludham, et Catfield: Fin. com. ignot. 35 Edw. I. n. 40, de terris et gurgite in Hecham Pottere: Fin. Norf. 35. Edw. I. n. 159, de eisdem.

"Inquis. ad quod damnum Norf. 5 Edw. II. n. 72. Pat. 6 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 20. Inquis. Norf. 8 Edw. II. n. 135. Pat. 8 Edw. II. p. 2 vel 1, m. 4, pro terris in North Walsham: Inquis. Norf. 9 Edw. II. n. 98, 99. Pat. 9 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 20, dorso, de maner. de Antingham, et hundredo de North Erpingham: Pat. 10 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 29, de mess. et terris in Beston, Horning, et Ashmenhaugh: Inquis. ad quod damnum Norf. 10 Edw. II. n. 99. Pat. 15 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 15 vel 16, pro maner. de Redham.

"Pat. 1 Edw. III. p. 3, m. 22, pro ten. in Tibenham: Pat. 12 Edw. III. p. 3, m. 9, pro eccl. de North Walsham: Escaet. Norf. 14 Edw. III. n. 85, de piscaria a Freton Mouth usque ad Weybridge: Escaet. Norf. 19 Edw. III. n. 73. Pat. 19 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 9, de maner. de Horning, et piscaria inter Wroxhambridge et Weybridge: Pat. 25 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 14, pro eccl. de Heigham Potter approprianda: Pat. 29 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 16, pro ten. in Scottow, Skoruston, Westwick, &c. Pat. 32 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 1, pro ten. in Tweyt, Alby, Aldburgh, Banunham, &c. Rec. in Scacc. 40 Edw. III. Hill. rot. 12, de quibusdam maneriis de novo perquisitis sine licentia regis: Rec. in Scacc. 43 Edw. III. rot. 2 de eisdem.

"Pat. 16 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 4, pro ten. in Erleham, Scottow, Hoveton, &c. ex concess. Joan. Clerk et aliorum: Pat. 18 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 36, pro eccl. S. Michaelis de Barton Turf approprianda: Claus. 19 Ric. II. m. 7. Pat. 19 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 7, pro Burwoods maner. in Neteshed: Pat. 20 Ric. II. p. 3, m. 11.

"Cart. 2 Hen. IV. p. 2, n. 8, pro lib. war. in maner. &c. de Hornyng, Ludham, Bastwyke, Neteshead, Hoveton, Hegham juxta, Norvic. Scotesham, Tibeham, Swaneton, North Walsham, South Walsham, Thurgerton, Hardele, et Antingham, et pro separali piscaria a Wroxhambridge ad Weybridge: Rec. in Scacc. 2 Hen. IV. Mich. rot. 34, pro alloca-

tionem divers. debit. Rec. in Scacc. 8. Hen. IV. de piscaria duarum retium vocat. Seynes, a ponte de Weybridge ad Crabards ferry: Plac. coram rege 8 Hen. IV. Mich. Norf. 17, pro separali piscaria usque ad Wroxham-bridge, pro feria apud Horning ferry, mercat. apud North Walsham die Sabbati, et aliis libertatibus.

"Pat. 18 Hen. VI. p. 1, m. 11.

"Pat. 6 Edw. IV. p. 3, m. 13.

"Rec. in Scacc. 19 Hen. VIII. Mich. rot. 7. Rot. Parl. 27 Hen. VIII. c. 17."

The original charter of Henry the Third to the monastery for the market and fairs at Grabbardes ferry, in the 31st year of his reign, is preserved among the Harleian charters in the British Museum, 58 I. 6.

Among the charters also in the same collection, purchased at Mr. Topham's sale in 1804, are,

T. 4. Carta Ricardi abbatis et conventus S. Benedicti de Hulmo Simoni Felbrygge militi et aliis de terris &c. in Walsham. 9 Hen. V. T. 6. Indenture, in English, between William abbat of St. Bennet at Holme and Leonard Spencer gent. concerning a messuage called Caryes in North Walsham. 24 Hen. VIII.

T. 24. Litera attorn. abbatis et conventus S. Benedicti de Hulmo Johanna Damme et aliis de seisina terrarum et piscarie apud Gyston Brygge. 9 Hen. V.

^b Blomef. Hist. Norf. vol. iv. p. 356; vol. v. p. 1449.

^c Notes of the Arms of Monasteries, Pref. to Tann. Notit. Monast. ed. Nasm. p. xxxii.

^d MS. Cole, Mus. Brit. vol. xxx. p. 6.

^e Blomefield, Hist. Norf. vol. v. p. 1431, or rather his continuator Parkin, says, "In a grant of the manor of Heyham by Norwich, by William Basset, abbat, and the convent sans date, to Richard Basset; we find this remarkable seal.

A person in a close vest, or tunic, and a gown, part of it to be seen hanging behind him, with a lofty cap issuing out of a coronet, and holding a great broad sword in his right hand, wherewith he has pierced the nostrils of a great dragon segreant (holding in his mouth by the waist a young man) and ready to seize on the person with the sword, and an oblong shield before him and near the rim of this seal is in capital letters, the word — CARDIBAS.

All which is to represent the miraculous rescue of an idle young monk (by St. Bennet as the Roman legends say) who fled from his convent, and was forthwith seized on by the Devil, (represented by the dragon) and returned safe to his convent."

^f Itin. Will. de Worcestre.

From the inscription it might be inferred that this seal rather belonged to Richard Basset the grantee, than to William Basset the abbat.

^g Blomef. Hist. Norf. vol. v. p. 1428. In Mr. Gough's time the foundations of the church, built of flints with stone coins, remained for the most part all round, about a yard high. See Camd. Brit. edit. 1789, vol. ii. p. 110. The following are the dimensions of the church, as noticed by William of Worcestre in different pages of his Itinerary:

"Ecclesia de Halmo.

In abbatia sancti Benedicti novum opus ex parte meridionali chori continet in longitudine 41 virgas et 2 pedes.

Latitudo ejus continet 7 virgas et quartam partem virgæ.

Latitudo navis ecclesiæ continet 10 virgas.

Longitudo navis ecclesiæ tantum a porta occidentali usque sanctam crucem continet 40 virgas et quartam partem virgæ.

Et latitudo campaniliæ circa 10 virgæ.

Longitudo chori a principio fenestræ orientalis usque ad murum altæ crucis, qui est finis navis ecclesiæ, continet 50 virgas, sic in toto 90 virgas.

In the former edition of the *Monasticon* Sir William Dugdale gave an engraving, by Vaughan, of the church of St. Bennet of Hulme, from an ancient drawing upon paper, pasted into the Cottonian MS. Nero D. II., with this title,

"*Ecclesiæ cœnobialis S. Benedicti de Hulmo in agro Norfolciensi, cœnobia nondum everso delineatæ, et in quodam Codice MS. in bibliotheca Cottonia repertæ, Figura.*" The copper-plate is here faithfully imitated in wood.



Longitudo ecclesiæ capellæ beatæ Mariæ ex parte boreali cancellæ continet 7 virgas cum dimidio.

Longitudo de le frayter continet usque le pantridore 40 virgas." Itin. Will. de Worcestre, pp. 331, 332.

"De Ala nova in Monasterio Sancti Benedicti."

Longitudo novæ elæ in parte meridionali chori sancti Benedicti equaliter in latitudine edificatæ usque ad hostium occidentalis capellæ versus claustrum continet 37 virgas, quæ faciunt 66 gressus meas. Spaciumque archuatum ab hostio vestiarii ad hostium claustrum continet 8 virgas et unum pedem. Latitudo dictæ elæ continet 8 virgas. Item in dicta elæ continet 7 principales archus. Et spatium interceptum inter quamlibet columnam cujuslibet archus continet 4 virgas, id est 12 pedes. Item sunt in meridionali parte elæ 7 fenestras, et in qualibet fenestra 4 luminaria vitreata. Et orientalis fenestra continet 7 luminaria vitreata cum ymaginibus et armis. Et quælibet fenestra ex dictis 7 fenestris continet in latitudine in opere 4 virgas, id est 12 pedes. Et nota quod dicta elæ extenditur in longitudine ultra predictas 37 virgas, viz. ex parte occidentali versus claustrum, a principio hostiæ capellæ de le vestrye hows, usque ad pedem inceptionis hostiæ claustrum, 8 virgas præter unum pedem, id est 23 pedes, desuper cum volta archuatas cum cameris fortissimis artificiose de lapidibus sculptis. Summa totius longitudinis elæ prædictæ 45 virgas præter 1 pedem et circa, quæ faciunt 72 gressus meas in tota longitudine.

Longitudo navis ecclesiæ ab occidentali campanile usque principium mediæ campanilæ continet 60 gressus, et occidentale campanile continet 14 gressus. Latitudo navis dicti monasterii continet 10 virgas 1 pedem, id est 20 gressus. Longitudo totius areæ navis ecclesiæ ab occidentali parte campanilæ ad principium orientalis campanilæ, continet 40 virgas. Longitudo et latitudo spatii campanilæ in medio ecclesiæ sancti Benedicti continet 22 pedes." Ibid. pp. 333, 334.

"Mensura Ecclesiæ Monasterii de Hulmo,"

Memorandum quod longitudo ecclesiæ monasterii de Hulmo, ab occidentali [quæ orientali] fenestra ad portam occidentalem cum choro computato, sunt de gradibus meis anglice steppys 148. Et latitudo chori et presbiterii sunt 17 gradibus. Et latitudo elæ meridionalis 11 gradibus, constructionis J. Fastolf. Et latitudo dictæ elæ ab oriente in occidentem sunt 58 gradibus. Et latitudo elæ borealis sunt 68 gradibus. Et longitudo chori stallarum sunt 25 gradibus. Et longitudo capellæ ex transverso . . . chori per D. Tho. Newton constructum voc. Trinitee chapell, sunt 13 gradibus. Et latitudo a parte muri borealis dictæ capellæ ex transverso ad partem meridionalem, juxta occidentalem partem chori, sunt 42 gradibus pedum meorum mensuratorum.

Memorandum longitudo magnæ altaris orientalis sunt 17 spanne, a pollice per longum digitum mensuratæ." Ibid. pp. 341, 342.

"Memorandum quod longitudo altaris elæ Johannis Fastolf sunt 25 palmæ, et in latitudine 5 palmæ, computando a pollice ad extremum punctum medii digiti." Ibid. p. 349.

William of Worcestre also gives lists of persons buried in the church, and admitted to the fraternity of the monastery:

VOL. III.

"Nobiles viri sepulti in Monasterio Sancti Benedicti præter Edwardum ducem."

1075. Radulphus Bygot primus, floruit et sponsavit filiam Willelmi Fitz-Osbert, cui Willelmus Conquestor dedit comitatus Norf. et Suff. comes Norf. ac Angnes neptis Alani consors ejus, ad caput Joannis Fastolf militis.

Grynolfus laicus aldermannus, dominus de Castre, natione Danus, obiit primo die Octobris.

Radulfus predictus comes Norf. obiit 3 die Decembris.

Dominus Johannes Vaux, dominus de Castre, sepelitur in ecclesia beatæ Mariæ.

Dominus Johannes Bacon obiit die 3 Januarii.

Thomas de Cressyngham obiit die 16 Januarii.

Willelmus de Ringefend nobilis sepelitur.

Domina Johanna le Brews jacet in capella, obiit 5 idus Maii.

Dompnus Willelmus Fastolf, filius Johannis Fastolf naturalis, commonachus, postea ivit in Franciam, et ibi prepositus monasterio de Feschamp, et ex postea

Dominus Robertus Newton.

Willelmus de Ormesby miles jaoet in monasterio ibidem.

Robertus de Clypesby armiger obiit 25 die Februarii.

Oliverus Holcomb armiger obiit anno Christi . . . die 3 Aprilis, qui fuit unus de armigeris abbatum sancti Benedicti per 50 annos continuos.

Thomas Porter serviens boni ducis Thomæ Beauford Excestriæ, cum uxore ejus de Parys nata, sepelitur hic." Ibid. pp. 339, 340.

Memorandum quod isti Nobiles sequentes fuerunt recepti in Fraternitatem Monasterii Sancti Benedicti, ut examinavi per eorum Registra.

1364. Memorandum quod Thomas Fastolf miles in fraternitatem domus monasterii de Hulmo receptus est, viz. 3 kal. Martii anno Christi 1364.

1366. Johannes dux Lancastriæ, Radulphus Stafford, Nicholaus Pelham, Willelmus Bayly, &c. recepti sunt in fraternitatem abbatis et conventus de Hulmo.

1354. Domina Eva de Audely cum duabus puellis receptæ sunt in fraternitatem.

1344. Domina Matilda uxor domini Johannis le Kayly.

Domina Maria comitiassa Marescalliæ.

1347. Dominus Radulfus Bygot rector de Trunch receptus.

1354. Dominus Johannes de Ufford receptus in fraternitatem.

1358. Domina Johanna de Hastynghys comitiassa de Huntynndon.

Milo de Stapulton.

Dominus Robertus de Benehale miles.

Dominus Ricardus de Ilney miles.

1362. Dominus Jacobus de Audeley, et domina Eva de Audely.

1339. Dominus Joannes de Bardolf miles.

1344. Dominus Hugo de Peverelle, et domina Matilda uxor ejus." Ibid. pp. 342, 343.

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The chief remain of the monastery of St. Bennet of Hulme, at present, is a part of the gate-house, over which a draining-mill has been erected. Three views, engraved for the Society of Antiquaries in the first volume of the *Vetusta Monumenta*, exhibit it when more perfect. The Continuator of Blomefield says, that over the arch on the west side were the arms of De la Pole earl of Suffolk, Beauchamp earl of Warwick, the earl of Clare, Valence earl of Pembroke, the earl of Arundel, &c. On the east side, at the sides of the arch, the arms of England and of France, and above it those of Arundel, Erpingham, Hastings, &c.^a

Some foundations of walls, which enclosed altogether an area of at least five and thirty acres,^b are yet traceable.

A view of what remains of the gate-house, with the mill in its present state, has been recently etched by the elegant hand of Mrs. Dawson Turner of Yarmouth.

ROMBURC, or RUMBURGH, in Suffolk, was anciently a CELL to St. Bennet of Hulme.

The HOSPITALS of HORNING and GREAT HOBESSE, in the neighbourhood of the abbey, were also subordinate to it.

Cartae ad Hulmense Coenobium S. Benedicti in agro Suffolciensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

[Joan. Brompton MS. in Bibl. Cotton. fol. 7 b.]

EODEM anno [anno ultimo sc. regni sui,] Kanutus rex de Roma rediens, Malcolmum regem Scotiæ sibi rebellantem sicut et prius fuerat subjecit, ac alios duos reges Melbeache et Jermare in deditionem recepit. Circa idem tempus Egelnus Cantuariensis archiepiscopus, basilicam sancti Edmundi consecravit. Iste rex Kanutus, postquam de Roma regressus fuerat, vitam suam in humilitate et devotione ducens, in honore sancti Benedicti (quem ultra omnes confessores spiritualiter dilexerat) duo monasteria fundavit, unum in Norwegia, et aliud in Anglia, in partibus Northfolchiæ, quod in solo palustri infra aquas quasi in insula, in quodam loco qui olim Couholm et Calvescroft vocabatur, situm est, ad quem locum antiquis temporibus ante adventum Danorum in Angliam, quidam heremita, nomine Suneman, adire et illum inhabitare per angelum monitus est in sompnis. Qui licet dictum locum sibi prædestinatum penitus ignorabat, gratiâ tamen divinâ per diversa tunc deserta transiens, ad quoddam mansum cujusdam reguli, nomine Horn, quod Hornyng vocabatur, prope eundem locum advenit, ubi a bubulcis et pastoribus Calvescroft et Couholm nominantibus de dicto loco doctus, et per eosdem lætus ibidem perductus, unam capellam in honore sancti Benedicti infra paludes loco prædicto erigere incepit, ad quem alii heremitæ pro penitentia secum agenda confluerunt, quos ipse benignè in socios recepit, et secum cohabitare permisit. Quod dictus regulus sive dominus percipiens, Couholm et Calvescroft sibi et fratribus suis dedit pro perpetuo, et concessit: ubi plusquam l. annis vixit.

Postmodum, non modico tempore transacto, pagani Inguar et Hubbe de Dacia manu forti in Angliam applicantes, Northumbriâ primo gravi depopulatione pervagatâ, et eis subjectâ, in Est Angliam, id est, Northfolchiâ venerunt, ubi sancto Edmundo rege tunc ibidem regnante ab eis capto et interfecto, totam patriam prædaverunt, ac dictam capellam sancti Benedicti, heremitis omnibus occisis, funditus destruxerunt. Post hæc, quidam vir Deo devotus, Wolfricus nomine, divinâ inspiratione ad dictum locum veniens, dictam capellam sancti Benedicti de novo incepit ædificare, et congregatis sibi septem sociis, ædificia eis necessaria construxit, quos usque ad tempus regis Kanuti per lx. annos rexit. Tempore autem illo, quidam præpositus regis Kanuti, Maynard nomine, in partibus illis erat, qui

dictum Wolfricum et socios suos odio habens, eos erga regem Kanutum tunc propè apud Hornyng existentem, nequiter diffamando accusavit. Unde rex erga eos iratus, solus cum simplici familia, quasi rex non esset, ad eos pervenit, omnes usque ad mortem in mente minans, si illud quod Maynard de eis dixerat verax esset. Quod Wolfricus in spiritu comperiens, contra eum cum sociis suis accessit dicens, "Salve rex Kanute;" cui rex, "Qualiter pro rege Canuto me nosis, cum ipsum nunquam agnovi?" Cui Wolfricus. "Angelus Dei regem huc adventurum et nos et locum istum plurimum ditaturum nobis infra tres dies præteritos nunciavit." Quod rex audiens et eos penes se maliciosè accusatos percipiens, omnes ad dictum mansum suum de Hornyng invitavit: quod illis illuc venientibus rex, una cum villis de Ludham et Netesherde, cum omnibus appendentibus, per cartam suam imperpetuum à se et hæredibus suis dedit, quam citò post in parlamento suo apud Wintoniam (versus quod dictus Maynard regis præpositus colulum suum fregerat) coram omnibus regni sui magnatibus confirmavit, et sic rex Canutus monasterium sancti Benedicti, monachis per dictum Wolfricum introductis, fundavit.

Dicto vero Wolfrico citò postea viam universæ carnis ingresso quidam Alfinus in abbatem sibi successit. Qui de duobus monachorum conventibus tunc ibidem congregatis medietatem usque Bury ad ecclesiam sancti Edmundi regis et martyris mittens, unum eorum, Uvium nomine, primum abbatem ibidem rege Kanuto annuente, et ipsos monachos introducente, statuit et ornavit; et sic primus abbas et monachi abbatihæ de Bury, primò de abbatia sancti Benedicti venerunt, quos rex Kanutus quam plurimum ditavit et magnis privilegiis ditavit sive decoravit.

NUM. II.

Carta Canuti Regis.

[Ex Registro Abbatihæ S. Benedicti de Hulmo, in Bibl. Cotton. sub effigie Galbæ E. i. fol. 30.]

CHRISTO omnipotenti qui est omnium regum rex, omnino persolvendæ sunt gratiarum actiones pro omnibus indebitis beneficiis quibus hominibus, sua sola pietate intercedente, suffragatur, nullis nostris promerentibus meritis. Ne ergo simus ingrati beneficiorum tantorum ejus, cumque magno opere studendum est, nostrum ut aliquid conferamus

^a See Blomef. Hist. Norf. vol. v. p. 1431.

^b William of Worcestre says, "Insula de Holme, abbatia. Longitudo insulæ monasterii sancti Benedicti continet ab oriente in occi-

dentem, de gradibus meis, 780 gradus. Latitudo ejus continet in boriali parte 300 gressus." Itin. p. 305.

ei cujus sunt omnia, et qui nobis non habita contulit habere, cuique non possumus dare nisi propria, et de suo proprio tribuit nobis mercari, et in usus proprios uti, quæ minimè proprio usu potuimus habere, nisi ejus tribueret gratia, scilicet regni cœlorum cœlicolarum contubernium.

Ejus quippe largitu bonitate, regia dignitate subtronizatus, ego Knuth rex Angligenæ nationis, pro nanciscendo ejus immensitatis misericordiæ dono; concedo sibi de suo proprio, quæ mihi gratuito concessit, villam noto nomine cognominatam Horningga, cum pascuis, silvis, atque confinibus sibi rite subter jacentibus, scilicet, Ludham cum pertinentiis, Netheshird cum suis pertinentiis. Est denique nostrum donum à Christo nobis collatum, cui dantes fœnoratum exposcimus, ut rursum suæ largitionis donationem excipere dignetur à nobis omni intentionis affectu oblatam, quatinus possimus per sua sibi data consequi, quæ à nobis non possunt possideri nisi à se collata. Si quisquam, quod absit, à diaboli incitatione fuerit inflatus, ut Deo omnium rerum possidenti suum temptaverit, quod nobis sibi concessit tribuere, abstrahere vi, vel fraude qualibet, utinam remaneat nobis ad gratiam ejus quæ concessimus, et sit ei ad interitum æternæ dampnationis, qui pravæ mentis, aut nisu hoc aliud transferre conatur, nisi plenitudo satisfactionis ejus subveniat.

Ego Knuth rex, hanc donationem Christo contuli pro consequendo præmio cœlestis hæreditatis. Ego Elgifu regina, hanc regiam donationem augendo confirmavi. Ego Wlstanus archiepiscopus corroboravi. Ego Ætheluthus archiepiscopus confirmavi. Ego Godwinus episcopus corroboravi. Ego Ælwinus episcopus assensum dedi. Ego Alfsinus episcopus consignavi. Ego Ethericus episcopus conclusi. Ego Ælfwius episcopus corroboravi. Ego Huc dux. Ego Godwine dux. Ego Ulf dux. Ego Eglaf dux. Ego Hacun dux. Ego Leofwyne dux. Ego Godric dux. Ego Brihtwaldus episcopus consensi. Ego Brihtwiz abbas. Ego Leofric. Ego Ælfward. Ego Æthelstan.

Ane alpealbender bpuhtner naman þe ealle þing 7 þorhte 7 him 7ilfum to an pealbe hilt. 7 7ylb þam þe 7r 7illa 7r. Ic Knut of 7ur azenum þe he 7or 7ur 7obn7re butan min7e ze eapmunge me 7or77en haf7. Ic 7ylle 7or min7e 7aule alþenb7ur 7at land at Horn7nggen mid 7elba anb 7udu 77uar7on7 77a þa land ze mæ7ru 7æcað in to Holme þam 7ober 7eopum to 7earpe on ece 77re.

NUM. III.

Carta Regis Edwardi, Confessoris dicti.

[Ibid.]

✠ EDWARDUS rex Anglorum omnibus Deum timentibus, et fidelibus suis totius Angliæ, salutem. Christo omnipotenti Deo, qui est omnium regum rex, omnino persolvendæ sunt gratiarum actiones, pro omnibus indebitis beneficiis quibus hominibus, sua sola pietate intercedente, suffragatur, nullis nostris meritis promerentibus. Nè ergo simus ingrati tantorum ejus beneficiorum, cum magnopere studendum est, nostrum ut aliquid conferamus ei, cujus sunt omnia. Itaque ego rex Edwardus Anglicæ nationis, sola largiflua Dei bonitate, regia dignitate subtronizatus, pro nanciscendo ejus misericordiæ dono immense, de suo proprio, quod mihi concessit, gratuito, do, et concedo sibi ecclesiæ almi fidei confessoris sui Benedicti ecclesias, villas, terras, et libertates subscriptas, videlicet, villam de Horningge cum ecclesia, silviis, pascuis, atque confinibus sibi ripis subterjacentibus, et cum hundredo de Tunstede, ecclesias de Netheshirda, cum tota villa; ecclesias de Hoveton et Belhae, cum tota villa de Hoveton, et terras de Suthwalsham, quæ fuerunt Radulphi Stalre; ecclesiam de Withestede, cum tota villa; ecclesiam de Hanninge, cum terra quæ fuit Edrici stiresman in eadem villa; ecclesiam de Thurgartun, cum tota villa; ecclesiam de Thweyt, cum tota villa; ecclesiam de Calethorp, cum terra quæ fuit Edrici stiresm.; ecclesiam de Tothington, cum tota terra quæ fuit Agelwini alderman; ecclesias de Erpingham et de Antingham, cum terra quæ fuit Edrici stiresman in ipsis villis; ecclesiam de Northwalsham, cum ipsa villa quæ fuit Sket; ecclesiam de Swaneton, cum terra quæ fuit Saxy in eadem villa; ecclesias de Scothowe et Lammesse, cum terra quæ fuit Agelwini aldermanni in ipsis villis, et in Estone, terram quæ fuit Agelwini alderman in Hobbesse; ecclesiam

de Ludham, cum terra ejusdem villæ, et pertinentiis suis; ecclesiam de Bestone, cum terra quæ fuit Egelwini aldermanni in eadem villa; ecclesiam de Stalham, cum terra quæ fuit Odulf; ecclesiam de Waxtonesham, cum terra quæ fuit Edrici stiresman; ecclesias de Winterton et Sumerton, cum terra quæ fuit Godrici; ecclesias de Thirne et Askeby, cum terra quæ fuit Egelwini aldermanni in ipsis villis, et in Rollesby. Ecclesiam de Castra, cum terra quæ fuit Grimolfi Dani in eadem villa. Terram de Redham, et de Nortuna, quæ fuit Egelwini alderman; ecclesiam de Bastwik, cum terra quæ fuit Egelwini alderman in eadem villa. Ecclesiam de Randewrthe, cum terra quæ fuit Egelwardi presbiteri. Ecclesiam sancti Martini de Shotesham, cum terra quæ fuit Brictrith in eadem villa et in Grenesevilla; terram de Tybenham quæ fuit Egelwini alderman.

Omnia igitur quæ prædicta ecclesia in præsentī possidet, sive in futuro ex dono fidelium possidere poterit, tam in propriis vocabulis expressa, quam non expressa, liberè et quietè eidem ecclesiæ possidenda, concedo, ipsamque abbatiā integrè ab omni seculari servitio, et potestate, delibero in cujuscunque potestate, vel hundredo possessiones habet pro salute mea, et antecessorum, et posterorum meorum. Et ideo volo et firmiter præcipio, ut ecclesia sancti Benedicti de Holm, in omnibus possessionibus suis ubicunque sint, habeat sache, et sokne, et toll, et theam, et infangene-theof, et gridbriche, et forestall, et dom, et som, et wreke in mari, et in litore maris, et in portibus maris, et hamsokne, et blodewythe, et flithwyte, et ferdwite, et flemmeneferd, et haverpeni, et wardpeni: et præter hoc, omnes alias libertates et liberas consuetudines, quas ego ipse habeo in dominicis terris meis, et elemosinis, pertinentibus coronæ meæ. Et hæc habeat ecclesia prædicta in bosco, in plano, et pratis, et pascuis, et molendinis, et turbariis, et stagnis, et vivariis, et viis, et semitis, in mari, et in portibus maris, in mariscis, et in aqua, et extra aquam, in feriis et mercatis, in civitate et extra, in burgo et extra burgum, et in omnibus locis. Sit etiam prænominata ecclesia libera et quieta per totam Angliam de thol, et habeat regalem liberam licentiam ducendi et portandi omnia sua, quocunque voluerit vel necesse fuerit; ita ut aliquis in tota Anglia, thol, vel aliquam aliam consuetudinem, pro rebus suis, ab ea non præsumat exigere, seu vi extorquere. Et prohibeo ne quis super hoc scriptum, et sigilli mei protestationem, illam inquietare, perturbare, aut in servitutem deinceps redigere præsumat.

Ego rex Edwardus hanc donationem Christo et sancto Benedicto pro consequendo premio cœlestis hæreditatis contuli. Ego Egeda regina hanc regiam donationem augendo confirmavi. Ego Edsius archiepiscopus Cantuariensis confirmavi. Ego Eluricus archiepiscopus Eboracensis corroboravi. Ego Elwinus Wintoniensis episcopus hoc donum laudavi. Ego Robertus London. episcopus assensum dedi. Ego Egelmerus Thethfordensis episcopus consignavi. Ego Wulsius Lichfeldensis episcopus conclusi. Ego Luricus dux laudavi. Ego Algarus dux laudavi. Egelwardus abbas de Glastonia audiui et vidi. Ego Lewinus abbas de Coventre audiui et vidi. Godwinus abbas de Winchel. audiui et vidi. Godricus abbas de Evesham audiui et vidi. Haroldus dux laudavi. Ego Tosti dux laudavi. Ego Rodolphus dux laudavi. Ego Sywardus dux laudavi.

On ealwelbenber bpuhtner naman þe ealle þing 7e 77orhte 7 him seluum to anpelbe hilt. 7 7elb þam þe 7ur 7illa 7r. Ic Edwarð of 7ur azenum þe he 7or 7ur 7obn7re butan min7e ze eapmunge me 7ealben let ic 7ylle 7 77e7r c7e7e 77buten henbe 7or min7e 7aule al77e7n7r. 7e eal þa kirken. tuner. lander. 77e7ome7. eal77a 7i her a nuppen on leben 7e77utene 7tande 7in to Holme Min77re. þam abote 7 þam bro7e7e þam 77e7e 7obe 7unble 7e 77eð to 7e77e on ece77re a abuton eande.

NUM. IV.

Prædia ad Ecclesiam Sancti Benedicti de Hulmo spectantia tempore Regis Willielmi Conquestoris.[Ex Libro Censuali vocato *Domesday Book*, in domo Capitulari Westmon. asservato.]

Norf. tom. ii. fol. 216.

TERRA SANCTI BENEDICTI DE HOLMO
AD VICTUM MONACHORUM.

Walesham Hund. WALESHAM tenet sanctus Benedictus pro II. car. terræ tempore Regis Edwardi. R. comes habuit socam tempore Regis Edwardi. Semper VIII. bor. tunc I. car. in dominio. modo II. et I. car. et dim. hom. XXII. acr. prati. II. sal. I. runc. VII. por. cc. ou. et IIII. soc. de XXXII. acr. et I. acr. prati. Semper dim. car. In FISCELE XXIIII. acr. terræ et II. bor. Semper val. totum XL. sol. Adhuc in WALSAM dim. car. et VI. bor. et VI. acr. prati. et V. soc. Semper I. car. Val. X. sol. In VPTUNA V. acr. terræ, in eodem pretio.

In BASTUIC tempore Regis Edwardi I. car. terræ. et XX. acr. Semper IX. vill. et I. ser. et I. car. in dominio. et I. car. hom. XIII. acr. prati. Semper I. runc. XX. ou. et IX. soc. de XLVI. acr. et III. acr. prati. et I. car. val. XX. sol. tunc, modo XL.

In REDEHAM tenuit Sanctus Benedictus tempore Regis Edwardi I. car. terræ. Semper II. vill. V. bor. I. car. in dominio, et I. car. hom. XX. acr. prati. VI. animal. modo VI. por. XX. ou. et I. soc. III. acr. tunc val. X. sol. modo XX. et BASTUIC habet dim. leu. in long. et dim. in lat. et de gelto XVI. d. De REDEHAM habebat abbas soc. super hos qui sequebantur faldam. et de aliis soca in hund.

Feorhou Hund. In CARLETUNA tenuit Sanctus Benedictus IX. acr. tempore Regis Edwardi. Semper V. vill. et II. bor. et I. car. hom. III. acr. prati. val. V. sol. In BEREFORT XXX. acr. ten. Sanctus Benedictus.

Erpingaham Nord Hund. TURGARTUNAM tenet semper Sanctus Benedictus II. car. terræ. Semper III. vill. et IIII. bor. et II. car. in dominio. et I. car. hom. IIII. acr. prati. silv. XX. porcis. I. mol. Tunc I. runc. et II. animal. modo III. tunc IX. por. modo XI. tunc XXX. capr. modo XVIII. et XLIX. soc. de I. car. terræ. Semper. V. car. II. acr. prati. et dim. Tunc val. IIII. lib. modo VI. Habet XIII. quarent. in long. et VI. in lat. et de gelto XVI. d. et ob. et socam habet Sanctus Benedictus.

In SCIPEDENA dim. car. terræ de victu monachorum. I. vill. III. bor. Semper I. car. in dominio. et dim. car. hom. et I. acr. prati. Val. X. sol. et VIII. d.

In REPES dim. car. terræ I. vill. V. bor. I. car. in dominio. Tunc I. car. hom. modo dim. val. X. sol.

In ATTINGA II. car. terræ. Semper II. vill. et VIII. bor. II. car. in dominio, II. car. hom. Silva IIII. porcis. II. acr. prati. II. runc. III. an. V. por. IX. ou. et III. liberi homines qui poter. terram suam dare et vendere. dim. car. terræ. et I. acr. prati. Semper I. car. Tunc val. XXX. sol. modo XL. Habet VIII. quarent. in long. et V. et dim. in lat. et XIII. d. et ob. de gelto.

Flecwest Hund. WINTRETUNAM tenet Sanctus Benedictus semper pro I. car. terræ. V. bor. et I. car. in dominio, dim. car. hom. VI. porc. et ibi sunt V. liberi homines Sancti Benedicti commendatione tantum de XLV. acr. dim. acr. prati. Semper I. car. et I. soc. de C. acr. et ita est in monasterio quod nec vendere nec forisfacere pot. extra ecclesiam; sed soca est in hundr. VI. acr. prati. Semper IX. bor. I. car. in dominio, et I. car. hom. et sub eo sunt IIII. liberi homines commendatione tantum IX. acr. Val. XXIIII. sol. et V. liberi homines. XXIIII. d. Habet IX. quarent. in long. et VIII. in lat. et XXX. d. de gelto.

In ROTHOLFESBY tenet Sanctus Benedictus tempore Regis Edwardi I. car. terræ. Semper VI. vill. et I. car. in dominio. et dim. car. hom. VII. porc. VIII. acr. prati. et XI. liberi homines Sancti Benedicti commendatione tantum de XLIIII. acr. terræ. et I. acr. prati. et dim. sal. Semper II. car. Silva III. porcis. Tunc val. XX. sol. modo XXVI. et VIII. d. Ad huc pertinent isti manerio XX. acr. terræ. Habet X. quarent. in long. et IX. in lat. et XXV. den. de gelto et III. ferding.

ASSEBY tenet semper Sanctus Benedictus II. car. terræ. Semper VII. bor. I. car. in dominio, et dim. car. hom. X. acr. prati. silva VI. por. et XIII. soc. cum soca et saca LXII. acr. V. acr. prati. Semper II. car. Tunc val. XX. sol. modo reddit XXVI. sol. et VIII. d. et habet VIII. quarent. in long. et IIII. et dim. in lat. et XV. d. de gelto quicquid ibi neat.

TNAM tenet semper Sanctus Benedictus I. car. terræ. Semper VI. bor. VIII. acr. prati. I. car. in dominio, et dim. car. hom. II. runc. VI. porc. X. soc. XLV. acr. VI. acr. et dim. prati. II. car. tunc val. XX. sol. modo XXVI. et VIII. d.

Habet in long. V. quarent. et IIII. in lat. et IX. d. de gelto. Alii ibi ten.

ORBI tenet semper Sanctus Benedictus I. car. et dim. terræ. Semper II. vill. X. acr. prati. II. car. in dominio, et II. bov. hom. III. runc. II. an. VI. por. Tunc val. XX. sol. modo XXX. Habet VI. quarent. in long. et III. in lat. et de gelto IX. d. quicquid ibi ten. Isti manerio pertinent X. liberi homines Sancti Benedicti commend. de LXXXIIII. acr. et XIII. acr. prati. Semper II. bor. II. car. Val. VI. sol.

BURC et BITHLAKKEBI ten. Sanctus Benedictus semper I. car. terræ. Tunc I. car. in dominio. modo dim. V. acr. prati. et VI. liberi homines Sancti Benedicti commendatione tantum XLIIII. acr. VII. acr. prati. Semper II. bor. val. XVIII. sol. et hii liberi homines tunc val. XVI. d. modo II. sol. In BURC tenet Sanctus Benedictus XXX. acr. et IIII. acr. prati. III. bor. I. car. in dominio. Val. III. sol.

In MARTHAM III. soc. X. acr. val. XII. d. In BASTUIC I. liber homo Sancti Benedicti commendatione II. acr. et dim. val. IIII. d. In REPES VI. liberi homines XXXVI. acr. II. acr. et dim. et dim. car. Tunc val. II. sol. modo III. In MARTHAM lib. hom. Sancti Benedicti VI. acr. et III. acr. quas tenet cecus. et dim. acr. patri. val. XII. d. In CLIPESBY I. lib. homo. In HOVBY I. lib. hom. de XXIII. acr. Semper I. car. VI. acr. prati. val. XXX. d. In THOROLUESBY lib. hom. V. acr. val. IIII. d. BASTUIC habet VI. quarent. in long. et III. in lat. et de gelto III. d.

Heinsteda Hund. In SCOTESHAM ten. Sanctus Benedictus semper III. car. terræ. Tunc XI. vill. modo V. Tunc XII. bor. modo X. Semper I. ser. et II. car. in dominio. Tunc V. car. hom. modo III. silva XX. porcis. VIII. acr. prati. I. mol. I. runc. I. an. modo VIII. por. XXII. ov. et V. soc. in eadem. LVIII. acr. et I. acr. et dimid. prati. et I. car. et dim. inter omnes. Tunc val. III. lib. modo III. Habet I. leu. et dim. in long. et de g. ~~XXVI~~ XVI. d. Alii ibi ten.

In GRENEVILL tenet semper Sanctus Benedictus I. car. terræ. Tunc II. vill. modo I. Semper VI. bor. tunc II. ser. Tunc I. car. et dim. in dominio. modo II. tunc I. car. hom. modo dim. I. mol. I. runc. Semper XII. porc. XII. ov. I. vasa apum. Tunc val. XX. sol. modo XXX. Habet I. leu. in long. et dim. in lat. et II. sol. de gelto. sed plures ibi ten.

In SAISSSELINGHAM tenuit Edric liber homo Stigandi I. car. terræ et dim. sub eo, tempore Regis Edwardi, cum soca et saca. Postquam rex venit in Angliam, ut autem se redimeret a captione Walerami, invadiavit eam idem Edricus pro I. marca auri et pro VII. lib. in Sancto Benedicto. Modo tenet Johannes nepos prædicti Walerami de Sancto Benedicto in feudo. Tunc XI. bor. modo IX. et dim. Semper I. ser. Tunc II. car. in dominio. post null. modo I. Tunc II. car. hom. modo I. modo I. runc. in dominio. et tempore Regis Edwardi IX. soc. modo V. de XXX. acr. et IIII. acr. prati. Tunc II. car. modo dim. et I. mol. Tunc val. XI. sol. post et modo XXX. Habet II. leu. in lon. et dim. in lat. et XVI. d. de gelto. sed plures ibi ten.

In eadem jacent X. acr. terræ in dominio Sancti Benedicti. et prestavit Edrico, teste Hund.

Lotninga Hund. HARDALE tenet semper Sanctus Benedictus pro II. car. terræ. Semper V. bor. Tunc II. car. in dominio, modo I. modo II. bou. hom. Silva III. porcis VIII. acr. prati. et I. runc. IIII. an. XXIIII. por. Modo CL. ov. et IIII. soc. de VII. acr. Semper dim. car. Tunc val. modo XXX.* Habet VIII. quarent. in lon. et VII. in lat. et de gelto XI. d. Alii ibi ten.

Hund. de Ensfort. In WICINGHAM. dim. car. terræ. I. bor. I. car. II. acr. prati. Val. X. sol. Soca in Folsam reg.

Hund. de Taureham. In VROCHESHAM tenuit Rad. Stalra. IIII. soc. de I. car. terræ. et jacent in HOVETUNA. q'm idem R. dedit Sancto Benedicto tempore Regis Willielmi. Semper I. car. VIII. acr. prati. val. VI. sol.

In RACHEIA lib. hom. XXX. acr. tempore Regis Edwardi. Tunc I. car. modo dim. II. acr. prati. Val. XVI. d. Hæc terra forisfacta est tempore Regis Willielmi, sed quidam monachus dedit dim. marcā auri pro forisfactura præpositis, scilicet Aluui de Colecestra, et sic habuit terram absque licentia Regis.

* Sic in orig.

Erpincham Nord. Hund. SCOTOHOU tenet semper Sanctus Benedictus pro III. car. terræ. Tunc XIII. vill. modo IX. semper III. bor. II. car. in dominio. tunc VI. car. hom. modo I. et dim. X. acr. prati. Silva XX. porcis. tunc I. mol. Semper II. runc. III. an. XI. porc. et IX. soc. dim. car. terræ. Semper III. car. et dim. tunc val. XL. sol. modo LX. Ecclesiæ XIII. acr. Habet I. leu. in lon. et d. in lat. et XX. pers. p'c. et XVI. d. de gelto.

In ESTRUNA ten. Rad. Stalra tempore Regis Edwardi I. car. terræ et dedit eam tempore Regis Willielmi cum uxore sua ad abbatiam concessione regis. Semper II. bor. et I. car. et I. acr. et dim. prati. In eadem tenuit Sanctus Benedictus dim. car. terræ. et II. bor. et est in pretio de HOUEUNAM.

SUANETUNAM tenet semper Sanctus Benedictus pro III. car. terræ. Semper XV. vill. et V. bor. tunc II. ser. Semper II. car. in domino. III. car. hom. XII. acr. prati. Silva C. porcis. II. runc. XI. porc. XXV. capræ. 7 I. soc. XXX. acr. Tunc dim. car. Semper val. LX. sol. Habet I. leu. in long. et I. leu. in lat. 7 III. d. de gelto. Ecclesiæ VII. acr.

CALETORP tenet semper Sanctus Benedictus I. car. terræ et dim. tunc VI. vill. modo VII. Semper III. bor. I. car. in dominio. et III. car. hom. III. acr. prati. Silva XV. por. I. mol. et tertia pars alterius. Semper X. an. V. por. et III. soc. XX. acr. et I. car. et I. acr. prati. Tunc val. XX. sol. modo XXX. In eadem I. car. terræ ten. Sanctus Benedictus tempore Regis Edwardi. Semper III. vill. et III. bor. et I. car. et dim. I. acr. prati. Silva XV. porcis. tertia pars molendini. Val. XV. sol. Ecclesia sine terra. Totum habet IX. quarent. in long. et VI. in lat. et V. d. de gelto.

In TUIT tenet semper Sanctus Benedictus II. car. terræ. Semper III. vill. XII. bor. Tunc I. car. in dominio, modo I. et dim. Tunc III. car. hominum. modo II. et d. I. acr. prati. Silva L. porcis. Tunc I. mol. modo I. et dim. III. an. XIII. por. Tunc val. XXX. sol. modo XL. Habet dim. leu. in long. et dim. in lat. et V. d. de gelto I. ob. minus. Ecclesiæ VI. acr.

In HOBUISSÆ I. car. terræ. ten. Sanctus Benedictus. Semper II. bor. et I. car. II. acr. prati. Silua XX. por. dim. mol. Tunc val. X. sol. modo XVI.

In ERPINCHAM I. car. terræ ten. idem. Semper III. vill. III. bor. II. car. I. acr. prati. Val. X. sol.

In TUTINGHETUNA I. car. terræ ten. Sanctus Benedictus tempore Regis Edwardi. Semper I. vill. et II. bor. et I. car. II. acr. prati. I. mol. Val. X. sol. De dimidia hac terra erat saisitus R. comes quando forisfecit. et de commendatione unius femine quæ eam tenebat.

In BANINCHAM XXX. acr. terræ ten. semper Sanctus Benedictus. Semper dim. car. Val. V. sol.

In VLT'TUNA. I. car. terræ ten. Sanctus Benedictus tempore Regis Edwardi. Semper III. bor. et I. car. et dim. I. acr. prati. Tunc val. XVI. sol. modo XX. Habet VI. quar. in long. et V. in lat. et II. d. et ob. de gelto. Dim. ecclesiæ III. acr.

In BELAGA I. soc. III. acr. Val. VI. d. Dim. ecclesiæ III. acr. In eadem X. soc. et d. ten. Rad. Stalra tempore Regis Edwardi LXIII. acr. II. acr. prati. Semper II. car. In eadem I. soc. Sancti Benedicti XXX. semper II. vill. et I. bor. et I. car. Hoc est in pretio de HOUEUNAM.

In WIC MERA. XII. acr. terræ ten. Sanctus Benedictus. Val. XVI. d.

HÆC SEDES ABBATILÆ.

Tunesteda hund. HORNINGAM tenet semper Sanctus Benedictus pro III. car. terræ. Semper XVIII. vill. XI. bor. Tunc II. ser. modo nullus. Semper II. car. in dominio. et VI. car. hom. et C. acr. prati. Silua C. porc. Semper I. mol. I. runc. III. an. X. porc. CCCLX. ov. Semper val. III. lib. Habet I. leu. et dim. in long. et I. leu. in lat. et VI. d. de gelto.

SNATESHIRDAM. V. car. terræ tenet semper Idem. V. car. terræ. Semper V. vill. XVI. bor. I. car. in dominio. VI. car. hom. III. an. V. por. et XXVII. soc. in eadem terra. Semper VIII. car. val. III. lib. Habet I. leu. et dim. in long. et I. leu. in lat. et XXVIII. d. de g. Ecclesiæ X. acr.

HOUEUNAM tenet Rad. Stalra tempore Regis Edwardi VI. car. terræ. Semper III. vill. VI. bor. et II. car. in dominio. et III. car. hom. Silva XVI. porcis. X. acr. prati. et III. soc. I. car. terræ et d. et XXX. acr. Semper V. vill. XI. bor. V. car. et dim. X. acr. prati. et I. soc. XXVIII. acr. et VII. soc. CX. acr. Semper V. car. et d. Tunc val. VII. lib. modo C. sol. Habeat I. leu. et II. quarent. in long. et I. leu. in lat. et XVIII. d. de g. II. Ecclesiæ XVI. acr.

WALSAM tenet semper Sanctus Benedictus III. car. terræ et dim. Semper XII. vill. et V. bor. II. car. in dominio. et II. car. et dim. hom. VIII. acr. prati. Silua C. por. I. mol. I. runc. I. an. VIII. porc. XXXI. soc. III. car. terræ et I. acr. et I. uill. et I. uill.^b et I. bor. Semper XV. car. Silva XVI. por. III. acr. prati. Val. C. sol. Habet I. leu. et dim. in long. et I. leu. in lat. et VI. p'c. et XVIII. d. de g. Ecclesiæ XXX. acr.

FELMINCHAM ten. semper Sanctus Benedictus LXXVII. acr. Semper V. bor. I. car. in dominio et dim. car. hom. I. acr. prati. et III. soc. L. acr. I. car. I. acr. prati. Ecclesiæ II. acr. Val. XXI. sol.

PASTUNAM ten. Idem tempore Regis Edwardi I. car. terræ II. vill. II. bor. I. car. in dominio. et dim. car. hom. modo I. mol. val. X. sol. Habet I. leu. in long. et III. in lat. et XV. d. Alii ibi ten.

In WIDITUNA I. car. terræ tenet Sanctus Benedictus. Semper II. vill. et II. bor. et I. car. in dominio. et dim. car. hom. Val. VIII. sol.

In BERTUNA tenet semper Sanctus Benedictus dim. car. terræ. Semper I. bor. et I. car. et I. acr. prati. Val. V. sol. et III. d. In eadem I. soc. XXX. acr. V. bor. I. car. I. acr. prati. Val. X. sol.

WRDSTEDAM tenet semper Sanctus Benedictus tempore Regis Edwardi. II. car. terræ. et d. Semper VIII. villani. XXX. bor. II. car. in dominio. et III. car. hom. VIII. acr. prati. Silva XVI. por. Semper I. mol. et III. soc. in eadem terra. Tunc val. LX. sol. modo III. lib. II. ecclesiis XXVIII. acr. in eodem pretio. Hæc terra erat de uicto monachorum tempore Regis Edwardi. modo eam habet Robertus balistarius de abbate. Habet I. leu. in long. et dim. in lat. et X. pc. et de g.^c et XVIII. d. de g. In eadem tenet semper Sanctus Benedictus I. car. terræ. tempore Regis Edwardi. Semper II. vill. X. bor. et I. car. in dominio. et II. car. hom. II. acr. prati. Silua VI. por. Val. XL. sol.

In BESETUNA I. soc. Sancti Benedicti XXX. acr. III. bor. II. acr. prati. Val. V. sol. et III. d. Omnes ecclesiæ sunt in pretio cum maneriis.

In RISTUNA III. soc. Sancti Benedicti LX. acr. semper dim. car. In pretio de SCOTOHOU.

In BERTUNA III. soc. XXXIII. acr. Semper III. bor. I. car. Val. VII. sol.

In DILHAM I. soc. XXX. acr. I. bor. I. car. Val. VI. sol. et VIII. d.

In SALEIA I. soc. XVI. acr. Val. XVI. d. In eadem XX. acr. et jacent in ESTRUNA in pretio.

In SMALBERGA I. soc. Sancti Benedicti qui tenebat I. car. liberæ terræ. et eam dedit Sancto Benedicto tempore Regis Edwardi, et adhuc tenet de abbate. Semper II. vill. et I. car. et dim. et II. acr. prati. Val. XX. sol. In eadem XXVIII. soc. I. car. terræ. Semper III. car. I. acr. prati. Val. XX. sol. Totum habet X. quarent. in long. et XII. perc. et VI. quarent. in lat. et VIII. d. de gelto.

In BERTUNA I. soc. Sancti Benedicti. et Rad. comitis tempore Regis Edwardi. XVI. acr. Val. XVI. d. et II. ecclesiæ XXXII. acr. Val. XV. d.

In HANINGA II. car. terræ. ten. Sanctus Benedictus tempore Regis Edwardi. et Edricus de eo. ita quod abbas ei dederat dimidiam de suo dominio. et ille concesserat abbati aliam medietatem de suo feudo. et totum ita tenebat de abbate et deserviebat. In hac terra sunt semper XIII. bor. et II. car. in dominio et III. car. hom. XXV. acr. prati. Silua VIII. por. I. mol. II. runc. III. an. XII. por. XL. ov. XXX. cap. et VIII. soc. XLI. ac. Semper II. car. V. acr. prati. Val. totum XL. sol. Habet I. leu. in long. et X. quarent. in lat. ei X. d. de gelto. quicunque ibi teneat. Hoc tenet Robertus Malet. et Robertus de Glauill de eo.

In WALSAM. III. sochem. LVII. acr. Semper I. car. I. acr. prati. Val. V. sol. et VIII. d. De duobus ex his

^a Sic.

^b Sic.

^c Sic.
Z

habuit W. Malet commendationem tantum. In eadem x. bor. vii. acr. et val. x. d.

Hund. de Hapinga. LODHAM tenet semper Sanctus Benedictus pro v. car. terræ. Semper xv. vill. et xiii. bor. ii. ser. iii. car. in dominio. ii. car. et dim. hom. Silva xvi. por. c. acr. prati. iii. runc. xvi. por. iii. vasa apum. et cxv. soc. et dim. iii. car. terræ. et xv. acr. Semper x. car. xv. acr. prati et iii. liberi homines et dim. i. car. terræ et xv. acr. Semper iii. bor. ii. car. v. acr. prati. Ex his habuit abbas commendationem tantum. Rex et comes socam. Tunc val. totum c. sol. modo vi. lib. et habet ii. leu. et dim. et xv. perc. in long. et i. leu. et dim. in lat. et lxx. perc. et v. sol. de gelto quicunque ibi teneat.

WACTANESHAM tenet semper Sanctus Benedictus pro ii. car. terræ et viii. acr. Semper iii. bor. et i. car. in dominio. et dim. car. hom. lx. acr. prati. ii. runc. vi. porc. viii. ov. et xxv. soc. et dim. clx. acr. Tunc iii. car. et dim. modo iii. xii. acr. prati. et ii. liberi homines commendatione tantum. xx. acr. et i. car. Ex his duobus rex et comes habent socam. et de alio toto. Sanctus Benedictus. Totum semper val. iii. lib. et liberi homines xxxiii. d. et habet i. leu. et dim. et i. quarent. in long. et i. leu. in lat. et xxx. d. quicunque ibi teneat.

H. WIMPWELLA tenet semper Sanctus Benedictus pro i. car. terræ et dim. Semper v. vill. et ii. bor. et i. car. in dominio. et i. car. hom. iii. acr. prati. et i. runc. iii. por. et i. liber homo commendatione tantum ix. acr. et dim. car. Valet xii. d. Rex et comes socam. Totum manerium val. xxx. sol. sed Godricus reddebat iii. lib. quando eum tenebat ad feudum comitis.

STALHAM tenet semper Sanctus Benedictus i. car. terræ. semper ii. vill. et i. bor. et i. car. in dominio. et i. car. hom. Silva iii. porc. iii. acr. prati i. runc. vi. porc. et i. homo xxix. acr. tenens terram suam de Sancto Benedicto tempore Regis Edwardi. Semper dim. car. ii. acr. prati. Rex et comes socam. et ix. liberi homines lxxv. acr. Tunc ii. car. modo i. et dim. Ex his habuit abb. commendationem tantum, et rex et comes socam. Totum manerium val. semper xx. sol. et liberi homines ii. sol. et habet i. leu. et iii. quarent. in long. et v. quarent. in lat. et xvii. d. et ob. de g.

In HINCHAM xxx. acr. terræ tenet semper Sanctus Benedictus. Semper dim. car. et i. acr. prati. Val. vi. sol. et viii. d.

In HECCLES i. lib. homo xv. acr. quod tenet Sanctus Benedictus cum omni consuetudine, sed Rex et comes socam: et val. xv. d.

In LUDHAM i. soc. Sancti Benedicti. xxx. acr. iii. bor. iii. acr. prati dim. car. et val. ii. sol.

In H. Wimpwella i. lib. homo xii. acr. Val. xxxii. d. Eastflec Hund. In PHILEBY tenet semper Sanctus Benedictus i. car. terræ et xx. acr. Semper iii. bor. et i. car. in dominio. et iii. acr. prati. et i. sal. modo i. runc. et iii. liberi homines commendatione tantum. xlii. acr. semper i. vill et i. car. et dim. et i. acr. et dim. prati. Val. iii. sol.

In SCROTEBY cix. acr. tenet semper Semper^a Sanctus Benedictus. Semper iii. bor. Tunc i. car. in dominio. Semper dim. car. hom. ii. acr. prati. Val. x. sol. et habet i. leu. in long. et v. quarent. in lat. et xx d. de gelto.

In CASTRO i. car. terræ. tenet semper Sanctus Benedictus. Semper iii. bor. et i. car. in dominio. et dim. car. hom. vii. acr. et dim. prati. vi. sal. et xiiii. liberi homines sub abbate commendatione tantum. i. car. terræ. et i. bor. Tunc ii. car. hom. modo iii. Tunc val. xx. sol. modo xx v. et xiiii. liberi homines sub abbate commend. tantum. quos abbas de rationavit super Godricum. Val. xl. sol.

Humiliart Hund. HECHAM tenet semper Sanctus Benedictus iii. car. terræ. semper iii. vill. v. bor. ii. car. in dominio. tunc i. car. hom. modo dim. et una car. et dim. posset restaur. xx. acr. prati. ii. mol. i. runc. vii. porc. xii. ov. et vi. soc. de dim. car. terræ. semper ii. car. Tunc val. iii. lib. modo c. sol. Huic manerio est liber homo sub abbate commendatione tantum, et habet xxx. acr. et dim. car. iii. acr. prati. Val. ii. sol. Habet x. quarent. in long. et vii. in lat. et ii. d. et iii. ferd. de g.

Depwade Hundr. TIPHAM tenet semper Sanctus Benedictus i. car. terræ et dim. et xv. acr. Semper iii. vill. v. bor. i. car. in dominio. tunc i. car. et dim. hom. modo i. et iii. acr. prati. Silva x. porc. vi. por. Val. xxv. sol.

NUM. V.

Carta Willielmi II. Regis.

[Ex Registro Abbatæ ut supr. fol. 30 b, in marg. manu neoter.]

W. REX Anglorum H. com et Goscelino præposito salutem. Præcipio vobis ut saysiatis abbatiam sancti Benedicti et Ranulphum monachum de centum acris terræ et sex acris prati, et de iij^{or}. hominibus, et de triginta acris in Burgo et de tribus bord. sicut ecclesia sancti Benedicti inde erat saysita eo die quo pater meus fuit vivus et mortuus. Et sciatis quod ista terra inbreviata fuit in meis brevibus ad opus ecclesiæ sancti Benedicti qui sunt in thesauro meo Wyntonæ. Et hoc testantur breves mei de c. acr. terræ et vj. acr. prati et quatuor hominibus in Wynterton et triginta acr. in Burc et iij. bord. Test. episcopo Dunelm. et W. cancellar.

NUM. VI.

Carta Regis Henrici primi de Ecclesiis de Scothoe et Lammesse.

[Ibid. fol. 30 b.]

H. REX Angliæ omnibus archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, baronibus, et omnibus fidelibus suis, Francis et Anglis, totius Angliæ, salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse Deo et sancto Benedicto et abbatæ de Holm, et Richero ejusdem loci abbati, omnibusque successoribus ejus et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, in perpetuam elemosinam, ecclesias de Scothowe et de Lammesse cum liberis terris et decimis, omnibusque pertinentiis et liberis consuetudinibus eisdem ecclesiis pertinentibus, pro salute animæ meæ et omnium antecessorum meorum et posterorum. Et ideo volo et firmiter præcipio quod abbas de Hulmo et ejusdem loci monachi habeant et possideant integre ecclesias supradictas bene et in pace, et libere, et quiete, cum omnibus supranominatis liberis consuetudinibus sicut elemosinam ex meo proprio dono; salva dignitate episcopali et reverentia ecclesiæ Sanctæ Trinitatis Norwic. Testibus Radulpho Cantuar. archiepiscopo, Ranulpho cancellario nostro, Roberto comite de Mellent, Willielmo comite de War. et multis aliis. Facta est hæc donatio anno ab incarnatione Domini millesimo centesimo septimo decimo, apud Westmon.

NUM. VII.

Carta Regis Henrici primi de Warena in Swanton et Bastwic.

[Ibid.]

H. REX Angliæ, Roberto filio Walteri et omnibus baronibus et fidelibus suis de Northfolch, salutem. Præcipio quod Richerus abbas sancti Benedicti de Hulmo habeat warennam in terra sua, et de Swanton et Bastwik, et in bosco et in plano. Et nullus in ea fuget sine licentia sua super x. libr. forisfacturæ. Teste Pag. fil. Joh. apud Odest⁷.

NUM. VIII.

Carta Henrici I. Regis de quieta clamatione Rad. fil. Godrici de Terra de Hardele.

[Ibid. fol. 31.]

H. REX Angliæ Herberto Norwic. episcopo et. R. Bassa. et omnibus justiciariis suis, et R. filio Walteri omnibusque baronibus suis de Northfulch et de Suthfolc salutem. Sciatis quod Radulfus filius Godrici coram me reddidit ecclesiæ sancti Benedicti et Richero abbati omnibusque succes-

^a Sic.

soribus suis, et monachis ejusdem ecclesiæ, terram de Hardele quam ipse R. tenuit de supradicta ecclesia in firma, et quietam et liberam clamavit in curia mea de se et suis hæredibus imperpetuum. Et ideo volo et firmiter præcipio ut ecclesia prædicta teneat supradictam terram in pace et quiete, et libere, et inde non placitet nisi me præsentem vel in concilio. Testim. Radulphi archiepiscopi, Herberti episcopi Norwic. et Rogeri episcopi Salesbir. Roberti episcopi Cestriæ, et Herveii episcopi Eliensis, &c.

NUM. IX.

Carta Godrici dapiferi de Terra in Minori Meltune.

[Ibid. fol. 54.]

GODRICUS dapifer et uxor ejus Ingreda dederunt ecclesiæ Christi et sancti Benedicti et fratribus de Hulmo terram de minori Medeltone pro animabus suis, post quorum obitum Radulphus filius Godrici ipsius suscepit eandem terram de Medeltone, tenendam quamdiu vixerit, inde reddens singulis annis x. solidos ad mensam fratrum ecclesiæ sancti Benedicti. Uxor quidem ejusdem Radulphi, Letselina, dedit curtinam ecclesiæ sancti Benedicti eo tenore ut si Radulphum ipsa supervixerit habeat eandem terram de Medeltone a eodem servitio quo Radulphus quamdiu et ipsa vixerit. Si vero Radulphus habuerit hæredem de muliere desponsata, tenebit ipse hæres ipsius Radulphi prædictam terram de Medeltone reddens inde singulis annis xl. solidos ad mensam fratrum. Si autem hæredem non habuerit, post amborum obitum remanebit eadem terra de Medeltone cum omni emendatione quam imposuerint quieta et libera sancto Benedicto, Deo, et fratribus de Hulmo. Hanc Conventionem ego Richerus abbas et conventus communis consensu fratrum in capitulo, testimonio Radulphi prioris; Aky, Wlfrici, Godwini, Gyomari, monachorum; Hermanni dapiferi; Meynardi militis; Bernardi magistri; Radulphi nepotis abbatis; Sirici; Goscelini; Willielmi presbyteri; Lisewy nepotis Radulphi; Willielmi de Nereford; et aliorum. Quicumque hanc conventionem dissolvere præsumpserit, ex auctoritate Dei patris omnipotentis, et sanctæ Mariæ Virginis, et sancti Benedicti, omniumque sanctorum Dei, et sanctorum canonum, ac nostri misterii perpetuo anathemate feriantur. Amen.

NUM. X.

Transcriptum Willielmi de Curcun de terra de Grengeville.

[Ibid. fol. 55.]

NOTUM sit omnibus Dei fidelibus quia ego Conradus abbas et nos monachi sancti Benedicti Hulmensis ecclesiæ concessimus in communi capitulo Willielmo de Curecun et suo hæredi terram nostram de Grenseville in feodo et ad firmam reddentem unoquoque anno lx. sellos frumenti quamdiu inde nobis bene servierint et prædictam firmam reddiderint. Ipse quoque Willielmus juravit fidelitatem sancto Benedicto et abbati et fratribus et fortitudinem et auxilium in omnibus quæ posset ad placita et ad hundredum et ubicumque necessarium videret, et dedit nostræ ecclesiæ suas partes decimarum ejusdem terræ de Blakeurde et de Fridestone, et de annona et de omnibus facultatibus, testimonio eorum qui affuerunt dompn. Evrardi episcopi Rogeri archidiaconi, Willielmi archidiaconi, Willielmi archid. Rogeri de Lymes capellani regis, Galfridi capellani regis, Ingolphi presbyteri, Adæ dapiferi et fratrum ejus Willielmi et Richeri, Goscelini de Brunstede, Radulphi et Hugonis filiorum Roberti, Thurstani filii Boyselyn, &c.

NUM. XI.

Donatio Terræ quæ fuit Eylwardi in Houetune et Northwalsham.

[Ibid.]

C. DEI gratia abbas sancti Benedicti de Hulmo omnibus suis fidelibus per abbatiam. Sciatis me optulisse super altare sancti Benedicti terram et quicquid Egeluardus et uxor illius Lefleda tenuerunt in Houetone et Northwalsham,

ita videlicet ut sit amodo in perpetuum ad victum et ad firmam monachorum. Et sit una cultura et una firma in dominio aulæ de Houetone, nec inde unquam separetur.

NUM. XII.

Carta Regis Stephani de Libertate.

[Ibid.]

STEPHANUS rex Angliæ archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, et omnibus fidelibus suis, Francis et Anglis, et ministris baronum in quorum ministeriis et hundredis abbatia de Hulmo terras habet, salutem. Sciatis quod pro Dei amore et remissione peccatorum meorum, et incolumitate mea et Eustachii filii mei, et pro stabilitate regni mei et pacis, necnon et pro redemptione animæ beatæ memoriæ regis Henrici avunculi mei, et pro animabus regum Willielmi scilicet avi mei et Willielmi avunculi mei, et aliorum parentum meorum, quietam clamo et ab omni seculari potestate delibero abbatiam de Hulmo et omnes terras et ecclesias et universas possessiones eidem abbatie pertinentes in cujuscunque comitatu vel hundredo vel baillia sint. Et ideo volo et firmiter præcipio quod ecclesia sancti Benedicti de Hulmo in omnibus teneduris et terris suis ubicumque sint habeat socam et sacam, et thol et theam, et infangenetheof, et gridbrece, et forstal, et wreke in mari et in litore et in portibus maris, et hamsoknam, et blodwyte, et fihwyte, et ferdwyte, et flemeneforth, et averpeni, et wardpeni, et omnes alias libertates et liberas consuetudines, et omnes rectitudines et justicias quas ego ipse habeo in dominicis terris meis et elemosinis pertinentibus coronæ meæ. Et hæc habeat ecclesia supradicta in bosco et plano, et pratis, et pascuis, et molendinis, et turbariis, et stagnis, et vivariis, et viis, et semitis, et mari, et portibus maris, et mariscis, in aqua et extra aquam, in feriis et mercatis, in civitate et extra, in burgo et extra burgum, et in omnibus locis sicut prædixi. Testimonio domini Ebrardi Norwic. episcopi, et Alexandr. Lincoln. episcopi, et Athelolfi episcopi de Cardui, et Walteri abbatis de Rames, et Rogeri de Fiscampo archidiaconi. et Ricardi de Bolonia capellani, et comit. Alani, et Willielmi comit. de Warenn. et comitis Symundi, et Willielmi comitis de Albaniac. et Ingelrani de Sayi, et Johannis filii Roberti tunc temporis vicecom. et Ricardi fil. Vrsi, et Aluredi Gernun et aliorum multorum apud Norwicum.

NUM. XIII.

Carta Matildis Imperatricis de Libertate.

[Ibid. fol. 31.]

MATILDIS imperatrix, Henrici regis filia, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, et omnibus fidelibus suis, Francis et Anglis, et ministris baronum in quorum ministeriis et hundredis abbatia de Hulmo terras habet salutem. Sciatis quod pro Dei amore et remissione peccatorum meorum, et pro redemptione animæ bonæ memoriæ regis Henrici patris mei, et pro animabus regum Willielmi scilicet avi mei et Willielmi avunculi mei, et aliorum parentum meorum, quietam clamo et ab omni seculari potestate delibero abbatiam de Hulmo et omnes terras et ecclesias, et universas possessiones eidem abbatie pertinentes in cujuscunque hundredis vel baillio sint. Et ideo volo et firmiter præcipio quod ecclesia sancti Benedicti de Hulmo in omnibus teneduris et terris suis ubicumque sint habeat socam et sacam, et thol et theam, et infangenetheof, et gridbrece, et forstal, et wreke in mari et in litore maris, et hamsoknam, et blodwyte, et fihwyte, et ferdwyte, et flemeneforth, et averpeni, et omnes alias libertates et liberas consuetudines quas aliqua ecclesiarum regni mei habet, et quas ego ipsa habeo in dominicis terris et elemosinis pertinentibus coronæ meæ. Et hæc habeant ecclesia prædicta in bosco, in plano et pratis, et pascuis, et molendinis, et turbariis, et stagnis, et vivariis, et viis, et semitis, et in mari et portibus maris, et in mariscis, in aqua et extra aquam, in feriis et mercatis, in civitate et extra, in burgo et extra burgum, et in omnibus locis. Test. R. episcopo London. et R. com. Gl. et R. filio

reg. apud Oxenford. Anno ab incarnatione Domini m^o. c. quadragesimo.

NUM. XIV.

Carta Regis Stephani de Hundredis de Fleg et Happing.

[Ibid. fol. 33 b.]

S. REX Angliæ episcopo Norwic. et justic. et vicecom. et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis, Francis et Anglis, de Northf. et de Suthf. salutem. Sciatis quod pro animabus Willielmi regis avi mei et avunculorum meorum regum Willielmi et Henrici et aliorum parentum meorum, et pro salute animæ meæ et Matildis reginæ uxoris meæ, et parvorum meorum dedi et concessi in perpetuam elemosinam Deo et ecclesiæ sancti Benedicti de Hulmo, et H. nepoti meo abbati, et ejus successoribus, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, duo hundreda de Fleg et tertium de Happinggehundred. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ita bene et in pace, et libere, et quiete, et honorifice teneant et habeant hæc prædicta hundreda cum omnibus consuetudinibus et redditibus et justiciis quæ ad illa pertinent sicut aliquis antecessorum meorum regum Angliæ et ego melius et liberius tenuimus dum illa in manu nostra fuerunt. Testibus H. episcopo Wint. et R. episcopo London. et W. episcopo Norwic. et N. episcopo de Ely, et J. episcopo Cicestr. et R. episcopo Oxon.* et R. episcopo Batton. et M. regina, et W. comit. de Albem. et com. Symon. et J. comit. de Avee, et comit. Alberico, et W. Mart. et R. de V. et H. de Essex, et Ricardo de Luc. et Fulcone de Oilly et A. de Belv. apud Londoneas.

NUM. XV.

Carta Stephani Regis de Terra de Gernemutha.

[Ibid. fol. 34.]

S. REX Angliæ justiciariis, vicecomitibus, et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis de Norwic. et de Gernem. salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et dedisse Deo et sancto Benedicto et abbati ejusdem monasterii et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus in perpetuam elemosinam quandam terram apud Gernemut' juxta terram illorum contra aquilonem habentem quater xx^{ti}. ped. in latitudine in utroque capite, et longitudo ejusdem terræ sit a via forensi et usque orientalem viam quæ monasterio prope est. Et sit terra illa libera et quieta de gelda et de scot, et de omni alio servitio in perpetuum. Et volo et præcipio quod abbas et monachi habeant et teneant terram ipsam honorifice, et in pace, et quiete. Et nemo eis super hoc breve meum injuriam vel contumeliam faciat super x. libr. forisfacturæ. T. Roberto de V. apud sanctum Edmundum.

NUM. XVI.

Carta Regis Henrici secundi.

[Ibid. fol. 31 b.]

H. REX Angliæ et dux Normanniæ et Aquitanniæ et comes Andegaviæ justiciariis et vicecom. et ministris suis de Northf. salutem. Volo et firmiter præcipio quod Willielmus abbas de Hulmo teneat et habeat bene et in pace, quiete et honorifice, plene et juste, abbatiam suam de Hulmo sicut antecessor suus eam melius et honorificentius tenuit tempore regis Henrici avi mei cum omnibus libertatibus suis quas ego ei confirmavi per cartam meam. Et non geldet terra sua injuste nisi sicut geldare solebat tempore regis Henrici avi mei, et anno quo fuit vivus et mortuus, nominatim illa hundreda de Happinggehundr. et de Waxtonesham cum omnibus allis, et non ponatur in aliquam novam et injustam consuetudinem. Teste R. com. Corn. apud Northampton.

NUM. XVII.

Carta Regis Henrici Secundi de Tol.

[Ibid. fol. 32.]

H. REX Angliæ et dux Normanniæ et Aquitanniæ et comes Andegaviæ, omnibus comitibus, baronibus, vice-

comitibus, et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis totius Angliæ salutem. Sciatis quod volo et firmiter præcipio quod abbas et monachi sancti Benedicti de Hulmo sint quieti et liberi de Thol per totam Angliam, in civitate et extra, in burgo et extra, in feriis et mercatis, et in portibus maris et in omnibus locis; et habeant regalem liberam licentiam ducendi et portandi omnes res suas et pecunias quocumque voluerint, et ubicumque eis necesse fuerit, ita ut aliquis per totam terram meam aliquam consuetudinem ab eis pro rebus suis non presumat exigere, vel vi extorquere, desicut ego præfatam ecclesiam ab omni seculari potestate per cartam meam quietam clamavi. Teste Regin. com. Cornub. apud Westmonasterium.

NUM. XVIII.

Litera Regis Henrici Secundi de terra apud Denne.

[Ibid. fol. 31 b.]

H. REX Angliæ et dux Normanniæ et Aquitanniæ et comes Andegaviæ vicecomiti et ministris suis de Norf. salutem. Precipio quod ecclesia sancti Benedicti de Hulmo teneat in perpetuam elemosinam terram illam quam Lefwinus et Robertus presbyteri et Bonefacius et cæteri barones mei de Hastingges eidem ecclesiæ dederunt in Gernemut' apud Den, cujus latitudo quater viginti [pedes] habet in utroque capite juxta terram illorum contra aquilonem, longitudo vero ejusdem terræ sit a via forensi usque ad orientalem viam quæ monasterio prope est. Et sit terra illa libera et quieta de scot et de lot et de omnibus geldis et servitiis in perpetuum. Test. Thoma cancellar. apud Westmonasterium.

NUM. XIX.

Litera de Resignatione Manerii de Ouby.

[Ibid. fol. 32 b.]

T. DEI gratia Cantuariensis archiepiscopus, Angliæ primas, venerabili fratri et amico W. Norwic. episcopo salutem. Significavit nobis dilectus filius noster W. abbas sancti Benedicti de Hulmo quod Willielmus de Ouby qui portionem monachorum sancti Benedicti de eadem villa de Ouby ad firmam tenuit, signo Dominicæ crucis assumpto sepulchrum Domini visitare proposuerit, unde quia regia auctoritate et mandato feodum ipsum quod de sancto Benedicto ad firmam tenebat, antequam iter propositum arripiat ad manus abbatis et monachorum in dominio devolvendum est, præcipimus quatinus eundem Willielmum antequam iter arripiat districte ecclesiastica censura coerceatis ad restituendam monachis firmam suam præteriti temporis plene in omnibus, et terram ipsam ita plene restauratam domibus et virgultis et aliis edificiis et instauramentis sicut Ricardus pater ejus melius instauratam recepit, ne ecclesia sancti Benedicti in aliquo juris sui detrimentum sustineat per defectum justiciæ vestræ occasione peregrinatione illius hominis. Valet.

NUM. XX.

Carta Alianoræ Reginæ.

[Ibid.]

A. REGINA Angliæ et ducissa Aquitanniæ et Normanniæ et comitissa Andegaviæ abbati de Hulmo salutem. Præcipio tibi quod juste et sine dilatione distringas Willielmum de Ouby per terram quam de te tenet quod ipse red-dat monachis sancti Benedicti frumentum quod eis debet ad victum suum. Et nisi feceris, vicecom. Northfolch faciat, et nisi fecerit justitia regis et mea faciat, ne ultra inde clamorem audiam pro recti penuria. T. Joscelino de Boyvil apud Hungreford per breve regis.

NUM. XXI.

Nomina eorum qui debent habere mandata in cæna Domini cum Monachis viventibus.

[Ibid. fol. 35 b.]

III sunt qui mandata sua debent habere in cæna Do-

* sc. Exon.

mini cum monachis viventibus. Abbates omnes hujus loci, scilicet Ælfsinus, Thurstanus, Alfwodus, Richerus, Conradus, Willielmus Basset, Anselmus, Hugo, Daniel, Willielmus secundus, Thomas. Et hii simul qui nobis villas et terras dederunt: Cnuth rex, qui dedit Horningg cum pertinentiis suis, scilicet Neteshirde et Irstede, Ludham et Hecham, Thune et Askeby, et Wrthestede cum pertinentiis suis: Edwardus rex, qui dedit Tunstedehundred: Radulphus comes, qui dedit Hoveton et Suth Walsham: Sketh, qui dedit North Walsham: Brictricus, qui dedit Shotesham: Wlfricus, qui dedit Hecham juxta Norwicum: Edgiva Swanneshals, qui dedit Thurgertone: Saxy, qui dedit Swaneton: Wlfricus, qui dedit Hardele: Ernaldus, qui dedit Wythingham: Alfwinus, qui dedit Scothowe: Edwinus et Ingreda, qui dederunt Melton: Offerthus, qui dedit Felmingham: Lefwardus, qui dedit Tibeham: Wlfricus, qui dedit Waxtonesham: Grimholf qui dedit Castre: Thuru'dus et Edwardus ædificatores hujus ecclesiæ.

NUM. XXII.

Nomina Feodorum pertinentium Baronie.

[Ibid.]

Odo albalistarius tenet feudum unius militis in Withestede, et præter hoc terram quam Rembertus tenuit in Bertone, et in Withestede, et in Dilham. Bartholomeus tenet Haningge pro feodo unius militis, unde in parte est ad hoc servitium. Walterus de Wltertone debet facere tertiam partem unius militis.

Willielmus fil. Hermanni tenet dimidium Magni Hobbesse, et terram de Calethorp, et Minorem Hobbesse, et terram Ulf, et terram Radulphi in Erpingham pro servitio unius militis, et hæ fuerunt in dominio tempore Alfwoldi abbatis; et præter has terram Roberti Kibbald quæ solebat facere servitium unius militis.

Matilda uxor Roberti Selueni tenet Bestone, quæ solebat antiquitus facere servitium unius militis, et hæc eadem terra et duæ carucæ quas Radulphus tenet in Stalham, et terra quæ fuit Bondæ de Stalham, et terra de Irstede quæ reddit xxx^{li}. solid. Hæ omnes faciunt quintam partem unius militis modo.

Osbertus tenet terram suam in Redham pro quinta parte unius militis, et Nortune quæ fuit tunc in dominio.

NUM. XXIII.

Carta Regis Henrici III. de duabus Feriis apud Grabarddesferie.

[Ibid. fol. 34.]

HENRICUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hybernæ, dux Normanniæ, Aquitanniæ, et comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, prioribus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, præpositis, ministris, et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem. Sciat nos concessisse et hac carta nostra confirmasse dilectis nobis in Christo Roberto abbati et monachis sancti Benedicti de Hulmo quod ipsi et successores sui in perpetuum habeant singulis annis duas ferias apud Grabarddesferie; unam scilicet duraturam per duos dies, videlicet in vigilia et in die translationis sancti Benedicti, et aliam similiter duraturam per duos dies, videlicet in vigilia et in die sancti Jacobi. Quas quidem ferias prius habebunt per eosdem dies duraturas prope abbatiam suam prædictam, eo quod per ferias illas propter viciniam loci in quo prius teneri consueverunt tranquillitas quæ religioni debetur ultra modum fuit perturbata. Concessimus etiam eis et hac carta nostra confirmavimus quod habeant ibidem unum mercatum singulis septimanis per diem Martis, nisi prædictæ feriæ et mercatum prædictum sint ad nocumentum vicinarum feriarum et vicinorum mercatorum. Quare volumus et firmiter præcipimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris quod prædicti abbas et monachi sancti Benedicti de Hulmo et eorum successores in perpetuum habeant singulis annis duas ferias apud Grabarddesferie, unam scilicet per duos dies duraturam, videlicet in vigilia et in die translationis sancti Benedicti, et aliam similiter duraturam per duos dies, videlicet in vigilia et in die sancti Jacobi, quas quidem ferias prius habebunt per eosdem dies duraturas prope ab-

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batiam suam prædictam, eo quod per ferias illas propter viciniam loci in quo prius consueverunt tranquillitas quæ religioni debetur ultra modum fuit perturbata. Et quod habeant ibidem unum mercatum singulis septimanis per diem Martis cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad hujusmodi ferias et mercata pertinentibus, nisi prædictæ feriæ et mercatum prædictum sint ad nocumentum vicinarum feriarum et vicinorum mercatorum sicut prædictum est. Hiis testibus Willielmo de Eborac. præposito Beverlaci, Johanne Mansello cancellario sancti Pauli London. Willielmo Lungespe, Willielmo de Cantilupo, Radulpho filio Nicholai, Johanne de Grey, Johanne de Lexinton, Nicholao de Molis, &c. Dat. per manum nostram apud Merleberge quintodecimo die Novembris anno regni nostri tricesimo primo.

NUM. XXIV.

Carta ejusdem de Warennæ.

[Ibid. fol. 34 b.]

HENRICUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hibernæ, dux Normanniæ, Aquitanniæ, et comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, prioribus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, forestariis, vicecomitibus, præpositis, ministris, et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis, salutem. Sciat nos concessisse et hac carta nostra confirmasse dilectis nobis in Christo Abbati et Conventui Sancti Benedicti de Hulmo quod ipsi et eorum successores habeant liberam warennam in omnibus dominicis terris suis de Horningge, Ludham, Bastwik, Neteshirde, Hoveton, Hecham juxta Norwic', Shotesham, Tybenham, Swaneton, Northwalsham, Suthwalsham, Thurgarton, Hardele, et Antingham in comit. Northf. dum tamen terræ illæ non sunt infra metas forestæ nostræ: ita quod nullus intret terras illas ad fugandum in eis vel ad aliquid capiendum quod ad warennam pertineat, sine licentia et voluntate ipsorum abbatis et conventus vel successorum suorum super forisfacturam decem librarum. Quare volumus et firmiter præcipimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris quod prædicti abbas et conventus et eorum successores in perpetuum habeant liberam warennam in omnibus prædictis dominicis terris suis in comitatu prædicto, dum tamen illæ terræ non sint infra metas forestæ nostræ: ita quod nullus intret terras illas ad fugandum in eis vel ad aliquid capiendum quod ad warennam pertineat, sine licentia et voluntate ipsorum abbatis et conventus vel successorum suorum super forisfacturam nostram decem librarum sicut prædictum est. Hiis testibus Petro de Sabaudia, Johanne Mansell præposito Beverlaci, magistro Willielmo de Kilkenny archidiacono Coventr', Radulpho, filio Nicholai, Bertramo de Crioyll, Johanne de Grey, et aliis. Dat. per manum nostram Westmon. sexto die Maii anno regni nostri tricesimo septimo.

NUM. XXV.

Privilegium Eugenii Papæ.

[Ibid. fol. 38.]

EUGENIUS episcopus servus servorum Dei dilectis filiis Hugoni abbati sancti Benedicti de Hulmo ejusque fratribus, tam præsentibus quam futuris, regularem vitam professis, in perpetuum. Religiosis desideriis dignum est facile præbere consensum, ut fidelis devotio celerem sortiatur effectum. Ea propter dilecti in Domino filii vestris justis postulationibus clementer annuimus, et præfatum beati Benedicti monasterium in quo divino mancipati estis obsequio sub beati Petri et nostra protectione suscipimus et præsentis scripti patrocinio communimus. Statuentes ut quascumque possessiones, quæcunque bona idem monasterium in præsentiarum juste et canonice possidet, aut in futurum concessionem pontificum, largitione regum vel principum, oblatione fidelium, seu aliis justis modis, Deo propitio, poterit adipisci, firma vobis vestrisque successoribus et illibata permaneant. In quibus hæc propriis duximus exprimenda vocabulis: ecclesias de Suth Walsham cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et cum tota terra quam Gaufridus clericus in eadem villa tenet; ecclesias in Norwico, sancti Michaelis videlicet in Cunesford, et sancti Michaelis ad Placita; ecclesiam sancti Martini de Shotesham cum terris omnibus quæ jure vestri sunt in eadem villa; ecclesiam de Sax-

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lingham cum omnibus terris quæ jure vestri monasterii sunt in eadem villa: ecclesiam de Moletona cum omnibus pertinentiis et terris quæ ad jus vestrum pertinent in eadem villa; terram de Thibenharn; terram de Grengewilla; terram de Nortona, cum omnibus quæ jure vestri sunt in Hecham, et in Etona, juxta Norwicum; Meltunam Parvam; terram de Carleton; ecclesiam de Scothoe; ecclesiam de Lammesse; ecclesiam de Erpingham; ecclesiam de Tutingtone; ecclesiam de Antingham; ecclesiam de Hanningges; ecclesiam de Swaneton; ecclesiam de Belhag; ecclesiam de Bastwik; ecclesiam de Askeby; ecclesiam de Sumertona; quicquid jure vestri est in ecclesia de Wintertona; villam quæ dicitur Castra cum ecclesia ejusdem loci; ecclesias de Houeton cum omnibus decimis quas habetis de feudo Rogeri filii Ernaldi; ex dono regis Stephani terram apud Gernemut; hundredum de Tunstede; sokemannos de Ormesby et de Waxtonesham; mariscum de Fuelholm; terram Eylwardi in Smalberge, et in Antingham; terram de Hardelee; socam quoque et sacam, et thol ac theam, et gridbreches, et omnes alias libertates et immunitates, ac consuetudines a Stephano illustri rege Anglorum rationabiliter vobis concessas et scripto ejus firmatas, vobis per præsentis scripti paginam confirmamus. Obeunte vero te nunc ejusdem loci abbate, vel tuorum quolibet successorum nullus ibi qualibet surreptionis astutia seu violentia præponatur nisi quem fratres communi consilio vel fratrum pars consilii sanioris secundum Dei timorem et beati Benedicti regulam providerint eligendum. Decernimus igitur ut nulli omnino hominum liceat præfatum monasterium temere perturbare, aut ejus possessiones auferre vel ablatas retinere, minuere, aut aliquibus vexationibus fatigare, sed omnia integra conserventur eorum pro quorum gubernatione et sustentatione concessa sunt usibus humanis omnimodis profutura. Salva sedis apostolicæ auctoritate et diocæsani episcopi canonica justitia. Si qua igitur in futurum ecclesiastica sæcularive persona hanc nostræ constitutionis paginam sciens contra eam temere venire temptaverit, secundo tertiove communita, si non satisfactione congrua emendaverit, pietatis honorisque sui dignitate careat, reamque se divino judicio existere de perpetrata iniquitate cognoscat, et a sanctissimo corpore ac sanguine Dei et Domini nostri redemptoris Jhesu Christi aliena fiat, atque in extremo examine districtæ ultioni subjaceat. Cunctis autem eidem loco justa servantibus, sit pax Domini nostri Jhesu Christi, quatinus et hic fructum bonæ actionis percipiant et apud districtum judicem præmia æternæ pacis inveniant. Amen. &c.

NUM. XXVI.

Privilegium Lucii iii. Papæ, de magnis Libertatibus.

[Ibid.]

LUCIUS episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilectis filiis Thomæ abbati sancti Benedicti de Hulmo ejusque fratribus, tam præsentibus quam futuris, regularem vitam professis in perpetuum. Religiosam vitam eligentibus apostolicum convenit adesse præsidium, ne forte cujuslibet temeritatis incursus aut eos a proposito revocet, aut robur quod absit sacræ religionis infringat. Ea propter dilecti in Domino filii vestris justis postulationibus clementer annuimus, et præfatum sancti Benedicti Monasterium in quo divino participati estis obsequio sub beati Petri et nostra protectione suscipimus, et præsentis scripti privilegio communimus. Inprimis siquidem statuentes ut ordo monasticus qui secundum Deum et beati Benedicti regulam in ecclesia vestra institutus esse dinoscitur, perpetuis ibidem temporibus inviolabiliter observetur. Præterea quascumque possessiones, quæcumque bona, eadem ecclesia in præsentiarum juste et canonice possidet aut in futurum concessione pontificum, largitione regum vel principum, oblatione fidelium, seu aliis justis modis præstante Domino poterit adipisci, firma vobis vestrisque successoribus et illibata permaneant. In quibus hæc propriis duximus exprimenda vocabulis: locum ipsum in quo præfatum Monasterium situm est, cum omnibus libertatibus et possessionibus suis; Horningg, cum ecclesia et pertinentiis suis; Ludham, cum ecclesia et pertinentiis suis; Hecham juxta Ludham, cum ecclesia et pertinentiis suis; Thirnam, cum ecclesia et pertinentiis suis; Askeby, cum ecclesia et pertinentiis suis; Neteshirdam, cum ecclesia et pertinentiis suis; Irstedam, cum ecclesia et pertinentiis

suis; Houeton, cum ecclesiis et pertinentiis suis; Ashmanhagam, cum ecclesia et pertinentiis suis; Belhagam, cum ecclesia et pertinentiis suis; Estonam, cum pertinentiis suis; Swaneton, cum ecclesia et pertinentiis suis; North-Walsham, cum ecclesia et pertinentiis suis; Antingham, cum ecclesia et pertinentiis suis; Bastwikam, cum ecclesia et pertinentiis suis; Hecham juxta Norwicum, cum ecclesia et pertinentiis suis; Shotesham, cum ecclesia Sancti Martini et pertinentiis suis; Thibenharn, cum ecclesia et pertinentiis suis; Muletunam, cum ecclesia et pertinentiis suis; Thweyt, cum ecclesia et pertinentiis suis; Thurgertonam, cum ecclesia et pertinentiis suis; Waxtonesham, cum ecclesia et pertinentiis suis Sanctæ Margaretæ; Hardeleyam, cum ecclesia et pertinentiis suis; Suth Walsham, cum ecclesia Sancti Laurentii et pertinentiis suis; ecclesiam de Reppes cum pertinentiis suis; portionem quam habetis in ecclesia de Catefeud cum pertinentiis suis; ecclesiam de Felmingham; ecclesiam de Bertone; ecclesiam de Westwik; ecclesiam de Scothoe; ecclesiam de Lammesse; ecclesiam de Stalham; ecclesiam de Smalberga; ecclesiam Sancti Michaelis et ecclesiam Sancti Petri in Cuningeforda; ecclesiam Sancti Michaelis ad Placita; cum omnibus earum pertinentiis. Præterea terras de Scothoe, de Lammesse, de Fileby, de Boytorp, de Pastona, de Felmingham, de Wy-chingham, de Subdena, et quas habetis in Gernemut et Norwico, et in Carletona. Præterea quicquid juris vel servicii habetis in vellis seu terris de Hobossa, de Caletorp, et de Totingtona, de Erpingham, de Stalham, de Ingham, de Bestone, de Irstede, de Castra, de Stokesby, de Sax-lyngham, et de Wintertona. Sane novalium vestrorum quæ propriis manibus aut sumptibus colitis, sive de nutrimentis animalium vestrorum, nullus a vobis decimas exigere vel extorquere præsumat. In parochialibus autem ecclesiis quas habetis liceat vobis clericos vel sacerdotes eligere et diocæsano episcopo præsentare, quibus, si idonei fuerint, episcopus curam animarum committat, ut ei de spiritualibus vobis aut de temporalibus debeant respondere. Interdici-mus etiam ne quis in Monasterium vestrum interdicti, aut in clericos vel fratres vestros suspensionis seu excommunicationis sententiam sine manifesta et rationabili causa audeat promulgare. Præterea novas et indebitas exactiones ab archiepiscopis, episcopis, archidiaconis, seu decanis, aliisve omnibus ecclesiasticis personis vobis et ecclesiis vestris omnino fieri prohibemus. Liceat quoque vobis clericos vel laicos e seculo fugientes ad conversionem recipere, et eos in Monasterio vestro absque contradictione aliqua retinere. Prohibemus insuper ut infra fines parochiæ vestræ nullus sine auctoritate diocæsani episcopi et assensu vestro Capellam de novo seu oratorium ædificare præsumat, salvis privilegiis Romanorum Pontificum. Crisma vero, oleum sanctum consecrationes altarium seu basilicarum, ordinationes clericorum qui ad sacros ordines fuerint promovendi, a diocæsano suscipiatis episcopo, si quidem catholicus fuerit, et gratiam atque communionem apostolicæ sedis habuerit, et ea gratis et absque pravitate vel exactione aliqua vobis voluerit exhibere. Alioquin ad quemcumque catholicum malueritis recurratis antistitem, qui nostra fultus auctoritate, quæ postulantur indulgeat. Pro benedictione autem Abbatibus vel eo deducendo seu ponendo in sede, nullus archiepiscopus, episcopus, archidiaconus, seu decanus, vel officialis eorum aliquid exigere vel extorquere præsumat. Cum autem generale Interdictum terræ fuerit, liceat vobis clausis januis, non pulsatis campanis, exclusis excommunicatis et interdictis submissa voce divina Officia celebrare. Sepul-turam præterea ipsius loci liberam esse decernimus, ut eorum devotioni et extremæ voluntati qui se illic sepeliri deliberaverit, nisi forte interdicti vel excommunicati sint, nullus obsistat; salva tamen illarum justitia ecclesiarum a quibus mortuorum corpora assumuntur. Ad hæc, Libertates et Immunitates ab ecclesiasticis et sæcularibus personis, et maxime a primo Henrico Anglorum Rege rationabiliter indultas monasterio vestro, necnon et antiquas et rationabiles consuetudines ipsius monasterii hactenus observatas, in plano, in bosco, in pratis, pascuis, et mariscis, aquis aquarumve decursibus, in piscariis, piscationibus, in nundinis, mercatis, et omnibus aliis illibatas futuris temporibus manere sancimus. Decernimus igitur ut nulli omnino hominum liceat præfatum monasterium temere perturbare, aut ejus possessiones auferre, vel ablatas retinere, minuere, seu quibuslibet vexationibus perturbare, sed omnia

integra conserventur eorum pro quorum gubernatione ac sustentatione concessa sunt usibus omnimodis profutura, salva sedis Apostolicæ auctoritate et diœcesanorum episcoporum canonica justitia. Si qua igitur in futurum ecclesiastica sæcularisve persona hanc nostræ constitutionis paginam sciens contra eam temere venire temptaverit, secundo tertiove commonita, nisi reatum suum congrua satisfactione correxerit, pietatis honorisque sui careat dignitate, reamque se divino judicio existere de perpetrata iniquitate cognoscat, et a sanctissimo corpore et sanguine Dei et Domini redemptoris nostri Ihesu Christi aliena fiat, atque in extremo examine districtæ ultioni subiaceat. Cunctis autem eidem loco sua jura servantibus sit pax Domini nostri Ihesu Christi quatinus et hic fructus bonæ actionis percipiant, et apud districtum judicem præmia æternæ pacis inveniant. Dat. Signiæ per manum Alberti sanctæ Romanæ ecclesiæ presbyteri cardinalis et cancellar. vº. kal. Augusti. Indictionis j. Incarnationis Dominicæ anno m.c.lxxxiiij. Pontificatus vero dompni Lucii papæ iij. anno secundo.

NUM. XXVII.

Privilegium ne Clerici sæculares intrent Capitulum cum Archiepiscopo visitante.

[Ibid. fol. 42.]

URBANUS episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilectis filiis abbati et conventui monasterii sancti Benedicti de Hulmo, ordinis sancti Benedicti, Norwic. diœc. salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Lecta coram nobis vestra petitio, continebat quod nonnunquam metropolitanus vester et loci diœcesanus, cum in monasterio vestro visitationis exercetur officium, sæculares clericos introducunt. Propter quod nobis humiliter supplicastis ut nobis super hoc paterna diligentia curaremus. Nos itaque attendentes quod indecens est ut prædictis in eodem monasterio visitationis officium exercentibus sæculares intersint, per quos possit in claustrum dissolutionis materia provenire, firmiter inhibemus ut nullos de cætero sæculares in capitulum vestrum nisi duo vel tres de canonicis ecclesiarum suarum in decenti habitu aliis quot expedire viderint religiosis adjunctis secum in præfato monasterio visitationis tempore introducant. Nulli igitur omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostræ inhibitionis infringere vel ei ausu temerario contraire. Si quis vero hoc attemptare præsumpserit, indignationem omnipotentis Dei et beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum ejus se noverit mansurum. Dat. Viterbii x. kal. Junii pontificatus nostri anno primo.

NUM. XXVIII.

Confirmatio Ecclesiæ de Horningge in proprios usus.

[Ibid. fol. 45 b.]

UNIVERSIS sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis Willielmus Dei gratia Norwyc. episcopus salutem. Quanto in ecclesiasticæ dignitatis fastigio eminentiores sumus, tanto attentius in nos omnium oculi respiciunt, et eo magis inferiorum necessitatibus subvenire piisque petitionibus pium præbere tenemus auditum. Potissimum autem ubi petentis personam honestas, et causam videtur justitia commendare. Ea propter dilecti filii nostri Danielis abbatis de Hulmo longa parte inclinati ecclesiam de Horningga quæ quia in foribus ipsius monasterii sita est, ipsi abbati et fratribus ibidem Deo servantibus et ad pauperum sustentationem et officinarum suarum constitutionem in perpetuam elemosinam concedimus, et hujus cartæ nostræ munimine cum sigilli nostri impressione confirmamus, sub interminatione anathematis prohibentes ne quis huic pio nostræ concessionis beneficio impie obviare, vel illud in irritum aliquando præsumat revocare. Sed quod causa Dei et pietatis intuitu actum est perpetua gaudeat firmitate, salva tamen per omnia Norwyc. episcopi et officialium suorum reverentia et canonica obedientia. Hiis testibus, Johanne et Gilberto monachis, magistro Nicholao, &c.

NUM. XXIX.

Confirmatio Ecclesiæ de Ludham in proprios usus.

[Ibid. fol. 46.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus ad quos præsens scriptum

pervenerit Johannes Dei gratia Norwic. episcopus salutem æternam in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra nos divinæ pietatis intuitu et religionis favore dedisse et concessisse et præsentī cartā confirmasse dilectis in Christo filiis monachis sancti Benedicti de Hulmo ecclesiam de Ludham, cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus, in proprios usus suos in perpetuum possidendam. Salva vicaria perpetua centum solidorum per nos et successores nostros in certa portione assignanda vicario in eadem ecclesia perpetuo ministranti. Et salvo nobis et successoribus nostris in perpetuum jure pontificali et parochiali. Hiis testibus, Galfrido de Burgo Norwic. archidiacono, magistro Willielmo de Lenn, &c.

NUM. XXX.

Confirmatio Ecclesiæ de Scothowe in proprios usus.

[Ibid. fol. 48.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit. Thomas Dei gratia Norwic. episcopus salutem in Domino. Ad universorum notitiam volumus pervenire nos Dei causa et religionis favore concessisse et præsentī cartā nostrā confirmasse dilectis nobis in Christo abbati et conventui sancti Benedicti de Hulmo ecclesiam de Scothowe cum pertinentiis, habendam et tenendam, in proprios usus perpetuo possidendam post decessum vel recessum magistri Michaelis de Ringgesfeld et R. de Wiverdeston ejusdem rectorum: salva honesta et competenti vicaria in dicta ecclesia per nos vel successores nostros pro tempore taxanda: ad quam vicariam, quotiens vacare contigerit, dicti abbas et conventus personam idoneam quamcumque nos et successores nostri volumus nobis præsentabunt et præsentatum admitemus. Et si forte omiserint vel neglexerint præsentare, nos et successores nostri nichilominus personam idoneam quamcumque volumus vicarium in eadem instituemus. Salvis etiam nobis in omnibus reverentia et obedientia et successoribus nostris et sacrosanctæ Norwic. ecclesiæ consuetudinibus debitis vel consuetis. In cujus rei testimonium præsentēs litteras fieri fecimus et sigillo nostro muniti. Dat. apud Norwic. quarto kal. Aprilis pontificatus nostri anno sexto. Hiis testibus domino W. prior Norwic. magistro R. de Ban. archidiacono Norf. magistris Andrea de Croydene et R. de London, &c.

NUM. XXXI.

Compositio inter Priorem Norwic. et Abbatem de wrecco Maris, Anno 18 Hen. III.

[Ibid. fol. 51.]

OMNIBUS litteras præsentēs inspecturis, Willielmus prior Norwic. et ejusdem loci conventus salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra quod cum mota esset controversia inter nos ex una parte, et Sampsonem abbatem et conventum sancti Benedicti de Hulmo ex altera, coram domino Roberto de Lexington et suis sociis justiciariis itinerantibus domini regis in Northf. anno regni regis Henrici filii regis Johannis xvijº. super wrecco maris pro tempore proveniente inter crucem de Pallingge et crucem de Gernemuta, quod quidem wreccum ad ecclesiam suam de Hulmo dicti abbas et conventus dicebant integre pertinere. Ita convenit inter nos sub forma perpetuæ pacis quod quotiescumque wreccum in dictas cruces contigerit evenire, ubicumque terræ nostræ vel feodum nostrum abuttant super mare dicti abbas et conventus duas partes illius wrecci in perpetuum percipient, et nos tertiam partem dicti wrecci similiter percipiemus in perpetuum. Ita videlicet quod si ballivus noster primo dictum wreccum inveniat, illud salvo et integre in eodem loco faciet custodiri, usque ad adventum ballivi dictorum abbatis et conventus de Hulmo, et idem faciet ballivus dictorum abbatis et conventus si primo wreccum inveniat; et in præsentia utriusque ballivi secundum prædictam formam dictum wreccum dividetur. In hujus rei testimonium præsentī scripto sigillum capituli nostri apposuimus.

NUM. XXXII.

Transcriptum Adæ fil. Hermannī de Senescalcia et aliis.

[Ibid. fol. 55 b.]

OMNIBUS innotescat fidelibus tam præsentibus quam

futuris quod Willielmus abbas ecclesiæ beati Benedicti Hulmensis concessit Adam filio Hermanni in præsentia totius capituli monachorum ipsorum omnium voluntate atque consensu sibi suoque hæredi in feudo et hæreditate ut post abbatem totius abbatiæ sit procurator et dapifer sicut pater ejus in tempore aliquo melius extitit, terras etiam omnes quas tenuit pro eodem servitio atque tenore, in Caletorp scilicet quicquid ecclesiæ sancti Benedicti pertinet, terram quæ fuit Willielmi in eadem villa, et terram Radulphi presbyteri in Erpingham, et quantum inibi pater ejus habuit; in Westwyc et in Totingtone quicquid in eis sanctus Benedictus possidet; necnon in Hobosse ac Birkele sive in Belhaye quodcumque pater ejus habuit ac tenuit; insuper pratum quoddam juxta abbatiæ portam quæ porta Toui cognominatur; et hæc omnia tenet pro feudo unius militis. Præter hæc habet in Minori Hobosse de ecclesia terram et partem cujusdam molendini, reddens inde annis singulis decem solidos et octo denarios, hundredum de Tunstede in feudo sibi suoque hæredi pro viginti solidis, Thugertone et Tweyt pro xvj. libris abbati, Antingham pro quadraginta solidis qui vesturæ monachorum pertinent, Shipedene pro vj. solidis celerario, in Banningham quantum in ea monachi possident pro viij. crateris mellis, et hospitium quod fecit pater ejus apud sanctum Benedictum, et cunredia quæ ipse solebat accipere tempore Richeri abbatis et præbendam ad equos suos apud Scothowe et Thurgertone sicuti pater ejus melius habuit. Horum omnium concessio sive largitio ei facta est regnante rege Henrico anno xx°. nono regni ejus, ipso eodem rege id sibi per breve suum donante atque concedente. Hujus rei testes fuerunt Aky tunc temporis prior, et Gynmarus sub-prior et cantor, cum cæteris omnibus fratribus. Ex laicis Radulfus Burdum, Osmund Basset, Robertus filius Petri, Rodbertus de Ristone, Walterus de Burch, Haldenus, Siricus, Petrus cubicularius abbatis.

NUM. XXXIII.

Carta Walteri Hauteyn de uno prato super ripam Fluminis de Heylesdone.

[Ibid. fol. 56 b.]

NORUM sit præsentibus et futuris fidelibus quod Walterus Halteyn dedit sancto Benedicto et monachis in ecclesia Holmensi eidem patri famulantibus in elemosina pro se et suis, vivis et defunctis, unam acram de prato super ripam fluminis infra divisionem de Heylesdone sole et quiete a se et suis hæredibus in perpetuum, ad faciendum et emendandum stangnum molendini monachorum de Hecham, istamque donationem ipse Walterus cum quodam cultello super altare sancti Benedicti optulit. Abbas autem prædicti loci, dominus scilicet Anselmus, et monachi, dederunt Waltero sex marcas argenti per manum Simonis cognati sui. Quoddam etiam pratum pro quo Walterus reddebat ipsis xvj. denarios per annum dederunt illi suisque hæredibus sole et quiete in perpetuum. Convenit etiam inter eos quod ipse Walterus haberet annuatim unam pelliciam et unas^a crepitās a camerario quales unus monachorum habere consuevit. Præterea susceptus est Walterus cum suis plenarie in fraternitatem loci; ita ut si ibidem monachus fieri voluerit suscipietur: ubicumque autem defunctus fuerit tantumdem illi quantum uni ex ipsis a cunctis persolvetur in missis, et psalmis, et orationibus. Hii sunt testes pacti et donationis quam fecit Walterus super altare sancti Benedicti, Radulfus Kaniard, Robertus filius Thebaldi, Willielmus de Burg, Simon de Ludham, Willielmus Brito, Rogerus pincerna. Ubi terra divisa est fuit dominus abbas Anselmus, Willielmus prior, Gerardus monachus Norwicensis, Alficus Musard qui mensuravit terram, Willielmus presbiter, Godwinus filius Wlwan, Godwinus filius Ketel, et multi alii de Heylesdon, et de abbacia, Odo albalistarius, Willielmus de Caletorp, Osbernus de Redham, &c.

NUM. XXXIV.

Cyrographum de Piscaria aquæ de Wroxham.

[Ibid. fol. 114.]

Hæc est finalis concordia facta in curia domini regis

apud Westmonasterium a die Paschæ in tres septimanas anno regni regis Henrici filii regis Johannis vicesimo secundo, coram Roberto de Laxinton, Willielmo de Ebor. Adam fil. Willielmi, et Willielmo de Culewith, justiciariis, et aliis domini regis fidelibus tunc ibi præsentibus, inter Agnetem priorissam de Carrhoe quærentem et Robertum abbatem sancti Benedicti de Hulmo deforciantem, per Johannem de Horford clericum positum loco suo ad lucrandum vel perdendum de Piscaria aquæ de Wroxham, Belag', et Houeton. Unde eadem priorissa quæsitæ fuit quod prædictus abbas non permisit ipsam priorissam piscari in eadem aqua sicut debuit et consuevit ut dixit. Et unde placitum fuit inter eos in eadem curia, scilicet quod prædicta priorissa recognovit et concessit pro se et aliis priorissis quæ ei succedent et ecclesia sua de Karho quantum ad ipsas pertinet, quod prædictus abbas et successores sui de cætero habeant totam aquam a ponte de Wroxham usque ad Bromhill, cum piscatione ejusdem aquæ sine omnimoda piscatione quam eadem priorissa vel aliæ priorissæ quæ ei succedent in dicta aqua habere possunt vel debeant, excepta piscaria de Fleggeredam et excepta medietate aquæ de subtus pontem versus Wroxham quæ eidem priorissæ vel aliis priorissis quæ ei succedent, vel ecclesiæ suæ de Karho remanent quiete sine piscatione aliqua puam idem abbas vel successores sui ibidem habere possint vel debeant. Et altera medietas quæ subtus pontem versus Houeton remanet dicto abbati et successoribus suis et ecclesiæ suæ de Hulmo quiete in perpetuum, sine piscatione aliqua quum eadem priorissa vel aliæ priorissæ quæ ei succedent ibidem habere possint vel debeant. Ita quod retia dictæ priorissæ vel alicujus priorissæ quæ ei succedent non extendentur in aquam dicti abbatis vel successorum suorum, nec retia dicti abbatis vel successorum suorum extendentur in aquam dictæ priorissæ vel alicujus priorissæ quæ ei succedet. Et pro hac recognitione, concessione, fine, et concordia idem abbas remisit et quiete clamavit de se et successoribus suis et ecclesia sua de Hulmo eidem priorissæ et aliis priorissis quæ eidem succedent, et ecclesiæ sui prædictæ, totum jus et clamium quod habuit in tota piscaria prædictæ aquæ a ponte de Wroxham usque ad caput parci de Wroxham in perpetuum, sine omnimoda piscatione, quam idem abbas vel successores sui ibidem habere possint vel debeant. Salvo eidem abbati, et successoribus suis et ecclesiæ suæ prædictæ, et similiter prædictæ priorissæ et aliis priorissis quæ ei succedent et ecclesiæ suæ prædictæ, libero transitu per pontem de Wroxham et per totam aquam prædictam. Et præterea idem abbas recognovit et concessit pro se et successoribus suis et ecclesia sua prædicta quod ipsi reddent eidem priorissæ et aliis priorissis quæ ei succedent et ecclesiæ suæ de Karho duo milliaria allecis competentis singulis annis apud sanctum Benedictum in principio quadragesimæ, sicut antiquitus reddere debuerunt et consueverunt, sine contradictione aliqua et cavillatione.

NUM. XXXV.

Cyrographum de Communa Piscariæ de Hecham et de Heylesdone.

[Ibid.]

Hæc est finalis concordia in curia domini regis apud Westmonasterium in crastino sancti Martini anno regni regis Henrici filii regis Johannis vicesimo septimo coram Jollano de Nevill, Roberto de Lexinton, Rogero de Turkelby, et Gilberto de Preston, justiciariis, et aliis domini regis fidelibus tunc ibidem præsentibus, inter Robertum abbatem sancti Benedicti de Hulmo quærentem et Robertum Hauteyn defendentem per Galfridum Austin positum loco suo ad lucrandum vel perdendum de communa piscariæ in aqua de Heylesdon et Hecham quæ idem abbas clamabat habere in eadem aqua a capite stangni molendinorum de Hecham usque ad Kelbesacre. Et unde recognitio magnæ assisæ summonita fuit inter eos in eadem curia; scilicet quod prædictus Robertus Hauteyn concessit pro se et hæredibus suis quod idem abbas et successores sui de cætero libere et sine impedimento ipsius Roberti vel hæredum suorum possint piscari per totam prædictam aquam a capite prædicti stangni usque ad Kelbesacre ex utraque

^a f. duas.

parte ripæ tam ex parte terræ ipsius Roberti quam ex parte terræ ipsius abbatis quantum terra ipsius abbatis se extendit inperpetuum. Et pro hac concessione, fine, et concordia, idem abbas concessit pro se et successoribus suis et ecclesia prædicta, quod idem Robertus et hæredes sui sine impedimento ipsius abbatis et successorum suorum possint piscari in prædicta aqua tam ex parte terræ ipsius abbatis quam ex parte terræ ipsius Roberti inperpetuum. Et præterea idem abbas dedit prædicto Roberto quatuor marcas argenti.

NUM. XXXVI.

De Palefrido vel Cuppa Regi debet. Ratione Vacationis.

[Ex bundela Brevium et Literarum in Turre London. 31 Edw. I. Prynn, Papal. Usurp. tom. iii. p. 997.]

EDWARDUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, et dux Aquitaniæ, dilectus et fideli suo Waltero de Gloucest. escaetori suo citra Trentam salutem. Ex querela dilecti nobis in Christo abbatis sancti Benedicti de Hulmo accepimus, quod cum ipse ad aliquem palefridum vel cuppam aliquam nobis ratione alicujus vacationis domus suæ prædictæ præstand. nullatenus teneatur, et nos seu aliquis progenitorum nostrorum quondam regum Angliæ occasione aliquam vacationem ejusdem abbatis hujusmodi palefridum et cuppam de prædecessoribus suis abbatibus ejusdem loci non habuerimus, seu habere consueverimus temporibus retroactis; vos nichilominus unum palefridum et unam cuppam a præfato abbate, ratione ultimæ vacationis abbatis supradictæ, ad opus nostrum exigitis, et ipsum ea occasione graviter distringi facitis minus juste, in ipsius abbatis dampnum non modicum, et domus suæ prædictæ exheredationis periculum manifestum. Et quia super præmissis plenius certiorari, et præfato abbati quod justum fuerit fieri volumus in hac parte, vobis mandamus, quod per sacramentum proborum et legalium hominum de balliva vestra, per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit, diligenter inquiratis, utrum nos vel progenitores nostri prædicti palefridum aliquem vel cuppam de abbacia prædicta, ratione alicujus vacationis ejusdem temporibus præteritis habere consueverimus, necne; et si sic, tunc quis vel qui nostrum, et quo tempore, et qualiter et quomodo. Et inquisitionem inde distincte et aperte factam, vobis sub sigillo vestro et sigillis eorum per quos facta fuerit sine dilatione mittatis, et hoc breve. Teste meipso apud Walkhamstead xxvij. die Februarii anno regni nostri xxxj.

INQUISITIO facta apud Harhill in com. Norff. coram W. de G. escaetore domini regis in com. Norff. die Jovis in septimana Paschæ anno regis Edwardi tricesimo primo, videlicet, utrum dominus rex vel progenitores sui aliquem palefridum vel cuppam de abbacia sancti Benedicti de Hulmo, ratione alicujus vacationis ejusdem abbatis, temporibus præteritis habere consueverunt, per Rogerum de Hales et Bartholomæum de Sumeverton milites, Robertum Trencheimer, Johannem Sprigg, Willielmum de Adeburch, Richardum de Gravele, Richardum de Brauntweyt, Willielmum le Garner, Galfridum le Freshtwre, Thomam filium Moricii de Upton, Robertum le Vernoun, et Hugonem le Newman de Statham. Jur. dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod nullo tempore a quo extat memoria domini rex vel progenitores sui palefridum aliquem vel cuppam aliquam de abbacia sancti Benedicti de Hulmo, ratione alicujus vacationis ejusdem abbatis, temporibus præteritis, habere consueverunt. In cujus rei testimonium dicti juratores huic inquisitioni sigilla sua apposuerunt.

NUM. XXXVII.

De separatis terris Prioris et Conventus.

[Ex eadem Bundela, anno 31 Edw. I. Prynn, ut supr. tom. iii. pp. 997, 998.]

EDWARDUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, et dux Aquitaniæ, dilectus et fideli suo Waltero de Glouc. escaetori suo citra Trentam salutem. Ex parte nobis in Christo prioris et conventus abbatis sancti Benedicti de Hulmo nobis est ostensum, quod cum ipsi quasdam

terras, et quædam tenementa ad abbatiam prædictam pertinentia, pro sustentatione sua separatim teneant, et prædecessores sui priores et conventus ejusdem loci terras illas et tenementa semper hactenus separatim tenuerint, et plenam demonstrationem inde habuerint. Ita quod abbates ejusdem loci temporibus suis, seu escaetores, vel custodes nostri, vel progenitorum nostrorum quondam regum Angliæ, aliquibus vacationibus ejusdem abbatis, de terris et tenementis prædictis seu exitibus eorundem se in aliquo intromittere non consueverunt temporibus retroactis: vos nichilominus exitus terrarum et tenementorum prædictorum jam in ultimam eos ac si ad abbatiam ejusdem loci existis in ejusdem ratione dictæ vacationis pertinerent aliter quam aliis vacationibus abbatis prædictæ temporibus retroactis fieri consuevit eisdem priori et conventui detinetis, in ipsorum prioris et conventus dampnum non modicum et gravamen. Et quia eisdem priori et conventui injuriari nolumus in hac parte, sed potius super præmissis volumus, vobis mandari ut eis quod per sacramentum fuerit fieri faciamus, certiorari ut eis, quod per sacramentum proborum et legalium hominum de balliva nostra, per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit diligenter inquiratis, utrum iidem prior et conventus aliquas terras et tenementa ita separatim teneant et hactenus tenuerint, quod abbates ejusdem loci temporibus suis de terris et tenementis illis vel exitibus eorundem se in aliquo custodes nostri, vel progenitorum nostrorum prædictorum de eisdem terris et tenementis vel eorum exitibus aliquibus vacationibus ejusdem abbatis se intromittere, vel nobis inde respondere consueverint, necne; et si sic, tunc de quibus terris et tenementis, et quo tempore, et qualiter et quomodo. Et inquisitionem inde distincte et aperte factam, nobis sub sigillo vestro et sigillis eorum per quos facta fuerit, sine dilatione mittatis, et hoc Breve. Teste meipso apud hospital. sanctæ Katherinæ juxta Turrim London, tercio die Februarii, anno regni nostri xxxj.

INQUISITIO facta apud Harhill in com. Norf. coram escaetore domini regis in com. Norf. die Jovis in septimana Paschæ, anno regni regis Edwardi tricesimo primo, videlicet, utrum prior et conventus sancti Benedicti aliquas terras et tenementa teneant dictæ abbatis pertinentia. et hactenus tenuerint; ita quod abbates ejusdem loci temporibus suis retroactis nec escaetores vel custodes domini regis vel progenitorum suorum aliquibus vacationibus ejusdem abbatis se intromittere consueverunt, necne; per Rogerum de Hales, Bartholomæum de Burle, Johannem de Jugge, Johannem Hoggede, Stephanum de Cottingham, Hugonem de Burr, Thomam de Hemelyngton, Martinum Gullion, et Robertum Crispin, jur. Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod prior et conventus abbatis sancti Benedicti omnes terras et tenementa sua pro sustentatione sua, et certis officiis ejusdem abbatis assignata, ita separatim ubique tenent, et hactenus temporibus retroactis tenuerunt, quod nec abbates ejusdem loci temporibus suis, tempore a quo non extat memoria de terris et tenementis illis seu de exitibus eorundem in aliquo se intromiserunt. nec escaetores vel custodes domini regis, vel progenitorum suorum regum Angliæ de eisdem terris et tenementis aliquibus vacationibus ejusdem abbatis, a tempore quo non extat memoria se intromittere, nec de exitibus eorundem, ad opus domini regis respondere consueverunt. In cujus rei testimonium huic inquis. sigilla sua apposuerunt.

NUM. XXXVIII.

Bulla Clementis Papæ de Unione hujus Monasterii mensæ Episcopali Norwic. pro redemptione solutionis Primorum Fructuum in Dioc. Norwic.

[Rym. Fœd. tom. xiv. p. 244, ex orig. 20 Hen. VIII.]

CLEMENS episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilecto filio Thomæ tituli sanctæ Cecilie presbytero cardinali Eboracensi nuncupato in regno Angliæ, nostro et apostolicæ sedis legato de latere, salutem et apostolicam benedictionem.

Honestis per quæ beneficia ecclesiastica ab onerum solutione exonerantur et liberantur, libenter annuimus, ac ea favoribus prosequimur opportunis. Sanè, pro parte ca-

rissimi in Christo filii nostri Henrici Octavi Angliæ regis illustris, Hiberniæ domini, ac fidei defensoris, nobis nuper exhibita Petitio continebat quodd, si venerabilis frater noster Ricardus episcopus Norwicensis aut episcopus Norwicensis pro tempore existens, qui fructus primi anni omnium beneficiorum ecclesiasticorum in ecclesia ac civitate ac diocese Norwicensi pro tempore vacantium, quaruncunque qualitatum ad quoruncunque præsentationem, collationem, seu institutionem pertineant, ex indulto apostolico, seu ex antiqua et approbata hactenusque pacificè observata consuetudine percipit et percipere consuevit, præsertim fructuum primi anni beneficiorum vacantium hujusmodi perpetuò renunciet, et illius cassationi et extinctioni consentiret, sibi pro recompensâ perceptionis fructuum primi anni beneficiorum vacantium hujusmodi, ac mensæ suæ episcopalis Norwicensis, monasterium Sancti Benedicti de Ulmo ordinis ejusdem Sancti Benedicti dictæ diocesis, ac de Aylisham, Sotherey, Longton et Tylne maneria sive grangia cujuscunque valoris existant, aut alia quæcunque maneria, quorum fructus redditus et proventus ad summam quingentorum ducatorum auri de camera et quamlibet summam minorem ad monasterium Sancti Edmundi de Bury ordinis et diocesis prædictorum pertinentia, de ipsorum monasteriorum abbatum consensu, mensæ episcopali Norwicensi perpetuò unirentur et applicarentur, concederentur et assignarentur; ipsi verò abbati monasterii de Bury seu mensæ sive abbatali Sancti Salvatoris de Bury ejusdem Sancti Edmundi extra borealem portam villæ oppidi, sive burgi de Bury ejusdem Sancti Edmundi, necnon Sancti Petri etiam extra portam Ryssby gate nuncupatam dicti oppidi sita hospitalia pro maneriorum et grangiarum recompensa mensæ episcopali hujusmodi concessorum, per ipsum abbatem monasterii Sancti Edmundi perpetuò tenenda et possidenda, concederentur et assignarentur, et dictæ mensæ abbatali perpetuò applicarentur, beneficiorum eorundem ac illorum quibus beneficia ipsa pro tempore vacantia conferuntur, quæ ex illorum quodocunque eodem anno, pluribus vacationibus occurrentibus plurimum gravabantur, ac episcopalis et abbatalis mensarum hujusmodi indempnitati plurimum consuleretur, quare pro parte ipsius Henrici regis nobis fuit humiliter supplicatum ut in præmissis opportunè providere de benignitate apostolicâ dignaremur. Nos, qui omnium, præsertim ejusdem Henrici de nobis et hac sancta sede benemeriti, regum honestis desideriis quantum cum Deo possumus, libenter annuimus hujusmodi supplicationibus inclinati circumspectioni tuæ in hiis et aliis specialibus in Domino fiduciam obtinemus, committimus, et mandamus, ut, si præfatus Ricardus vel alius episcopus tunc existens perceptioni fructuum primi anni beneficiorum ecclesiasticorum in ecclesia, civitate, et diocese Norwicensi hujusmodi pro tempore vacantium, cujuscunque qualitatis fuerint, ad quoruncunque collationem, præsentationem, institutionem, vel aliam dispositionem pertinuerint per eum in omni beneficiorum vacatione hujusmodi percipi solitorum in manibus ejusdem circumspectionis tuæ liberè cedere ac juri percipiendi fructus hujusmodi renunciare ac illius cassationi consentire voluerit, illam auctoritate nostrâ recipiat et admittat, eaque per eam recepta et admissa, dummodò ad id dilectorum filiorum capituli ejusdem ecclesiæ Norwicensis expressus accedat assensus, perpetuò casset et extinguat; ita quodd de cætero episcopus Norwicensis pro tempore existens, pro beneficiorum prædictorum occurrente vacatione fructus primi anni hujusmodi nullatenus percipere possit, sibi pro sua et dictæ mensæ episcopalis perceptionis fructuum hujusmodi primi anni beneficiorum hujusmodi recompensâ monasteriorum de Ulmo et in eo dignitate duntaxat abbatali suppressa cum illius bonis juribus et pertinentiis suis reservatâ duntaxat, congrua portione pro solito numero monachorum inibi divina officia celebrantium per episcopum præfatum dictis monachis ministrandâ, aut per eos propriâ auctoritate percipiendâ, prout tuæ circumspectioni meliùs expedire visum fuerit, ac prædicta seu alia maneria aut alia bona immobilia dicti monasterii de Bury, quorum fructus redditus et proventus ad summam quingentorum ducatorum hujusmodi ascendant et quamlibet summam minorem eidem mensæ episcopali dummodo præfatorum abbatum et dilectorum filiorum conventuum eorundem monasteriorum ad id expressus accedat assensus, mensæ vero abbatali monasterii de Bury pro illius recompensa hospitalia prædicta, cum omnibus illorum juribus et pertinentiis, si va-

cant, ad præsens, alioquin cum illa per obitum seu quamvis aliam vacationem vacare contigerit, per ipsum abbatem monasterii de Bury tenenda et possidenda, perpetuò unire annectere et incorporare, transferre et applicare, ipsisque abbati et conventui de Bury præmissa omnia faciendi et in illis consentiendi, licentiam dare eadem auctoritate procuret, nos enim, si perceptionis fructuum primi anni beneficiorum hujusmodi cassationem ac monasterii de Ulmo et maneriorum et grangiarum seu aliorum bonorum hujusmodi episcopali hospitalium verò abbatali mensis hujusmodi, pro earum recompensa, per eandem circumspectionem tuam fieri contigerit concessionem et pro recompensa hujusmodi unionem annexationem, translationem, applicationem, et assignationem prædictas auctoritate apostolicâ, tenore præsentium, approbamus et confirmamus, ac præsentis scripti patrocinio communimus, illaque perpetuæ firmitatis robur obtinere et inviolabiliter observari debere decernimus atque mandamus, non obstantibus nostra quâ volumus quodd in unionibus verus annuus valor tam beneficii uniendi quam illius, cui unio fieri peteretur, et aliis apostolicis, ac, bonæ memoriæ, Ottonis et Ottoboni olim in dicto regno Angliæ apostolicæ sedis legatorum, ac in provincialibus et sinodalibus conciliis editis generalibus vel specialibus constitutionibus, et ordinationibus, ac statutis et consuetudinibus ecclesiæ Norwicensis et monasteriorum prædictorum juramento confirmatione apostolicâ vel quavis firmitate aliâ roboratis privilegiis quoque et indultis apostolicis ecclesiæ et monasteriis prædictis forsitan concessis, quibus, etiam si ad illorum derogationem de illis eorumque totis tenoribus speciales specifica expressa et individua ac de verbo ad verbum, non autem per generales clausulas, idem importantes, mentio seu quævis alia expressio habenda, aut aliqua alia exquisita forma servanda foret illorum tenores præsentibus pro expressis et insertis habentes, illis aliâ in suo robore permansuris hac vice duntaxat, specialiter et expressè derogamus cæterisque contrariis quibuscunque.

Dat. in Urbe veteri anno incarnationis Dominicæ millesimo quingentesimo vigesimo octavo, pridie kal. Junii, pontificatus nostri anno quinto.

HEN. DE BUSSEYO.

NUM. XXXIX.

An Act concernyng the Assuraunce of all the Temporaltyes belonging unto the Bisshoppriche of Norwiche unto the Kings Highnes and his heires.

[Act 27 Hen. VIII. c. 45.]

FOR asmoche as the see of the bysshoppriche of Norwiche is now voyde, and all the possessions profyghtes and commodites therof, aswell spirituall as temporall, in the Kynges handes, His Majestie myndyng to advaunce to the same see one suche person which both for his knowlege in Scripture and honeste conversacion in his lyvyng, shall, by setting furth of the true pleyne and syncere doctryne of Christ and good examples of lyff concordant to the same, moche edyfy his lovyng subjectes of the dyoces of the same see to the only glorie and honour of Almyghty God, and to the weale of the soules commytted to his charge; and herupon maturely by greate advyse and deliberacion ponderyng the premisses, havynge pleyne and perfytt knowlege and experience of William nowe abbot of Saynt Benettes in the countie of Norfolke to be a man bothe of excellent lernyng and knowlege in Holy Scripture, and also of good approved conversacion in his lyvyng, is fully resolved and pleased to dispose and gyve of his most excellent goodnes the dignity of the said bisshoppriche to the said abbot: wherupon for dyverce right good and vertuous consideracions moved and debated for the ernest setting furth of the good effectes and procedynges that may growe and encrease by the good execucion of the kynges godly purpose in the premisses, The Kynges Majestie by the consent of the said abbot, being nominatyed bisshopp of the said see, is pleased and contented that it be enacted by auctorite of this present parliament in maner and fourme followyng; that is to sey, that the Kynges Highnes his heires and successours Kynges of this realme of England, shall fromhensforth have, holde, and enjoye to them for ever the lordshippes and manours of Lynne Episcopi, other-

wise called Bisshopes Lynne, Gaywode, Thorneham, Langham, Thorneage, Northelmeham, Bryston, Betely, Hevyngham, Marsham, Thorpe, Blofield, Beghton, Rollesby, and Eccles, with all and singuler their membres and appurtenaunces in the countie of Norfolke, and the manours of Hoxne otherwise called Hoxon, Southelmeham, Bakton, Batesford and Wykes, with all and singuler their membres and appurtenaunces in the countie of Suffolke, and also the lordshippes and manours of Terlyng and Lyghes, and the personage of the church of Terlyng, with their membres and appurtenaunces in the countie of Essex; all which manours and other the premisses apperteyne and belong to the see of the said bisshoppriche: and that also the Kynges Highnes shall have and enjoye to hym, his heires and successours, all those meases, landes, tenementes, rentes, reversiones, medowes, leasues, pastures, woodes, waters, commons, fysshinges, poolys, liberties, franchises, wayffes, straves, viewe of frank pleges, courtes, profightes of courtes, haryettes, relefes, eschetes, patronages, advousons of churches, chapelles, chauntries, hospitalles, knyghtes fees, and all and singuler other temporall possessions and hereditamentes, with their appurtenaunces in Lynne Episcopi, Gaywood, Thorneham, Langham, Thorneage, Northelmeham, Briston, Beteley, Hevyngham, Thorp, Blofeld, Beghton, Rollesby, Eccles, Hoxne, Southelmeham, Bacton, Batsford, Wykes, Lyghes, and Terlyng, or in eny of them, or els where in any of the said counties of Norfolke, Suffolke, and Essex, or in the countie of the cytye of Norwich, which belonge or in any wyse apperteyne to the said bisshopprich, and which the last bisshopp of the said see hadd in the right of the said bisshoppriche at the day of his decease; to have and to holde the said manours, and all other the premisses, with all and singuler their membres and appurtenaunces, to the Kynges Highnes, his heires and successours, for ever, in as large and ample maner as the said last bisshop of Norwich had the same at the day of his decease.

And it is enacted by auctorite aforesaid that the Kynges Highnes fromhensforth shall have the actual and real possession of and in the premisses and of every parte therof to hym and to his heires and successours as is aforesaid: and that all and singuler lettres patentes which his Magestie, his heires or successours, shall gyve or graunte to eny person or persons, or body polytyk, of or in the premysses, or of or in eny parte therof, in fee symple, fee tayle, for terme of lyff or lyves, for yeres or at pleasour, shalbe good and effectual in the law accordyng to the tenours and purportes of suche lettres patentes, without any office or inquisicion to be hadd, made, founde, or retorned of the premisses or of eny parte of the same.

Savyng to all and singuler persons and bodies polytyk and corporat, their heires and successours, and to every of them, other then suche persone and persons as hereafter shalbe bisshop of Norwich and their successours and every of theym, all such right, title, use, interest, accion, possession, revercion, remaynder, lease, leases, grauntes, fees, offices, annuyties, sutes, petitions, condicions, and entres, in suche lyke and as ample maner, fourme, and condicion, as they or eny of them hath, have, shulde, myght, or ought to have had, if this acte had never been hadde ne made; any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

IN CONSIDERACION wherof, and for the mayntenaunce and sustentacion of the estate of the said see and dignytie, it is enacted by auctorite aforesaid that suche persone whiche shalbe enacted^a and consecrate bisshop of the said see shall have and enjoye to hym and to his successours bysshoppes of Norwich, united and knytte to the said bisshoppriche, the palyce called the Bisshoppes Palyce, with all and singuler the appurtenaunces sett and beyng in or by the priorye of Christchurche in Norwiche, and all dygnyties, prerogatyves, profetts, and prehemyences in the same priorye of Christchurche, in as large and ample maner, fourme, facion, and condicion as bisshoppes of Norwiche hath been accustomed to have in the said priorye of Christchurche in the right or by reason of the said bisshoppriche of Norwiche: and that the said priorye, and the priour and convent of the same, shall stylbe and contynue the cathedrall church and

chapter of and to the said bisshoppriche, in such fourme, facion, and condicion as it is and hath been in tymes paste; and that also suche persone which shall have the said bisshoppriche shall have and enjoye to hym and his successours, bisshoppes of Norwiche, unyted and knytt to the said bisshoppriche, the monastery of Saynt Benetts in the countie of Norfolke, and all and singuler manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, reversiones, services, advousons, and all other hereditamentes, liberties, franchises, commodites, and profetts, with all and singuler their appurtenaunces, belongyng or in any wise apperteynyng to the said monasterye of Seynt Benettes, in as large and ample maner as the said abbot nowe hath the same in the right of the said monastery; and shall also have, holde, and enjoye to hym and his successours bisshoppes of Norwich, united and knytt to the said bisshoppriche for ever, the scyte, circuyte, and procyncte of the late priorye of Hykelyng in the said countie of Norfolk, and all houses, edifienges, and buyldynges therupon edyfyed and buylded, and also all manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, tythes, profettes, and emolumentes of what nature, name, or qualite so ever they be, to the said late priorye of Hykelyng, the fourth daye of February in the xxvij. yere of the reygne of our said soveraigne lorde belongyng or in eny wyse apperteynyng, in as large and ample maner as the Kynges Highnes is or shalbe intyted to the same by auctorite of this present parliament: to have and to holde the same scyte, circuyte, procyncte, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes of the said late priorye of Hykelyng, with all and singuler the appurtenaunces to the said person that shalbe bisshopp of Norwiche, and his successours bisshoppes of Norwiche, of the Kynges Highnes, his heires and successours, by the yerely rent of xxxij^{li}. vj^s. viij^d. payable to the treasurer of the augmentation of the revenue of the Kynges Crowne at the feast of Seynt Michael tharchangell and Easter by even porcions.

And be it further enacted by auctorite aforesaid that the said person whiche shall have the said bisshoppriche of Norwiche shall have to hym and his successours, bisshoppes of Norwiche, for ever, the patronages, gyftes, and nominations of the foure archedyaconryes within the precyncte of the said dioces of Norwiche; that is to sey, the archidiaconryes of Norfolke, Norwiche, Suffolke, and Sudbury, with all and singuler rectories, personnages, pencions, porcions, synodes, proxyes, probacions of testaments, visitacions, and all and singuler other profettes and emolumentes called spiritualtees, whiche belonge, apperteyne, or be appropriat to the said bisshoppriche, in as large and ample maner as eny bisshoppes of the same see have had the same; excepte the personage of Terlyng lymytted to the Kynges Highnes as is aforesaid, and also excepte all patronages of parsonages, chauntreys, churches, and chapells, belongyng to the said bisshoppriche, which by auctorite of this acte be and shalbe reserved to the Kynges Highnes, to his heires and successours for ever.

And be it enacted by auctorite aforesaid that the said persone whiche shalbe named bisshopp of Norwiche as is aforesaid shall holde and enjoye to hym and his successours bisshoppes of Norwiche, united and knytte to the said bisshoppriche, frome and ymmediately after the death of William Knyght clerke, archidiacon of Richemond, all that mansyon and dwellyng house that the said William Knyght nowe hath, sett and beyng in Chanon rowe at Westminster in the countie of Middlesex, as parcell of his prebende in the chapell of Seynt Stephyn in Westminster aforesaid.

Savyng to all and singuler persons and bodies polytyke and corporate, their heires and successours, and to every of them, other then the Kyng our soveraigne lorde his heires and successours, and the said abbot of the said monastery of Seynt Benett and his successours, and all others that shalbe prebendaries of the said prebende in the chapell of Seynt Stephen after the deth of the said William Knyght, and their successours, all suche right, title, use, interest, accion, possession, revercion, remaynder, lease, leases, grauntes, offices, fees, annuyties, sutes, petitions, condicions, profytes, commodites, and entrees, in suche lyke and in as ample maner, fourme, and condicion, as they or eny of them hath, have, shuld, myght, or ought to

^a electyd in the originals.

have hadd, yf this acte had never be hadd ne made, any thinge in this acte to the contrary herof notwithstanding.

And be it enacted by auctorite aforsaid that the said persone which shalbe named bisshoppe of Norwiche and his successours bishoppes of the said bisshoppriche fromhensforth shalbe abbottes of the said monasterye of Seynt Benett, and have the dignitie of the said abbacy unyted, incorporated, and knytte to the see of the said bisshoppriche of Norwiche, and shall ordeyne and make from tyme to tyme one monke of the said monasterye to be priour within the same monasterye, which priour shalbe always datyve and removable at the wyll and pleasure of the said bisshoppe for the tyme beyng; and that the same bishoppe for the tyme beyng shall have, finde, and kepe contynually within the said monastery of Seynt Benett at the lest xij. monkes over and besydes the said priour datyve and removeable as is aforsaid, for the mayntenaunce and kepyng of dyvyne servyce there.

And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforsaid that suche persone as shalbe bishoppe of Norwiche for the tyme beyng, and hys successours bisshoppes of Norwiche, by the auctoritie aforsaid, shalbe a person able in all degrees and qualities to sue, plede, and to be sued and pleayd by the name of the bisshoppe of Norwiche, for and concernyng any manours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes belongyng to the said monastery of Seynt Benett, or for or concernyng eny thyng or thynges annexed, unyted, or knytt unto the said see of Norwiche, and shall have all maner advantages of covenantes, entrees, and condicions by the name of bisshoppe of Norwiche, in as ample maner as the abbott of the same monasterye of Seynt Benettes, or the abbott or priour of the said priorye of Hykelyng, or eny of them, shulde or myght have had yf the same monasterye of Seynt Benettes and the said priorye of Hykelyng hadd contynued in the same corporacion that they or eny of them were afore the makyng of this acte.

And be it enacted by the auctorite aforsaid that the said bisshoppe of Norwiche and his successours shalbe fromhensforth by the said auctorite aswell clerly discharged and released for ever of and for such yerely rent or pencion whiche the Kynges Highnes was and is intytled to have for the tenth of the temporalties and personage of Terlyng, late belongyng to the said bisshoppriche, and nowe by this acte appoynted to the Kynges Highnes and his heires and successours as is above rehersed; and shall also be clerly acquyted and discharged of and for the colleccion of the said yerely tenth that is or shalbe due and levyable to the Kynges use within his said dioces of Norwyche of any person or persons or body polytyke or corporat chargeable to the yerely payment of the said tenth; the acte made for the same colleccion of the tenth to the contrary herof notwithstanding.

And it is further enacted by auctorite aforsaid that the said bisshoppe of Norwiche for the tyme beyng and his successours bisshoppes of Norwiche, after the deth of the said William Knyght and eny other prebendary of the said prebende, shall nominate and assigne thre sufficient and lafull persons to the said prebende being void, of whiche thre persons the Kynges Highnes for the tyme beyng shall appoynte one of the said thre persons to be prebendary of the said prebende, whiche persone so appoynted by the Kynges Highnes shall have and enjoye the said dyvydent of prebent and all other profettes and commodites to the said prebende belongyng, the same mansyon and house before lymytted to the said bisshoppe only excepted, in as large and ample maner as any other prebendarye of the said prebende hath heretofore used and enjoyed.

Provyded alwey that this acte nor any thyng or thynges therin conteyned shall extende or be prejudiciall to Charles duke of Suffolke, nor to the right honourable Robert earle of Sussex, nor to Henry lord Fitzwater sone and heire apparant of the same erle, nor to eny of them, for or concernyng suche offices, fees, or annuytes whiche they or any of them have by any patent or patentees under the seales of Richard late bisshoppe of Norwiche and of the chapyter of the same see, but that the said duke, erle, and lorde Fitzwater, and every of them, shall have and enjoye their said offices, fees, and annuyties accordyng to ther said patentees, in lyke maner and fourme and condicion as they or eny of them have or myght have the same yf this acte hadd never be hadd nor made, any thyng in thys acte to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Return, 26 Hen. VIII. First Fruits Office.)

MONASTERIUM SANCTI BENEDICTI DE HULMO.

WILLIELMO REPPS ABBATE IBIDEM.

		Spiritualia.		
Com' Norf'			£.	s. d.
Ludham	Rectoria	10	10	8
Netisherde	Rectoria	10	0	0
Bastwyk	Rectoria	1	13	4
Northe Walsham	Rectoria	22	15	8
Hornyng	Rectoria	7	14	5
Higham Potter	Rectoria	7	13	0
Berton	Rectoria	8	0	0
Skothowe	Rectoria	8	0	0
Felmingham	Rectoria	8	0	0
Hoveton Lathes	Rectoria	13	12	0½
Asmenhanger	Rectoria	4	13	4
Thurgarton	Porcō	1	3	4
South Walsham	Porcō	0	10	0
Antyngham	Porcō	0	15	0
Aisby	Porcō	0	13	4
Assheby	Porcō	0	12	0

Com' Norf'

		£.	s.	d.
Thyrne	Porcō	0	8	0
Grishaugh	Porcō	0	6	8
Beeston	Porcō	0	6	8
Higham juxta Norwicum	Porcō	1	7	8
Fordeham	Pensio	1	0	0
Bromeholme	Pensio	4	10	0
Redeham	Pensio	0	1	8
Waxham	Pensio	0	2	0
Stalham	Pensio	1	7	2
Horsey	Pensio	0	4	0
Ingham	Pensio	0	6	8
Thyrne	Pensio	1	0	0
Irstede	Pensio	0	13	4
Belowe	Pensio	0	2	0
Swanton	Pensio	1	0	0
Thweite	Pensio	1	0	0
Summa Spiritualium		120	3	5½

Temporalia.

Com' Norf'

Ludham	Manerium	54	0	6
Netisherde	Manerium	34	6	9 q. di.
Bastwyk	Manerium	16	12	3½
North Walsham	Manerium	50	13	0½
Hornynge	Manerium	64	10	9½
Higham Potter	Manerium	17	19	8
Berton	Manerium	2	14	2½
Skothowe	Manerium	19	19	3¾
Felmingham	Redditus	1	5	0
Hoveton Sci Johis	Manerium	39	18	10¾
Hoveton Lathes	Manerium	11	12	1¾
Swanton	Manerium	22	16	11½
Flegge	Manerium	38	1	9
Walton	Manerium	6	8	7¾
Tybenham	Manerium	11	2	10½
Shottisham	Manerium	10	0	0
Thurgarton	Manerium	34	16	7½
Tunsted	Hundredum	2	0	0
Burwood	Manerium	1	14	0
Higham juxta Norwicum	Manerium	27	15	7½
Redeham	Manerium	9	0	2½
South Walsham	Manerium	13	11	2½
Antyngham	Manerium	9	7	9
Gylham Hall	Manerium	8	10	0
Beloughby	Reddit'	1	1	5
Boys in Rollesby	Manerium	2	2	0
Wynterton	Reddit'	1	5	0
Owby	Reddit'	1	19	2
Melton Parva	Reddit'	0	10	0
Multon	Reddit'	1	6	8
Shipden alias Cromer	Manerium	1	5	0
Norwic'	Reddit' et Firm'	1	14	0
Coltesale	Terr'	1	0	0
Woursted	Manerium	2	4	4½
Beeston	Manerium	3	2	9
Rakkey	Reddit'	0	1	0
Filby	Reddit'	0	10	8
Ranworthe	Reddit' et Firm'	0	8	4
Norton	Reddit'	0	4	8
Bannyngham	Reddit'	1	3	4
Panxforthe	Reddit' et Firm'	0	1	11½
Jernemuthe	Reddit'	0	1	4
Staleham	Reddit'	0	0	5
Catfelde	Reddit' et Firm'	3	10	6

Com' Suff'

Paston	Manerium	5	1	0
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Com' Suff'			£.	s.	d.
Waxham	Reddit'		0	2	0
Irstedde	Terr'		0	1	6
Herdele	Manerium		10	3	0
Taywte	Manerium		7	7	1½
Stoke Sancte Crucis	Reddit' et Firm'		1	13	9
Stokysby	Manerium		0	6	0
Ilketishale in Stonestrete	Reddit'		0	7	0
Summa Temporalium			557	7	2½ q. di.
Summa tam Spiritualium quam Temporalium			677	10	8 q. di.

Abbey of St. Edmund's Bury,

FORMERLY

Bedericsworthe,^a or Edmundestow,

IN

SUFFOLK.



IGEBERT, king of the East Angles, says Bishop Tanner,^b about the year 633, quitted his crown, and took upon him a religious life in a monastery, which he had founded here:^c but after the death of that prince we have no certain account of the state of this place, though probably (as far as the interruptions of the Danish wars would permit) some sort of religious per-

sons continued to live together, and to officiate in the church: for hither, as to a place of some note, the body of St. Edmund the king was translated from the obscure wooden chapel at Hoxne, A. D. 903.^d Immediately whereupon, the town changed its name, and several secular priests, settling here, built a new church to the honour of that royal martyr. Leofric, Alfric, Bomfield, and Edmund are said to have been the names of four of the priests; and Leofric and Kenelm the names of two of the deacons who administered to them. The members of this community were, at first, not above seven or eight in number, but increased in a few years to be nineteen, viz. fourteen priests and five deacons, all having their several prebends; and became a perfect college about A. D. 925, when King Ethel-

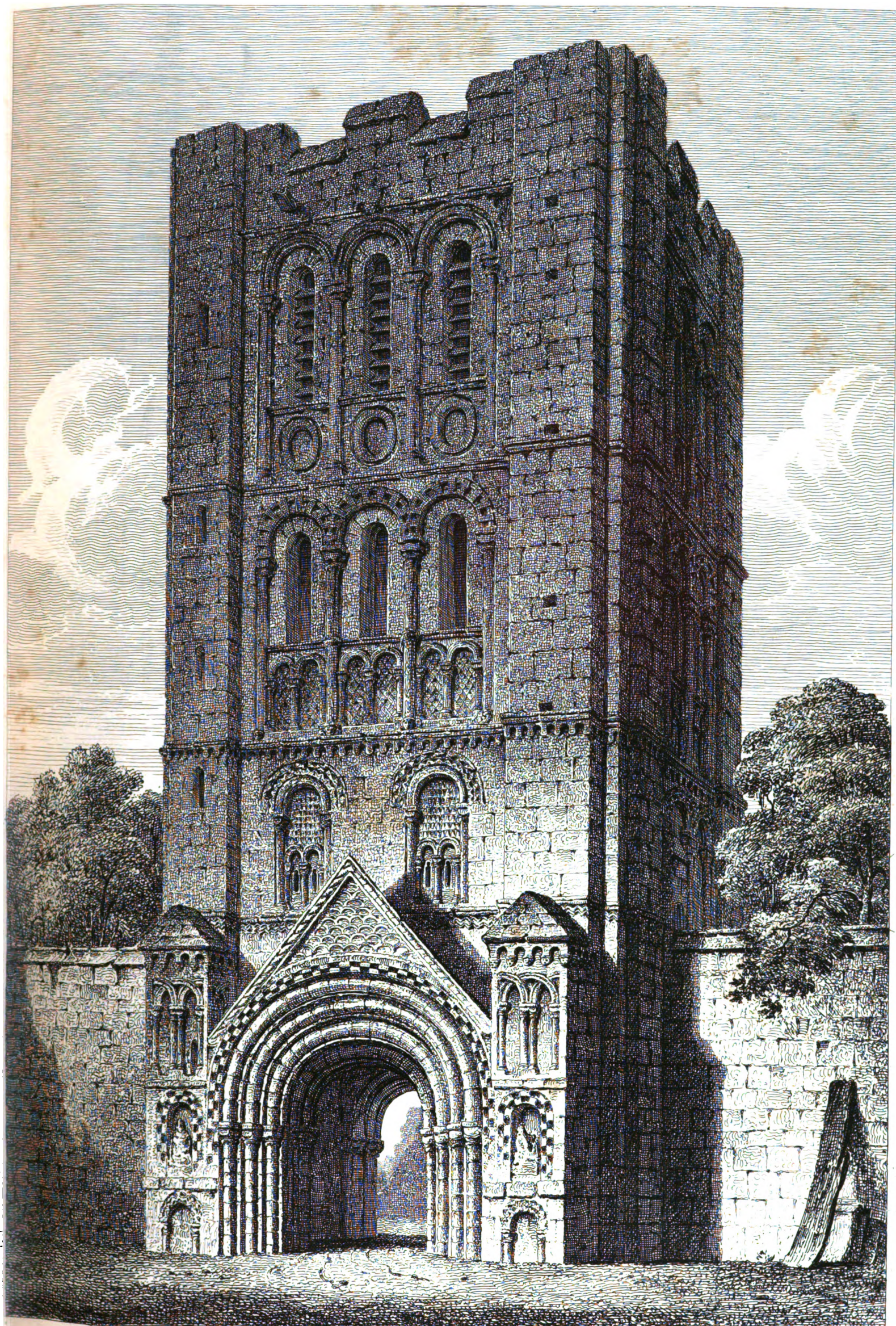
^a The etymology of Bedericsworthe is variously given. Several of our antiquaries formerly thought that the surname of some Roman was discernible in it: and Duchesne ascribed it to Bericus, who is mentioned in the account of the emperor Claudius by Suetonius. Battely, however, says, "Si monachorum registris et monumentis fidem malimus adhibere non tam altè repetenda est nominis hujus origo. Quid ergo dicant, saltem audire non pigeat. 'Dominus Beodricus, dominus villulæ, quæ nunc dicitur villa S. Edmundi, S. Edmundum hæredem suum constituit.' (Codex MS. in Bibl. Coll. Trin. Cantabr. et Reg. rubr. B. fol. 1.)—'Cellerarius habebat messuagium cum horto adjacente, quem nunc infirmarius tenet, fuit mansio Beodrici qui fuit antiquitus dominus villæ istius, unde et villa dicta fuit Beodricesworthe.' (Reg. in Officio Registrarii Buriensis, et Reg. Pinchbeck, fol. 160.)—Item, 'Bury contulit S. Edmundo dominus Beodricus sive Beodricus, ex cujus nomine Beodrichesworthe nuncupatur, i. e. Beodrici villa.' Reg. Pinchbeck.)—Et alibi in eodem registro 'Sciendum quod quædam terræ cellerarii in campis S. Edmundi sunt de antiquo dominico quondam Beodrici, quædam vero de post adquisitis, unde varius decimandi modus.' Ibid. fol. 167.)—Ejusdem filii est inspectio chartarum hujus cœnobii facta regnantibus Philippo et Maria et sigillo eorundem munita, in qua legimus, 'quod abbas S. Edmundi fuerit seiscitus de Burgo prædicto in dominico suo ut de feodo in jure monasterii de Bury S. Edmundi à toto tempore prædicto. Eo quod dominus Beodricus, ante Conquestum Angliæ dominus prædictæ villæ, fuit seiscitus de eadem villa in dominico suo ut de feodo, et sic inde seiscitus diu ante eundem Conquestum, et ante mortem et martyrium constituit eundem Edmundum hæredem suum, et obiit; post cujus mortem S. Edmundus rex fuit seiscitus in dominico suo ut de feodo, &c.' (In archivis Buriensibus.) Antiq. S. Edm. Burgi, 4to. Oxon. 1745, pp. 3, 4. Dr. Yates, in his Hist. of the Town and Abbey of St. Edmund's Bury, part i. 4to. Lond. 1085, p. 6, thinks Bedericsworthe may be satisfactorily derived from the Saxon words Bete, nic or nice, and poþb or poþb as designating the superior distinction and peculiar appropriation of the place to religious worship.

^b Notit. Mon. Suff. x.

^c "Sigisbertus, rex Orientalium Anglorum, monasterium, quod in Betrichesword sibi fecerat, intravit; unde invitum ad certamen contra Pendam regem Merciorum eruerunt subditi, in quo occubuit." Lib. Eliens. MS. et Tho. Eliens. in vita S. Etheldredæ inter Acta Bened. vol. ii. p. 739. This, Bishop Tanner observes, is reconcileable enough with Bede, if we look upon, as we well enough may, the monastery wherein Sigebert last was (Hist. Eccl. lib. iii. c. 18) as a different one from that given to Furseus by this king, ibid. lib. iii. c. 19. Besides, it is said in one of the Registers which will be quoted in the Appendix of Instruments, that the new church of St. Edmund was begun to be built A. D. 1021, on the same place where K. Sigebert had founded a monastery.

We may here, once for all, notice the *destroyed Monastery of BURGH CASTLE*, formerly CNOBHERESBURG. Bishop Tanner says, "Upon the first preaching of Christianity to the East Angles, about A. D. 630, King Sigebert gave to Furseus, (a holy man who came out of Ireland,) a place near this Castle or city, whereon to found a monastery, which was augmented both in buildings and revenues by King Anna:" vide Bedæ Hist. Eccl. lib. iii. cap. 19. Lelandi Collect. tom. i. p. 47; ii. p. 139. Stevens's Supplem. vol. i. p. 216. "Several historians, ancient and modern," he adds, "have confounded this monastery, where Furseus lived, with another monastery founded by this same K. Sigebert, wherein he turned monk, and whence he was fetched out to that fatal battle, wherein he lost his life. Some have thought that Cnobheresburg was the same with Betrichesword or Bury St. Edmund (Notes on Bishop Gibson's edit. of Camden): but to this last place Bede's description, viz. that it was 'maris vicinitate amœnum,' will by no means agree. By that situation, and the notice taken of it by K. Anna, it might more probably be fixed at *Blithburgh*, where that King was buried; but Blithburgh is mentioned under its present name by the Ely historian, who in a page or two before mentions also this religious house at Cnobheresburgh. So that these also seem to be different places." See Notit. Mon. ut supr. Note^b.

^d St. Edmund is said by some writers to have been the son of Alcmund, a prince of Saxony, and his wife Siware, and to have been



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West Tower, Abbey Church St Edmund, Suffolk.

stan is said to have been their founder.^a The minster of St. Edmund's Bury was subsequently augmented in privileges and revenues by King Edmund, the son of Edward the elder,^b by Theodred bishop of London, and other benefactors.^c King Edwy is recorded to have bestowed upon it the manors of Becles and Elmswell, between the years 956 and 959; the deed of grant of which is however lost.

Swein, king of Denmark, is stated in Sir James Burrough's *Collectanea Buriensia* to have destroyed Bury in 978. Dr. Yates says this seems too early. Swein's first invasion was made about A. D. 1004. He defeated Ulfketel, and conquered all East Anglia, A. D. 1010.^d

Upon pretence that the seculars, who had the charge of the body of St. Edmund, were careless in their duty, King Canute removed them, and A. D. 1020, placed in the monastery of St. Edmund's Bury a convent of Benedictine monks, partly brought from St. Bennet's of Hulme in Norfolk, and partly from Ely in Cambridgeshire.^e This was in the fourth year of Canute; under whose direction, Ailwin bishop of Elmham, in the same year, pulled down the wooden church which was first built for the reception of St. Edmund's body, and laid the foundation of another, which bore the name of the saint. This church was finished in about twelve years; the inhabitants of Norfolk and Suffolk paying four pence yearly for every carucate of land, towards the expense. It was consecrated on St. Luke's day, A. D. 1032, by Egelnoth archbishop of Canterbury, and dedicated to Christ, St. Mary, and St. Edmund.^f

Canute's charter of privileges will be found in the Ap-

pendix of Instruments. Exclusive of the king's gifts, it grants a licence to his queen Algiva, or Elgiva, to bestow annually upon the monastery four thousands eels, from Lakyngheth.^g

In addition to his grants, K. Canute also honoured the church with his personal devotions. He offered his own crown at the tomb of the martyr, whose body had been deposited in a rich shrine. His example upon this occasion is said, in after ages, to have been followed by succeeding monarchs.^h

Ailwin, or Agelwin, bishop of Elmham, who has been already mentioned in the note relating to St. Edmund, is stated to have diminished his own privileges to augment the power and authority of the new abbat and convent of St. Edmund's Bury: he granted that the monastery and the town, as given by King Edmund, with the extent of a mile round it, should be no longer subject to the episcopal authority, or jurisdiction of the bishop of the diocese.ⁱ The monks, it is added, erected four crosses, one at each extremity of the town, to define accurately the boundary and extent of their exempt jurisdiction; and within which the abbat was himself to exercise episcopal authority. These crosses are noticed in a papal bull of the year 1172.^j Ailfric the second, the successor of Ailwin as bishop of Elmham, is also stated to have been a benefactor.^k

Hardicnut, the son and successor of Canute, confirmed and ratified the exemption of the abbat and convent from episcopal jurisdiction.^l

Uvius, who had been prior of St. Bennet's of Hulme,

born at Nurembergh, A. D. 841. He succeeded Offa as king of the East Angles, A. D. 855; fifteen years after which, A. D. 870, after having had numerous cruelties exercised upon him, being beaten cruelly with bats and shot at as a mark with arrows, he was beheaded, during the invasion of Hingwar and Hubba. To offer the utmost indignity, the Danes are stated to have thrown the severed head and body into the thickest part of the woods of Eglesdene. After their departure, the East Anglians, having discovered the body, buried it at Hoxne: but the head could not be found. Seeking after the head in the woods, however, some of them, who had lost their companions, cried, "Where are you?" when a voice was heard to answer "Here, here, here:" and in the place whence the voice proceeded the long sought head was found in a thicket of thorns, guarded by a wolf. This, which was considered as one of the principal miracles of St. Edmund, was a favourite subject of representation with the monks; and occurs both in sculptures and on one or two of the conventual seals. (See Yates's *Hist. St. Edmund's Bury*, part i. pp. 43, 44.) The remains of St. Edmund were translated from Hoxne to St. Edmund's Bury about A. D. 903. During Turchill's invasion, A. D. 1010, the body of St. Edmund was conveyed for safety to London, under the care of Agelwin, or Ailwin, a monk, afterwards bishop of Elmham; where, after remaining three years in the church of St. Gregory, near St. Paul's, or, according to other accounts, at Christ Church, it was again translated, with honours, to St. Edmund's Bury. The ancient little church of Grinstead in Essex, near Chipping Ongar, the nave of which is composed of the trunks of large oaks, split and roughly hewed, is supposed to have been the chapel alluded to in the Register quoted in the App. of Instruments, Num. IX. in which St. Edmund's body is said to have rested while on its return. "Idem apud Aungre hospitabatur, ubi in ejus memoria lignea capella permanet usque hodie." The ancient road from London lay at that time through Grinstead. Compare the Account given in the *Vetusta Monumenta* of the Soc. of Antiquaries, vol. ii. pl. 7.

The earliest life of St. Edmund was written A. D. 985, by Abbo Floriacensis, or of Fleury, then a monk of Canterbury, chiefly from the relation of St. Dunstan, learned from one who was the sword-bearer of the saint, and an eye-witness of his sufferings, who detailed them in Dunstan's presence to King Æthelstan. A manuscript of this life, as old as the eleventh century, is preserved in the Cottonian collection Tib. B. 1. together with an account of the miracles of the saint, by Herban the archdeacon, written about the year 1070. This last work contains numerous particulars relating to the monastery in the time of abbat Baldwin. A manuscript of Abbo's Life of St. Edmund, preserved in the library of Jesus college Oxford, is called "Liber feretrarius S. Edmundi," the book of the keepers of St. Edmund's shrine. In the Cottonian MS. Tit. A. viii. fol. 67, another Life of St. Edmund occurs, written by Osbert de Clare, prior of Westminster, A. D. 1136: and an imperfect copy of another, in French verse is preserved in the same collection, marked Domit. xi. 1.

The circumstances of St. Edmund's life previously to his obtaining the crown of East Anglia, are recorded by Galfridus de Fontibus, in a little work, "De Pueritia Sancti Edmundi," supposed to have been written about A. D. 1150; a manuscript of which is preserved in the public library at Cambridge.

A poetical Life of this saint, written at the command of William Carters abbat of St. Edmund's Bury by John Lydgate, and compiled in consequence of the long visit which King Henry the Sixth paid to this monastery in 1433, is also extant. Bishop Tanner, *Bibl. Brit. Hib.* p. 490, refers to three manuscripts of it: MS. Norwic. More, 161, now in the public library at Cambridge; MS. C. C. C. Oxon. 61; and MS. Howard. class. 1. 3. He however omits to notice the Harleian copy,

now in the British Museum, MS. Harl. 2278, being the original book presented by Lydgate to King Henry the Sixth; written on vellum, and ornamented with no fewer than one hundred and twenty limnings. It is unquestionably one of the most beautiful English manuscripts of that or any other period. Lydgate's compilation contains also the Life of St. Fremund, the cousin of St. Edmund, to which the legend of St. Edmund's miracles is appended. The following is the concluding stanza of the manuscript addressed to the king:

"Souereyn lord plesse to your goodly heed
And to your gracious royal magnificence
To make this tretys, which atwen hope and drede
Presentyd ys to your hyh excellence,
And for Kyng Edmundis notable reuerence,
Both to his chyrche dyffence and champion,
Be cause yt ys off your ffundacion."

Lydgate makes his Saint Edmund to have been a most comely man; but Jocelin de Brakelond, a monk of the abbey, writes, that when, in the year 1198, abbat Sampson made a new shrine for this saint, and had his head in his hands—"et procedens, tetigit oculos, et nasum valde grossum et valde eminentem."

Among the more ancient scriptores of St. Edmund's life, the reader may be referred to the Decem Scriptores, Sim. Dunelm. coll. 124, 143, 170; Jo. Brompt. coll. 804, 805, 806; also to Will. Malmesb. de Gestis Pontif. Script. post Bedam, fol. 136.

^a Compare Battely, *Antiq. S. Edm. Burgi*, pp. 27, 28, e *Registr. Pinchbeck*. Dr. Yates says, "From the observations of some of the monastic registers, it may be supposed that Bederic" (see p. 98, Note *) "was at this time chief lord of the town; that from him it had received the name of *Bedericheswyth*; and that he presented the site of the new church, and some lands around it, for the use of the clergy now incorporated." *Hist. of Bury*, p. 50.

^b See Num. IV. The extract from Marianus Scotus quoted in this number by Sir William Dugdale speaks of the privilege as granted in 945. But the date in the charter itself is 942.

^c See Num. IX.

^d *Hist. St. Edmund's Bury*, part i. p. 60.

^e Compare Battely, *Antiq. S. Edm. Burgi*, p. 36. See also the *Append. of Instruments*, Num. II.

^f Matt. Westmon. sub. an. MXXXII. Sim. Dunelm. col. 178.

^g *Append. Num. V.*

^h Jo. Brompton. *Script. X. Twysd.* col. 892. "Exhinc inolevit ut reges Angliæ coronas suas sancto Edmundo committunt, ac magno si voluerint illas redimunt pretio exacto."

ⁱ See Yates's *Hist. ut sup.* p. 67, with the authorities there cited. It was also decreed in the council held at Winchester in 1021, "quod monasterium S. Edmundi sit ab omni jurisdictione episcoporum comitatus illius ex tunc in perpetuum funditus liberum et exemptum." See *Spelm. Concil. tom. i. p. 534*.

^j "Quatuor Cruces, uno milliario, quatuor ex partibus a villâ distantes; infra quas abbatem vestrum sicut hactenus habuit, episcopalem volumus jurisdictionem habere." Yates, part i. p. 68. The Annals of the monastery, Harl. MS. 447, under the year DCXXXI. say, "Æthelstanus rex diem clausit extremum. Cui successit frater ejus Edmundus qui dedit banleucam Sancto Edmundo certis terminibus circumgratum:" indicating a privileged district round the abbey, of some kind, at an earlier period.

^k Yates, part i. p. 73, from *Reg. Alb.* fol. 22.

^l Battely says,—"cum favore laudeque ecclesiasticorum, videlicet Agelnodi Dorobernensis nunc Cantuariensis, et Alfriki Eboracensis

was the first abbat of St. Edmund's Bury.^a He is represented to have been a humble, modest man. He received consecration from the bishop of London: and died in 1044.

LEOFSTAN, or LEFSTAN, one of the monks who had accompanied Uvius from Hulme, was the second abbat of St. Edmund's Bury. He succeeded immediately upon Uvius's death, and was consecrated by the bishop of Winchester. He was abbat during the greater part of the reign of King Edward the Confessor.

When King Edward the Confessor visited Bury, so great is said to have been his veneration for the royal saint and martyr, that he was accustomed to perform the last mile of his journey on foot, as a common pilgrim; giving, on his approach to the holy place, this open testimony of his humility and devotion.^b

Upon one of his visits, the king is said to have found the young monks of the monastery eating barley bread; and enquiring of the abbat why these, whom he called the young men of his kinsmen, were no better fed, was answered that the possessions of the monastery were too weak to maintain them with stronger food. "Ask what you will," said the king, "and I will give it you, that they may be better provided for, and better enabled to perform the service of God." The abbat, having consulted with his monks, is stated to have asked of the king the manor of

Mildenhall, with its appurtenances, and the jurisdiction of the eight hundreds and a half, with all the royalties, afterwards called the Franchise. The king is stated to have observed that the request was indiscreet, because the grant of these liberties was likely to involve the abbat and his successors in continual trouble; that he would willingly have granted him three or four manors, if he had required them; and would, out of respect to his kinsman, grant this request, however indiscreet.^c

The abbat, whatever credit may be given to the story, was certainly constituted lord of the franchise. King Edward the Confessor's Charter granting the eight Hundreds and a half, together with the manor of Mildenhall, will be found in the Appendix,^d as likewise his general charter of privileges to the abbey.^e

Egelmar, or Almare, Bishop of Elmham, was a benefactor to the monastery during Leofstan's abbacy. He bequeathed to it several valuable manors.^f

Abbat Leofstan died on the kalends of August, A. D. 1065.

BALDWIN, a monk of St. Denis at Paris, then prior of Deerhurst, in Gloucestershire, a cell to St. Denis, was the next abbat. Lydgate says he was "gretly expert in craft off medycyne."^g King Edward the Confessor granted to him, for his monastery, the privilege of a mint.^h He was

archiepiscoporum, aliorumque episcoporum, suorum suffraganeorum nec non cunctorum regni sui mundanorum principum consilio, descriptum constituit roboravitque præceptum, ut nullus archiepiscoporum aut episcoporum, vel aliqua secundi ordinis eorum disciplinatus adhærentium personarum audens quoquo modo suæ constitutionis violare iudicium præsumeret; quicquam consuetudinis sive dominationis in prædicto monasterio, et villa antedicta, sive super monachos, clericos, aut laicos, proclamare, usurpare, iustitiam aliquam facere, aut missas celebrare, nisi à præfati loci abbate specialiter fuerit invitatus; poenam nimium formidabilem sub verborum serie subsequentem firmiter injungendo: 'Si quis,' videlicet 'posterorum' Hardecanut 'præceptum aggreßus fuerit temere calumpniari, decretumve infringere supradictorum ecclesiasticorum prælatorum, prolata excommunicationi subiaceat, et cum Juda traditore ignis Tartarei poenas indesinenter luat et sustineat: ac inasper regis fisco xxx. auri talenta persolvat:' (quæ in pecunia numerata reddunt, et in se continent librarum x. millia) in qua pecuniæ summa quidam Norwicensis episcopus, prædictorum præcepti et decreti violator temerarius, suis exigentibus demeritis quondam per placitum diuturnum, ac tandem per iudicium fuerit condemnatus: prout per chartam regiam eadem placitum et iudicium seriôsè exemplificantem patet manifeste." Append. ad Antiq. S. Edm. Burgi, pp. 128, 129, ex Registro Curteys.

^a He carried with him to St. Edmund's Bury not only half the monks of St. Bennet's Hulme, but half the furniture; books, vestments, vessels, ecclesiastical ornaments, and, in short, all that could be divided. See Num. II. In the Decem Scriptores, coll. 892, 914, he is, evidently by mistake, called *Unius*.

^b Reg. Alphabet. in verbo *Bury*. Battely, p. 43.

^c Yates, Hist. St. Edmund's Bury, part i. p. 75, from Collect. Buriens.

^d Num. VII. This charter was afterwards confirmed by King William II., and, again, by King Henry II. Among the charters in the Registrum Sacristæ is one from King Richard I., confirming the manor of Mildenhall, dated in the first year of his reign. It was recited and re-sealed in the ninth year of his reign, with the following addition: "Is erat tenor cartæ nostræ in primo sigillo nostro, quod quia aliquando perditum fuit, et dum capti fuimus in Alemannia in aliena potestate constitutum, mutatum est. Innovationis autem hi sunt testes J. com. Moriton. frater noster, R. com. Cestræ, Will. com. Sarum, Warinus fil. Geroldi, Rob. fil. Walteri, Rob. de Harecourt, Petrus de Pratellis. Dat. per manum E. Elyensis episcopi cancellarii nostri apud Rupem Andel. xviii. die Julii anno regni nostri nono." Some other particulars respecting the confirmation of Mildenhall by King Richard I. will be detailed in the account of abbat Sampson de Botington.

^e Num. VI. Registr. Sacristæ, p. 49.

^f In the Annals of the monastery, MS. Harl. 447, as well as in other documents of the monastery, he is called "medicus Edwardi regis."

^g See the Charter, Num. VIII. The subsequent history of the abbat's Mint at St. Edmundsbury cannot be better detailed than in the words of Mr. Ruding in the Annals of the Coinage of Britain, 8vo. 1819, vol. iv. p. 384. By the grant above referred to, "which was afterwards confirmed by William II., Henry I., Richard I., John, and Henry III., (Reg. Kempe, Harl. MS. 645, fol. 133 b.) the Abbat had the privilege of one moneyer.

"That privilege he continued to exercise during the reign of William I., and also during that of his son, William Rufus, as appears from a writ directed by Henry I. to Herebert Losinga, bishop of Norwich, to Roger Bigot, R. Pusselawe, and Otho Goldsmith of London; in which it was stated, that the king granted that St. Edmund should have his moneyer within his vill, with all the privileges of a mint, in like manner as he had it in the time of the king's father, and in like manner as the king's brother had granted it to him by his writ. (E Registrum Sacristæ, MSS. vol. xlv. p. 35, from Sir James Burrough's collections.)

"King Stephen granted a second money die, in addition to the one

which had been granted in former times; and to these two he afterwards added a third. (Id. p. 36.)

"When King Henry II. confirmed the liberties of this church, he granted that it should have one moneyer, with all the privileges it had been accustomed to exercise. (Confirmatio Hen. II. de Libert. Harl. MS. 743, fol. 10.)

"Richard I. confirmed this, in the same words. (Id. fol. 11.) It was also recited in a charter of King John, (Id. fol. 11 b.) and again in the 32d year of Henry III. 1247; (Commun. in Scaccario, 32 Hen. III. Mr. North's MS.) at which time the king commanded, by writ, William de Haverhull treasurer, Edward de Westminster, and William Hardell (the warden of the mint in the Tower of London) to deliver to the monks of St. Edmundsbury a die of the new engraving for the making of their money, in like manner as of right it used and ought to be done. Saving to the king all the privileges and dignities of his crown respecting coinage. (Claus. 32 H. III. m. 16.) This was on account of the change which was made in the type of his coins, by extending the cross on the reverse to the outer circle.

"According to Kempe's Register of the abbey the monks received at this time not only a new die, but also an exchange, which is the only instance in which I have met with the mention of an exchange in this place. The exchanger, however, occurs in the list of officers of this mint. The dies were to be used as in London and other places. (Harl. MS. 645, fol. 134.)

"1265. In the 49th year of the same king, the sacrist of this church presented at the Exchequer a moneyer, an assayer, and a keeper of the die (custos cunei), who were sworn into their offices. (Hil. Commun. 49 H. III. Madox. Hist. Exch. vol. ii. p. 89.) And again, in his 52d year, 1268, William le Shrub was sworn as keeper of the die in the town of St. Edmund, on the presentation, likewise of the sacrist. (Memor. 52 H. III. rot. 2 b. Madox, ubi supra.)

"Jocce the goldsmith was sworn, in the Exchequer, for the same office, for the abbat, in the fourth and fifth years of Edward I., 1276, or 1277. (Mich. Commun. 4 and 5 E. I. rot. 1 b. Madox, Hist. Exch. vol. ii. p. 90.) And in the latter of those years Richard de Bentley took the usual oath as assayer of the money in this mint. (Pas. Commun. 5 E. I. rot. 5 a. Madox, ut supr.)

"When the money was changed, in 1279, the king granted to the abbey its die, viz. one standard of iron with two trussels. (Reg. Kempe, Harl. MS. 645, fol. 133.)

"1280. Robert de Hadley was presented as moneyer, and John de Rede as assayer in the court of Exchequer, and were admitted accordingly. (Id. fol. 117.)

"In the 25th year of Edward I., 1297, Roger de Rede was admitted by the said court as moneyer, and Hugh Houton as assayer, in this mint. (Id.) At the same time it was pleaded before the barons that the die had been so much used that it was no longer workable, and therefore it was prayed that another might be given. Peter de Leycester, warden of the mint of London, was therefore ordered to destroy that die, and deliver a new one to the abbat's attorney (the sacristan) who appeared for him. (Id. fol. 134 b.)

"Roger de Rede was again admitted as moneyer in the third year of Edward II., 1309. (Id. fol. 117.)

"1318. In the 12th year of the same king an order was made for a trial of the monies which had been coined in this mint, from the beginning of the reign of King Edward I. to that time; during which period, it seems, no assay had been made. (Hil. Brevia, 12 E. II. rot. 79. Madox, Hist. Exch. vol. i. p. 292.) Accordingly, the abbat was commanded, by writ from the barons of the Exchequer, to cause the officers of his mint within the liberties of St. Edmund to appear at the Exchequer, in the octave of Candlemas, and to bring with them all the pixes of assays made of the money coined in the said mint, together with the money in the said pixes, as well of the time of King Edward I. as of the present king, and not yet assayed, to the intent that an assay might be made thereof. In compliance with the writ, the abbat sent,

also in great favour with King William the Conqueror; under a charter from whom he made considerable acquisitions for his monastery.^a

The church of the monastery, consecrated in 1032, having been, at least for the most part, like its predecessor, built of wood; though not perished, was still unworthy both of Saint Edmund and of an establishment endowed with such magnificent revenues as St. Edmund's Bury: accordingly, under the auspices of abbat Baldwin, the sacrista Thurstan and Tolin demolished the church which had been so recently constructed. King William the Conqueror, upon this occasion, issued his precept to the abbat of Peterborough, commanding that the abbat and convent of St. Edmund should be permitted to take sufficient stone for the erection of their church from the quarries of Barnack in Northamptonshire, granting at the same time an exemption from the usual tolls chargeable upon its carriage from that place to Bury.^b

Other instances of favour occur, as will hereafter appear, from the Conqueror. The *Registrum Nigrum* says, "*Rex Gulielmus dedit manerium de Brok Sancto Edmundo, et prono corde cultellum complicatum paululum coram ex suis melioribus plurimis posuit super altare sancti.*"^c

It was during the time of abbat Baldwin that the first confirmation of the privileges of the monastery from the popes appears to have been obtained, A. D. 1071, from Pope Alexander the Second: subsequent renewals were obtained from Gregory, Eugenius, Urban the Second, Calixtus the Second, Alexander the Third, and many other of the Roman pontiffs. In fact, about sixty papal bulls were granted at different times to confirm and enlarge the privileges of the place. Dr. Yates says, the precise nature and extent of these privileges cannot be easily ascertained: they seem to have consisted chiefly in an exemption from episcopal visitation, and the consequent and usual designations

of subordination and submission. A bull of Pope Calixtus declares that the monks shall receive from a catholic bishop the chrism, the holy oil, the consecration of altars, churches, tables, the ordination of monks, and other episcopal duties. The bulls of Pope Gregory the Ninth explain the exemptions more at large. One ordains that no person, except the Roman pontiff or his legate, shall, in the town of Saint Edmund, or within the four crosses, claim to himself any power or right, or celebrate any public mass, or build any convent, oratory, or chapel, or hold any synod, or exercise any episcopal office. The privilege of exemption from the effect of a general Interdict upon the country was also granted by a bull from Pope Alexander the Third, who, upon such occasion, permitted the abbat and convent, with doors shut, the interdicted and excommunicated excluded, without ringing the bells, and with a low voice, to celebrate divine offices.^d

Abbat Baldwin procured the first of these bulls at Rome in person, where Pope Alexander the Second received him with distinguished honour; gave him a pastoral staff and ring; delegated to him the cure of souls; and presented to him a porphyry altar, accompanied by a privilege not altogether unlike that granted by his successor Pope Alexander the Third. The solemnity of the mass was not to cease in the monastery while that altar remained there, on any prohibition whatever, unless the pope should interdict it expressly by name.^e

Abbat Baldwin's journey, however, was made with the primary intention of opposing Herfastus, who having been elevated, A. D. 1070, to the bishoprick of Elmham, removed the see from that village to the town of Thetford, and in the following year declared his intention of finally establishing it at Bury. A miracle attributed to St. Edmund is represented to have checked the bishop for a time; who, however, renewed the contest, and continued it for several years. Nor was it terminated till King William

upon that day, brother William de Stowe, sacrist of the abbey, and warden of the mint, as his attorney (constituted in that behalf by his letters directed to the treasurer and barons of the Exchequer), and Roger de Rede, the master of his mint, with two pixes, containing the money taken out to make assays withal, for the whole time since the money was last assayed, together with the three keys belonging to the same; and two assays were then made at the Exchequer." An account of this trial is still extant in the Register Kempe.

"In consequence of Rede's resignation on account of age and infirmity, the abbat presented in the Exchequer, by William de Stowe the sacristan, Alan de Cove to succeed him, who was admitted and sworn into his office. (Reg. Werketone, Harl. MS. 638, fol. 11 b.) See the Append. of Instr. Num. XXXVI.

"In the year 1320, on the 3d of January, the presentation of Hugh de Houton, late assayer of this mint, to be master in the place of Alan de Cove, deceased, and also that of John de Redgrave to succeed the said Hugh in the office of assayer, were signed, and directed to the treasurer and barons of the Exchequer. (Reg. Thomæ Abb. Harl. MS. 230, fol. 102 b.) When they were presented in the Exchequer the records were examined, and the admissions stated above, in the 4th, 8th, and 25th years of Edward I. and in the 3d year of Edward II. being proved, the said Hugh and John were admitted, and sworn into their respective offices. (Harl. MS. 645, fol. 117.)

"1321. On the 9th of July, in the 15th year of the king, William de Hausted, warden of the mint of London, was ordered to deliver to the abbey one new money die, viz. one stapell and two punzones, to strike the money as often as might be necessary; and the abbat was to return the old die before the new one was delivered. (Id. fol. 134.)

"In 1324, John de Prestone, moneyer, and Thomas Dunworthy, assayer, in the room of Redgrave, were admitted in the court of Exchequer. (Id. ibid.)

"1327. In the first year of Edward III. the inhabitants of Bury besieged the abbey, burnt the gates, &c. &c. bore out of the abbey the Assay of their coin (i. e. I presume, the boxes which held the pieces to be assayed), the stamps, and all other things pertaining to their mint. On the 22d of January in the same year the king ordered a new die and assay for the mint to be made, to replace those which were forcibly taken away. (Reg. Kempe, Harl. MS. 645, fol. 134.)

"From the Sacristan's Register it appears that the abbat had in his mint the following officers: Monetarius; Custodes; duo Assaiatores; Custos Cunei. (E. Registro Sacristæ.) Cole's MSS. vol. xlv. p. 35, from Sir James Burrough's Collections. The date is not mentioned."

From the "Inquirenda de hiis qui administrationem habent in Monetaria, cum Responsis," given in the Appendix to the present Account, (Append. Num. XXXIV.) the persons employed in this mint, at least at one period, appear to have been, "Monetarius; Eschambiator; Assaiator; Custodes; Operarii Magistri; et Garcionem eorumdem."

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Other particulars relating to the mint, with details as to the mode of making the assay, will be found in Battely's Appendix, N. x. pp. 134, 139, from the *Registrum Sacristæ*.

To some period subsequent to the time of King Edward the Confessor's charter, Mr. Ruding refers those coins, evidently of Anglo-Saxon workmanship, which bear on the obverse the name of St. Edmund. See Plate XII. of Anglo-Saxon coins, at the end of his work, Nos. 1—6. Mr. Ruding inclines to think that they were coined by the abbat. See his Annals, ut supr. vol. iv. p. 383.

* Yates, part i. p. 79. Compare also Append. Num. XII. ex Mariano Scotto. It was during the time of this abbat, A. D. 1068, that Matilda, the Conqueror's queen, gave to the monastery the manor of Werketone. See the Annals of St. Edmund's Bury, Harl. MS. 447.

b See Yates's Hist. S. Edm. Bury, part i. pp. 79, 80. Battely says, "Ejusdem Baldwini temporibus primò Thurstanus, et postea Tolinus, sacristæ erant; qui Ecclesia lignea et veteri complanata, Ecclesiæ nostræ fundamenta jecerunt, parietes extruxerunt, Presbyterium ad plenum confirmaverunt, et B. Martyris translationem procuraverunt. Feretra etiam beatorum martyrum et sanctorum Botulfi et Firmini laminis argenteis exsculperunt.

"Diruta ecclesia lignea, cum omnia lapidea fierent, lapides nostris suppeditare fodinæ de Bernack in agro Northamptonensi, ad abbatem Petroburgensem pertinentes. Lapides autem apud tractum de Gunwade naviculis onerariis impositi in viciniam S. Edmundi devehebantur; cujus rei testes non longe a tractu in Castorfield duo adhuc oblongi lapides vocantur: quem quidem harum lapidinarum usum, non tam benignitati Petroburgensium, quam Willielmi I. mandato debemus: quod hic, cum breviusculum sit, apponam. 'Willielmus rex Angliæ abbati de Burgo, salutem. Mando tibi et præcipio ut permittas abbatem S. Edmundi sufficienter accipere de petra ad ecclesiam suam, sicut hactenus habuit, et non amplius sibi impedimentum ecclesias in adducendis petris ad aquam, quam antea fecisti. Teste episcopo Dunelmensi.' (Reg. Nigrum, et Registr. Sacristæ, fol. 23 b.) Scribit quidem Stovæus, (Lond. 1615, p. 90) nescio quo autore fretus, adfectu in ecclesiæ fabricam Cadomo in Normannia lapides: qui apud Ratlisden in terram expositi, inde vehiculis ad S. Edmundum deportati sunt.

"Dum hæc agebantur, fecit idem Baldwinus capellam S. Stephani de robore, in loco in quo infossa sunt ossa hominum, quæ levata sunt de atrio vel fundamentis novæ basilicæ." Antiq. S. Edm. Burgi, pp. 49, 50.

c See MS. Cole, vol. xlv. p. 34.

d Yates, Hist. St. Edm. Bury, part i. pp. 89, 90.

e Compare Num. XI. See Yates, ut supr. part i. p. 98. Battely, pp. 47, 48. This altar was carefully preserved among the relics of the monastery, and inscribed with these lines:

"Altaris mensam cum reliquiis bene comptam
Dat, sacrat hanc nobis Baldwino pater orbis,
Pontificum sydus Alexanderque secundus."

Battely, Antiq. S. Edm. Burgi, p. 48.

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convoked a council at Winchester, A. D. 1081, in which the subject was fully discussed, and a decision finally made in favour of the monastery.^a

It was during this abbat's time, also, that the Conqueror made his Survey of the kingdom.

The statement of the property of St. Edmund's Bury abbey in Domesday is voluminous. In *Cambridgeshire*, in the two hundreds of Ely, the abbat is recorded to have held sixteen acres in Merche. In Wisbece, a fisherman belonging to the abbat paid a rent of five thousand eels. Six acres of land in Saham are also stated to have belonged to the monastery, together with another fisherman. In *Bedfordshire*, the lands of St. Edmund consisted of half a hide in Bidenham, three hides and three virgates in Chene-mondewiche, and three hides and a virgate in Blunham. In *Northamptonshire*, a hide in Boctone, a hide and a virgate in Gadintone, half a virgate in Erniwade, a hide and three virgates in Scadewelle, a hide and half a virgate in Hohtone, a virgate and a bovate in Langeport, half a virgate in Badebroc, half a hide and the third part of a virgate in Ferendone, three virgates and a half in Udetorp, two virgates and a half in Clipestone, half a hide in Calme, the third part of a virgate in Medewelle, and three hides and a half in Werchintone. In *Essex*, the lands of the monastery consisted of a hide and fifteen acres in Breddinchou, a hide and a half in Herlava, three hides and a half in Lattuna, half a hide in Alfelmetuna, thirty-six acres in Colum, three hides six acres and a half in Staplefort, two hides all but fifteen acres at Waltham in the hundred of Chelmsford, and five hides in Wrabenesa. The possessions of the monastery entered in *Norfolk* are still more numerous, under the titles of Bresingham, Broc, Brodise, Brom, Buccham, Buchanaham, Castrum, Derham, Diclesburc, Frense, Frichetuna, Frietuna, Gadesthorp, Gessinga, Guidenham, Hals, Herlinga, Heroluestuna, Hersam, Hidlingeia, Hou, Isinghetuna, Isinghetuna, Kechinga, Kercheby, Kerchestuna, Langhala, Lena, Lodnam, Marthingeforda, Menham, Middeltuna, Mundhala, Nortuna, Phincham, Poringelant, Ragheduna, Regadona, Runghetuna, Sceluagra, Scotessa, Semere, Simplinga, Snareshull, Sterestuna, Stratuna, Sutreaia, Teueteshala, Thorp, Tibham, Topecroft, Torp, and Wenlinga: beside two or three entries under the head of "Invasiones in Nordfulc." In *Suffolk*, lands and jurisdictions belonging to the monastery occur under Acle, Adbura, Adixewrd, Anhus, Becles, Bedingefelda, Benagra, Beordewella, Berningham, Bernham, Bertuna, Bitelbeornastuna, Blalsega, Bosamera, Bradefelda, Bradeleia, Bretenhama, Brocfort, Broclega, Caldecota, Cebbenhala, Cerleswda, Ceuentuna, Chenetuna, Cornerda, Corsforde, Cothefelda, Cotituna, Culeforda, Cunegestuna, Cybenhalla, Drencetuna, Dunham, Ealdham, in Villa ubi quescit Sanctus Eadmundus, Eascefelda, Elmeswella, Eluedena, Eteseca, Euestuna, Fachenham, Fealsham, Finingeham, Flemingtuna, Fornham, Frandes-tuna, Geldinga, Genonefæ Forham, Gislingeham, Gliemham, Gnedeshalla, Grotena, Haldsteda, Hametuna, Heme-gretham, Hepworda, Heroluestuna, Hespela, Hetetuna, Hilderclea, Hopetuna, Horant, Horningesworda, Hvel-

fiam, Huepested, Hunegetuna, Hunterstuna, Hyrning-wella, Ingham, Iuffeforda, Kaldecotes, Kidituna, Kkewortham, Kodeton, Lafham, Langham, Leacforda, Lelega, Linburna, Liuelmera, Liuermera, Litla Liuermera, Manestuna, Manetuna, Melaforda, Melles, Mendham, Merlesforda, Neotuna, Neubrunna, Niuetuna, Pachenham, Palegraua, Poslindewrda, Prestetune, Rachingehala, Ratlesdena, Regua, Reoda, Rescebroc, Richingehalla, Risebi, Ruhha, Ryscebroc, Saham, Sapestuna, Sexham, Stanesfelda, Stanham, Statuna, Stoches, Stotas, Stowa, Stutestune, Sudholda, Sudwolda, Sumerledetuna, Teolfham, Thrandestuna, Thrillauura, Thurstuna, Timwrtha, Tornduna, Tornham, Torp, Torpa, Totstocha, Trostuna, Vgghecala, Waldingefelda, Wamforda, Waracatinge, Washam, Watefelda, alia Watefelda, Watlesfelda, Wederdena, Wederingaseta, Weibrade, Weringheseta, Westlea, West Torp, Westuna, Wicham, Wiuerdestuna, Wiuerthesetuna, Wlfpeta, Wordham, Wridewella, and Wyrllingwortha.

Three hides at Bichelesuade in Bedfordshire are stated to have been given to the monastery by Earl Wallef and his wife in alms, in the time of William the Conqueror.

A hide and three virgates of land at Scadewelle in Northamptonshire are said to have been given to Saint Edmund by King William "pro anima reginæ Mathildæ." Poringelant in Norfolk, with Prestetune, Sumerledetuna, and lands at Anhus in Suffolk, are also entered as of his gift. The land at Anhus had previously been bestowed upon the monastery by King Edward the Confessor.

Of sixty acres at Stanham in Suffolk it is said, "Hanc terram habet abbas in vadimonio pro duobus marcis auri, concessu Engelrici quando redimebant Anglici terras suas."

Gislincham, one of the lands held in capite at the formation of the Survey by Gilbert Balistarius, is stated to have belonged, in King Edward's time, to the monastery of St. Edmund, when it was granted on lease, by abbat Leofstan, for the joint lives of one Alsus and his wife. Alsus, at the time of the Survey, was still living, and the under-tenant of Gilbert Balistarius.^b

The edifice of the new church of St. Edmund's Bury was completed in 1095. In 1096, the body of St. Edmund was removed into it.^c This is the last recorded removal of the martyr.

Abbat Baldwin died in 1097;^d or, according to the Annals in the Harleian manuscript 447, as well as the Saxon Chronicle, A. D. 1098. The abbacy remained vacant till A. D. 1100.

King Henry the First, immediately upon his accession, appointed

ROBERT, the son of Hugh earl of Chester, a monk of St. Ebrulf, to the abbacy: though not without resistance on the part of the monks. He was deposed in 1102, by Archbishop Anselm, in a council held at London: the Register Lakingheth, and the Harleian Annals just quoted, say, because he had presumed to accept the church without the canonical election of the monks.^e After a vacancy of five years, a second abbat, of the name of

^a See Num. XII.

^b Compare Num. XIII. Beside the regular entries in Norfolk and Suffolk under the head of St. Edmund's lands, there are several entries in which the property of the monastery is noticed.

In *Norwich*, tom. ii. fol. 116 b. "1. domus de Sancto Edmundo." Ibid. fol. 117 b. "De burgensibus qui manserunt in burgo de Norwic. abierunt et manent in Beccles villa abbatis S. Edm. xxii."

In *Thetford*, ibid. fol. 119, "In burgo habet abb. Sancti Edmundi 1. ecclesiam, et 1. domum libere."

Ibid. fol. 276 b. "In Gessinga invasit Drogo homo Roberti Malet x. acr. de dominica terra Sancti Edmundi, et val. xx d."

Instances of privileges in the two counties, belonging to the abbat soca, saca, commendatio, &c. occur in Domesday, tom. ii. foll. 114, 116 b, 117, 117 b, 119, 125 b, 127 b, 130, 138 b, 139, 139 b, 254 b, 260, 263, 275 b, 294, 295 b, 321, 321 b, 322, 328, 330 b, 348 b, 349, 349 b, 350, 351, 353 b, 354, 354 b, 355, 374 b, 381, 391, 391 b, 397, 397 b, 403, 405, 405 b, 406 b, 413 b, 414, 416, 419, 421, 425 b, 426, 428 b, 435, 437, 437 b, 438 b, 439 b, 442 b, 447, 448 b, 449.

"TERRA FRODONIS fratris abbatis," i. e. The land of Frodo the brother of abbat BALDWIN, occurs as a distinct title of property among the lands in Suffolk, tom. ii. fol. 354 b.

^c "MXCVI. Facta est translatio Sancti Edmundi in novam ecclesiam." MS. Harl. 447.

^d "Obiit Baldwinus, eximie vir religionis, in bona senectute A.D. MXCVII. kal. Januarii feria vi. (vel ut Registrum Lakingheth iv. kal. Januarii feria iiii. ætatis ut putabatur, plusquam octoginta annorum.) Erravit ergo Joannes Picardus, qui Hovedenum male citans, ait eum A.D. MLXXVII. obiisse." Battely, pp. 50, 51. Simeon of Durham places Baldwin's death on the 2d kal. Jan. 1097. Script. X. Twysd. col. 223. The Saxon Chronicle says in 1098.

^e — "anno iij^o. ab incarnatione mciij^o. in generali concilio a sancto Anselmo eo quod abbatiam absque electione contra privilegia monasterii accipere præsumperat dejectus." MS. Harl. 447.

It was during the short period of this abbat's rule that the favourite project of Herfastus, for the removal of the see of Elmham or Thetford to the monastery of Bury was revived. Dr. Yates says:

"On account of the differences between King Henry the First and Anselm archbishop of Canterbury, Herbert Losinga, bishop of Hulme, went to Rome, A. D. 1101, and endeavoured to avail himself of the advantageous opportunity afforded by a residence at the holy see, to recover to his own diocese the episcopal authority and jurisdiction over the monastery of Bury: but an accident deprived the bishop of his essential and eloquent advocate. Being imprisoned by Guy of Lyons, he was reduced to the necessity of purchasing his release by the pay-

ROBERT was elected August 15th, A. D. 1107.^a He had been previously prior of Westminster. Battely says it was during the time of this abbat that the ancient stone church of St. Mary in Bury was pulled down, to extend the foundation of the right wing of the new monastery; being rebuilt by Geoffrey, the then sacrist, at the south-west corner of the cemetery.^b This same Geoffrey is stated, also, to have built the refectory, the chapter-house, the infirmary, and the abbat's hall.^c

It was in the time of this second abbat Robert that the separation took place of the revenues of the abbat from those of the convent. King Henry the First's charter relating to this division will be found in the Appendix of Instruments.^d

He died A. D. 1112: after which the abbey remained vacant two years.^e

ALBOLD, a native of Jerusalem, and monk of Bec, in Normandy, was the next abbat. He was consecrated on the kalends of November, 1114, by Ralph, archbishop of Canterbury. His death is placed by Ordericus Vitalis in the year 1120.^f

ANSELM, abbat of St. Saba at Rome, and nephew of Archbishop Anselm, accepted the abbacy of Bury upon the death of Albold. He was confirmed in 1121.^g According to the Saxon Chronicle, he accompanied the archbishop of Canterbury to Rome in 1123.^h In or about the year 1135 King Henry the First granted to him, for his monastery, the privilege of a fair at St. Edmundsbury, to last six days; three days before the feast of St. James, on the festival itself, and two days after.ⁱ

In 1136 Anselm was nominated to the see of London; though he appears not to have been succeeded in the abbacy till 1138: when

ORDINGUS, or ORDING, the prior of the monastery, was elected abbat.^k Anselm's election to the see of London,

however, not obtaining confirmation,^l he returned again to Bury, where he also experienced considerable difficulty before he could resume the government of the monastery. Ording finally yielded to him the office; in which Anselm remained till his death, upon the third of the nones of January, A. D. 1148; when Ording was re-elected abbat.

In 1140, according to Battely, who quotes the Chronicon Eliense in the Lambeth library for his authority, a dreadful fire took place at Bury.^m Another fire, if the same is not intended, took place, according to the Annals in the Harleian MS. 447, in 1150, when all the offices of the monastery were destroyed.ⁿ Dr. Yates places this fire four years after Ording's re-election, that is, in 1152, and says, it consumed the abbat's palace, the refectory, the dormitory, the infirmary, and other buildings.

Previous to abbat Anselm's death, A. D. 1147, Pope Eugenius the Third confirmed, by bull, the appropriation of certain possessions which Anselm had made over for the uses of the convent.^o

Between 1151 and 1154 abbat Ording procured the chapel of St. Giles within the abbey church to be consecrated by Geoffrey, bishop of St. Asaph.^p

It was in the time of this abbat, also, A. D. 1153, that Prince Eustace came to St. Edmund's Bury. Stow, noticing the peace relating to the succession which had been made between Henry and Stephen in 1153, upon the authority of different writers, says, "Eustace, the king's son, was angry with his father for agreeing to this peace, and therefore, in a rage, departed from the court towards Cambridge, to destroy that country. Coming to St Edmundsbury, he was there honourably received and feasted; but when he could not have such money as he demanded, to bestow among his men of war, he went away in a rage, spoiling the corn in the fields belonging to the abbey, and carried it into castles thereby: but, as he sate down to

ment of forty marks. This money the bishop had purposed to have employed at the court of Rome in support of his claims upon the convent of Bury: but having thus lost his auxiliary force, the contest terminated against him; and the monks remained masters of the field. This attack upon the monastery having proved unsuccessful, the bishop had recourse to the more temperate measure of negociation. On his return from Rome he came to Bury, and having made the abbat and convent acquainted with his intention of removing the see from Thetford to Norwich, he requested their assistance to enable him to erect in that city a magnificent cathedral, as the mother church of the diocese; and observing that the monastical church of St. Edmund was nearly completed, he desired the convent to lend him their annual carucage, carucagium, or carvage, towards defraying the expence, and that he might be permitted to hold it till his building was finished. The Registers say this request was 'incautiously' complied with: except as far as the liberty of St. Edmund was concerned, the hundred of Stowe in Suffolk, and the deanery of Bilihowe in Norfolk; the carucage of these districts being reserved by the monks to finish their own church at Bury.

"The carvage of Stowe and Bilihowe (Dr. Yates continues) were farmed by the sacrist of Norwich at an annual rent of ten shillings; and the sacrist of Bury sent yearly a bull as a present; but upon this being discontinued, the sacrist of Norwich refused to pay the rent; and thus withheld the carvage of those two districts.

"When the cathedral at Norwich was completed, the bishop refused to fulfil the promises by which he stood engaged to the monks of Bury. Instead of returning the annual carvage to the monastery, he affixed it to the see of Norwich, as a part of the episcopal revenue." Hist. St. Edm. Bury, part i. p. 105.

Notwithstanding this account, however, Dr. Yates thinks there is some reason to suppose that the carvage was actually given to the bishop as a compromise, and to encourage him to persevere in the plan of fixing his see at Norwich. The monks of Bury being thus relieved from the apprehension of any future claims similar to those which had occasioned them so much cost and anxiety.

The idea that Bury might one day or other be erected into an episcopal see was entertained at subsequent periods. Pope Calixtus, in one of his bulls, A. D. 1133, has this passage: "Sane sive locus vester in episcopatum fuerit commutatus, et episcopalis ibi constituatur sedes, nullus ibi ullo tempore nisi monachus in episcopum ordinetur." The design was afterwards in the thought of Henry the VIIIth and Charles I.

^a Battely, pp. 54, 55. Simeon of Durham represents the first abbat Robert to have died the same year.

^b Antiq. S. Edm. Burgi, ut supr. 57.

^c Battely adds,—"magnam item campanam non levi pretio comparavit. Quæ campana nescio an eadem sit, quam intelligebat Johannes Major Scotus, cum de S. Edmundi Burgo verba faciens dixerit, 'illuc fertur esse maxima campanarum totius Angliæ.'" Ibid. p. 58.

^d See Num. XIV.

^e See Yates's Hist. S. Edm. Bury, part i. p. 210. Battely, p. 60.

^f Battely, p. 63.

^g The Registrum Sacristæ says:

"Altaria S. Martini episcopi, et S. Sabæ abbatis, et porticum S. Fidei virginis et martyris super porticum S. Dionysii infra majus monasterium, et ecclesiam S. Mariæ parochiam villæ, et capellam S. Andreæ apostoli in cimiterio fratrum, et capellam S. Margarete virginis et martyris ad australem portam majoris cimiterii, jussu Anselmi abbatis dedicavit Joannes Roffensis episcopus.—Fuit Anselmus primum abbas S. Sabæ in urbe Roma, et ideo memoratum altare ei construere, et desuper pingere fecit.

"Capellam S. Andreæ apostoli ædificare, et depingere item fecit Anselmus abbas et Hervæus sacrista pro parva quadam capellula lapidea, quæ fuit juxta hospitium sacristæ olim in magna veneratione sanctitatis; quam ut amnem dilarent, et quia non fuit in apto loco, destruere fecerunt; atque ut in hac nova capella cum Placebo et Dirige quotidie memoria sepulchrorum in cimiterio fieret, tam ab ipais quam à tota congregatione, tunc temporis constitutum est.

"Capella S. Margarete ab Alboldo sacerdote, uti supra vidimus, constructa tempore Anselmi dejecta est, et præmissa ecclesia eidem virgini ædificata.

"Altare S. Crucis retro chorum dedicavit Albericus Hostiensis episcopus, qui functus est legatione totius Angliæ tempore Stephani regis, et hæc dedicatio in vigilia S. Edmundi facta est. Anselmus abbas tunc Romam iverat.

"Tempore ejusdem abbatis et Stephani regis, quando Himerus Tusculanensis episcopus est legatione Angliæ functus, Rotroth episcopus Ebreduensis, qui cum ipso venit, ipsius jussu dedicavit capellam domus infirmorum extra villam S. Edmundi in memoria B. Petri apostoli, et tunc abbas Anselmus nequaquam domi aderat." See Battely, pp. 66, 67, 68.

^h Chron. Sax. edit. Gibs. p. 225.

ⁱ See the charter in Battely, p. 69. Four years before this, A. D. 1132, King Henry I. returning to England from his interview with Pope Innocent III. was overtaken by a violent storm; when, making solemn vows of reformation and amendment, immediately upon his landing, he is said to have come in pilgrimage to St. Edmundsbury.

^k Ralph de Diceto, Script. X. col. 506.

^l Ralph de Diceto ut supr. says, that in 1138, when abbat Anselm was proposed for the see of London, Thurstan, archbishop of York, wrote to the Pope in these words:

"Significavit nobis paternitatis vestræ dilectio de vita et opinione Anselmi abbatis sancti Edmundi aliquid inquirere, et vobis renuntiare. Ad quod vobis rescribimus, quod si vitam et opinionem ejus sequamur, multo tutius est eum ab abbacia removeere quam in Londoniensi ecclesia promovere. Cum igitur dominus papa super questione proposita longum cum cardinalibus habuisset tractatum, Albericus Hostiensis episcopus quod sequitur pronuntiavit in publicum: 'Quoniam electio canonicorum Londoniensium citra conscientiam et assensum Decani facta fuit, cujus est officium in eligendo pastore suo de jure primam vocem habere, nos eam auctoritate beati Petri devocamus in irritum.'

^m Antiq. S. Edm. Burgi, p. 73.

ⁿ "MCL. Officiæ ecclesiæ S. Edmundi omnes combustæ sunt."

^o Battely, p. 73.

^p Ibid. p. 75.

dinner, he fell mad upon receiving the first morsel, and miserably died, and was buried at Feversham."^a

Abbat Ording died in 1156, on the second of the nones of February.^b

HUGH, prior of Westminster, was elected abbat in 1157, receiving confirmation from Henry bishop of Winchester, the pope's legate. In 1163 he was at the council of Tours, where he usurped the seat of the abbat of St. Albans.^c It was under his abbacy, in 1173, when King Henry the Second's forces gained a victory over Robert de Bossu, earl of Leicester, and his army of Flemings, near Fornham, that the banner of St. Edmund is said to have been carried before the king's army.^d In 1175 abbat Hugh was at the council of Westminster. He died in 1180, of a fall from his horse.^e Upon his death the abbey remained vacant, according to the Chronicle of Joceline de Brokelond, two years and three months; according to the Register Lakyngheth, a year and three months.^f

SAMPSON DE BOTINGTON, a native of Norfolk, was consecrated abbat on the 2d of the kalends of March, 1182, at Bishops Waltham, in Hampshire, by the bishops of Winchester and Waterford.^g He had previously been a monk and subsacrist of the abbey, and confessor to King Henry the Second. The improvements in the abbey buildings and offices during his time, under the particular care of the sacrists Hugh, Walter de Banham, and Robert de Gravele, will be found enumerated in the account of the sacrists in the Appendix.^h

Soon after abbat Sampson's election, we find him granting a charter to the townsmen, or burgesses, of Bury, explanatory of their customary services and liberties.ⁱ Some of the abbats, in earlier times, Dr. Yates observes, had

made concessions, upon the authority of which the townsmen were anxious to erect themselves into an independent guild, or corporation: and, as the subsequent history of the abbats will show, the contests, on the part of the burgesses, to do away the jurisdiction of the superior lord, were, century after century, incessant, and sometimes attended by consequences of a very serious nature to the monastery.

In 1184 abbat Sampson founded the hospital of St. Saviour without the north gate of the town.^k

From the Annals of St. Edmundsbury in the Harleian manuscript Num. 447, it appears that the massacre of the Jews who came to the coronation of King Richard the First was in some degree imitated at Bury. "A. D. MCLXXXIX. Ad coronationem Ricardi regis Anglorum—Judæi occisi sunt apud London."—"A. D. MCXC. Hoc anno Judæi etiam occisi sunt apud Sanctum Ædmondum dominica in ramis palmarum. Qui vero remanserunt *procuratore SAMSONIS abbatis ejecti sunt* eodem anno circa festum sancti Dionysii."^l The Jews, it should seem, had previously lived upon good terms with the monks. They had even deposited their money in the treasury of the monastery as in a bank.^m The remains of their synagogue at the present day bespeak it to have been a building of consequence, as well as of considerable antiquity.

Brompton says, in 1189 abbat Sampson bought of the king, for a thousand marks, the manor of Mildenhale, which had of old belonged to the abbey.ⁿ This was a large sum, if it was the fine of a charter of confirmation.

King Richard the First is stated to have paid a visit of devotion to the shrine of St. Edmund previous to his setting out on the crusade.^o He also gave lands in Aylesham, to maintain a light constantly burning before it.^p Sir James

^a Annals, edit. 1592, p. 209. The Annals in the Harl. MS. 447, place Eustace's death in 1154.

^b Rad. de Diceto, Ymag. Hist. p. 507.

^c Battely, pp. 79, 80.

^d In the MS. of Lydgate's Life of St. Edmund, which formerly belonged to King Henry VI. (see p. 99), are representations of two BANNERS, feigned by the poet to have been borne by St. Edmund in his war against the Danes. The first represents Adam and Eve by the tree of life, about to eat the forbidden fruit, which is reached to the woman by the serpent, who appears, down to the middle, with a human shape. Above is the Holy Lamb, within a gold circle, and a glory about its head; its right foot bearing up a golden cross fleurée fitchée. The red ground of this banner within the circle which contains the Lamb is powdered with crescents, and without with stars, all of gold, as is the tree itself. The figures of the woman, serpent, and man, the apples, and the Lamb, are all of silver. The second banner represents the coat of arms belonging to the abbey, *As three crowns Or: the crowns, according to the poet, signifying royal dignity, virginity, and martyrdom.* Lydgate represents St. Edmund to have used this banner "at Geynesburihe." Compare MS. Harl. 2278, foll. 2, 4, 103 b, 104.

^e Battely, Antiq. S. Edm. Burgi, pp. 79, 81, 82.

^f Ibid. p. 83.

^g Annal. S. Edm. Harl. MS. 447.

^h Num. XXXII.

ⁱ See Num. XVI.

^j Tann. Notit. Mon.

^k The Annals of St. Edmund's Bury, MS. Harl. 1332, say, "MCXC. Multi Jerosolimam tendentes Judeos occiderunt. Apud Norwicum occiduntur Judei. Apud Stanford tempore nundinarum sunt multi prostrati. Apud Eboracum D. mutuis se vulneribus appetunt xvij. kal. Apr. Apud SANCTUM EDMUNDUM occiduntur Judei xv. kal. Aprilis, scilicet in die Palmarum. Qui vero remanserunt procurante abbate Sampson de prædicta villa perpetuo sunt ejecti."

^l Joceline de Brakelond, in his Chronicle, (MS. Harl. 1005, fol. 123,) noticing the vacancy of St. Edmund's Bury abbey after the death of abbat Hugh, gives a character of the three principal persons who stood foremost in the opinion of the convent. From the particulars which he states then, and in a subsequent passage which will be quoted, Sampson should seem to have been known to the convent for his dislike of the Jews.

^m "SAMPSON SUBSACRISTA, magister super operarios, nihil fractum, nihil rimatum, nihil fissum, nihil inemendatum reliquit pro posse suo: unde conventum et maxime claustrales conciliavit in gratiam. In diebus illis Chorus noster fuit erectus Sampson procurante. Historias picturæ ordinant, et versus elegiacos dictant. Attractum fecit magnum de lapidibus et sabulo ad magnam turrim ecclesiæ construendam. Et interrogatus unde denarios haberet ad hoc faciendum, respondit quosdam burgenses dedisse ei occulte pecuniam ad turrim edificandam et perficiendam. Dicebant tamen quidam fratres nostri quod Warinus monachus noster custos feretri et Sampson subsacrista communi concilio surripuerunt quasi furtive portionem aliquam de oblationibus feretri, ut eam in usus necessarios ecclesiæ et nominatim ad edificationem turris expenderent, hac ratione ducti quia videbant quod oblationes in usus extraordinarios expendebantur ab aliis, qui ut verius dicam eas furabantur. Et ut tam felices furti sui suspicionem tollerent prænominati duo viri truncum quandam fecerunt concavum et perforatum in medio vel in summo, et obseratum sera ferrea, et erigi fecerunt in magna

ecclesia juxta hostium extra chorum in communi transitu vulgi, ut ibi ponerent homines elemosinam suam ad edificationem turris. WILLELMUS vero SACRISTA socium suum Sampsonem suspectum habuit et multi alii qui partem ejusdem Willielmi fovebant, tam Christiani quam Judei.

"JUDEI inquam quibus sacrista pater et patronus dicebatur. De cuius protectione gaudebant, et liberum ingressum et egressum habebant et passim ibant per monasterium, vagantes per altaria et circa feretrum dum missarum celebrarentur solemniter, ET DENarii eorum IN THESAURO NOSTRO SUB CUSTODIA SACRISTÆ REPONEBANTUR, et quod abscondi essent uxores eorum cum parvis suis in pitanceria nostra tempore guerræ hospitabantur."

After Sampson's election and confirmation as abbat, the historian continues,

"DOMINUS ABBAS petiit a rege literas ut Judei ejicerentur a villa Sancti Ædmundi, allegans quod quicumque est in villa Sancti Ædmundi vel infra bannam leucam de jure Sancti Ædmundi est. Igitur vel Judei debent esse homines Sancti Ædmundi, vel de villa sunt ejiciendi. Data est igitur licentia ut eos ejiceret, ita tamen quod haberent omnia catalla, scilicet et pretia domorum suarum et terrarum, et cum emissi essent et armata manu conducti ad diversa oppida abbas jussit solemniter excommunicari per omnes ecclesias, et ad omnia altaria omnes illos qui de cetero receptarent Judeos vel in hospitio recipere in villa Sancti Ædmundi. Quod tamen postea dispensatum est per Justitarios regis; scilicet ut si Judei venerunt ad magna placita abbatis ad exigendum debita sua a debitoribus suis, sub hac occasione poterunt duobus diebus et ij. noctibus hospitari in villa, tertio autem die libere discedent." Ibid. fol. 133.

ⁿ Script. X. Twysd. col. 1162. "A. D. 1189. Sampson etiam abbas de sancto Ædmondo emit a rege pro mille marcis manerium de Mildenhale, quod antiquo jure ad abbatiam suam ut dictum fuerat pertinebat." This was a large sum, if it was for a charter of confirmation.

^o Joceline de Brakelond, Harl. MS. 1005, ut supr. says, "Abbas optulit regi Ricardo quingentas marcas pro manerio de Mildenhale, dicens illud manerium lx. libr. et decem et pro tanto esse rollatum in magna Rolla de Winestr. Et cum ita spem voti sui concepisset, cepit res dilationem usque in crastinum. Interim venit aliquis dicens regi manerium illud bene valere c. libr. In crastino igitur, abbate petitioni suæ instant, dixit rex 'Nihil est domine abbas quod quæris, vel mille marcas dabis vel manerium non habebis.'"

^p Yates, Hist. of St. Edm. Bury, part i. p. 144. Abbat Sampson is stated to have offered his services in accompanying the king upon the expedition; but they were declined, in consequence of the bishop of Norwich telling the king that it was neither expedient for the state, nor safe for the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk, that the bishop of Norwich and the abbat of St. Edmund's Bury should be both absent at the same time.

^q "Richardus, &c. dat confirmatque abbati Sampsoni x. libras terre in Aylesham ad inveniendum bonum et competentem luminarium ante corpus gloriosi martyris Edmundi." Registr. Sacristæ. The Register Pinchebeck says, "iiij. cereorum continue ardentium circa feretrum beati Edmundi." The illuminations representing St. Edmund's shrine in Lydgate's poetical life of the saint, preserved among the Harleian manuscripts, uniformly exhibit a light at each of the four corners.

Burrough's Collections say that, in 1191, that monarch gave to the church of St. Edmund the standard of Isaac, king of Cyprus.^a

It was in this king's reign that Eleanor, queen consort of Henry II., remitted to the convent a fine of ten marks of gold, due to her for queen gold; giving also a gold cup in alms, in honour of St. Edmund, which the convent, on account of their poverty, had presented to her in lieu of the fine.^b

In the sixth year of Richard I. abbat Sampson was made one of the king's justiciaries.

Battely says, "A. D. MCCCXVIII. Feretrum S. Edmundi comburitur."^c

King John confirmed the liberties of the monastery in the first year of his reign. He was here in 1201.^d In 1203, he came again to Bury, paid his adorations at the shrine of St. Edmund, and made some valuable offerings; but, says Dr. Yates, that the motives which conferred on the royal saint and martyr the honour of this visit were purely religious, admits of doubt; as the monarch prevailed upon the abbat and convent to grant him, during his life, the use of the valuable jewels which his mother Queen Eleanor had presented to St. Edmund.^e In 1205, the earls and barons in opposition to King John held a general assembly here.^f In 1208, at the promulgation of the interdict, when John seized many of the ecclesiastical revenues, he made an especial reservation in favour of St. Edmund's Bury.^g

In 1210, the tower of St. Edmund's church was blown down.^h

Abbat Sampson died, according to Battely, on the 3d of the kalends of January, 1211.ⁱ The Harleian MS. 447, says in 1212. The seal of this abbat, now or formerly remaining appendant to a deed in the archives of Christ-Church Canterbury, represented him mitred, with a crozier in the right and a book in the left hand, with this inscription, "SIGILLUM SAMPSONIS DEI GRATIA ABBATIS SANCTI EDMUNDI:" on the reverse of the impression was the holy lamb bearing a cross, circumscribed "SECRETUM SAMPSONIS ABBATIS."^k Abbat Sampson, it is said, was accustomed to preach sometimes in the Northern dialect.^l

Upon the death of abbat Sampson, the custody of the monastery, which remained vacant two years, was given by the king to Nicholas bishop of Tusculum.^m A contest ap-

pears to have arisen in the convent respecting the election of a successor; some of the monks giving their votes for Hugh de Northwold, and some for Robert de Gravele the sacrist. This contest was finally determined by delegates from the pope: when

HUGH DE NORTHWOLD, or NORWOLDE, was declared abbat. He was confirmed in his office by Benedict bishop of Rochester, on the 8th of the ides of March, 1215.ⁿ He had been admitted a monk of this monastery in 1202. In 1228, he was translated to the bishopric of Ely,^o where the legend of St. Edmund's martyrdom afterwards adorned his tomb.

In 1214, after King John's French expedition, under colour of devotion, the chief earls and barons of the kingdom met at St. Edmund's Bury, where they swore upon the high altar to demand of the king the confirmation of the charter of King Henry the First, which Cardinal Langton had before presented to the prelates at St. Paul's in London. Matthew Paris is minute as to the distinct nature of the oath which was taken by the barons.^p It was, probably, in consequence of this, or of some other encouragement received by the barons at St. Edmund's Bury, that, in 1215, King John ordered the prior and sacrist to desist from the fortification of the town, and to drive his enemies from it.^q

A. D. 1216, Lewis, the dauphin of France, who had been invited over by the insurgent barons, according to the French biographer of St. Edmund,^r plundered the monastery of Bury, and carried away with him into France the body of the royal saint and martyr.^s

In 1223, abbat Northwold attended King Henry the Third, with the military force required of him, at the siege of Bedford castle.^t

RICHARD DE INSULA, or ELY, who had been first sacrist, or, according to the Annals of Burton, prior of St. Edmund's and afterwards prior of Burton, was elected abbat of St. Edmund's Bury on the nones of June, 1229. He was installed on St. Edmund's day, in the presence of Richard archbishop of Canterbury, Hugh bishop of Ely (his predecessor as abbat), and many other bishops and peers of England.^u He died on the 6th of the kalends of September, 1234.^v

HENRY, prior of the monastery, was elected abbat on

^a MS. Cole, vol. xlv. p. 29.

^b See the Instrument, Num. XVII. Joceline de Brakelond relates this benefaction differently: he says, "Cum autem regina Ellienor secundum consuetudinem regni deberet accipere c. marcas ubi rex cepit mille, accepit a nobis calicem magnum aureum in pretium C. marcarum, et eundem calicem nobis reddidit pro anima domini sui regis Henrici qui eum primo dederat Sancto Edmundo. Alia quoque vice cum thesaurus ecclesie nostrae portaretur Londonias ad redemptionem regis Ricardi eadem regina eundem calicem adquisivit pro c. marcis et nobis reddidit accipiens cartam nostram a nobis in testimonium promissionis nostrae factae in verbo veritatis quod calicem illum nunquam pro aliquo casu ab ecclesia nostra alienabimus."

^c Antiq. S. Edm. Burgi, p. 85. Mr. Carlisle, in his Description of the endowed Grammar Schools of England and Wales, 8vo. Lond. 1818, vol. ii. p. 513, says, the town of St. Edmund's Bury seems very early to have enjoyed the advantages of a free school. For abbat Sampson, in the year 1198, built a school-house here, and settled a stipend on the master; directing that forty poor boys should be exempt from every demand from the master, with respect to their learning. This building was near the present shire-house, the street still retaining the name of School Hall Street. It is, probably, to this foundation, if something higher is not intended, that Joceline de Brakelond, the contemporary of Sampson, alludes in his Chronicle. "In villa S. Edmundi domos lapideas emit abbas, et eas scholarum regimini assignavit, hac occasione, ut pauperes clerici imperpetuum ibi quieti essent de conductione domus. Ad quam conducendam denarium vel obolum singuli scholares tam impotentes quam potentes bis in anno conferre cogebantur." (Harl. MS. 1005, fol. 133.) That the school supported here by the abbey continued to flourish in the time of King Henry the Sixth is evident from a deed transcribed in the Appendix, Num. XXXVIII., from the Register of Instruments relating to the Monastery, of the time of abbat Curteys, now in the possession of Craven Ord, Esq.

Thorn, in his Chronicle, Script. X. col. 1843, says, "A. D. MCC. Confederatio inter monachos S. Augustini Cantuar. et capitulum S. Edmundi Regis."

The abbat and convent appear in early times also to have maintained schools in their manors of Mildenhale and Beccles. See the 'Traditiones Patrum.' Harl. MS. 1005, fol. 97 b.

^d A. D. MCCI. "Rex adiit Northumbriam ubi magnam adquisivit pecuniam. Inde rediens Sabbato Palmarum adiit Sanctum Edmundum. Sampson abbas exhibuit eum cum omni sequela sua honorifice eo die et in crastino. Inde recedens adiit Cantuariam." Harl. MS. 447.

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^e Hist. of St. Edm. Bury, part i. p. 144.

^f Ibid. p. 145.

^g A. D. 1208. "Londoniensis, Elyensis, Wigorniensis episcopi ex precepto domini papae x. kal. Aprilis totam Angliam sub generali interdicto incluserunt quia rex Johannes inobediens preceptis domini papae archiepiscopum Cantuariensem et monachos recipere recusavit. Ob quod dominus rex vehementer indignatus omnes redditus ecclesiasticos confiscare disposuit, et pro parte majori in usus suos convertit. Ob reverentiam tamen Sancti Edmundi in omnibus libertate pristina donavit apud Geldeford ubi Pascha celebraverat." Harl. MS. 447.

^h Battely, ut supr. p. 86.

ⁱ Ibid.

^k Ibid.

^l Ibid.

^m Pat. 15 Joh. p. 1, m. 5. See Prynne's Papal Usurpations, vol. ii. p. 33.

ⁿ Kennett, MS. Diptycha.

^o Mat. Par. edit. 1684, p. 297. "Custodia abbatis S. Edm. commiss. Will. de Haverhull, 26 Maji, m. 7, et licentia ad eligendum." Pat. 13 Hen. III.

^p A. D. 1214. "Sub eadem tempestate convenerunt ad colloquium apud Sanctum Edmundum comites et barones Angliæ, quasi orationis gratia, licet in causa aliud fuisset. Nam cum diu simul et secretius tractare cepissent, producta est in medium charta quedam regis Henrici primi quam idem barones a Stephano Cantuariensi archiepiscopo, ut predictum est, in urbe Londoniarum acceperant. Continebat autem charta quasdam libertates et leges regis Eadwardi, sanctæ ecclesiæ Anglicanæ pariter et magnatibus regni concessas, exceptis quibusdam libertatibus, quas idem rex de suo adjecit. Itaque convenerunt universi ad ecclesiam Sancti Edmundi, et incipientibus majoribus juraverunt super majus altare, 'Quod si rex leges et libertates jam dictas concedere diffugeret ipsi ei guerram tam diu moverent, ut ab ejus fidelitate se subtraherent, donec eis per chartam sigillo suo munitam confirmaret omnia quæ petebant. Atque in hoc tandem communiter consenserunt, ut post Natale Domini simul omnes ad regem venientes, libertates præscriptas sibi peterent confirmari. Atque interim in equis sibi et armis taliter providerent. Quod si forte rex a proprio vellet juramento (quod bene credebant) resilire propter suam duplicitem; ipsi protinus per captionem castrorum suorum, eum ad satisfactionem compellerent.' Et his ita gestis, unusquisque ad propria remeavit." Mat. Par. edit. 1684, p. 212.

^q See Num. XIX.

^r Mons. Casenewe, Vit. S. Edmund.

^s Yates's Hist. of St. Edm. Bury, part i. p. 147.

^t Battely, ut supr. pp. 89, 156, 157.

^u Ibid. p. 90.

^v Ibid. p. 91.

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the feasts of St. Cosmus and St. Damianus, A. D. 1234, receiving the benediction from Hugh bishop of Ely at Hatfield. King Henry the Third granted to this abbat the privilege of holding two fairs at Bury annually, of three days each, at the north and south gates of the town; also, by another charter, a market and fair at Meleford.* Abbat Henry died on the 13th of the kalends of July, 1248.

EDMUND DE WALPOLE, or WALPOOLE, LL.D., a monk of St. Edmund's, was elected abbat on the nones of July, 1248, and received the benediction from Hugh bishop of Ely on the 5th of the kalends of October. He had made his profession as a monk of the monastery but two years before.^b

It was either immediately before, or very soon after abbat Walpole's election, that Boniface archbishop of Canterbury was desirous of subjecting the monastery to visitation. The bull of Pope Innocent the Fourth, however, continuing the exemption, except where the visitor was deputed by the holy see, is preserved at Lambeth, from the archives of which place it was printed by Mr. Battely.^c

The convent, at abbat Walpole's election, sent three monks to Rome, to obtain the confirmation of the pope; who is stated at first to have refused the application, although the election was unopposed: but afterwards to have confirmed the choice, upon condition that eight hundred marks should be paid to a certain merchant, to whom the pope stood indebted.^d

During abbat Walpole's rule, Richard earl of Gloucester appears to have been an implacable and constant enemy to the convent. Pope Innocent the Fourth, by a bull, dated in the eleventh year of his pontificate, directs the archbishop of Canterbury to pronounce ecclesiastical censure against this nobleman, who was charged not only with endeavouring by harassment to make the abbat and convent relinquish certain rights, and putting them to great expenses, but even with driving the cattle both of the convent and the abbey tenants to his castles.^e

Abbat Walpole died on the 11th of the kalends of January, 1256.

SIMON DE LUTON, LUTENE, or LUYTON, prior of the monastery (to which office he had succeeded in 1252), was elected abbat on the 19th of the kalends of February, 1257.^f Two monks were immediately deputed to Rome, to obtain the papal confirmation: they returned, however, without success, a constitution having been recently made that all exempt abbats should apply personally for their confirmations to the apostolic see. Abbat Simon, therefore, immediately undertook the journey to Rome, and received confirmation from Pope Alexander the Fourth, at Viterbo, on the 11th of the kalends of November following: being the first of the exempt abbats of England who went to Rome for this purpose.^g

It was during the vacancy in the abbacy after abbat Walpole's death, that the Friars Minors, Grey, or Franciscan Friars, made their appearance at Bury, where they remained some time without any settled habitation; but, at length, having obtained a grant from Pope Alexander, which permitted them to occupy any land they might be able to obtain, and relying upon this authority, they procured a situation in the North part of the town, and pre-

sumed, during the night, and in an unconsecrated place, to perform divine service, and celebrate mass. The monks, astonished at this intrusion, were much troubled; and the more so, as the church having lately lost its abbat, was destitute of the advice of a pastor. Some of the officers of the monastery, therefore, undertook to admonish the brethren; but this failing of the desired effect, the dependants of the monks proceeded to demolish the buildings, and expelled the friars from the town. The friars now applied to the court of Rome for redress: when the pope not only reprovved the monks with severity by letter, but directed the archbishop of Canterbury and the dean of Lincoln to put the friars in possession of a plot of ground in the West part of the town. The archbishop, by his commissary the treasurer of Hereford, and the dean of Lincoln in person, on meeting the monks in their chapter, endeavoured in vain to prevail upon them to admit the friars: they then adjourned to the parish church of St. Mary, where a long discussion was held, and whence they proceeded to the plot of ground already mentioned; when the dean, pulling up a little twig, gave the friars livery of seisin, that is, put them in possession of the premises. The monks not assenting to this act of delegated authority, both parties mutually harassed each other by vexatious proceedings at law. The friars, who, as Matthew Paris informs us, were supported by the Earl of Gloucester, the old enemy of the convent, at length obtained the favour of King Henry the Third. The king, by his letters, endeavoured to intercede for the friars, and was seconded in his intercession not only by the queen and Prince Edward, but by a great many of the chief nobility. The monks, however, continuing firm, the king sent his chief justice to Bury, and by an exertion of royal power placed the friars in possession of the plot of ground already alluded to, on the eve of the Translation of St. Edmund, 1256. They immediately commenced the construction of a suitable edifice, and retained their residence in it for six years. Matthew Paris says it was a matter of general surprise that such holy men as the friars were, who had voluntarily chosen a life of poverty, should, in despite of the fear of God and of the revered Martyr, and in disparagement of the peace and privileges of others, violently disturb a noble church of such acknowledged dignity and antiquity. On the decease of Pope Alexander, and the succession of Urban IVth to the papacy, the monks made another application to the see of Rome. Urban revoked the bulls of his predecessor, and peremptorily commanded not only that the buildings erected by the friars should be demolished, but that they should also quit the town within a month. The friars, finding the victory of the monks complete, deputed certain of their brethren to make submission; who, in the presence of the abbat and the whole convent, upon the eve of the Martyrdom of St. Edmund, A. D. 1263, publicly renounced their right to the spot which they had occupied. Peace being restored, the abbat and convent generously granted to the friars a small plot of pasture ground at Babbewell, now called Toll-gate, without the bounds and jurisdiction of the town, upon which they constructed another house, and where they remained till the Dissolution.^h

* ——"quod Henricus abbas habeat duas ferias, unam extra portam aquilonarem ad hospitale S. Salvatoris in vigilia, et in die, et in crastino Transfigurationis Domini: aliam extra portam australem in vigilia, in die, et in crastino Translationis S. Edmundi. Dat. ap. S. Edm. Mart. xix. anno regni xix:—Necnon mercatum apud suum manerium de Meleford singulis diebus Jovis, et feriam trium dierum, videlicet in vigilia, in die, et in crastino S. Trinitatis. Dat. ap. Westm. Jul. viii. anno regni xix." Ibid. p. 92.

^b Battely, p. 96. He had been admitted a monk here on St. Edmund's day, 1245.

^c Battely, Append. ad Antiq. S. Edm. Burgi, num. xxv. p. 159.

^d Mat. Par. See also Battely, p. 97.

^e Battely, p. 98; who has likewise printed this bull from the Lambeth archives.

^f Pat. 41 Hen. III. "Rex consentit electioni Simonis de Lutton, prioris S. Edmundi, abbatis ejusdem. Mandatum est papæ ut quod suum est. 18 Jan. m. 14." Pat. ibid. "Cum Simon de Lutton electus abbas S. Edm. per mort. Edm. abbatis nondum manus benedictionis acceperit dominus rex ob reverentiam Sancti Edmundi, cujus corpus requiescit ibidem, concessit eis per finem centum librarum custodiam baroniæ ejusdem abbatis a die Annunciationis Beatæ Mariæ anno

1241, quousque electus suam benedictionem obtinuerit. 25 Mar. m. 10." Pat. 42 Hen. III. "Rex admittit electionem et confirmationem Simonis de Lutton in abbat. S. Edm. 10 Jan. 14."

^g Abbat Lutton paid upon this occasion two thousand pounds for his confirmation: the pope bestowing upon him the privilege of giving the episcopal blessing.

^h The following is the original statement of this affair, as transcribed by Battely, pp. 102—105, from the Register WERKETONE, now preserved in the Harleian collection of manuscripts at the British Museum, num. 638.

"Cum religiosi ac venerabiles viri, Fratres scilicet Minores, in municipio B. Martyris locum sibi diutino astu obtinere invigilassent, nec id assequi valerent, tandem a D. papa Alexandro IV. quoddam Privilegium, juxta ipsius nominis etymologiam, cumulado non obstante multipliciter vallatum nacti sunt: videlicet, 'ut si ex pia fidelium colatione ibidem fundus eis concederetur, irrequisita abbatis et monachorum conniventia, eundem locum ad inhabitandum, et edificandum ingrederentur.' Qua auctoritate freti in cujusdam municipis prædium a boreali civitatis climate situm, circumventa possessoris religione A. D. mcccviij. x. kal. Julii clanculò se ingesserunt; ubi moræ impatientes, sub furvo noctis gallicinio, in loco non sanctificato, imo divinis

In 1259 the pope granted to the king the tenth of the goods of the barony, or fee of St. Edmund for five years.^a

In 1264, an association of some of the younger burgesses, calling themselves a Guild, occasioned so much dissension respecting the keepers of the town gates, that the abbat applied for redress to the king, who granted a writ of enquiry; but some of the elder and more discreet townsmen, apprehending that the event of this action might prove injurious to the liberties they already enjoyed under the monastery, deputed certain of their own body to entreat the abbat to desist from the prosecution, expressing a desire that he would appoint proper judges, or that he would himself, either in a civil or ecclesiastical court, enquire into all the injuries the convent had received; that whoever were found to be guilty should make a competent satisfaction, which, if they refused to do, their goods and chattels should be distrained; that the Guild should be annulled; and that all who refused to comply with these terms should be expelled the town. Upon the Inquisition being held, it was found that the burgesses had shut the north gate against the abbat, and the south gate against the sacrist and cellarer; that they had made an assault upon the great gate of the abbey; that they had broken the gate of the church-yard; that they had pursued the servants of the monks even to the altar; and formed themselves into a Guild, contrary to ancient custom. The Guild, therefore, was decreed to be dissolved, and, in consideration of the grievances complained of by the abbat, forty pounds of silver were ordered to be paid to him; the abbat reserving the liberty of proceeding against any of the offenders. To insure the faithful performance of this decree, twenty-four of the senior burgesses bound themselves and their heirs by a solemn oath, and by a written engagement under their seals.^b

In 1266, when the barons plundered Norwich, Roger de Skerning, the bishop of that see, fled to the monastery of St. Edmund's Bury, where he was protected.^c

Henry the Third, Dr. Yates observes, several times visited the convent of St. Edmund.^d A royal mandate was issued, dated from Bury, 1st Sept. 36 Henry III., commanding that bakers should not impress their bread intended for sale with the sign of the cross, Agnus Dei, or the name of Jesus Christ; a practice derogatory to the honour of those sacred emblems.^e When civil commotions distracted the kingdom, at a subsequent period of his reign, that monarch appointed a general rendezvous of his friends and supporters to be held at Bury, and summoned the barons who owed military service to the crown to meet him there. They accordingly assembled, equipped with horses and arms, and were joined at Bury by the king early in February, 1267. Ottobon the legate, attended by the chief prelates and peers of the realm, came the following day to the monastery, and held there a solemn council; in which he, in the presence of the king, pronounced sentence of excommunication upon the insurgents who had posted themselves in the isle of Ely, unless they returned to their duty and allegiance. The legate then returned to London, and the king marched toward Cambridge.^f

A few years after this, A. D. 1272, King Henry the Third held a parliament at Bury, whence he proceeded to quell an insurrection at Norwich. During his stay at this monastery upon his return, A. D. 1273, he was seized with the disorder which terminated his life.^g

Abbat Simon de Luton died in 1279.^h Upon his death King Edward the First seized both the abbat's portion and the barony; and the possessions of the convent could not be rescued from him either by entreaty or money: but all things were disposed of by the direction of John de Berwick, the king's attorney. He made an exhibition of

mysteriis tractandis inhonestissimo, applicato super foedissimam aream altari portatili, missarum solemniam celebrare præsumperunt. Quorum intrusione percussus monachi ingemiscabant, eo præcipue, quod (orbata ecclesia per decessum Edmundi abbatis) pastoris consilio et auxilio funditus destituebantur. Quamobrem Officiales monasterii, suam libertatem zelantes, Fratres modestè super ausu temerario arguunt; monentes, quatenus recedant quantocius: quod ultro nolentes, mox diruto a monachorum clientela idoleo, in quo celebraverant, una cum adjacentibus ædificiis, omnes sine violentia, etsi non sine ignominia, digrediuntur extorres. Post autem curiam Romanam adeunt, contra Monachos actionem injuriarum deponunt, et in omnibus exauditi, in tantum pontificis animum contra monachos instigant, ut eis rescribens filios maledicentiae, hæreticos et apostatas denominaret, et domino Cantuariensi et decano Lincolnensi rescriberet; quatenus, non obstante aliquo privilegio seu appellationis remedio, Fratres in possessionem alterius areæ infra burgum S. Edmundi in parte occidentis introducerent. Cumque præfati executores, Cantuariensis per commissarium, Thesaurarium scilicet Herefordensem, Decanus personaliter, ad exequendum mandatum S. Edmundi villam accessissent, et capitulum ingressi Monachos ad suscipiendos Fratres frustra suasissent; deinde in parochiali ecclesia B. Mariæ sedentes, post longas utrinque inter partes altercationes, auditis argumentis hinc inde propositis, ut in favorem Fratrum negotium maturarent, prædictam aream adeunt, et decanus evulso statim de terra brevi sarculo Fratres auctoritate delegata investivit. Monachi incontinententer appellant, quinimo tam ipsos delegatos, quam Fratrum conventiculum, vix manibus innocentes, abigunt. Fratres Monachos coram diversis iudicibus conveniunt, et ad loca remotissima in jus vocant. Cum diu altercatum esset, Fratres causæ suæ jacturam timentes, sprete iudicium suorum jurisdictione ad regium subpedium se conferunt; iudices eremodiciu contrahere non morantes, Monachos ab observatione iudicii absolutos decernunt. Henricus III. rex utpote vir pietatis obsequiis passim intentus, et à Fratribus sæpius interpellatus, datis ad abbatem et conventum literis, pro Fratribus intercedit; regina insuper et dominus Edwardus regis primogenitus, et quamplures Angliæ magnates, tam precibus quam minis idem agunt, sed frustra. Rex ergo Fratrum suggestionibus, aliorum instinctu, præcipue vero reginæ importunitate subactus, justitiarum suum ad S. Edm. mittit, qui regali potestate Fratres in possessionem areæ prædictæ induceret A. D. mcccvi. in vigilia Translationis S. Edmundi: quo in loco plurima competentia religioni suæ ædificia construentes, sex annos commorati sunt. Defuncto autem Alexandro papa, qui Fratrum extiterat currus et auriga, et substituto Urbano IV. missis ad curiam nunciis, derogationem privilegiorum, et gravamina, quæ per prædecessoris literas passi sunt, exponunt. Urbanus factum sui antecessoris revocat, mandatque ipsis in virtute obedientiæ provincialis, et aliis Fratribus in Angliā commorantibus, quatenus, non obstante impetratione prædicta, diruta ædificia omnibus à loco recederent. Ii mandato obtemperantes, missis ad Monachos quibusdam discretis Fratribus, in præsentia D. abbatis et totius conventus loco prænominato et omni juri suo totaliter renunciant in vigilia Passionis S. Edmundi. Pace facta, abbas et conventus Fratribus locum ad inhabitandum in possessione monasterii extra septa suæ jurisdictionis gratuito concedunt, qui venustis ædificiis

opulenter redimitus jam efficitur ædes sacrorum, qui prius extiterat pascua brutorum. Hæc in scriptis redacta sunt A. D. mcccij. kal. Decembris."

The following are the passages relating to this transaction in Matthew Paris:

A. D. 1258. "Sub eorundem temporum voluminibus, Fratres Minores auctoritate Papali sese ingesserunt et intruserunt in civitate sancti Edmundi regis et martyris, invitus et contradicentibus ejusdem loci abbate et conventu. Et introducti sunt, et instituti violenter per laicorum manum, videlicet comitis Gloverniæ, quem constat esse dictorum abbatis et conventus adversarium, et Gileberti de Præstona. Paucis autem præcedentibus diebus, venerat abbas a curia, qui sibi præcavens in futurum, contra impetum dictorum Fratrum, scripto Papali præmunerat, sed illic postea impetrarunt Fratres in contrarium, per hanc adjunctionem; *Non obstante*. Unde hoc audientes universi non poterant satis admirari, quod tam sancti viri, qui spontaneam paupertatem elegerunt; contempto Dei timore, et tam reverendi martyris et hominum oblocutione, et privilegiorum ac conservatorum tuitione, violenter illius nobilis ecclesiæ statum perturbarent; quam certum est esse magnæ dignitatis et antiquitatis. Nec sic angebat abbatem totus labor transalpinus, vel debita quibus involvebatur inestimabilia: et ad cumulum angustiarum suarum arctatus, placito comitis Gloverniæ, languoris elegit dilationes." Mat. Par. edit. 1684, p. 830.

"Diebus vero eisdem, abbas S. Edmundi regis et martyris, morosa dilatione et sumptuosa in curia Romana protracta rediit domum in debitis expensarum non minimis obligatus. Fratres insuper Minores, ut prædictum est, abbate et conventu reclamantibus, sibi mansionem ædificabant. Abbas tamen cum extitit nuper Romæ, impetraverat privilegium, ne Fratres hoc aliquatenus attemptarent. Sed ipsi, adjecta hac clausula: *Non obstante*, &c. omnia impetrata infirmabant." Ibid. p. 832.

^a Battely, Antiq. S. Edm. Burgi, p. 113, from Reg. Nig. et Reg. Pinchebek, fol. 189.

^b Yates's History of St. Edm. Bury, part i. p. 125. Compare Battely, p. 113, and Append. p. 159, N. xxvi. e Registro W. Pinchebek.

^c Yates, ut supr. p. 106.

^d Leland, Itin. vol. iv. p. 165, "ex libello de exequiis nobilium virorum et abbatum sepultorum in monasterio S. Edmundi," says, "Henricus III^{us} dedit monasterio S. Edmundi unam cupam auream pro corpore Domini."

^e "Mandatum est firmiter ex parte regis prohiberi nequis pistor panem faciens venalem, Signum Crucis, vel Agnus Dei, vel etiam Nomen Jesu Christi imprimi faciat in pane suo, ne per culpam pistoris, vel alio casu inopinato, signa prædicta, vel nomen Domini, quod absit, deturpetur. Teste meipso apud Sanctum Edmundum i. die Sept." Claus. 36 Hen. III. m. 6, dorso. Prynn, Papal Usurp. tom. ii. p. 783.

^f Yates, Hist. of St. Edm. Bury, part i. pp. 147, 148. Compare Battely, pp. 113, 114.

^g See Walsingham, edit. 1574, p. 1.

^h Leland, Itin. edit. Oxf. 1769, vol. iv. p. 164, says, "Simon abbas demolita rotunda capella prioris, in qua S. Edmundus ante translationem requievit, capellam beatæ Mariæ a fundamentis in eodem loco sumptibus suis, parentum et amicorum ædificavit."

allowance to the convent; the homages of the manors of the convent, as well within as without the town of St. Edmund's Bury, being tallied.^a

JOHN DE NORWOLD, who held the office of hostilar in the monastery, was elected abbat May 5th, 1279.^b The temporalities of the abbey were restored to him by the king on Nov. 14th following.^c

A. D. 1289, during the time of this abbat, King Edward the First and Queen Eleanor honoured this town and monastery with a visit in the month of August.^d In the next year, 1290, this abbat obtained a licence from the king to make a will, to dispose of his goods and chattels.^e

In 1292 a renewal took place of the disputes between the abbey and the town, chiefly relative to the election of the alderman and the keepers of the gates. They were thus adjusted by an inquisition taken at Bury by John de Mettingham, William de Giselham, and Hugh de Cressingham. On Michaelmas-day, every year, the townsmen were to come to the abbat, or, in his absence, to the prior, in the church of St. Edmund, and desire leave to elect an alderman. This was to be immediately granted to them. Then they were to elect a person proper for the office of alderman; for whose behaviour they were to be responsible to the abbat and convent, and who was to be admitted as such by the abbat, unless some reasonable objection were made to him: and, if such objection were made, then another was to be chosen, to be approved as before. In regard to the gate-keepers, the alderman, at the first portemmannemot after his admission, was, with the rest of the inhabitants of the town, to present to the sacrist, or his bailiffs, four persons proper for keeping the four gates; for whose behaviour the alderman and other inhabitants were to be answerable to the abbat and convent. The fifth gate, that is, the east gate, was to remain in the custody of the abbat. Such was stated to have been the established custom from the time of King Edward the Confessor.^f

In 1296, the day after the commemoration of All Souls, the king held a parliament at St. Edmund's Bury, designing especially to ask an aid of the clergy and the people. The archbishop of Canterbury held his council with the clergy at the same time at Bury, where he published the new papal constitution, which forbade all ecclesiastics from contributing to the secular power. The clergy obeying the pope's injunction, and refusing the king's request, the parliament was prorogued, and afterwards removed to London.^g Robert, archbishop of Canterbury, at this time made a declaration, dated Nov. 6th, 1296, in the presence of a notary public and other witnesses, that, by his entry into the town and monastery of St. Edmund, and by his stay there to attend his duty in parliament, it was not his intention to make any infringement upon the privileges and immunities of the abbat and convent.^h

Abbat Norwold died on the 4th of the kalends of November, 1301.ⁱ

The licence for a fresh election was granted on Nov. 30;^k and on Jan. 30th following the royal assent was given to the election of

THOMAS DE TOTYNGTON; to whom, after he had received the pope's confirmation, the temporalities were restored Aug. 10th, 1302.

Wanley's Notes, as quoted by Dr. Yates, are minute as to the homage and profession of allegiance made to this abbat on the eve of St. Matthew, 1302, by the alderman

and burgesses of the town: nevertheless, in 1305, a commission was held to make enquiry into no less than seventeen charges made by the abbat and convent against the townsmen, for infringing the rights of the monastery, resisting the officers, and ill-treating the bailiff and servants and the workmen employed upon the buildings of the place. Several of the townsmen were punished upon this occasion with fine and imprisonment.^l

Thomas de Totyngton, previous to his election as abbat, had been sub-prior of the monastery. He was summoned to the parliament at Carlisle in 1307, but sent John de Everesdon as his proxy.^m He died on the 7th of the ides of Jan. 1312. On the 18th of the same month the king issued his licence for a new election,ⁿ when the choice fell on

THOMAS DE DRAUGHTON, or DRAGHTON, to whom the king gave his assent on March the 4th, and restored the temporalities on May 17th.^o

Stowe says, in 1326 "King Edward kept his Christmas at S. Edmundsbury, sore afraid of the queene's returne and of those exiled persons that were with her, lest they should with a power of aliens put him downe from his kingly dignitie."^p His queen, Isabella, who landed on the coast of Suffolk, afterwards marched her troops to the town, where numerous adherents joined her.^q

In the very next year, A. D. 1327, abbat Draughton had the great mortification to see his abbey reduced almost to a heap of ruins. The great mass of the townsmen, headed by their alderman and chief burgesses, and joined by an immense force collected from the neighbouring towns and villages, made three several attacks upon the monastery and its possessions; sacking and burning the edifices of the Abbey, robbing it of its ornaments, charters, and treasure, and extending their depredations to a great number of the manors which belonged to it. Several of the townsmen, taking Peter de Clopton the prior, and about twenty monks, to the chapter-house, compelled them to execute, under seal, several deeds injurious to the rights and privileges of the monastery; particularly a deed or grant from the convent to the town of Bury, to constitute and continue the burgesses as a Guild or Corporation, with a common seal, having the custody of the town gates, and the wardship of orphans; and also to bind themselves in a bond, or obligation, for the payment of ten thousand pounds to Oliver Kemp and certain of the townsmen named in the said bond; to discharge them from all debts owing to the convent; and to promise not to proceed against them at law for the recovery of any damages done to the monastery.

Large portions of several of the Chartularies of St. Edmund's Bury are filled with the commissions, writs, and pleas issued upon this occasion, the abbat and convent having instituted a number of distinct legal processes. Dr. Yates, in his History of St. Edmund's Bury, gives the substance of no fewer than eleven commissions and writs, most of them of the same date, but with some difference in the names of the monks injured, different names of culprits, and different assessments of damages. The townsmen, he says, had collected together about twenty thousand men and women; and, as the parochial clergy had generally a great antipathy to the monks, many of the curates and ministers of the towns and villages joined the rioters, and abetted the outrageous attacks upon the possessions of the monks.^r Abbat

^a Yates, ut supr. p. 216.

^b Pat. 7 Edw. I. "Rex consentit electioni fratris Joh. de Norwold in abb. et significat domino papæ ut id quod suum est exequatur, 8 Maij, m. 16."

^c Pat. 7 Edw. I. m. 4.

^d Yates, ut supr. p. 148. Blomef. Hist. Norf. vol. ii. p. 47.

^e "Rex concedit Joh. abbati de S. Edmundo licentiam condendi testamentum quod ipse de bonis et catallis suis libere posset disponere." Pat. 18 Edw. I. 18 Oct. See also Prynne, Papal Usurpations, vol. iii. p. 220.

^f See MS. Cole, vol. xiv. p. 51, from the collections of Sir James Burroughs.

^g Yates's Hist. of St. Edm. Bury, part i. p. 149.

^h Ibid. p. 107, from the Collect. Buriens.

ⁱ Kennett, MS. Diptycha Eccl. Anglic. Lel. Itin. vol. iv. p. 165, says, "Joannes Norwold abbas capellam de Carnelo in cœmeterio fundavit et dotavit. Construxit etiam capellam S. Botulphi."

^k Pat. 30 Edw. I. lic. elig. per mort. Johannis, 30 Nov. "Memorandum quod literæ quas monachi detulerunt domino regi pro dicta licentia optinenda fuerunt clause, et quod idem dominus rex licet literæ illæ contra consuetudinem regni sui in casu consimili hactenus usitatam fuissent sibi præsentatæ, ob devotionem tamen quam gessit erga sanctum Edmundum laboribusque dictorum monachorum dictas literas præfato domino regi in tam longinquis partibus portantium compatiens dictis priori et conventui licentiam prædictam hac vice duxit concedendam." MS. Harl. 6958, p. 204.

^l Yates, part. i. pp. 127, 128.

^m Pat. 6 Edw. II. p. 1.

ⁿ Annals, edit. 1592, p. 338.

^o Ibid. p. 129.

^p The following are abstracts of those parts of the principal pleadings on this occasion, which enumerate the precise losses of the monks: they are copied from the Register WERKETONE, MS. Harl. 638.

^q Yates, part i. p. 150.

^r "Placita apud villam de Sancto Edmundo coram Johanne de Sto-

Draughton was at this time in London; but, upon his application to the king, a military force was sent down to quell the riot. Twenty-four of the chief burgesses were apprehended and imprisoned, thirty carts full of the rioters were taken prisoners to Norwich, and nineteen of the twenty of the most notorious offenders were executed. Thirty-two clerici (parochial clergymen) were convicted as aiders and abettors.

The enquiries and discussions, Dr. Yates continues, which arose out of this violent and injurious affair appear to have occupied almost the five following years. The final decision was given in a decree, or 'Concordia,' between the abbat and convent on the one part, and the townsmen on the other part, by King Edward the Third and his council, on Thursday after the feast of the Holy Trinity, in the fifth year of his reign, A. D. 1332.^a The justices awarded a hundred and forty thousand pounds damages; but, at the instance of the king himself, the whole was remitted, except

two thousand marks; the payment of which was to be made within twenty years, by disbursements of a hundred marks a year.^b

Fox states, that J. Berton the alderman, William Herling, thirty-two priests, thirteen women, and a hundred and thirty-eight others of the said town, were outlawed; of whom, divers, after grudging at the abbat for breaking promise with them at London, conspired against him, and invaded the manor of Chevington, where he then lay. They robbed and bound him: they then shaved him, and carried him away to London; where they removed him from street to street, till they could convey him over the Thames into Kent, and over sea to Dist, in Brabant, where they kept him in much misery and slavery. At length, they were all excommunicated by the archbishop of Canterbury, and afterwards by the pope. At last, it being known where the abbat was, he was rescued by his friends, and brought home with procession.^c

nore, Waltero de Friskene, et aliis justiciariis, die Veneris proxime post festum S. Lucie virginis anno regni regis Edwardi terci post Conquestum primo. Ricardus de Draytone, Robertus de Batisforde, &c. in misericordia pro pluribus defaultis. Idem Ricardus, Robertus, &c. et Radulfus de Histone, &c. in Brevi originali nominati; et Rogerus Latoner, &c. superius indictati, &c. attachiati fuerunt ad respondendum abbati de S. Edmundo de Placito, quare ipsi simul cum Roberto de Foxtone, &c. in prædicto Brevi originali nominatis, et una cum Willielmo, filio Stephani filii Benedicti, &c. superius indictatis, &c. aggregata sibi multitudine malefactorum et pacis regis perturbatorum ad Abbatiam ipsius Abbatis de S. Edmundo vi et armis (scilicet gladiis, arcibus et sagittis, aketonibus, hauborionibus, et bacineis, platis, lanceis, et gysarmis) nuper accedentes, (viz. die Mercurii post festum Conversionis S. Pauli anno regni domini regis nunc primo) prædictam abbatiam et commonachos et portias ipsius abbatis in ipsa abbatia illa tunc existentes obsederunt, et portas abbatie illius, et ostia et fenestras domorum ejusdem frugerunt, et abbatiam et domos prædictas intraverunt, et in homines et servientes insultum fecerunt, et ipsos verberaverunt, et male tractaverunt, per quod idem abbas servitium hominum et servientium prædictorum per magnum tempus amisit, necnon xx. cistas, xxx. forcias, et xl. carulas ipsius abbatis ibidem similiter frugerunt; tres calices aureas, xl. argenteas, libros (i. e. xx. Missalia, xxiv. Portiforia, xii. Bibulas, xx. Psalteria, x. Journalia, vii. paria Decretorum, x. paria Decretalium, et alios plures libros diversarum scientiarum et voluminum), vestimenta (i. e. tunicaginta capas chori, lx. albas cum amictis, xxx. cassibulas, xxx. tuniculas, xl. dalmaticulas, lx. ornamenta ecclesie, (i. e. xx. frontalia altaria, xl. urciola, vi. thuribula argentea), et vasa, coclearia argentea, ciphos, et alia utensilia domus (viz. iii. pelves, iii. aquaria, c. discos, c. salseria, x. cupas argenteas, xxx. ollas, xxx. patellas, xx. poceneitos, iii. mortaria ænea, xx. dolia vacua, et xx. cuvas magnas), ac alia bona et catalla præfati abbatis (viz. pannos aureos, et de serico, lineos et laneos, sellas et hernesias), ad valentiam DECEM MILLIUM LIBRARUM; et quingentas libras in pecunia numerata, ac tria millia florenorum præter pretium quingentarum librarum; necnon diversa, cartas, scripta, et alia monumenta sua ibidem inventa ceperunt et asportaverunt (viz. tres cartas Kanuti quondam regis Anglorum, quatuor cartas Hardecnuti quondam regis, &c. unam etiam cartam S. Edwardi regis, duas etiam cartas Henrici regis primi, et duas cartas Henrici regis tertii fundatione abbatie prædictæ et confirmatione possessionum ipsorum abbatis et conventus, et de diversis libertatibus eis per præfatos reges concessis. Unum etiam scriptum obligatorium continens quod Nicholaus Fouke, &c. tenebantur eidem abbati et conventui in d. marcis et l. doliis vini. Unum etiam scriptum obligatorium continens quod Philippus de Cloptone tenebatur eidem abbati et conventui in xxii. libris. Decem etiam bullas Alexandri papæ quarti; ii. bullas Innocentii papæ tertii, de exemptionibus et immunitatibus abbatie prædictæ), et fratrem Petrum de Cloptone priorem abbatie prædictæ fratrem Martinum de Rudham, fratrem Willielmum de Whitshire, &c. commonachos ipsius abbatis fratrem Ceperunt, et eos de abbatia illa extraxerunt, ac usque quandam domum in eadem villa de S. Edmundo duxerunt, et ibidem diu imprisonaverunt; ipsosque sic imprisonatos postmodum usque in capitulum abbatie prædictæ duxerunt, et ipsos sic imprisonatos detinuerunt, quousque quoddam scriptum obligatorium continens quod ibidem abbas et conventus ejusdem domus Olivero Kempe, et præfatis Radulpho le Smeremongere, Johanni Canoun, Roberto de Pastone, Johanni Nichole, et Roberto de Saxham in decem millibus librarum eis certo die solvendarum tenebantur: ac quandam litteram de remissione et quietatione omnimodorum actionum et querelarum de debitis et transgressionibus quibuscunque quas idem abbas et conventus versus dictos Oliverum, Radulfum, Johannem, Robertum, Johannem, et Robertum habere possent, communi sigillo domus illius, quod in custodia ipsorum monachorum tunc fuit, consignari fecerunt. Nec non ballivos et alios ministros ipsius abbatis in eadem villa quominus curias suas ibidem tenere, justitiam conquerentibus exhibere, fines et amerciamenta, necnon alia proficua de eisdem curiis provenientia ad ipsum abbatem pertinentia; tholonium aut custumas alias de rebus venalibus infra villam prædictam ad opus ejusdem abbatis, seu proficuum mercati sui ibidem, aut firmas, redditus, eidem abbati in eadem villa debitos, levare, colligere, et percipere potuerunt, totaliter impederunt, per quod idem abbas firmas et redditus prædictos, et proficuum curiarum et mercati prædictorum, ad valentiam quingentarum librarum amisit. Et alia enormia, &c. ad grave dampnum, &c. et con-

tra pacem, &c. Unde dicit (idem Ricardus de Walsham attornatus domini abbatis) quod dominus abbas deterioratus est, et dampnum habet ad valentiam XL.M. librarum. Et inde producit sectam, &c. Et prædicti Ricardus de Draytone, in Brevi originali nominati, et Rogerus le Latoner, &c. superius indictati, &c. in propriis personis suis veniunt, et defendunt vim et injuriam quando, &c. et quod in nullo sunt culpabiles de transgressionibus prædictis sibi impositis, et ponunt se super patriam, &c. Et prædictus abbas similiter. Ideo veniat inde jurata, &c. Juratores dicunt quod prædicti Ricardus de Draytone, &c. culpabiles sunt de transgressionibus prædictis contra pacem domini regis perpetratis, sicut prædictus abbas queritur, et dampnum ipsius abbatis XL.M. librarum. Ideo consideratum est quod prædictus abbas recuperet dampna sua prædicta, quæ taxantur per juratores ad XL.M. libras. Et prædicti Ricardus de Draytone, &c. capiantur, &c. Et prædicti Radulfus le Smeremongere, &c. præsentem in curia committuntur prisonæ regis in custodia vicecomitis, &c. Et cessat executio de dampnis prædictis quousque, &c."

"Placita apud villam de S. Edm. coram præfatis justiciariis die Veneris proxime post festum S. Lucie virginis anno regni regis Edwardi terci post Conquestum primo. Ricardus de Draytone, &c. in misericordia pro pluribus defaultis. Prædicti Ricardus et alii simul, cum Roberto de Foxtone, &c. in prædicto Brevi originali nominatis, et una cum Willielmo filio Stephani filii Benedicti, &c. superius indictatis, &c. aggregata sibi ingenti multitudine malefactorum et pacis regis perturbatorum ad eandem abbatiam, vi et armis, scilicet lanceis, gisarmis, hachis, gladiis, arcubus et sagittis, accesserunt; scilicet die Dominica in festo S. Lucæ Evangelistæ anno regni regis nunc primo; et commonachos et servientes ipsius abbatis, viz. fratrem Johannem de Stocktone, Robertum de Stanton, et Johannem de Elyngham commonachos, &c. Robertum de Rudham et magistrum Ricardum le Cok servientes, &c. obsederunt; et ignem portis abbatie illius apposuerunt, et eas, necnon quamplures domos, capellas, et oratorium abbatie illius plumbo coopertas, sc. aulas, cameras, pistrinam et bracinam, stabulas, firmariam, et hosteliariam, et capellas B. Mariæ, S. Laurentii, et Oratoria S. Edmundi, et S. Johannis Baptistæ, et alias domos ipsius abbatis, in villa de S. Edmundo, viz. seldas, shupas; et in maneriis suis apud Neutone, Hornyngeserthe, Westle, Bertone, Risby, Ingham, Fornham, S. Martini, et Fornham Omnium Sanctorum, Pakenham, Rugham, Cokerfelde, Bradefelde, et Whepstede, scilicet aulas, grangias, stabulas, boverias et bercarias, et blada sua in eisdem domibus villæ de S. Edmundo, et dictorum maneriorum ad valentiam XX.M. librarum; sc. frumentum, orxum, et avenam maliciose combusserunt; necnon centum equos, ccc. boves, cc. vaccas, ccc. boviculos, x. M. ovium, et ccc. porcos ejusdem abbatis, pretii VI.M. LIBRARUM, in eisdem maneriis inventos, ceperunt et abduxerunt, ac alia bona et catalla sua in abbatia, domibus, et maneriis prædictis inventa, ad valentiam XV.M. librarum ceperunt et asportaverunt; sc. carnes, pisces, fenum, utensilia domus, ollas, patellas æneas, carras, caretas, hertias, et carrucas, et alia enormia, &c. ad grave dampnum, &c. et contra pacem, &c. unde dicit quod deterioratus est, et dampnum habet ad valentiam CENTUM MILLE librarum. Et inde producit sectam, &c. Et Ricardus de Draytone, &c. in Brevi originali nominati, &c. et Rogerus le Latoner, &c. superius indictati, &c. in propriis personis suis veniunt et defendunt vim et injuriam quando, &c. et quod in nullo culpabiles de transgressionibus, &c. et ponunt se super patriam, et abbas similiter, &c. Jurati dicunt quod prædicti Ricardus de Draytone, &c. sunt culpabiles de transgressionibus prædictis contra pacem regis factis sicut prædictus abbas queritur, et ad dampnum ipsius abbatis LX.M. librarum. Ideo consideratum est quod prædictus abbas recuperet dampna sua prædicta quæ taxantur per juratam ad LX.M. LIBRARUM. Et prædicti Ricardus de Draytone, &c. capiantur. Et prædicti Radulfus le Smeremongere, &c. Rogerus le Latoner, &c. præsentem in curia, committuntur prisonæ regis in custodia vicecomitis."

^a Yates, ut supr. p. 134.

^b So the Registrum Hostiliarie, fol. 126. "Deinde ad rogatum regis Edwardi terci et ejus instantiam die Jovis prox. post festum sanctæ Trinitatis anno regni sui quinto concordati sunt sub hac forma, quod pardonatio CXL. mille libr. solverent conventui ij. milia marc. solvendarum infra XX. annos; scilicet quolibet anno c. marc. &c. ut habetur in registris in hac Chronica superius prænotatis."

^c Yates, ut supr. p. 135. Cole, vol. xlv. p. 30, relate the same

Abbat Draughton died on the 5th of the nones of May, 1335.^a

WILLIAM DE BERNHAM, sub-prior of the monastery, received the royal assent to his election as abbat on May 31st, the same year.^b

During abbat Bernham's rule, in 1345, William Bate-man, bishop of Norwich, entered into a sharp contest with the abbat and convent, in the hope of subjecting the monastery to his visitation. The abbat pleaded the total exemption of his house, by charter, from all episcopal jurisdiction whatsoever. The king also, by his letters patent, dated August 6th, 1346, confirmed to the monastery its ancient privileges and immunities, commanding the bishop to desist from any attempt to infringe them. The bishop, however, appealed to the courts of law; but a verdict was found for the abbat, and the bishop declared to have incurred a *præmunire*, subjecting himself, under the charter of King Hardicute, to the payment into the king's exchequer of thirty talents of gold. The temporalities of the see of Norwich were, in consequence, seized by the sheriffs till the payment of the fine; while the king's attorney-general moved an enquiry to ascertain the value in money of the talents, which is said, in one authority, to have amounted to three thousand, according to others, to ten thousand pounds. A subsequent appeal from the bishop, in 1347, to a council held at St. Paul's, produced a fresh arrangement, the details of which do not appear in any of the Abbey Registers. The bishop, no doubt, finally relinquished his claim of visitation.^c

Abbat Bernham died in 1361. On 18th of March that year the royal assent was given to the election of

HENRY DE HUNTSTANTON, LL.B., who set out upon

his journey to Rome for confirmation, but died, before he had received it, at Avignon.

JOHN DE BRINKELE, LL.B., was appointed abbat by papal provision August 4th, 1361:^d on November the 12th in which year the temporalities of the monastery were restored to him.^e No event of particular importance to the abbey appears to have occurred during his time.^f He died, according to the continuator of Higden, in 1378: or, as is more generally stated, in the month of January, 1379.

EDMUND BROMFIELD, or DE BRUMFIELD, D.D., a monk of a litigious temper, whom the convent, to place him at a distance, had made their agent at Rome, now received the pope's appointment to the abbacy. Immediately upon abbat Brinkele's death, the convent had agreed unanimously to the election of John de Tymworth, their sub-prior; and two monks were sent to Rome with the king's letters, as well as those of the monastery, in hope of having this choice confirmed. But the pope still adhered to his former appointment. Bromfield now came to Bury, where, taking possession of the abbey, he installed himself, having induced about eighteen of the monks to join his cause. The king, considering this as being done upon the pope's authority only, and contrary to the laws of England, sent an armed force to arrest the self-installed abbat, as well as the monks who had joined him. Bromfield, having been brought before the king's chancellor at Westminster, was first sent a prisoner to the Tower of London, whence he was afterwards removed to Nottingham castle. The details of this contention, which kept the abbey vacant six years, are given in the Note below, from Walsingham's History.^g

In 1381, the rabble of Norfolk and Suffolk, under a

circumstances, nearly in the same words, from Sir James Burrough's Collectanea Buriensia, but under the wrong date of 1381.

^a Kennett, MS. Diptycha.

^b Pat. 9 Edw. III. p. 1. Rymer, Fœd. tom. iv. p. 672, has printed the papal bull confirming his election.

^c See Yates, ut supr. p. 109.

^d MS. Wharton.

^e Pat. 35 Edw. III. p. 2.

^f The Register WERKTON, Harl. MS. 638, fol. 174 b, preserves a memorandum of the contributions which were made in this abbat's time, when E. Bronnfeld, one of the monks (probably the Edmund Bromfield who was afterwards appointed abbat by the Pope), took the degree of doctor in divinity at Oxford.

^g "Contributio officiorum de gratia facta per fratrem E. Bronnfeld, anno gratiæ M.CCC.LXXIIJ. incept. in Theologia Oxon. Videlicet de thesaurario, lx^s. Item de sacrista, l^s. Item de celerario, l^s. Item de camerario, xx^s. Item de hospitalario, xx^s. Item de elemosinario, xx^s. Item de feretrariis, x^s. Item de pitancario, x^s. Item de infirmario, x^s. Item de hostilar. intr. et extrinsec. x^s. Item de vestiario, iij^s. iij^d. Item de subsecrista, xiiij^d. Item de precentore, xiiij^d. Item de sub-celerario, xij^d.

Summa, xiiij^d. vj^s. viij^d."

^h "Per idem tempus venit a curia Romana Edmundus Brumfield monachus ecclesiæ Sancti Edmundi de Burgo, afferens secum bullas, in quibus dono et provisione domini papæ asseveravit se abbatem et pastorem ipsius ecclesiæ confirmatum. Iste siquidem Edmundus promotus ex substantia illius monasterii usque ad summum gradum, quotiens a studio revocabatur ad monasterium, semper contentiosus et seminator discordiarum et odii concitator extiterat inter fratres, unde fratres ipsius loci fatigati sæpe per ipsum, cum consilio domini Johannis Bryuele, (sc. Brinkele) patris tunc et pastoris eorum, decreverunt quovis pacto aut per fas aut per nefas deliberari à persona sua, ne videlicet una ovis morbida totum gregem ipsius monasterii contaminaret, et ut illorum propositum cautius et secretius ac sine fratrum, vel loci aut ipsius Edmundi scandalo sortiri valeret effectum, offerunt sibi officium procuratoris domus illorum, ut vadens ad Romanam curiam, ibidem pro ecclesiæ necessitatibus jugiter moraretur, ac sic per consequens domus illa sua præsentia vacuaretur, et fraterna quies suis simultatibus imposterum minime turbaretur. Sed antequam hoc negotium eum exequi, aut ab eis recedere permiserunt, cogitantes plerunque quod celi diversa facies vel externa regio non mutant conditiones quorundam, nec potest Aethiops mutare pellem suam, exegerunt ab illo juramentum de non acquirendo aliquo beneficio ipsius domus, et de non procurando, quod in ipsius ecclesiæ cederet præjudicium quovismodo. Quod et juravit, facto coram eis publico sacramento. Postea verò præsentibus capituli generalis totius nigri ordinis, et ut favorabilis acceptaretur à summo Pontifice, litteras commendatorias (quanquam aliquantulum contra conscientias) tam præsentium, quam suæ domus, accepit ad Papam, quæ postea magno detrimento domus suæ fuere, ut inferius declarabo. Cum ergo Romam venisset, et ibidem longam moram traxisset, nec assecutus ab apostolico ullum fuisset beneficium, tandem audit D. Johannem Brivole (sc. Brinkele) quondam abbatem suum diem clausit supremum, et putans jam tempus opportunum arrisisse sibi

fit ad procurandum et consequendum quod diu mente conceperat, accessit ac quandam advocatum, sed filium qui tamen morabatur in curia, et vocabatur magister Johannes Shipdam, et promisit ei magnam summam pecuniæ annuè si id efficere, ut abbas de Burgo quoquo pacto creari posset. Et si contingeret eum in hoc negotio minime expedire, procuraret sibi aliquem ex vacantibus episcopatibus, aut si hoc non posset assequi, prioratum de Derhirst obtinere laboraret eidem, habiturus pro labore suo pro quolibet annuatim unam summam ex eis. Dictus verò Johannes, quosdam à cardinalibus qui nunquam aurum respuunt ad partem traxit, ut ipsorum interventu, et favore Edmundi prædicti negotia efficacius expediret, securus ergo de ipsorum cardinalium adiutorio, proponit coram domino papa causam Edmundi, asserens eum verum electum capituli et omnium fratrum vocis optatum ad ecclesiæ eidem præessendum. Dominus verò papa considerans malitiam ipsius temporis, et sui adversarii antipapæ quotidianum incrementum, et sperans Edmundum magno adiutorio sibi adfuturum, si abbas efficeretur ibidem, de facili inclinatus ad confirmandum, vel si electio ritè celebrata non fuisset, ad gratis dandum ipsi Edmundo beneficium supradictum. Quid multa? consequitur Edmundo dono et favore papæ imaginarium appetitum, et ad repatriandum cum bullis suis se præparat toto nisu.

"Fratres verò de Bury post mortem statim abbatis sui ad electionem conveniunt, et unanimi consensu elegerunt in abbatem dominum Johannem virum idoneum de Tymworth, domus suæ suppriorum et ordinis zelatorem. Qui audientes Edmundum eos taliter prævenisse, mox festinarunt duos monachos ad Romanam transmittere curiam, ad certificandum dominum papam de falsa suggestionem Edmundi, et ad petendam confirmationem ipsorum electi. Deferunt ergo secum Litteras regias, et plurimorum dominorum supplicatorias pro confirmatione electi, et Edmundi depositione. Sed Papa pro tunc plus favens Edmundo quam monachis, permisit eosdem ibi damnosam trahere diu moram. Interea Edmundus cogitans quod mora trahit periculum, et semper nocuit differre peractis, properat ad burgum Sancti Edmundi, et ibidem aliciens sibi vicinos de patria, in brevi magnum exercitum in partem suam traxit. Stipatus igitur multis assentatoribus publicari fecit in parochialibus ecclesiis suas bullas, ut fieri solet in talibus. Plebs avida semper ac cupida novorum, suis credit assertionibus; et favet honori, maxime quia patriota fuerat et vicinis eis. Videns autem Edmundus principia sibi cessasse pro votis, sperat cælos miscere terra, et spiret carni conjungere, et claustrum foro, monachos scilicet, confutare laicis, et unum serere in utrumque. Intrat ergo capitulum cum turba multa, mittens notarios qui invitarent monachos ad capitulum, ex parte domini Papæ, ad audiendum sub pœna inobedientiæ ejusdem mandata. Simplices vero fratres timentes hanc notam, capitulum intraverunt. Alii quoque qui pericula mente libaverunt et incommoda quæ monasterio possent emergere per talem provisionem, a turba se et capitulo subtraxerunt. Edmundus igitur in capitulo residens, de facili traxit in partem suam fratres qui aderant, partim timore censure, partim affectione, partim dominandi cupidine, præcipue quos amor administrationum temporalium detinebat. Erant idcirco post expressa negotia sua, et postquam vidit partem favere, novos obedientiaros statuit, et deponit antiquos, sed et electum eorum dominum Johannem de Tymworth restituit officio supprioris, si tamen idem electus putet cedentium electioni et mandatis ejus parendum. Dehinc cum illa parte

leader who assumed the name of Jack Straw, made a simultaneous movement with the Kentish insurgents under Wat Tyler, in the hope of effecting a general rebellion. Their numbers are stated to have amounted to fifty thousand. Having seized Sir John Cavendish, the lord chief justice of the King's Bench, at his country seat, they brought him to Bury, where they beheaded him. They next attacked the monastery of St. Edmund. John de Cambridge, the prior, was seized at the manor of Mildenhale; his head was struck off, and his body left naked in the fields for five days, none presuming to bury it for fear of the rioters. His head was placed upon the pillory, by

that of Sir John Cavendish. John de Lakynghithe, the keeper of the barony of St. Edmund, was seized in the abbey-cloister, whence having been dragged to the marketplace of Bury, his head was taken off with eight strokes, and placed with those of his friends. They then plundered the abbey; taking away a cross of gold, a rich chalice, and jewels and ornaments to the value of a thousand pounds. Some of the townsmen at this time joined the rioters; and, re-asserting their former claims, compelled the monks to execute a renunciation of their privileges, and to place the entire government of the town in the hands of the alderman and burgesses.* The dispersion of the rioters,

conventus quæ convenerat ad capitulum, et ejus suasioni acquieverat, intrat ecclesiam, et arreptis pontificalibus ornamentis, missam solemniter celebrat more abbatis loci, agens diem solennem in condensis, non tamen usque ad cornu altaris, sed usque ad ipsas mensas et convivium, magna utique sexus utriusque frequentia atque plausu, sed non diu istud gaudium durat, quin perturbatio atque luctus ejus extrema occupat. Nam paulò post regales tam milites quàm armigeri cum lictoribus ad burgum conveniunt, et Edmundum sine magna difficultate secum ducunt ad respondendum regi super præmissis. Egressus autem cum illo Edmundo pars conventus quæ sibi favebat, secuti sunt illum monachi circa decem et octo, cumquæ ad Westmonasterium pervenisset, requisitus est a cancellario domino Richardo Scrob milite, cur sine licentia regia Abbatiam de Burgo Sancti Edmundi intrare, et vicè ibidem agere præsumpisset. Quo respondente se tanquam legitimum pastorem intrasse ovile proprium, ut et ovibus suis infectis peste præstaret solatia, et morbidis salutifera procuraret remedia. Subintulit cancellarius, Puto te (inquit) in ipso loco nec ægras oves, nec sanas possidere, præsertim cum sine conniventia regia, imò contra jus regium, et approbatas regni consuetudines, non ut pastor, sed nec ut mercenarius tantum, sed ut lupus potius subintrasti. Et ideo scire te debes, et omnes tui similes, læsæ majestatis regis tanquam proditores arcendos et carceribus mancipandos, præcipuè propter statutum parlamentale editum xxij. anno Edwardi regis ultimi, quod docet omnes tales vel decapitandos vel carceribus detrudendos. Decernimus ergo te ad Turrim Londoniarum mittendum et ibidem conservandum, donec voluntatem regiam et decretum parliamenti futuri super isto negotio plenius cognoscamus. Nec mora, cum verbum et decretum perficiebatur. Deducti enim sunt ad Turrim unà cum eo qui consentientes aderant, et proclamatum est Londoniis, ut committerentur pari custodiæ si inveniri possent hujus viæ monachi non presentes. Factumque est, ut qui quietem claustralem sponte deseruerunt, inviti commendarentur inquietudini carcerali. Exposit tamen vel propter regales expensas minorandas, vel propter zelum religionis, consilium regale decrevit, ut monachi qui Edmundum secuti fuerant, diversis monasteriis mitterentur, cum mandato regio super eisdem, ut videlicet abbates vel priores quibus directi fuerant eorum custodiam agerent, responsuri pro corporibus eorundem domino regi in parlamento sequenti." Tho. Walsingh. Hist. Angl. edit. 1574, pp. 236, 237, 288.

A. D. 1380. "Isto anno post octa. Epiphaniæ coactum est parliamentum Londini."—"Ad istud etiam parliamentum venerunt quidam à Romana curia, non directè missi à papa, sed à cardinali de Agapito, ferentes secum ejusdem cardinalis litteras. In quibus idem cardinalis favebatur dominum papam sibi mandasse, ut archiepiscopo Cantuariensi, capitulo sancti Edmundi regis de Bury, et domini papæ collectorio scriberet, et mandaret universis et singulis, ut visis ejus litteris et intellectis, sine dilatione rescriberent singulas litteras certificantes eum de statu domini Edmundi de Brumfield si videlicet acceptus in gratiam regiam admissus fuisset ad possessionem pacificam abbatihæ de Bury. Causa autem hujus missionis ista dicitur extitisse. Postquam dictus Edmundus de Brumfield recessisset a curia, ut dominus papa audivit et vidit tot litteras supplicatorias pro confirmatione electi de Bury, ac regi regnique magnatibus displicere provisionem suam quam fecerat, conferendo ei dictam abbatiam, mente turbatus est vehementer. Et revolvens in animo quantum auxilium rex cum magnatibus contra adversarium suum antipapam conferre valeret, si eorum frueretur amicitia, et quanto detrimento foret eidem, si adversarentur, statuit carnaliter, non quidem dictum Edmundum deponere, sed quia clericus, et ejus creatura fuerat, ad quandam episcopatum in Hibernia tunc vacantem transferre. Quod audiens supranominatus falsidicus magister Johannes Shipdam, confestim in crastino cum procuratores electi de Bury in consistorio adfuissent coram papa, et petiissent confirmationem electi prædicti, adfuit ipse, allegans hoc nequaquam debere fieri, maxime quia dictus Edmundus jam receptus esset in gratiam regiam, et suis temporalibus investitus. Quod ut probaret ita esse, introduxit quandam monachum Cisterciensem, et quandam presbyterum, qui paulo ante de Anglia venerant, quos et conduxit, ut jurarent coram papa, se pro certo scire dominum Edmundum admissum in regis gratiam: et non solum in gratiam, sed et attractum ad ejus familiæ consilium, et suis temporalibus investitum. Ac ut majorem fidem facerent in præmissis, juraverunt se oculis suis vidiisse eum ante eorum egressum de Anglia Londinum nobiliter incedentem, ut tantum abbatem decuit, stipatum magna cattera præeuntibus eum bis senis armigeris in una secta. Quæ omnia procuratores electi constanter refellebant, asserentes hoc nullatenus ita esse. Quapropter dominus papa distulit in causa procedere, donec alia certiora nova de ista materia cepisset. Et hæc (ut dixi) fuit causa quare dictus cardinalis præfatus dicto modo scripsit.

"Archiepiscopus ergo Cantuariensis inprimis maturavit scribere domino papæ, et eundem certificare super his quibus fuerat oneratus. Qui post præmissa verba subjectionis et reverentiæ debiti, innuit se ob

apostolicam reverentiam instetisse penes regem et proceres pro Edmundi prædicti deliberatione, et ut Edmundum ecclesiam papali sibi provisione collatam pacificè ingredi paterentur. Sed post pauca in progressu asseverat pro firmo se ex responso regali ac regni procerum intellexisse, nunquam eos passuros ingressum Edmundi in abbatiam de Burgo, sed nec egressum ejus a carcere timore vel interventu alicujus personæ, nisi solummodo contingat eos flecti per ipsius domini papæ preces sollicitas et instantes. Explicat præterea eum jus regium et regni consuetudines ab initio talibus provisoribus contravenisse. Et inter cætera deprecatur, ut temporis præsentis considerata malitia, condescendat voluntati regis intuitu undecunque periculorum emergentium, electum de Bury juxta regis et magnatum regni desiderium confirmando hortatur præterea humilitate, qua concedet, ut nullius credat literis, nullius fidem det sermonibus qui aliter scripto vel verbo suæ significabant reverentiæ, quam ipse propriis litteris commendavit." Ibid. pp. 243, 244.

A. D. 1382. "Dominus papa sub istis temporibus postquam distulisset per amplius quam biennium electionem factam de Johanne Tymworthe apud Bury confirmare, tandem regalibus et procerum litteris pulsatus frequentibus, Edmundum Bromfield (cui contulerat abbatiam de Bury) transtulit ad abbatiam cujusdam monasterii in Vasconia: si tamen regi placuerit eundem Edmundum à diutina quam pertulerat carceris custodia liberare. Johanni vero Tymworthe non confirmando electionem de ipso factam, sed per provisionem concessit abbatiam, ita duntaxat ut solveret Romanæ curiæ duplicis vacationis censum, videlicet pro Johanne Brinle et Edmundo Bromefield, et ita videbatur novissimus error esse pejor priore. Fratres tamen monasterii tamdiu paterno destituti solatio, ad hanc formam consenserunt, non considerantes quòd eundem Edmundum prius provisionaliter eis datum abegerant, et quanta pro tuitione causæ suæ profuderant, ne videlicet electio facta per eosdem locum non haberet. Regi vero regioque consilio non placuit ista forma papalis collationis, tum quia credebant electiones in futurum faciendas per eandem si admitteretur periclitari, tum quia turpe videbatur eis flecti de causa, quam tam diu dictante conscientia defenderant studio pertinaci." Ibid. pp. 310, 311.

A. D. 1385. "Causa monasterii S. Edmundi de Bury, pro qua multociens multi versus curiam Romanam laboraverant, hujuscemodi finem cepit. Papa laudabili instantia ambassiatorum concessit et permisit, ut ad novam procedentes electionem, satagerent eligere monasterio dignum patrem, quamquam jamdudum Johannes de Tymworth per provisionem sibi factam abbatiam aliquanto tempore fuisset gavisus. Misit ergo fratribus, movens ut eundem Johannem Tymworth (si posset fieri) præ cæteris eligerent in pastorem, cujus condiciones per ante papæ commendaverant in immensum. Cassavitque papa tam benedictionem quam perceperat ab episcopo Landavensi, quam electiones et provisiones de eo vel sibi factas, ut electio juxta postulata posset esse libera et quieta: delegationem verò ad ratificandum quæ in hac parte secundum jura fierent, et munus benedictionis impendendum electo commisit magistro Roberto Braybrok episcopo Londoniensi, qui accedens ad locum implevit officium, et ejusdem Johannis Tymworth quædam iterum conventus elegerat in Abbatem, ratificavit electionem, et benedixit eundem in eadem ecclesia cum solennitate magna in die S. Albani Anglorum prothomartyris." Ibid. p. 341.

* The following is Walsingham's account of the insurrection:

"Hii autem juxta majorem eorum qui Londoniis furuerunt, in universis furentes, domos et prædia magnorum virorum legis peritorum prostraverunt, legis apprenticios occiderunt, et dominum Johannem Cavendish justiciarium regni principalem interceptum decollaverunt, et super collistrigium, in foro villæ Sancti Edmundi de Bury, dominum Johannem de Cantebria, virum industrem et solertem, Orpheum Tracem, Neronem Romanum, Belgabred Britannum vocis dulcedine pariter et cantus scientia superantem, dum à facie eorum fugere nitentur repente captum, crudeliter capitis truncatione peremerunt. Causa mortis ejus satis nota est, quia cum esset circumspexisset et prudens, causas domus suæ suscepit tuendas. Et quia fideliter decertavit contra villanos de Bury pro jure monasterii, accepit (ut diximus) sententiam capitalem prope villam de Mildenhale, quæ ad jus ejusdem monasterii pertinere dinoscitur, non tam villanorum prædictæ villæ de Bury suorum adversariorum, sed propriorum servorum et natorum arbitrio simul et judicio addictus morti. Corpus ejus fuit usque ad staminum nudatum et femoralia, in aperto campo subdio jacuit inhumatum quinque diebus, nemine præsumente illud vel auferre, vel naturæ debitum illi minus impendere, propter sententiam rusticorum.

"Perpetrato prædicto piaculo, proceres perfidiæ cum plebe perfida, dictus scilicet Johannes Straw, cum præfata turba ad villam de Bury properant, et nemine resistente subintrant, caputque prioris prænominati in conspectu villarum tanquam processionaliter circumeundo inditum super lanceam perferentes, donec ad collistrigium pervenirent:

of itself, put an end to an obligation so illegally procured.

It has been already mentioned in a Note, from Walsingham, that in 1382 the pope having transferred abbat Bromfield to an abbey in Gascony, conferred St. Edmund's Bury by papal provision upon John de Tymworth. But this was objected to by the English court. A fresh election was then recommended, and

JOHN DE TYMORTH, or TYNWORTH, was again chosen abbat, as well by the recommendation of the pope as by the unanimous determination both of the court and the convent. He received the king's assent to his election on June 20th, and had the temporalities of the monastery restored to him June 28th, 1385.^a

Previous to this, in 1383, King Richard the Second and his queen were entertained at Bury for ten days: a visit which is said to have cost the monastery eight hundred marks.^b

Abbat Tymworth died in 1389. A licence for the election of a new abbat was obtained on Jan. 20th, and on Feb. 1st, 1389, the royal assent was signified to the election of

WILLIAM CRATFIELD;^c to whom the temporalities of the monastery were restored, after the pope had confirmed the election, on Oct. 8th, 1390.^d

Sir James Burrough, in his Collections from abbat Cratfield's Register, formerly accessible in the Cotton library, says, "Upon every vacancy the Court of Rome did not receive less than three thousand florins for the confirmation of the new abbat: besides the expenses of so long a journey. Abbat Cratfield obtained from the pope an exemption from this heavy imposition, on condition that he

and his successors should pay yearly twenty marks to the Apostolic Chamber. The procuring this privilege cost the abbat himself 756*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.* besides 30*l.* which he took from the shrine of St. Edmund. He obtained, likewise, of King Richard II., that, instead of twelve hundred marks, which, upon every vacancy, the convent paid to the king, whether the vacancy was longer or shorter than a year, his successors should yearly pay into the treasury forty marks. This cost him 149*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*, beside 100*l.* which he received of the convent.^e

In 1400, Archbishop Arundel made a visitation of the dioceses of Ely and Norwich. He appears to have paid a visit, partly of devotion and partly of ceremony, at the abbey of St. Edmund; where he was received with great respect, and even sumptuous entertainment, by the abbat and convent, but still with sufficient caution that their exemption, so long enjoyed, should not be violated.^f

The latter part of abbat Cratfield's life is stated to have been much oppressed by sickness: so much so, that in 1414 the business of the abbacy was done by deputation. His proctors in the convocation at St. Paul's, for the suppression of the Lollard heresy, were William Barwe, B. D., sacrist of the monastery, John Jaworth, LL.D., and William Curteys.^g

In 1414, a general chapter of the Benedictine Order deputed the abbat of Hulme, as they were empowered to do, to visit St. Edmund's Bury monastery.^h

Abbat Cratfield died, according to the Patent Rolls, A. D. 1414: but the extracts from the Register quoted by Sir William Dugdale say he resigned four years before his death, which happened A. D. 1418.ⁱ

WILLIAM EXCETRE was the next abbat. He received

quo cum accessissent, in signum antehabite victoriae, et amicitiae inter priorem et Johannem de Cavendish, et derisionem utriusque personae, capita modò velut ad auriculandum, jam quasi ad osculandum invicem super summities lancearum cum maxima amentia conjunxerunt. Postremò cum talibus saturati fuissent ludibriis, utriusque caput iterum super collistrigium posuerunt. Deindè mox in odium prioris quandam domum quam aedificaverat, et a fundamentis de novo construxerat diruerunt, quibus perpetratis, claustra ingressi monasterii Johannem de Lakynghuythe custodem baroniae illis tradi jusserunt, comminantes incendium monasterio nisi traderetur. Cumque staret inter illos (mirum dictu) nulli eorum noto fuit persona sua. Sed hæc omnia perfecterunt instinctu villanorum, qui ad hæc eos (ut facillè erit probare ex sequentibus) occultè conduxerant, ipsis se à turba subtrahentibus, ut vel sic à tantis sceleribus esse viderentur immunes. Igitur præfatus Johannes cavens domus suae periculo, respondit se esse quem querebant, interrogans ad quid a communibus peteretur: ad quem illi, Ad mortem (inquiunt) proditor te modò querimus, non jam enim diutius vitam protelabis: quibus ille, Ad mortem quidem paratus sum, quam et libenter amplector, ita duntaxat ut istud monasterium nullum causa mei detrimentum patiat. Moxque tractus ab eis, cum ingenti vociferatione quòd invenissent filium, monachum adduxissent proditorem, in foro publicè decollatus est, octies percussus antequam caput esset a corpore separatum, cujus caput illico super collistrigium capiti prioris sociaverunt. Nec hiis contenti, quandam alium monachum, videlicet Walterum Todington ad constrimendum mortis penam quæsierunt: sed is occultatus diligentissimè, cum non posset inveniri mortis periculum evitavit. Posthæc evocatis cunctis monachis, dixerunt eos jam diuturno tempore per potentiam oppressisse consocios eorum burgenses villæ de Bury, quapropter voluerunt ut in conspectu communium modò redderent obligationes quibus obligati fuerant regi et monasterio, si contigisset eos aliqua temptasse contra Abbathiam, necnon et chartas libertatum Villæ, quas Cnuto fundator monasterii quondam concesserat, et quas successores sui reges usque in præsens ad firmamentum Monasterii concesserunt. Monachi verò sibi et suæ domui metuentes, si non parerent voluntati communium, omnia quæ petebantur, quæ scilicet vel villanorum firmamento vel illorum detrimento esse poterant, in forum coram omnibus protulerunt, jurantes inveniri non posse plures chartas (quæ villanorum commodo cedere possint) apud eos. Communes autem fidem dictis eorum vix dare volebant, sed vocatis villanis qui simulabant in istis tristitiam, tanquam displicerent quæ gesta sunt, præceperunt eis ut diligenti scrutatione superviderent obligationes et chartas præfatas, et si ex hiis non possent consequi veteres libertates edicerent, quibus gaudere solebant. Et abbas qui in carcere tenebatur apud Nottingham, Edmundus Bromfeld, quem deliberare proposuerant (ut in sequenti festo Johannis Baptistæ in suo monasterio solemniter divina celebrare deberet, post quadragesimum diem adventus ejus exinde confectam chartam sigillo suo muniret, et conventus idem facere sigillo suo communi non differret. Placuit hæc oratio monachis extrema, metuentibus et compellentibus communibus, et ita faciendum esse dictantibus, jocalia domus maxima, quandam crucem auream, et unum calicem de fulvo metallo præciosum, aliaque nonnulla jocalia elata de monasterio, quorum pretium excedebat mille libras monetæ tradiderunt vice pignoris manibus villanorum, ea videlicet conditione, ut si Edmundus Bromfeld (ut præmittitur) deliberatus à carcere gauderet ibidem abbat honoris, sigillum apponeret proprium,

unà cum consensu communi et sigillo conventus infra tempus limitatum libertatibus eorundem. Quod si conditio prædicta non esset impleta, remanerent prædicta jocalia imperpetuum penes villanos. Et ita quidem apud Bury res se habebant mirum in modum, communibus petentibus pro villanis quæ ad eos minime pertinebant. De quibus rebus etiam scire non poterant, qualia quoque facere non debebant, nisi informatione et instigatione villanorum. Quis unquam crederet communes quoniam ex monachis eis invisum, incognitum, innocentem, ad mortem, petisse, quem insuper eis astantem non cognoscebant, si ad hæc minime inducti per alios extitissent? Quid ad eos pertinuit libertates exquirere pro villanis?"

Tho. Walsingh. Hist. Angl. ut supr. pp. 276, 277.

^a Pat. 8 Ric. II. p. 2, lic. eligendi abb. S. Edmundi vacantem *certain de causis*, 29 Maji.—Rex consentit electioni Joh. de Tymworth in abbatem S. Edmundi, 20 Jun. Temp. restit. 28 Jun." MS. Harl. 6961, p. 76. The royal assent to Tymworth's previous election was also entered upon the Patent Roll. "Pat. 2 Ric. II. p. 2. Rex assent. elect. fratris Joh. de Tymworth in abb. de Bury. Signif. domino papæ 28 Jan." The temporalities likewise had been restored upon the previous election, but not till 1384. Pat. 7 Ric. II. p. 1, 29 Jun. MS. Harl. ut supr. pp. 13, 64.

^b MS. Cole, vol. xlv. p. 30. Yates, ut supr. part i. p. 150. Walsingham complains of the great burthen of the presents at this visit: "non enim Regi magna donaria sufficerunt, nisi et *Reginæ* aqualia præberentur." He complains much, also, of the avarice of the Bohemians, who were in the queen's train. Wals. Hist. Angl. edit. 1574, p. 326.

^c Pat. 12 Ric. II. p. 2. Walsingham calls him Stratfield. "Circa dies istos obiit Johannes Tymworth quondam abbas Sancti Edmundi de Bury, cui successit, per electionem, dominus Wilhelmus de Stratfield monachus ejusdem loci, qui Romam pergens confirmatus est a papa, promissione prius petita (sed non concessa neque soluta) de certa pensione annua persolvenda de domo sua Edmundo de Brumfeld: per cujus ambitionem (ut præfertur) idem monasterium varia sustinuit detrimenta." Walsingh. edit. 1574, p. 368.

^d Pat. 13 Ric. II. p. 1.

^e MS. Cole, vol. xlv. p. 47. The custody of the temporalities of the monastery had been granted, Pat. 32 Edw. I. m. 18. during its vacancies—"reddendo nobis et hæredibus nostris pro qualibet vacatione abbatiæ, sive duraverit per annum integrum, sive per minus tempus, mille et ducentas marcas infra annum a tempore quo abbathia illa vacare inceperit, computandum; videlicet sexcentas marcas in fine primi dimidii anni illius, et sexcentas marcas in fine ejusdem anni—Et sic pro quolibet anno integro post primum annum durante vacantia prædicta.—Et si ultra annum integrum vel annos integros duraverit minori tempore quam per annum, tunc pro illo tempore minori de prædictis mille et ducentis marcis minus, pro rata temporis illius proportionabiliter nobis solvent." 20 die Maii. Prynnæ, Papal Usurp. tom. iii. p. 1042.

^f Yates, part i. pp. 112, 113.

^g Ibid. p. 218.

^h Ibid. p. 114.

ⁱ See the Append. Num. XXIII. Hen. Wharton's MSS. say he died 18th June, 1415.

the temporalities of the monastery July 13th, 1415.^a In 1417, he was at the council of Constance.^b A licence for a fresh election, upon his death, was granted Jan. 30th, 1429, when

WILLIAM CURTEYS was elected; to whom the temporalities were restored on February the 18th.^c

In 1433, King Henry the Sixth stayed at the abbey of St. Edmund's Bury from Christmas to St. George's day. Abbat Curteys made great preparations for the visit, and put the abbatial palace, which was at that time much out of repair, into complete readiness for the reception of his royal guest. The alderman and burgesses of Bury, dressed in scarlet, accompanied by the commons of the town, who also wore a red livery, met the king, to the number of five hundred, upon Newmarket heath: the royal retinue, before this extended a mile. They brought the king within the precinct of the Monastery by the south gate. Here he was received by the whole convent; the bishop of Norwich and the abbat appearing in full pontificals: the abbat sprinkling the king with holy water, and presenting a cross to his lips. Procession, with music, was next made to the high altar of the church, when the antiphon used in the service for St. Edmund, 'Ave rex gentis Anglorum,' was sung: after this, the king paid his devotions at St. Ed-

mund's shrine, and then passed to the abbat's palace. He remained with the abbat till the Epiphany: but afterwards removed to the prior's lodging, where he stayed till the 23d of January: the vicinity of the water, and the vineyard, which led into the open country, and gave facility to the sports of the field, rendering this situation particularly agreeable. On the 23d of January, the king and the nobility in his train removed to the abbat's manor of Elmswell, where they were entertained in the most sumptuous manner, coming only to the monastery on the eve of the Purification to celebrate that festival: and thence again returning to the manor. The whole of Lent was passed by the king in the lodging of the prior: but he solemnized the festival of Easter in the palace of the abbat. When the time came for removing to London, the king, accompanied by his uncle the duke of Gloucester, and others of the nobility, met in the chapter-house of the monastery, where his majesty was solemnly admitted into the fraternity of the place, receiving the usual kiss from the abbat. Having taken the abbat by the hand, and returned thanks for his reception, the king took his leave, earnestly recommending himself and his train to God and St. Edmund, and to the prayers of the abbat and his brethren.^d

The beautiful manuscript of Lydgate's Life of St.

^a Pat. 3 Hen. V. p. 1.

^b MS. H. Wharton.

^c Pat. 7 Hen. VI. p. 1.

^d Such is the account of this visit communicated to the Society of Antiquaries, in 1803, by Craven Ord, Esq., from the Register Curteys, fol. 110, and printed in the *Archæologia*, vol. xv. p. 65—71.

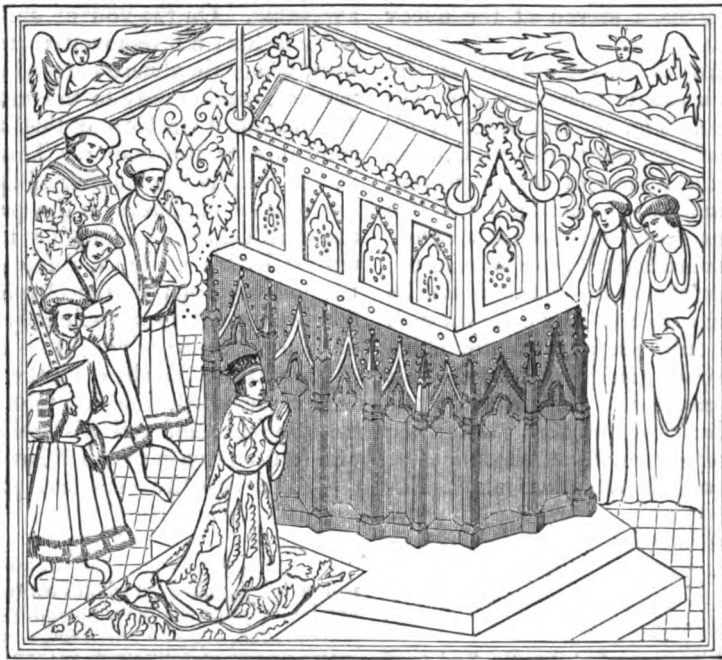
* *De Adventu Regis Henrici VI. ad Monasterium de Sancto Edmundo.*

"Regnante serenissimo principe, &c. Hen. VI. ac presidente in parlamento suo apud Westmonasterium anno regni et ætatis suæ xii. in festo Omanni Sanctorum, ut moris est domus regie, idem rex cum concilio finaliter definivit quod Natalis Domini solemnitas proxime tunc sequentis apud monasterium sancti Edmundi de Bury perageret et impleret (A. D. M.CCCC.XXXIII.) ac ibidem usque ad festum sancti Georgii continue resideret. Hujus ergo sumpti propositi W. Curteys abbati in manerio suo de Elmeswell personaliter existenti cum familiâ veritate patefactâ, idem abbas licet hujusmodi novitate percussus (cum in nullis chronicis reperiri poterat regem Angliæ, illo saltem tempore, moram suam ibidem edicto regio statuisset) nova tamen hujusmodi grante et hilariter admisit, ac versus monasterium prædictum infra paucos dies cum familiâ suâ et domicilio iter arripens platium suum, quod tunc temporis gravis minabatur deformitas et ruina, variis structuris et ædificiis sumptuosius, invitatis et conductis ad opus hujusmodi finiendum per unius mensis spatium artificibus et laborariis octoginta, decenter ornavit; prout in qualibet parte dicti palatii constare poterit cuilibet intuenti. Centum insuper officarios cujuslibet gradus tempore prælibato adventus regii præcursores secum habuit convivantes; et ut tanti Principis adventus, qui duorum regnorum regimini præsidens jure hæreditario bifarie coronatur condigno reciperetur honore, idem abbas vocatis ad se aldermanno et potentioribus dictæ villæ, tractavit cum eis, quali veste et colore se induerent in obviam Principis antedicti: qui quamquam plures communitatis dictæ villæ in diversas sententias se dividerunt, demum tamen in unam præfati abbatis illecti consilio concorditer conveniunt, quod aldermannus et burgenses scarleto, inferiores panno rubeo cum capitiis coloris sanguinei sint contenti. Die ergo adventus regii lucescente, aldermannus, burgenses, et communitas dictæ villæ numero quingentorum equitum, in apparatu prædicto, in vigilia Natalis Domini super planum Novi-Mercati ministrabant obviam placabilem dicto regi, qui strepitum regalem prævenientes et longo diametro per unius miliaris spatium patentes, præfatum regem usque in precinctum dicti Monasterii (quem propter fracti campanilis deformitatem, et lapidum infirmorum ruinam ex eâ parte processio recipere non est sua) usque in mediam viam inter portam et ostium australe dicti Monasterii perduxerunt, ubi complexus brachiis comitis Warwici descendit a palefrido, et versus processionem ad locum pallio serico circumtectum se dirigens, ibidem pro adorandâ crucis imagine genuflexit, quem, cum omni solemnitate processionali receptum, astantibus in capis preciosis dicti monasterii confratribus universis, venerabiles patres episcopus Norwic. et abbas sæpeditus pontificalibus induti, solemniter incensebant, ac aspersum aqua benedicta per manus abbatis, et cruce allatâ per eundem ori regio primitus osculandâ, processio ad summum altare procedens cum antiphonâ 'Ave rex gentis Anglorum' notas harmoniæ suaviter eructando, cantantibus organis introduxit: ubi finitis dictæ processionis solemnibus, et precibus ad feretrum Deo et sancto Edmundo porrectis (rex) abbati prædicto pro beneficiis et expensis circa familiam suam humanissime factis viscerales et speciales gratiarum retulit actiones: quibus expeditis, una cum nobilibus se transtulit in palatium: cujus palatii celebris apparatus, præstans cæteris materiam exemplarem, multum placuit universis. Ubi in festo Natalis Domini post magnam missam in monasterio celebratam, præhabita processione solemniter in quâ regalibus incedebat, inter convivantes in prandio tenuit aulam magnam, et inibi usque Epiphaniam explevit solemnitas dicti festi. Cui

nedum interim abbas prædictus contulit donaria præciosa, verum etiam nobiles, et ipsius familiares notabilibus auri summis visitavit inter eos juxta gradum cujuslibet dividendis: requisitis primitus per eundem abbatem prioris et confratrum suorum concilio et assensu, quibus modo et formâ præmissa fierent, et si reddere se voluerint adjuutores benevolos in hac parte. Qui quidem prior et conventus, ut præmittitur, requisiti discretionis abbatis, patris et pastoris sui, hujus rei dispositionem omnimodam contulerunt, penes eum obnixius insistentes, quatenus onus hujusmodi in se susciperet: in cujus relevamen et supportamen præfata abbati centum libras liberaliter concesserunt. Unde solventes immediate centum marcas, promiserunt quod quicquid ultra centum librarum summam idem abbas pro portione suâ superadderet in expensis, pro ratâ portione se redderent contrabutarios in solvendis. Sic ergo transcurso Natalis Domini tempore, rex petiit cameram Prioris, ubi remansit cum suis proceribus usque Januarii diem xxiii^m. propter aquarum ibidem adhaerentium dulces meatus, aerem salubrem, et vineæ odorem delectabilem: per cujus vineæ portas patentes cum comitibus et baronibus spatiandi gratia et venandi, ad arborum plantiæ, et virentia nemora frequenter se contulit, ubi canum venaticorum impetu fraus vulpina vindictam excepit, et leporum velocitas claudicavit. Et demum (ut solet humana conditio declinare ad varia, et appetere semper nova) rex præfatus auditio quod manerium de Elmeswell dicti abbatis fuit situm in loco amœno, ad modum competenter reparatum, piscium vivariis dotatum, necnon fossatis et nemoribus circumcinctum, ibidem moram trahere pro tempore in animo decrevit: qui versus dictum manerium dicto die Januarii xxiii^o cum comitibus, et baronibus et aliis nobilibus in magno numero se direxit; ubi in piscium capturâ et volatiliis, quorum potestas aëria subitis ictibus avium impetu rapacium projicitur ad ima, quam plurimum lætabatur: quem abbas sæpeditus repetitis vicibus, variis et sumptuosis placavit exenniis, tum cygnorum, fessantium, perdicum, et aliorum volatiliis, tum luciorum, denticum, anguillarum, et aliorum piscium, in numero non mediocri. Cujus liberalitas in his et aliis, a rege et suis accepta fuerat laude dignâ: et tandem vigiliâ Purificationis beatæ Virginis lucescente, ad palatium dicti monasterii rediit: cujus festi solemnitate peractâ, ad manerium prædictum iterum est reversus, solitis ibidem applaudens solatiis usque carnispræm, in quo reversus, toto quadragesimali tempore mansit in camera prioris, quousque supervenit festum Paschæ, cujus solemnitas tenuit in palatio prædicto. Tandem vero tempore remotionis suæ versus London occurrente, dux Gloucestræ, et alii nobiles una cum valentioribus curiæ regalis militibus, armigeris, et ministris, ob singularem et specialem affectionem quam habebant erga regem et martyrem sanctum Edmundum, perpendentes insuper puritatem et munditiem religionis, orationum suffragia, missas, et alia divina officia in Monasterio prædicto devotissime celebrata, factâ primitus in hac parte penes abbatem instantia sollicitâ, effecti participes omnium præmissorum, in fraternitatem dicti monasterii in perpetuum sunt admissi. Quamobrem rex præfatus in recessu suo, prostratus coram sancto Edmundo, Deo et beati martyri devotas et humiles exsolvit preces, et tandem surgens, sequace D. Glouc. et aliis nobilibus transiit in domum capitularem, ubi immediate accersito abbate (licet ibidem patronus et fundator extiterit) voluit tamen, ut asseruit, sicut cæteri nobiles, recipi in dicti Monasterii numero fraterali; quem abbas in conspectu circumstantium nobilium prædictorum, juxta petitionem regiam, mox pie et devote recipiens, datoque osculo in signum fraternitatis vinculi, in dictum numerum aggregavit, participem fieri omnium suffragiorum, missarum, et aliorum bonorum in perpetuum inibi complendorum. Et tunc paulo post, astantibus nobilibus supradictis dux Gloucestræ prostratus coram rege ipsum viceratiter imploravit, quatenus sæpedito abbati propter humanitatem, quam erga se, et suos, in donariis et expensis indefessam reddiderat, regratiari dignaretur regia celsitudo: quem rex sine intervallo per manum hilariter recipiens, et gratias retulit multiformes, et valedicens omnibus, se et suos, Deo et beato Edmundo, dictique abbatis et confratrum suorum precibus intime commendavit."

Edmund, already noticed,^a among its numerous illuminations preserves one of King Henry the Sixth performing his devotions, at the very time of this visit, before St. Edmund's shrine; which is represented as of gold, standing

upon a pedestal of gothic stone-work. The illumination has been thought sufficiently appropriate to be copied upon the present occasion.^b The manuscript, it will be remembered, was the presentation copy to the king himself.



During the king's visit, an altercation once more arose between the bishop of Norwich and the abbat, respecting jurisdiction; producing ultimately a contest of considerable length, but which was finally settled in favour of the abbat by an arbitration, by the archbishop of Canterbury, and the bishops of Bangor and Winchester.^c

In a very fine and curious manuscript, in the possession of Craven Ord, Esq. of Grinstead Hall, in Essex, the use of which has been obligingly lent for the new Monasticon, and which will hereafter be more fully described, the Constitutions which this abbat made for the regulation

of his monastery, partly in 1436 and partly in 1441, are preserved. They relate to the establishments for students from the monastery in the universities of Oxford^d and Cambridge; the oblations at St. Edmund's shrine and the high altar of the church; the keeping of the evidences; the prohibition of the sale of wine within the precincts of the monastery;^e the low rents at which many of the lands were leased; the nature of the services and tenures of lands given in alms; the preservation of the books of the church;^f the improper removal of sepulchral memorials from the cemetery of the church, &c. &c. This same ma-

^a See p. 99, Note.

^b Connected in some degree with this Visit, or at least with the time of abbat Curteys, are the shutters of the altar of St. Edmund's Bury abbey, now in the building called the Chapel at Strawberry Hill. Dr. Lort having given Mr. Horace Walpole (afterwards Lord Orford) a sight of abbat Curteys's Register, received a letter from him, dated June 4th, 1779, of which the following is an extract: "The sight of the MS. was particularly welcome to me, because the long visit of Henry VI. and his uncle Gloucester to St. Edmund's Bury accounts for those rare altar tablets, that I bought at Mr. Ives's sale, on which are incontestably the portraits of Duke Humphrey, Cardinal Beaufort, and the same archbishop that is in my Marriage of Henry VI. I know the house of Lancaster were patrons of St. Edmund's Bury: but so long a visit is demonstration. The fourth person on my pannels is unknown. Over his head is a coat of arms. It may be that of W. Curteys the abbat—or the alderman, as he is in scarlet. His figure, and the duke's, are far superior to the other two, and worthy of a good Italian master. The cardinal and the archbishop are in the dry hard manner of the age. I wish you would call and look at them: they are at Mr. Bonus's in Oxford road: the two prelates are much damaged. I peremptorily enjoined Bonus to repair only and not repaint them; and thus by putting him out of his way, I put him so much out of humour too, that he has kept them these two years, and not finished them yet. I design them for the four void spaces in my chapel, on the sides of the shrine. The duke of Gloucester's face is so like the younger, that it proves I guessed right at his figure in my marriage. The tablets came out of the abbey of Bury, were procured by old Peter Le Neve, Norroy, and came by his widow's marriage to Tom Martin, at whose sale Mr. Ives bought them. We have very few princely portraits so ancient, so authentic, and none so well painted as the duke and fourth person. These were the insides of the doors, which I had split into two, and value them extremely. This account, I think, will be more satisfactory to you than Notes. Pray tell me how you like the pictures when you have examined them. I shall search in Edmundson's new Vocabulary of Arms for the coat which contains three bull's heads on six pieces: but the colours are either white and black, or the latter is become so by time."

^c Yates, Hist. St. Edm. Bury, p. 115.

^d At Oxford the students from St. Edmund's Bury were sent to Gloucester Hall. At Cambridge to Gonville or Caius College.

^e "Cum non tamen a malo sed etiam ab omni specie mali sit secun-

dum doctrinam apostolicam abstinendum. Nos igitur Willielmus abbas monasterii beati Edmundi de Bury attendentes quod ex eo quod Vinum intra septa dicti nostri monasterii exponitur venale, multa mala nocumenta graviaque detrimenta atque incommoda ipsi monasterio nobisque et nostris confratribus generantur. Cum igitur omnis susceptae solitudinis curae pastoralis nobis immerite ipsius monasterii et confratrum nostrorum incommodis obviare et in quantum nobis possibile est mala praedicta removere compellat, de fratrurn nostrorum communi consilio et assensu statuimus et ordinamus quod nullus infra septa dicti nostri monasterii venale vinum exponat, aut vinum vendat per se vel alium, quovisquaeito colore vel figmento, sub poena omissionis et confiscationis ipsius vini venalitati expositi. Cujus quidem vini sic perdit, atque confiscati volumus et statuimus ut vinum dimidium nobis sive successoribus nostris abbatibus qui pro tempore fuerint, aliud vero dimidium ad pietantiam conventus nostri irremissibiliter applicetur. Volumus insuper atque statuimus secundum quod ab antiquo in dicto nostro Monasterio temporibus praedecessorum nostrorum fuerat laudabiliter observatum, quod prima die qua contigerit priorem munitiones facere de officio sacristiae, causa recreationis habeat duas lagenas vini, quinque panes meliores, et quinque lagenas melioris cervisiae quod simili modo secunda die in omnibus observetur ad suum et pro tunc secum prandantium solatium atque recreationem necnon et vinum in sufficienti copia pro hospitibus et extraneis quotiens et quando secum aliquos in prandio sive collatione existere contigerit. Ita quod haec secundum antiquam nostri monasterii laudabilem consuetudinem plenius observentur usurpationibus atque inventionibus nonnullis circa praemissa seu aliter quomodolibet usitatis explosis penitus et dampnatis, quos etiam nos de dictorum confratrum nostrorum consensu et consilio, quacunque consuetudine non obstante quae in hac parte dicenda est corruptela tenore praesentium condemnamus." fol. 180 b.

"Item quia quidem confratrum nostrorum circa librorum ecclesiae nostrae custodiam et conservationem eis studendi causa et non alias a praecentore sive quocunque confratre alio sibi in suo officio conjuncto accommodatorum se negligentes multociens exhibent, et remissos quorum confratrum aliquos comperimus dictae nostrae ecclesiae libros impignorasse, quosdam accommodavisse, unde a nobis et dicta nostra ecclesia perduntur imperpetuum, quosdamque pure vendidisse ac diversis modis aliis personis extraneis et incognitis alienasse quorum etiam librorum aliquos prece, aliquos pretio, aliquos laboribus gravibus et sumptibus excessivis, interdumque magnis occupantium indignationibus recuperavimus et optinimus sicut plures posterius credimus op-

manuscript contains the copy of an Instrument for the admission of abbat Curteys as a brother of the house of St. Anthony in London, by indulgence from Pope Eugenius the Fourth, dated Nov. 6th, 1442.

Abbat Curteys died in 1446.^a The Ordination for his anniversary, preserved in the manuscript just mentioned, is dated in the chapter-house of St. Edmund's Bury March 13th, 1445.^b

WILLIAM BABYNGTON, LL.D., had the temporalities of the monastery restored him as abbat on May 23d, 1446.^c He was the president of the Benedictine order in England. In this year, on the feast of St. Scholastica, a parliament was held at Bury, at which the king presided in person, sitting in a chair of State within the refectory of the abbey. The pretext for assembling this parliament was a proposal for an interview between the English and French monarchs; but the real motive was the destruction of Humphrey duke of Gloucester, the Regent and protector of the king's person. The duke was arrested, and preparations made for his impeachment: but on the morning appointed for his trial, he was found dead in his bed. The court story of the day named apoplexy as the cause of his death. Pits speaks of his having been suffocated with bolsters. Dr. Yates says, a traditional opinion prevails, that Duke Humphrey was imprisoned, and the atrocious murder committed in an apartment of St. Saviour's hospital, then an appendage to the monastery.^d Another parliament was held at St. Edmund's Bury A.D. 1448.^e Upon Babyngton's death,

JOHN BOON, LL.B., was elected abbat. He received the temporalities Oct. 25th, 1453.^f Nothing of particular moment occurs during his abbacy. Upon his death,

ROBERT IXWORTH, or DE IXWORTH, LL.D., succeeded: the temporalities were restored to him March 2d, A.D. 1469.^g Dr. Yates says, he was otherwise called *Robert Coote*, and that he was the son of Sir John Coote of Norfolk.

RICHARD HENGHAM succeeded upon the death of

Ixworth. He obtained the temporalities Sept. 30th, 1474. The licence for a fresh election had been issued on Sept. 14th.^h

THOMAS RATLISDEN, S. T. B., received the temporalities of the monastery, upon Hengham's death, Oct. 10th, 1479.ⁱ One of the most important events which took place during his abbacy was a decision, made in the 20th of Edw. IV., which appears to have put the contest between the abbat and convent and the townsmen of Bury at rest for ever.^j It was during his abbacy, A.D. 1486, that King Henry the Seventh, while on a progress through Norfolk and Suffolk, paid a visit to St. Edmund's Bury abbey.^k Abbat Ratlisden's death made room for the election of

WILLIAM CODENHAM, B. D., who had been the cellarer of the monastery, and to whom the temporalities were restored August 7th, 1497.^l He proceeded D.D. at Cambridge in 1501. It is not unworthy of remark, that, A.D. 1506, this abbat presented Thomas Wolsey, of Ipswich in this county, afterwards the celebrated Cardinal, to the rectory of Redgrave.^m

WILLIAM BUNTINGE occurs abbat A.D. 1511.ⁿ He occurs in the Procession Roll of the Lords to Parliament in 1512; copied among Cole's manuscripts in the British Museum, where his Arms, a chevron Gules between three birds Az. combs and gills Gules (supposed to be Buntings, in allusion to his name), impale those of the abbey.^o

JOHN MELFORD, alias REEVE, S. T. B., received the temporalities of the monastery April 24th, 1514.^p In 1520, we find him among the king's privy counsellors.

In 1533, Mary queen dowager of France, afterwards the wife of Charles Brandon duke of Suffolk, was interred in the abbey church of Bury: whence her remains and monument, after the dissolution of the monastery, were removed to St. Mary's church.

In 1536, for kindnesses already shewn, and probably for others which were expected, the abbat and convent granted to Thomas, afterwards Lord Cromwell, and to his

tinere. Ut igitur hujusmodi insolentia, absurditates, gravesque læsiones ab ecclesia nostra et confratribus nostris antedictis futuris temporibus repellantur, Nos Willielmus abbas monasterii Sancti Edmundi de Bury de confratrum nostrorum unanimi consensu et assensu volumus, statuimus, et ordinamus quod si aliquis dictorum confratrum nostrorum claustralium quemcumque librum seu libros sibi a dicto præcentore vel ejus consocio ratione præmissa accommodatum vel accommodatos impignoraverit, accommodaverit, vendiderit, seu quovismodo alio, ut præfertur, alienaverit titulumve alicujus libri deleverit, per quod a notitia confratrum devenire poterit, in penam transgressionis hujusmodi, claustrum non exeat, in refectorio continue prandeat, recreationis, munitionis, et omnibus aliis confratrum suorum recreationibus careat. Et quia prædictæ læsiones et transgressionis vel aliæ earum diu antequam ad notitiam dicti præcentoris vel ipsius consocii deveniunt fieri prout hoc ipso præmissa vel aliquod præmissorum committens majoris excommunicationis sententiam incurrat donec hujusmodi transgressio et læsio juxta arbitrium abbatis vel prioris fuerint emendatæ. Confratres vero in Universitatibus studentes si in prædictis vel aliquo præmissorum culpabiles aut delinquentes reperti fuerint seu eorum aliquis culpabilis aut delinquens repertus fuerit, ipso facto ad universitatem seu studium ibidem exercendum efficiantur inhabiles et indigni seu inhabiles efficiantur et indignus, ita quod quam cito de læsione et transgressionem hujusmodi abbati constiterit nulla habita mora ad claustrum revocentur aut revocetur, aliis penis postmodum eis vel ei imponendis prout culpe qualitas exigit et requirit dicente canone quos Dei timor a malo non revocat temporalis saltem pœna ab appetitu coerceat, &c. Ad hæc ulterius adjicientes quod si quævis persona secularis ab aliquo confratrum nostrorum prædictorum librum aliquem ex commodato habuerit illumque postea ad usus suos appropriaverit ipsius titulum ut præmissum est delendo de ecclesia seu aliquo ejusdem monasterii loco lætively auferendo sit etiam ipso facto majoris excommunicationis vinculo innodatus." fol. 182 b.

Of a similar tendency with this constitution is another article in the same manuscript, fol. 192 b.

"Quædam Monitio domini Abbatis facta suis confratribus quod infra certum terminum omnes libros in eorum custodia remanentes ad ejus præsentiam adducerent propter rationem infrascriptam sub pœna suspensionis a divinis, &c.

"Nos Willielmus Curteys permissione divina abbas monasterii Sancti Edmundi de Bury, ad Romanam ecclesiam nullo medio pertinentia, monemus vos confratres nostros universales singulos et particulariter universos, primo, secundo, et tertio et peremptorie quatinus infra quindecim dies hanc nostram monitionem proximo et immediate sequentes, adducatis, portetis, sive exhibeatis, et quilibet vestrum adducat portet sive exhibeat ad nostram præsentiam omnes et singulos libros dicti nostri monasterii penes vos in vestra custodia remanentes sub pœna suspensionis a divinis, quorum quidem quindecim dierum quinque pro primo, quidque pro secundo, et quinque pro tertio ac peremptorio termino vobis et quilibet vestrum assignamus, quam quidem sententiam suspensionis in eum vel eos qui monitioni nostræ hujusmodi

infra terminum prænotatum mora, culpa, vel negligentia præcedentibus non paruerit; sed ipsius nostræ monitionis temerarius violator extiterit, nunc prout extunc et tunc prout exnunc proferimus in hiis scriptis. Terminum vero adeo brevem et peremptorium propter bonum commune ecclesiæ et omnium nostrorum, ac ut omnes et singuli libri dicti nostri monasterii unico loco simul deducantur duximus statuendum."

^a In abbat Curteys's time, A.D. 1440, we have a remarkable instance of an admission of the earl of Buckingham, Lord Bourchier, &c. to the fraternity of the place.

^b Memorandum, quod anno Domini millesimo cccc^{mo}. quadagesimo, receperunt fraternitatem capituli nostri sexto die Martii:

Humfridus comes Buckinghamiæ, Hertfordiæ, Staffordiæ, Northamptoniæ, et Perchiæ; Anna uxor ejus; Humfridus Stafford, Henricus Stafford, filii ipsius comitis; Anna de Vere filia ipsius comitis; Hen. de Bourghier comes de Ewe et dominus de Bourghier; Johannes Bourghier ff.; Isabella Verney; Elizabeth Drury; Elizabeth Culpeper; Johannes Salveyn; Henricus Drury; Willielmus Wistowe; Walterus Percyvale.

Et sciendum quod die et anno supradictis comes dignæ memoriæ commendandus convivium grande toti fecit Conventui, tam ex parte aulæ quam refectorii, et quia in refectorio nunquam tale convivium prius videbatur ideo dictum convivium prout factum fuerat in parte ad perpetuum rei memoriam in nostro registro inseri decrevimus prout inferius continetur. Primus Cursus. Pis. cum porpeys, lengge, samon, pyk, salt ell, stock fish fryed, bake ell.—Secundus Cursus. Viaudr. codde, halybut, tench, plays fryed, i. bakemete; præter panem, cervia. et vinum in abundantia de propriis dicti comitis, præter ii. capas præciosas cum toto apparatu de dono ejusdem comitis cujus memoria sit in laude Amen." MS. pen. Crav. Ord. arm.

^c See Num. XXXIX.

^d Pat. 24 Hen. VI. p. 2.

^e Yates, Hist. St. Edm. Bury, part i. p. 158.

^f Ibid. p. 160. In abbat Babyngton's time, Pat. 27 Hen. VI. p. 1, m. 4, the king made a general remission of all Taxes to the abbat and convent and their successors. See the Append. Num. XL.

Mr. Ord's manuscript contains a copy of a corrody granted to Margaret Babyngton, the mother of our abbat, in the hospital of St. Saviour, at the north gate of Bury, A.D. 1442, in the time of abbat Curteys.

^g Pat. 32 Hen. VI. p. 1. In the 2d Edw. IV. a general pardon was granted to the abbat and convent (see Pat. 2 Edw. IV. p. 1, m. 23.); probably for their known adherence to K. Hen. VI., or on account of the great favour shown by that monarch to the monastery.

^h Pat. 9 Edw. IV. p. 2.

ⁱ Hist. St. Edm. Bur. ut supr. p. 220.

^j Pat. 14 Edw. IV. p. 2.

^k Pat. 19 Edw. IV. p. 1.

^l See the Appendix, Num. XLI.

^m Yates, ut supr. p. 160.

ⁿ MS. Lansd. 963, p. 54. Rot. Orig. 12 Hen. VII.

^o Yates, p. 220.

^p Ibid.

^q MS. Cole, vol. xxx. p. 12.

^r MS. Lansd. 963, p. 58. Rot. Orig. 5 Hen. VIII.

son Gregory, or the survivor of them, an annuity of ten pounds.^a

On November 4th, 1539, after having in vain endeavoured to avert the fatal blow by several concessions, abbat Melford was compelled to surrender his monastery into the hands of King Henry the Eighth.^b An annual pension of five hundred marks was granted to him;^c and he retired from the magnificence of the abbatial palace and dignity to a private station in a small house at the top of Crown-street in Bury. He is supposed to have fallen a victim, however, to the severity of the change, as he very soon sunk under the weight of disappointment and sorrow, and survived the degradation of his Order and the loss of his abbey but a few months. He died on the 31st of March, 1540, and was interred in the chancel of St. Mary's church.^d From his epitaph, imperfectly printed in Weever's *Funeral Monuments*,^e we learn that his family name was Reeve, and that he took that of Melford from the place of his birth.^f

The revenues of the monastery were valued, in the 26th of Hen. VIII., according to Dugdale, at 1659*l.* 13*s.* 11*d.*; according to Speed, at 2336*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.* A manuscript in the bishop of Norwich's Registry says 1669*l.* Stevens, *Suppl.* p. 36, 1609*l.*

The site, circuit, and precinct of St. Edmund's Bury were granted, by letters patent of Queen Elizabeth, dated Feb. 14th, 1560, to John Eyer, Esq., in consideration of the sum of 412*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.* The grant enumerates a messuage or mansion-house within the site, the dorter court, two edifices called the garners, the abbat's stables, the hay-house, the gate-house, the great court containing four acres, the palace garden, and different lands adjoining. The same appears to have been transferred, on the first of March following, by deed-poll from the said John Eyer to Thomas Badby, gent., for a similar consideration.^g

^a See Num. XLIII.

^b From an original letter to Lord Cromwell given in the Appendix of Instruments, Num. XLV. it appears that the treasure taken hence by the king's commissioners was, for the period, of enormous value. They found St. Edmund's shrine "very cumbrous to deface." John ap Rice's letter, Num. XLIV. finds but little fault either with the abbat or convent. "As for th' abbott," he says, "we founde nothing suspect as touching his lyving." To the reliques mentioned in this letter, Weever, *Fun. Mon.* p. 724, adds, St. Edmund's shirt and sword; certain drops of St. Stephen's blood; "parings of the flesh of divers holy virgins, and a sinew of St. Edmund, laid up in boxes;" the skull "of St. Petronill, which the country people were taught to lay to their heads, thereby to be cured of all kinde of agues;" and a coffin wherein the bones of St. Botolph were enclosed, which was sometimes carried in processions. The monks, he continues, "had certaine wax candles, which ever and only they used to light in wheat-seeding; these they likewise carried about their wheat grounds, believing verily that hereby neither darnell, tares, nor any other noisome weeds would grow that year amongst the good corne."

^c See the pension list, Num. XLIV. The following were the annuities and pensions still payable in the 2d and 3d of Philip and Mary:

"BURIE nuper MON. Feod. Georg. Taylor auditoris omnium possessionum ex parte nuper abbatis ibidem per annum iiij^{l.}. Thomæ Mildemay et Benjam. Gonson. audit. omnium possessionum ex parte conventus ibidem per annum iiij^{l.}. *Annuit.* Roberti Southwell mil. xl^{l.}. Willielmi Page per annum liij^{l.}. iiij^{l.}. Ejusdem Willielmi per annum xxvj^{l.}. viij^{l.}. Thomæ Leigh et Johanne uxoris sue per annum xxvj^{l.}. viij^{l.}. Thomæ Brydon per annum xxx^{l.}. iiij^{l.}. Johannis Basse per annum xx^{l.}. Ejusdem Johannis Basse xx^{l.}. Edwardi Page per annum xl^{l.}. Edmundi Ascugh per annum xxvj^{l.}. viij^{l.}. Alicie Bucke per annum vj^{l.}. Georgii Maxie per annum iiij^{l.}. Thomæ Feyer et Margaretæ uxoris sue per annum xxvj^{l.}. viij^{l.}. Johannis Bacon et Willielmi Padge per annum cxiiij^{l.}. Edmundi Reve per annum xl^{l.}. Roberti Payton mil. per annum xl^{l.}. Johannis Holte per annum lxxvj^{l.}. viij^{l.}. Edwardi Reve per annum xl^{l.}. Margaretæ Wingfeild et Johannis Wingfeilde fil. ejus pro termino annorum per annum xiiij^{l.}. Ricardi Tirrell generosi per annum xl^{l.}. Ejusdem Ricardi Tyrrell per annum x^{l.}. *Penc.* Edmundi Maltworde per annum xx^{l.}. Roberti Potkin per annum viij^{l.}. Roberti Howæ per annum viij^{l.}. Georgii Maptide per annum viij^{l.}. Thomæ Cole per annum vj^{l.}. xiiij^{l.}. Thomæ Helperbie per annum vj^{l.}. xiiij^{l.}. Aliot. Holte per annum vj^{l.}. xiiij^{l.}. Humfridi Yonger per annum vj^{l.}. xiiij^{l.}. Johannis Reade per annum vj^{l.}. xiiij^{l.}. Petri Kilborne per annum vj^{l.}. xiiij^{l.}. Johannis Page per annum vj^{l.}. xiiij^{l.}. Willielmi Bocle per annum vj^{l.}. xiiij^{l.}. Johannis Saunder per annum vj^{l.}. xiiij^{l.}. Roberti Bronyon per annum vj^{l.}. xiiij^{l.}. Johannis Haryson per annum vj^{l.}. xiiij^{l.}. Johannis Beckeham per annum vj^{l.}. xiiij^{l.}. Rogeri Maldon per annum vj^{l.}. xiiij^{l.}. Johannis Osmounde per annum vj^{l.}. xiiij^{l.}. Radulphi Marshall per annum vj^{l.}. xiiij^{l.}. Johannis Wright per annum vj^{l.}. xiiij^{l.}. Thomæ Dawes per annum vj^{l.}. xiiij^{l.}. Thomæ Fenne per annum vj^{l.}. xiiij^{l.}. Johannis Bowier per annum vj^{l.}. xiiij^{l.}. Thomæ Rought per annum vj^{l.}. xiiij^{l.}. Johannis Langham per annum vj^{l.}.

Enough has been already incidentally said respecting the temporal rights of the abbat of St. Edmund's Bury within his franchise. He had also his "Decanus Christianitatis," or dean of his spiritual jurisdiction within the Four Crosses.^h The parochial clergy of the town were all of his appointment.ⁱ

From a list of the great officers and servants of this monastery made in the 14th of King Edward the First,^k it appears that the latter were arranged under the former in departments. Dr. Yates has taken considerable pains to give as complete a list as possible of all:^l but it appears from a careful examination of the abbey Registers, that, among the inferior officers, several existed at one period who are not found at another;^m and, in one or two instances, the same officer occurs in different Registers by a different name. A separate list is given in the Appendix of Instruments of such officers and servants as were in the peculiar collation of the abbat.ⁿ

Among the Tracts and Instruments contained in the Harleian manuscript, num. 1005, is the "Liber de Consuetudinibus Monasterii," otherwise entitled "Traditiones Patrum;" a formulary of the different customs and ceremonies of the monastery, as they had been handed from one generation to another. Among these are the rules for receiving strangers, with a specification of those whom the abbat and those whom the convent were bound to entertain; the time regulated for their stay; the celebrations of festivals and masses; the ceremonial for the abbat in the church of the convent; the infliction of punishments; the rule of conduct for the prior and monks, the pitancier, precentor, sub-prior, sacrist, &c.; the sacrist's duty upon any royal or legatine visit; the economy of the monastery, as to its domestic regulations, according to the season of the year; clothing; the infirmary; &c. The heads of the chapters of this Tract will be found in the Note.^o

xiiij^{l.} iiij^{l.}. Thomæ Birde per annum vj^{l.}. xiiij^{l.} iiij^{l.}. Thomæ Gate per annum vj^{l.}. xiiij^{l.} iiij^{l.}.

^d Mr. Cole, who made his memorandum in 1746, speaking of St. Mary's church and abbat Reeve's monument, says, "Within these three or four years lay his grave-stone, bereaved indeed of its brasses, but by the inlet in the grey marble discoverable that it was an abbat, with his mitre and crozier, and four coats at the corners: since which time it has been forced to give place to one Sutton, a purser of a ship, and the abbat's stone removed into the porch of the church on the south side of the church-yard. This I was told on the spot by my friend Mr. Burrough, now Sir James Burrough, master of Caius College, being at Bury." *MS. Cole*, vol. xxxv. p. 22.

^e *Fun. Mon.* p. 731.

^f Yates, *Hist. St. Edm. Bury*, part i. p. 222.

^g *Ibid.* p. 252.

^h This jurisdiction has been since united to the archdeaconry of Sudbury.

ⁱ After the Dissolution, the tithes of Bury St. Edmund, and the precincts of its lordship, remained for many years vested in the crown. They were granted to the corporation by King James I., when they were not given as a lay impropriation to be in common with their other revenues, but for the express purpose of maintaining the parochial clergy in the nature of a perpetual trust. Yates, *Hist. St. Edm. Bury*, part i. p. 243.

^k See Num. XXV.

^l *Hist. St. Edm. Bury*, ut *supr.* p. 183.

^m In the Domesday Survey, "presbyteri, diaconi, clerici, nonnæ, et pauperes," are mentioned, "qui cotidie pro Rege et omni populo Christiano deprecantur"—"pistores, cervisarii, sartores, lavatores, suttores, parmentarii, coci, portatores, dispensatores; et hi omnes cotidie ministrant sancto, et abbati, et fratribus."

ⁿ Num. XXVIII.

• *Capitula Libri de Consuetudinibus Monasterii.*

1. Quod quedam specialiter spectant ad abbatem, quedam ad conventum.
2. Sub quo abbate facta est divisio portionum abbatis et conventus.
3. Quod abbati certa sunt maneria similiter conventui.
4. Quomodo generalia auxilia et tallagia per maneria conventus fieri debeant.
5. Donationes ecclesiarum et collationes corrediorum et serjantiarum, cui et quomodo.
6. Collatio scholarum, quibus spectat et qualiter magistri amovendi sive constituendi sint.
7. Exitus et profectus utriusque portionis, quibus pertinent et quomodo.
8. Receptio hospitum a quibus et qualiter fieri debeant.
9. Hospites conventus qualiter recipiantur, et ubi, et de mora eorum in aula.
10. Missæ, et matutinæ, et horæ, quibus pertinent; et de illuminatione cereorum.
11. De modo thurificandi et ejus diversitate, et exitu abbatis sive presidentis a choro ad vespervas et matutinas.

Among the documents in the Appendix a very curious Statement will be found relating to the weekly expenditure of the Monastery through the year, written about the time of Edward the First.* A document so definite in its information has not occurred before to the Editors of the *Monasticon* in the history of any abbey. The establishment at this time appears to have consisted of eighty monks, a hundred and eleven servants resident in the monastery, and eleven chaplains: the portion for the nuns of Thetford (who received a part of their maintenance from the monastery) and the ordinary reception of guests being likewise provided for in the calculation. The "*Firma Sancti Edmundi*," under which designation the abbat's portion, or accompt, appears to be intended, was kept distinct. The weekly expenditure in the bakehouse and brewery of the convent, including servants' wages and fuel, amounted to 13*l.* 9*½d.*: the weekly expence in the "*Firma Sancti Edmundi*" for the same was 11*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.* In the kitchen ten pounds a week were expended in the purchase of flesh, fish, eggs, cheese, &c., exclusive of the cellarer's purveyance, which amounted in the year to 43*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.* The expence in the kitchen of the "*Firma Sancti Edmundi*" amounted to 4*l.* 15*s.* 7*d.* per week. The annual amount of payments for fuel in the kitchen of the abbat and convent generally, was 30*l.* The provender for the horses of the prior, cellarer, and hospitaller cost 60*l.* in the year: and the pietances and other miscellaneous expences of the cellarer 60*l.* more. The total domestic expenditure of the monastery, for the support of its regular inhabitants, and the maintenance of ordinary hospitality, thus amounted annually, toward the latter end of the thirteenth century, to 1407*l.* 11*s.* 2*d.*

Two manuscripts occur in the Harleian library, which are called "*ANNALES ABBATIS S. EDMUNDI*." The first is the Harl. MS. 447. It is upon vellum, of the latter end of the thirteenth or beginning of the fourteenth century; begins with the creation of the world, and comes down to 1212, where the manuscript is imperfect. The facts de-

tailed in it are mostly those of general history. The few entries relating to St. Edmund's Bury monastery, where they seemed important, have been quoted in the present Account. Under the year 1146 it is said, in a rubric, "*Robertus abbas scripsit huc usque*." The other volume, Harl. MS. 1332, is also imperfect; coming no lower than the year 1193. It is likewise upon vellum, and is perhaps the oldest of the two manuscripts. The hand in which it is written is larger, and it was evidently compiled by a different person from the former. This MS. once belonged to John Fox the martyrologist, and was afterwards Mr. Peter Le Neve's.

The *CHARTULARIES of the Abbey of St. EDMUNDSBURY* still extant are probably more numerous than those of any other monastery in the kingdom.

Of two Registers formerly in the *Cottonian Collection*, one, marked Tib. B. ix., perished, all but some fragments, in the fire at Westminster, A. D. 1730. It was on vellum, apparently written about the close of the fourteenth century, and was the Register of abbat William CRATFIELD. The other, called "*Registrum HOSTILIARIE*," is remaining. It forms a portion of the manuscript Claud. A. xii. on vellum, of the quarto size.^b

In the *Harleian Collection of Manuscripts* nine Registers of this monastery are remaining.

1. Harl. MS. num. 27, called "*Registrum CROFTIS*." This volume, of a thick square folio form, written upon vellum, has its title prefixed in a modern hand: Wanley says by Sir Simonds D'Ewes. It relates to the office of pietancier only. The indentures, leases, &c., transcribed in it are of various dates, from the time of Henry III. to the time of Edward IV. They relate almost exclusively to the lands, messuages, and rents which were appropriated to the celebration of the "*Sonitus duplex*" on the anniversary of All Souls. Thomas Croftis, from whom the Register takes its name, held the office of pietancier in the 10th, 11th, and 12th of Edw. IV.^c

12. De modo eundi, morandi, et redeundi de infirmaria.
13. Dicta in capitulo qualiter sint celandi.
14. In pœna infligenda quæ considerand. tam a parte affligente quam a parte afflictæ.
15. Quibus abbatibus in capitulo refectorioque prior noster cedere debeat, et similiter de gestu episcoporum ibidem existentium.
16. Intrans refecturium ad prandium post primam benedictionem qualiter benedictionem petere debeant, et de benedictionibus super cibum.
17. Sedens ad mensam in refectorio cum episcopis sive clericis et eisdem administrantibus, qua de causa loqui possint.
18. Abbas extraneus in refectorio cum servientibus reficiens, ubi sedere debeat, similiter priores cathedrales, conventuales, et alii.
19. De pitanc. cotidian. ad mensam qualiter visitandi sint fratres a presidente.
20. Subprior, qualiter se debeat habere ubique; similiter quando ipse sive tertius vel quartus [prior] capl'm ad missam habere et se invicem honorar. debent.
21. Scrutinium a quo fieri, licentiæ peti et dari debeant et qualiter.
22. Septem Psalmi penitenciales in Quadragesima, quando dici debeant, et de quibusdam benedictionibus.
23. De hostiliariis interiore et exteriori et eorum serjantia et de hiis quæ spectant ad eorum officia.
24. De benedictionibus proficientium et redeuntium quando et quomodo peti debeant.
25. De quibusdam superius omissis, videlicet benedictionibus quibusdam et Thur. impositione.
26. Quando abbas noster similiter et extranei exennia debeant a sacrista habere.
27. De focali abbatibus in villa S. Edmundi existent. similiter et de focali conventus.
28. Quid abbas de sacrista accipere debeat in candelis et cera, similiter regales et alii magnates.
29. Pensiones et visitationes ecclesiæ Romanæ, et hujus a quibus fieri, et procurari debent.
30. De reparatione utensilium abbatibus, similiter de stramine.
31. De collationibus in claustro, quando habendæ sunt, et diversitate earum.
32. De allec. quot ad ferculum in diversis temporibus et de fab. in novitate sua.
33. De somno meridiano, quando incipiat et quando terminatur, et diversitate ejus.
34. De potu communi meridiano et ejus diversitate.
35. Quid refectorarius recipit de candelis ad festum sancti Michaelis.
36. De cereis portandis coram priore in vigilia Omnium Sanctorum et lucerna coram conventu, et quanto tempore.

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37. De lectionibus collationum, quando in capitulo et quando in refectorio legend.

38. De diversitate pulsationum ad sequentias, et de matutin. beatæ Mariæ et Psalmis ferialibus quando dicend. sunt in conventu.

39. De exequiis alicujus fratris defuncti in Quadragesima diluculo diei Sabbati ante sonitum in dormitorio, et de quinque missis.

40. Quando conventus comedit bis, et quando non.

41. De minutis in Quadragesima, et impedimento minutionis per capitulum.

42. De variatione pulsationum generaliter per totum annum.

43. De celerario et aliis obedientiariis, quid debeant de cera a sacrista recipere.

44. De quibusdam pitanciis ad sacristam spectantibus, videlicet die Reliquiarum et anniversariis quibusdam.

45. Recept. magistri de vestiis. de candel. a sacrista, quid, quantum, et quando debeat de cand. recipere.

46. Liberatio ejusdem tam in interioribus quam in exterioribus, quibusque, quantum, et quando.

^a Num. XXX.

^b A leaf at the beginning gives it this title: "*Registrum Hostiliarie sancti Edmundi factum sive compilatum per fratrem Andream Astone de diversis evidenciis anno Domini m.cccc.xxvj*." The contents, as far as they relate to the monastery, are

1. Processus et Evidentiæ et Munimenta pro pensione xx. marcarum de Wolpet, fol. 83.

2. Rentale redd. assis. hostrie sancti Edmundi in villa de Bury et extra, fol. 112 b.

3. Rentale firm. domorum et terrarum hostrie in villa de Bury et Hormg', fol. 113 b.

4. Combustio abbatie et maneriorum cum furtiva et abductione abbatibus in Brabantia, A. D. 1326, fol. 116.

5. Electio Johannis Tymworth abbatibus cum actibus provisoris Edmundi Brumfeld et insurrectione populi, fol. 126 b.

6. Articuli sive punctus de diversis transgressionibus et horribilibus malefactis illatis et factis Priori et Conventui per villanos, fol. 135 b.

7. Forma ligaminis pro tempore rumoris sive perturbationis populi super villanos de Bury, fol. 138.

^c The Instruments contained in this volume are arranged under

Bury,

Brakelond, fol. 5.

Brakelond Parva, foll. 14, 39.

Vicus Pistorum, fol. 16 b.

Schepmarket, fol. 22.

Mercatum, fol. 25.

Old Marketstede, fol. 25 b.

Skorunestrete, fol. 28.

Ratonnarowe, fol. 29 b.

Chesmarket, fol. 30 b.

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2. Harl. MS. num. 230, called "Registrum Thomæ Abbatis:" in folio, on vellum.*

3. MS. Harl. num. 638. A folio volume, written at different times, and in various hands, on vellum, formerly

Cottoneelane, fol. 31.
Barbours rowe, fol. 31 b.
Reyngatestrete, foll. 33, 36.
Prentyzstrete, fol. 35 b.
Vicus Cocorum, fol. 38.
Estgate Strete, fol. 40.
Southgate, fol. 48.
Vicus Francorum, fol. 51.
Cornmarket, fol. 55 b.
Skynnersrowe, fol. 56 b.
Berton, fol. 66.
Bumsted, foll. 66 b, 177.
Chelmsford, foll. 36 b, 69 b.
Clopton, fol. 74.
Drenchestun, fol. 111.
Elmeswell, fol. 116.
Fornham Sancti Martini, foll. 116 b, 176.
Hemgrave, fol. 118 b.
Mendham, fol. 119 b.
Rattlesden, fol. 124.
Russebrok, fol. 125.
Sparwehille, foll. 56, 125 b.
Tostok, fol. 125 b.
Watlesfeld, fol. 126.
Wlfpet, fol. 127 b.

Beside these we have,
Ordinatio pro pitanciaro, A. D. M.CCC.lxxij°. fol. 121.
Officium pitanciaro, A. D. M.CCC.xxxj. fol. 121 b.
Rentale renovatum tempore Walteri Baketon pitanc. mon. S. Edmundi, A. D. 1465, 5 Edw. IV. et iterum renovatum, anno 14 Hen. VII. fol. 160.

Taxatio bonorum spiritualium et temporalium abbatis et conventus Sancti Edmundi in archid. Suff. Sudbur. Norff. Norwici, Essex. et Colecestr. fol. 165.

From the "Officium Pitanciaro," it appears in 1331 to have been made an office subordinate to the treasurer. The rule of conduct laid down in the "Ordinatio" indicates the same.

* This volume, written in different hands, contains

1. An alphabetical Index to the principal contents of the manuscript, from fol. 47 to the end.

2. Formulæ plurimorum instrumentorum; sive registrum Willielmi de Hoo sacristæ monasterii Sancti Edmundi de Burgo ac ejusdem loci archidiaconi, fol. 1.

These consist of letters of proclamation, citation, obligation, of attorney, &c. forms of excommunication, certificates of orders, banns, matrimony, &c. See other forms of the same kind, foll. 64 b, 76, 80, 92, 92 b, 98 b, 100 b, 104, 105 b, 109 b, 110, 111 b, 116, 118 b, 124 b.

3. Registrum Thomæ de Totingtone et Ricardi de Draughtone abbatum de S. Eadmund, fol. 47.

This register opens with a notice of the death of abbat John de Norwold on the morrow of St. Simon and St. Jude, 1301, and of the restoration of the temporalities to abbat Thomas de Totingtone. Then follow,

1. Extenta manerii de Meleford, fol. 47 b.
2. An obligation from Richard abbat of St. Edmund to certain merchants of the "Societas Bardorum" of Florence for the loan of a hundred marks, A. D. 1314, fol. 48 b.
3. Homagia facta domino R. abbati, 9 Edw. II. fol. 49.
4. Liberi tenentes de Herlawe, fol. 52 b.
5. Allocatio cartarum et libertatum Sancti Edmundi facta coram sen. et mar. domini regis apud Westm. 33 Edw. I. fol. 53.
6. Carta domini Hen. III. regis de placitis coronæ de appello in curia abbatis terminandis, ibid.
7. Allocatio libertatis facta an. 2 Edw. II. fol. 53 b.
8. Nomina liberorum et nativorum tenentium in Herlawe, Fornham, Culeford, Conegeston, Tyvetishale, Tylneye, et Wygenhall, fol. 54 b.
9. Brevia regis de libertatibus, foll. 57 b, 83, 95, 100.
10. Homagia et fidelitates domino Tho. de Totingtone abbati fact. 30 Edw. I. fol. 60.
11. Pensiones concessæ t. Ricardi abbatis, foll. 69 b, 79, 79 b.
12. Vacationes ecclesiarum, et præsentationes t. Ricardi abbatis, foll. 73, 74 b, 80 b, 82 b, 28 b, 98, 96, 98 b, 99 b, 110, 113, 123 b.
13. Inquisitio de hiis quæ pertinent ad seneschallum libertatis, 7 Edw. II. fol. 73 b.
14. Commissio justic. in villa de Bury, 7 Edw. II. ibid.
15. Finis hominum de Hopetone, 5 Edw. II. fol. 74.
16. Inquis de tenementis Radulphi de Bukenham veteri, 5 Edw. II. fol. 75.
17. Inquis. facta de tenemento quod dominus Ricardus de Kymberlee adquisivit in Soham, 5 Edw. II. ibid.
18. Procur. missa ad curiam Romanam anno primo Ricardi abbatis, fol. 76 b.
19. Commissio custodum hundr. anno primo Ricardi abbatis, ibid.
20. Quieta clamatio firmar. de Tilneye anno primo Ricardi abbatis, fol. 77.

21. Commissio Johannis de Barwe pro Ringeton et Tilneye, anno primo Ricardi abbatis, fol. 77.
22. Litera data Simoni Busch pro serjantia pistoris, A. D. 1314, fol. 77 b.
23. Acquietantia domini Thomæ com. de Lancastre et de Leicestre quoad Est Bradenham (Gallicè) 12 Edw. II. fol. 78.
24. Obligatio magistri R. de Pincebek, A. D. 1314, fol. 78 b.
25. Cartæ de officio sub seneschalli, 8. Edw. I. foll. 81, 82 b.
26. Commissio Ric. abbatis facta domino Tho. le Grey et sociis suis justiciariis ad inquirend. audiend. et terminand. felonias et transgressionem contra pacem regis in villa de S. Edmundo infra quatuor cruceas, 8 Edw. II. fol. 81 b.
27. De capella de Palgrave, fol. 82.
28. Commissio Ricardi abbatis justiciariis de Trailebaston pro excommunicatis repellendis, 9 Edw. II. fol. 82 b.
29. Manumissiones nativorum, foll. 83 b, 86.
30. Fines et amerciamenta de tenentibus abbatis S. Edmundi coram W. de Ormesby et sociis, 7 Edw. II. fol. 83 b.
31. Placita in Haverhill, Mildenhale, et Frekenham, fol. 85 b.
32. De abbate de S. Edmundo. Exoneratio de vij^h. xvij^h. x^h. 9 Edw. II. fol. 86 b.
33. In magno rotulo de anno 32 Hen. III. in residuo Norff. ibid.
34. In magno rotulo 8 Edw. II. in Norff. et Suff. fol. 87.
35. Finis pro serviciis, fol. 87 b.
36. Carta Norwyc. episcopi, A. D. 1316, fol. 88 b.
37. Carta rectoris de Hopeton, 9 Edw. II. ibid.
38. Monitio generalis ante excommunicationem, fol. 89.
39. Nomina ordinatorum per Ric. abbatem, A. D. 1313, ad A. D. 1316, fol. 90.
40. Litera procuratoria ad curiam Romanam, fol. 91.
41. Nova obligatio magistri R. de Pynchbeck per quam prima obligatio dampnatur, fol. 91 b.
42. Curia de Teutyshale, 9 Edw. II. fol. 93.
43. Extenta manerii de Bradefeld, A. D. 1318, fol. 95 b.
44. Breve regis pro fossato apud Rungeton, fol. 97.
45. Confirmatio terrarum in Tifeshal, fol. 99 b.
46. Carta de Lellesseye, foll. 101, 102.
47. Cartæ de Onhus, foll. 101, 101 b, 105 b.
48. Permutatio ecclesiæ de Redgrave, A. D. 1319, fol. 102 b.
49. De custodia abbatiæ in tempore vacat. priori et conv. concessa in perpetuum. In magno rot. de anno 12 Edw. II. fol. 103.
50. Memorandum de serjanciis hundr. et eorum servic. fol. 104 b.
51. Breve pro fossato in Mersland, A. D. 1320, fol. 105.
52. Verdictum juratorum de eodem, fol. 107.
53. Pro abbate de S. Edmundo. Term. Paschæ 13 Edw. II. fol. 109.
54. Eacaet. domini abb. in Pakenham, fol. 110 b.
55. Abbates Westm. Sancti Edmundi, et Saleby, fol. 112.
56. In itin. Salomonis de Roff. 14 Edw. I. de villata de Beccles, fol. 113.
57. Item in eodem itin. in hundredo de Hertesmere, ibid.
58. Allocationes finium de Nova Pipa impetrat. per W. de Stowe sacristam, 14 Edw. II. fol. 114 b.
59. Breve ad inquirendum de hospitali Sancti Salvatoris utrum sumptibus regis Henrici vel abbatis Sampson, fol. 115.
60. Breve secundum de Tilneye, fol. 115 b.
61. Controversia inter episcopum et priorem Elien. et abb. et conv. S. Edmundi de libertatibus, in qua carta regis Edgari S. Etheldredæ concessa cum aliis, fol. 117.
62. Obligatio per indenturam inter dominos episcopum Elyen. et abbatem de S. Edmundo. Dat. apud Lakyngeth die S. Benedicti mcccxxij. fol. 124.
63. Determinatio contentionum motarum inter Hug. Elyen. episcopum et Henr. abb. Sancti Edmundi, fol. 124 b.
64. Breve domini regis ne exigit decimas tempore vacationis pro portione abbatis, fol. 125.
65. Breve regis de allocatione libertatis secundum tenorem cartarum, ibid.
66. Breve regis fundatum super carta regis patris pro remissione omnium debitorum, 7 Edw. II. fol. 125 b.
67. Breve aliud Edwardi II. regis eodem anno, ibid.
68. Breve de respectu inde, &c. 7 Edw. II. fol. 126.
69. De maneriis de Broc et Castro ex libro vocato Domesday, fol. 126 b.
70. De solutione decimarum per abbatem, fol. 127.

4. Electio domini Thomæ abbatis S. Edmundi, sc. ordo in electione Thomæ de Totingtone abbatis observatus; una cum litteris, confirmationibus et rescriptis tam regalibus quam papalibus, ad ejusdem electionem pertinentibus, suis in loci insertis, fol. 128.

belonging to Sir Simonds D'Ewes, who prefixed to it the title of "Registrum WERKETONE."^a

4. MS. Harl. num. 645. "Registrum KEMPE:" a volume in folio, written in different hands upon two hundred

5. Extentæ maneriorum baroniæ de Sancto Edmundi existentium in manu regis, tempore vacationis; factæ per Helyam Pugeer sub-escatorem regis, anno 30 Edw. I. fol. 138.

6. Tractatus fratris Walteri de Pincebeke, de libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus, quas abbas et conventus clamat habere,

1. Infra burgum suum de S. Edmundo;
2. Generaliter, infra octo hundreda sua, et dimidiam;
3. Specialiter, in omnibus maneriis et dominiciis suis, fol. 153.

7. Responsio domini abbatis ad petitionem domini L. i. e. scedula consuta faciei secundæ folii 164; quâ continetur concessio domini abbatis S. Edmundi, seu potius regula, ad cujus austerissima instituta, bonus quidam anachoreta, perpetua solitudine atque abstinentia, vitam agere inungitur.

8. Nomina liberorum et natorum de Rungetone (i. e. pars tractatus, cujus initium habetur, fol. 49) fol. 165.

9. Fragmentum cujusdam registri chartarum ad monasterium de S. Edmundo spectantis, fol. 170.

^a Wanley, in one of his MS. catalogues of the Harleian collection, says, "Registrum eum appellasse WERKETONE opinor, ex eo quod in initio fere indicis (a quo initium sumit liber) sc. in tertia linea memoratur primus omnium Godefridus de Werketone:" viz. 'Abbas Sancti Edmundi habuit catalla Godfridi de Werketone per libertatem cartæ suæ, fol. ij. a.'

It contains, as far as the abbey is concerned,

1. An Index, in Latin, to the more material contents of the volume: apparently written about the time of King Henry the Sixth. It occupies ten leaves.

2. Extenta, &c. manerii de Ryseby, fol. 1.

3. Culture dominicales pertinentes ad celerariam in campis Sancti Edmundi Buriæ, fol. 2 b.

4. Placita, cartæ, literæ, &c. de mercato, de cambio monetæ, &c. in eodem monasterio, fol. 10.

5. Magna carta regis Edwardi filii regis Edwardi, de confirmatione libertatum Sancti Edmundi; ubi plures cartæ Anglo-Saxonice, &c. recitantur, ut aiunt, "per Insepimus," fol. 13.

6. Narratio quædam de processu contra Fratres Minores; qualiter expulsi erant de villa Sancti Edmundi, foll. 16, 20, 171.

7. Privilegium Ædmundi regis quo libertas ecclesiæ Sancti Ædmundi conceditur, et termini terrarum circumjacentium nominantur, fol. 17 b.

8. Hardecnuti regis confirmatio qua monasterium istud ab omni jurisdictione archiepiscoporum sive episcoporum eximitur, fol. 18.

9. De mercato et theloneo apud Sanctum Ædmundum, fol. 19 b.

10. Copia processuum executorum auctoritate domini Urbani papæ III^a, fol. 20.

11. Carta de quodam tofto in villa Sancti Edmundi ubi Fratres Minores habitabant aliquo tempore videlicet juxta vicum de Westgate Street, fol. 22 b.

12. Carta Edwardi regis filii regis Edwardi ut nullus secularis minister se intromittat de Burgo Sancti Edmundi, fol. 22 b.

13. Carta Edwardi filii regis Edwardi de allocatione finium, fol. 24.

14. Pardonatio perquisitionis terrarum infra banleucam Sancti Edmundi, et alibi post statutum de terris in mortuam manum non ponendis; cum aliis cartis, recordis, &c. Inter alia confirmatio cartarum antiquarum et nova concessio regis Edw. III. fol. 24 b.

15. Placita apud villam Sancti Edmundi coram justiciariis domini regis, de transgressionibus et conspirationibus inter abbatem de Sancto Edmundo querentem, et quosdam homines de villa de Sancto Edmundo; anno 33 r. Edw. I. &c. fol. 35, cum aliis placitis, &c. vid. fol. 150.

16. Enumeratio particularis omnium cartarum abbatæ de S. Edmundo concessarum, seu in archivis ejusdem conservatarum, a fundatione abbatæ usque ad tempora regis Henrici III. sc.

1. Cartæ regum et Magnatum a Cnuto ad regem Henricum III. numero CXL.
2. Privilegia Romanorum pontificum, numero CXIX.
3. Cartæ celerariæ, numero CCCCXIV.
4. Cartæ sacristiæ, numero CCCCXLIV.
5. Confederationes inter abbatem et conventum S. Edmundi et alia Monasteria, numero VII.
6. Cartæ de camerâ, numero CII.
7. Cartæ elemosynariæ, numero CLV.
8. Cartæ de Hospitali S. Petri de Risbigate, numero CLXXII.
9. Cartæ de Refectorio, numero I.
10. Cartæ de Pitanciaria, numero XXXI.
11. Cartæ de Domo hospitum, numero VI.
12. Cartæ de Infirmaria, numero XXVI.
13. Cartæ sive testamenta Anglicæ (i. e. Anglo-Saxonice) scripta, numero XII.
14. Cartæ abbatæ, numero CCC.
15. Cyrographa non specificantia Abbatem nec Conventum, numero X.

17. Fragmentum (ut videtur) alterius cujusdam codicis, quo continentur cartæ nonnullæ, sc.

1. Carta Johannis abbatis S. Edmundi de hospitale S. Salvatoris, fol. 138.
2. Domus Dei, i. e. ordinatio Simonis Dei gratia abbatæ S. Edmundi de hospitale quæ Domus Dei vulgo nuncupatur.

3. Adnotatio de inrotulatione recordorum de placitis inter abbatem S. Edm. et homines villæ de Sancto Edmundo, quæ supra habetur in codice, sc. fol. 113 b.

4. Copia cartæ de abbate et conventu per Johannem de Bertone autorem, qui se gerebat tanquam aldermanum villæ S. Edmundi, vi et armis metuque mortis extortæ, fol. 140.

5. Wlpit ecclesia, fol. 142.

6. Literæ Gaucelini episcopi Albanensis ad abbatem de S. Edmundo. Dat. Avenionæ 6 kal. Maii anno 17 pontificatus Johannis papæ XXII. fol. 143.

7. Bulla expulsiōis Fratrum Minorum de villa S. Edmundi. Dat. anno pontificatus Urbani IV. papæ secundo, fol. 143 b.

8. Extenta ecclesiarum collatione abbatæ, tempore Edw. I. facta, fol. 144 b.

9. Nomina officiorum spectantium ad collationem abbatæ infra abbatiam S. Edmundi, fol. 145.

10. Præsentatio prioris ad hospitale S. Nicholai, fol. 145 b.

11. Abstractum ex libro censuali dicto Domesday de manerio de Mildenhalle in agro Suffolciensi, fol. 145 b.

18. Fragmentum, ad illud quod novissime memoratur, seu ad alium aliquem librum pertinens; in quo habentur

1. Carta de manerio de Wolpet vocato le Coldhalle, fol. 146.

2. Carta de dimissione ad firmam grangiarum sacristæ S. Edm. extra Rysbygate in villa de S. Edmundo, 6 Edw. II. fol. 146.

3. Acquietantia, qua Willielmus Prior monasterii S. Edm. et ejusdem loci conventus, notum faciunt se recepisse unum firmaculum aureum de oblatione domini regis, feretro dicti S. Edmundi, die Dominica proxime post festum Ascensionis Domini intra missarum sollempnia, pro eodem domino rege et statu regni sui celebratarum. Dat. in capitulo suo die antedicto anno vij. dicti Domini eorum (i. e. forte Edw. III.) fol. 146 b.

4. Collatio capellæ S. Johannis per sacristam, A. D. mccc.xxxiv. fol. 147.

5. Memorandum quod dominus Johannes de Sneterle habet factum consimile de capella S. Margaretæ, fol. 147.

6. Carta qua Ricardus abbas S. Edmundi et ejusdem loci conventus concedunt Thomæ de Trowes unam robam cum furura de secta armigerorum celerariæ ad . . . terminum vitæ suæ percipiendam annuatim contra festum Natalis Domini, 8 Edw. III. fol. 147.

7. Carta qua Ricardus abbas et conventus S. Edm. concedunt Johanni de Herlastone quinque marcas argenti annuatim de eis percipiendas, donec ei de competenti beneficio provisum fuerit. Dat. 19 Jan. A. D. 1329, fol. 147.

8. Carta qua idem Ricardus abbas de communi consensu conventus concedit domino Thomæ de Bam-bourgh quadraginta solidos annuæ pensionis, 8 Edw. III. fol. 147.

9. Carta de custodia et maritagio Thomæ filii et hæredis Johannis de Berdewelle, 9 Edw. III. fol. 147 b.

10. Acquietantia Roberto de Eriswelle concessa, 2 Edw. III. fol. 148.

11. Item, de eodem Roberto de Eriswelle, fol. 148.

12. Obligatio qua frater Willielmus abbas mon. S. Edm. et ejusdem loci conventus tenentur domino Johanni de Schardelowe militi in cc. libris sterlingorum. Dat. in vigilia S. Laurentii martyris, anno 10 Edw. III. fol. 148 b.

13. Carta Johannis de Schardelowe, seu potius conditio superioris obligationis, fol. 148 b.

14. Carta Willielmi abbatis de S. Edm. qua ad mandatum domini Edwardi III. regis Angliæ (ratione novæ sui creationis in abbatem) concedit Martino de Ix-ningge clerico unam annuam pensionem centum solidorum, de camera abbatæ percipiendorum, quousque sibi per abbatem provisum fuerit de beneficio ecclesiastico competenti. Dat. ij^{do}. die mensis Martii anno decimo regis Edw. III. fol. 148 b.

15. De annua xxij. solidorum pensione Christianæ de Roos concessa, 5 Edw. III. fol. 148 b.

16. De corrodio Johanni de Olneye concessa, 1 Edw. III. fol. 148 b.

17. Carta alia Christianæ de Roos concessa, 5 Edw. III. fol. 149.

18. Collatio Willielmi abbatis de uno coco in proprios usus conventus, A. D. mccc.xxxvj. fol. 149.

19. Carta Susannæ filiæ Ægidii de Neketone concessa, 10 Edw. III. fol. 149.

20. Obligatio qua Willielmus abbas S. Edm. et ejusdem loci conventus tenentur domino Johanni de Brade-felde rectori ecclesiæ de Halstede, in triginta et

and forty-seven leaves of vellum: formerly belonged to Sir Simonds D'Ewes. At the beginning is an alphabetical

table of the chief contents, written by some monk, and occupying four leaves.*

- quatuor libris argenti, quas ab eodem mutuo acceperunt. Dat. die Lunæ prox. post festum Annunciationis B. Mariæ anno 11 R. Edw. III. fol. 149 b.
21. Obligatio qua Willelmus abbas S. Edm. et ejusdem loci conventus tenentur Johanni de Schardelowe militi in quater viginti et decem libris argenti bonæ et legalis monetæ, quas ab eo ex mutuo acceperunt. Dat. die Veneris in festo S. Ambrosii anno 11 R. Edw. III. fol. 149 b.
- (Hæc carta in codice cancellatur.)
22. Carta Willelmi abbatis S. Edm. et ejusdem loci conventus qua concedunt Martino de Ixningge clerico unam annuam pensionem centum solidorum ut supra, num. 14, fol. 149 b.
23. Obligatio, qua Willelmus abbas de S. Edm. et ejusdem loci conventus tenentur dominæ Aliciæ de Grey in triginta libris argenti, quas ab ea, ex mutuo receperunt. Dat. die Lunæ in septimana Pentecostes anno 11 regis Edw. III. fol. 149 b.
19. Placita apud villam S. Edmundi coram justiciariis domini regis, temp. regis Edwardi III. foll. 150, 151 b, 153 b, 168, 177, 178, 183 b, 195, 218, 235 b, 236, 238.
20. Amerciamenta adjudicata abbati, et fines extra prisonam, de Nicholao Fouke et aliis hominibus villæ de S. Edmundo, fol. 163.
21. Traylbaston, fol. 164.
22. Breve domini regis Edwardi III. de libertatibus, fol. 165 b.
23. De ecclesia de Bradenham, fol. 166.
24. Eriswelle. Inter abbatem et conventum et homines de Eriswelle, de marisco et pastura, fol. 167.
25. Rentale renovat. de nominibus tenentium prioris S. Edmundi in Elmawelle, A. D. m.ccc.lxxij. fol. 170 b.
26. Rentale renovat. de nominibus tenentium prioris S. Edmundi in Elmawelle, A. D. m.ccc.lxxxij. fol. 170 b.
27. Confirmatio cartarum per regem Edwardum secundum anno regni sui iij^{to}. fol. 171.
28. Litera missa Joh. abbati S. Edm. per Edw. III. regem anno regni sui xlvj^{to}. xxvij. die Augusti, fol. 174.
29. Litera missa domino Joh. abbati S. Edmundi anno regni regis Edw. III. xlvj^{to}. per dominum Edwardum principem et primogenitum. *Gallicè*. fol. 174 b.
- * 30. Contributio officiariorum monasterii S. Edmundi de gratia facta pro fratre E. Brounfeld anno gratiæ m.ccc.lxxij^{to}. qui incepit in Theologia Oxon. fol. 174 b.
31. Commissio ad inquirend. de diversis malefactoribus in generali et speciali, fol. 175.
32. Cartæ de Pakenham, foll. 178, 180 b, 181, 183 b.
33. Breve de libertatibus in villa S. Edmundi et in octo hundredis, 13 Edw. III. fol. 178 b.
34. Protestationes et literæ de ordinibus factis in ecclesia S. Edmundi, A. D. 1330, foll. 179, 179 b.
35. Cagehalle cum Coueshalleyerd cum aliis de perquirendo, &c. 38 Edw. III. fol. 179 b.
36. Coldhall per finem in Wolpet, 31 Edw. I. fol. 180.
37. Nova Aula in Pakenham, 35 Edw. I. fol. 180.
38. Licentia perquirendi Bradenham ad sustentationem conventus, 2 Edw. II. fol. 180.
39. Licentia regis Edw. II. impetrand. xl. libr. ad usum porcionis conventus, fol. 180 b.
40. Carta de Russhebroke, fol. 180 b.
41. Carta de terris in Fornham S. Genovefæ, Rattlesden, &c. fol. 181.
42. Carta de terr. et ten. ad manum mortuam non ponend. in Mildenhale, fol. 181 b.
43. Carta de terris in Rugham, Resshebrok, et Parva Whelneham, fol. 182.
44. De redd. in Magna Hornynggesherth, fol. 182.
45. De capella Domus Dei extra portam australem villæ de Sancto Edmundo, 16 Edw. II. fol. 182.
46. De villa S. Edmundi, fol. 182 b.
47. Pardonatio regis abbati et conv. S. Edm. concessa pro transgress. fol. 183 b.
48. Carta regis E. pro licentia impetrandi xl^a. librat. terr. ad usum camerar. fol. 183 b.
49. Carta regis Edw. pro licentia impetrandi xl^a. acr. terr. in Mildenhale, fol. 183 b.
50. De memorabil. vener. patris domini Edmundi de Brundith prioris S. Edmundi, fol. 184.
51. Cartæ Edwardi III. regis de terris ad manum mortuam non ponendis in villa S. Edm. in Russhebrok, Fornham, Hildicle, Mildenhale, Ikelyngham, Fresyngfeld, Bertone, Hargrave, Tymworth, &c. fol. 187.
52. Nota de terris perquisitis, fol. 190.
53. Cartæ de manerio de Huntyngheldhalle, foll. 191 b, 257.
54. Inquisitio ad quod damnum anno r. r. Ric. II. xvj^{to}. ad prosect. Wi. Bray, fol. 194.
55. Item de eodem, fol. 194 b.
56. Hospitale Theford, fol. 195.
57. Carta de Mildenhale, pro falda, fol. 198.
58. Carta de Henhowe, fol. 198 b.
59. Taxatio bonorum spiritualium conventus sancti Edm. de Bury, fol. 199.
60. Commissio pro fossat. seweris et gurgitibus apud Welle et alibi reparandis, 12 Edw. III. fol. 199 b.
61. Inquisitio pro eodem, fol. 199 b.
62. Billa domino regi pro salvatione piscariæ in Welle, fol. 199 b.
63. Commissio ad inquirend. de seweris, 13 Edw. III. fol. 201.
64. Item pro eodem, fol. 201 b.
65. Item pro eodem, fol. 202.
66. Mandatum episcopi Norwic. A. D. m.ccc.xxx. fol. 202 b.
67. Indentura cujusdam conventionis inter abbatem et conventum et dominum Johannem Plays militem, 47 Edw. III. fol. 203.
68. Litera dom. Edwardi principis Walliæ missa Willielmo Verard pro inquis. faciend. super Cagehalle in Bertone Magna, *Gallicè* scripta, 47 Edw. III. fol. 203 * b.
69. Terra arabilis celerariæ S. Edm. in camp. de Hessete mensurat. anno r. r. Edw. III. xvij^{to}. fol. 204.
70. Cultura maner. Celerariæ mensurat. anno r. r. Edw. III. xvj^{to}. fol. 204 b.
71. Manumissiones natorum, foll. 206 b, 211, 246 b.
72. Literæ de Sabrycheswerthe, foll. 209 *, 210 *.
73. Extractum et veracissime copiat. de antiqua Cronica monasterii Croylandiæ, fol. 211.
74. Carta de perquis. in Fornham sanctæ Genevefæ, Rattlesden, et West Stowe, fol. 212 b.
75. Venditio bosci de Todenham, fol. 213.
76. Cartæ de manerio de Mildenhale, fol. 214.
77. Placitum et concordia coram W. de Hengham et sociis suis pro hominibus villæ de Bury, fol. 216.
78. Item breve de eodem, fol. 216.
79. Copia pessimæ cartæ factæ et sigillatæ contra voluntatem abbatis et conventus quando fuerunt incarcerati per homines villæ tempore combustionis quæ carta postea fuit judicialiter reprobata et dampnata coram J. Stonor justiciar. domini regis et aliis, fol. 217.
80. Taxatio bonorum temporalium et spiritualium abbatis et officiorum ecclesiæ sancti Edmundi in archidiaconatibus Sudbury et Suff. A. D. m.cc. fol. 222.
81. Processus de noviter perquisitis, pendens in scaccario domini regis; sed jam per auream cartam regis quassatus, ann. 3 R. Ric. II. fol. 226.
82. Admissio domini Ricardi Hoxne ad cantariam Roberti Criswell, cum onere, A. D. 1356, fol. 239 b.
83. Assisa contra homines de Beccles. 15 Ric. II. fol. 240.
84. Hospitale Domus Dei, fol. 241 b.
85. De xv^{to}. levand. in com. Suff.
86. Letter of the earl of March and Ulster, desiring to be admitted to the fraternity of this monastery, in French, fol. 245.
87. Conventio inter abbates Malmesburie et de Sancto Edmundo pro quadam camera honesta, in suburbio Oxon. (in Kewell-strete) in usum monachorum Sancti Edmundi in universitate Oxon. studentium, adhibenda. Dat. ann. 49 R. Edw. III. fol. 250.
88. Inventarium domini Thomæ abbatis, fol. 251.
89. Cartæ plurimæ de terris in Myldenhale, Pakenham, &c. fol. 251 b, &c.
90. Bulla Urbani papæ episcopo London. de confirmatione Johannis Tymworth abbatis auctoritate apostolica, &c. anno pont. vij^{to}. fol. 255.
91. Consensus prioris et conventus de dimissione manerii de Herlawe ad firmam, 10 Ric. II. fol. 255 b.
92. De cantaria in ecclesia de Mildenhale, A. D. 1386, fol. 255 b.
93. Recuperat. c. marc. de hominibus de Bury solvend. domino abbati nomine recognitionis in sui nova creatione, 8 Ric. II. fol. 256.
94. Litera fraternitatis concessa domino Johanni duci Lancastrie, fol. 256 b.
95. De Missa matutinali, de Requiem, &c. in claustris sustinend. 17 Ric. II. fol. 258 b.
96. Litera domini W. Cratfeld abbatis de falda habenda in Minori Fornham, 3 Hen. IV. fol. 259.
97. Nova carta de xl. libris solvendis domino regi per annum; loco et nomine m.cc. marcarum tempore vacantie abbatiæ, prosecuta per dominum W. Cratfeld tunc abbatem, fol. 260.
98. Feoda quæ tenentur de honore Lancastrie in comitatibus Norff. et Suff. extracta de Rubro Libro, et libris feodorum in scaccario domini regis, fol. 262 b.
99. Contributio facta et collata domino Thomæ Clare, pro lectione sententiarum, in hac abbacia, fol. 266.
100. Taxatio ecclesiarum (ad abbatiam Sancti Edmundi spectantium) secundum decimam communiter carentem, fol. 266 b.
101. Litera fraternitatis concessa M. Ricardo Cawdre, archidiacono Norwicensi, dat. A. D. m.cccc.xvij. fol. 267 b.
102. Juramentum decani abbatiæ Sancti Edmundi, fol. 269.
103. Juramentum ballivi, ibid.
104. Modus recipiendi fratres, ibid.
105. Juramentum servientium, ibid.
- * The following are the more important articles relating to the monastery:
1. Taxatio beneficiorum infra dioccesim Norwicensem, fol. 2.
 2. Taxatio bonorum domini abbatis, fol. 13.
 3. De amerciamentis quæ pertinent ad dominum regem et quæ pertinent ad abbatem infra libertatem S. Edmundi, fol. 13 b.

5. MS. Harl. num. 743. "Registrum LAKYNHETHE." Folio. On vellum. This manuscript is noticed by Bishop

Tanner as having formerly belonged to Dr. Edward Stillingfleet, bishop of Worcester.*

* It contains,

1. An abridged Digest of the Charters granted to the Monastery at different periods, arranged in alphabetical order, chiefly under the names of places: viz.

4. Litera directa sacristæ Sancti Edmundi pro purgatione Galfridi de Redgrave et Johannis de Perers, A. D. m.cc.xciii. fol. 18 b.
5. Litera domini abbatis domino regi directa pro Galfrido de Redgrave, fol. 19 b.
6. Hii sunt qui caruagium debent ad Pentecosten, fol. 38.
7. Cartæ de Hoo, foll. 45, 46, 47.
8. Litera de schola psalterii et cantus, A. D. 1370, fol. 67.
9. Litera sacristæ de privilegio magistri scholarum cantus, A. D. 1428, fol. 67 b.
10. Commissio sacristæ facta decano Christianitatis S. Edmundi de citando presbiteros ad synodum, fol. 68.
11. Responsio decani ad commissionem prædictam, ibid.
12. Juramentum presbiterorum, ibid.
13. Modus celebrandi synodum presbyterorum sub jurisdictione abbatis Sancti Edmundi constitutorum, fol. 68 b.
14. Penitentia publice injuncta diversis personis per sacristam Joan. Cranewys, ibid.
15. Juramentum decani Christianitatis Sancti Edmundi de Burgo, fol. 69.
16. Juramentum ballivi, fol. 69 b.
17. Juramentum cujuslibet sergeant. [i. e. servientium] ibid.
18. Juramentum aldermanni villæ de Bury, ibid.
19. Breve directum ballivis abb. de Bury villæ de Bury, 15 Hen. VI. fol. 69 *.
20. De falda sacristæ in Westle, ibid.
21. Redditus sacristæ Sancti Edmundi forinsecus, infra libertatem, fol. 70.
22. Perquisita infra cruces per cartas regis, fol. 86.
23. Juramentum sub-ballivorum, fol. 86 b.
24. Bulla Eugenii papæ, A. D. 1435, fol. 87.
25. Carta ecclesiæ Elyensi concessa per Edw. I. regem; in qua etiam recitantur aliæ cartæ, dat. 1 die Decemb. anno regni sui xij. fol. 88 b.
26. Obligatio subseneschalli, fol. 89 b.
27. Pro cuneo post combustionem anno regni primo, fol. 108 b.
28. Carta Edwardi I. regis de cuneo, fol. 111.
29. De emptionibus argenti et billonis, t. Edw. I. foll. 113 b, 138 b.
30. Assayum factum de moneta regis monetata in cambio infra libertatem de Sancto Edmundo inter annum octavum regis Edwardi filii regis Henrici et octab. Purificationis beatæ Mariæ, anno regni regis Edwardi fil. regis ipsius Edwardi duodeno, fol. 116.
31. De concordia inter abbatem et conventum Sancti Edmundi et villam Sancti Edmundi mediante rege Edw. III. stabilitata anno quinto regni sui, fol. 123 b.
32. Carta sancti Edwardi præcipua, incip. "Ego Edwardus rex indico omnibus de consilio," &c. fol. 125 b.
33. De cuneo et monetario, t. Edw. I. foll. 133, 134 b, 169.
34. Commissio abbatis facta sacristæ, &c. ad visitand. hospitale Sancti Petri, A. D. 1334, fol. 134.
35. Recognitio militum duorum comitatum (i. e. Norff. et Suff.) de acquietantia dominiorum abbatie de Sancto Edmundo, de communi misericordia, et murther, et itineribus justiciariorum, fol. 148.
36. Tenor cartæ fratribus de Templo Jerusalem concessæ de annua pensione unius marci de camera abbatis, fol. 159.
37. Carta regis de exitibus, 11 Edw. III. fol. 160.
38. Franchesia et libertates de Bury, fol. 160 b.
39. La copie del covenaut fait entre Mons. Johan. de Hastyng et Mons. Raufe de Bokkyng de la Southscheschalcie de Seint Edmon. 18 Edw. II. fol. 162.
40. Le transescrit del covenaut entre l'abbe de Seint Edmon. et Mons. Raufe de Bokkyng de la Baillie de la Southscheschalcie, ibid.
41. Prima libertas concessa clericis sæcularibus custodientibus corpus sancti Edmundi in loco vocato Beodrychisworth a rege Edmundo dicto Ferreum Latus, fol. 167 b.
42. Reventiones abbatis, cum expensis, &c. fol. 170.
43. Debita in quibus tenebatur conventus Sancti Edmundi, fol. 175.
44. Expensæ celerariæ, sacristiæ, camerariæ, et aliorum obedientiariorum, foll. 175 b, 178 b.
45. Redditus forinsecus pertinens ad sacristiam, fol. 176 b.
46. Redditus pitanciaræ, &c. foll. 177, 183.
47. Processus electionis domini Symonis abbatis, A. D. 1296, fol. 179.
48. Modus capiendi homagia, fol. 182.
49. Taxatio maneriorum domini abbatis et conventus temporibus domini Johannis de Mettingham, et domini Willelmi de Pakeham, de tricesima, fol. 184 b.
50. Finalis concordia facta inter Ricardum de Clare comitem Gloucestr. et Symonem abbatem Sancti Edmundi, fol. 188 b.
- * 51. Necessaria per singulas septimanas ad sustentationem iiii^{xx}. monachorum et v^{xx}. et xj. servientium in curia; xj. capellanorum, monialium Thefordiæ, et hospitum, fol. 196.
52. Milites tenentes terras monasterii de veteri feoffamento, fol. 197.
53. Elenchus deservientium in curia (sive monasterio Sancti Edmundi) in diversis officiis, anno 14 Edw. I. fol. 209 b.
54. Taxatio bonorum conventus tam temporalium quam spiritualium, per quam soluta fuit decima domino regi, fol. 213.
55. Computus maneriorum celerariæ, coram Roberto priore et aliis monachis, A. D. 1258, fol. 233.

Ailsham.	Fornham Sancti Mar-	Mundham.
Aisschfelde.	tini.	Naultone.
Aisschfelde Parva.	Fornham Omnium	Neddinge.
Ametone.	Sanctorum.	Neutone.
Amptone.	Frekenham.	Northlenne.
Babewelle.	Fresigfeld.	Nortone in Hundr. de
Baketone.	Gadisthorp.	Blakeborne.
Banyngham.	Gaysle.	Nortone in Cnaweingge
Barwe.	Geddigg.	Hundred.
Bedyngfelde.	Geldestone.	Nortone in Geldecros
Beketone.	Gialingham.	Hundred.
Beklis.	Gissigge.	Norwich.
Berdewelle.	Glemesforde.	Noutone.
Beringham.	Gnateshale.	Ocle.
Bernham.	Grotene.	Onhous.
Bertone Magna.	Hadeleye.	Outschale.
Bertone Parva.	Hales.	Pakenham.
Bildistone.	Halstede.	Palgrave.
Blanham.	Hargrave.	Poslingworth.
Bokenham.	Hauerille.	Prestone.
Botlisdale.	Haukedone.	Quidenham.
Boxforde.	Haustede.	Ratlesdene.
Bracstede.	Hechham.	Rede.
Bradefelde Monacho-	Heggesete.	Redgrave.
rum.	Helegeye.	Reschebrook.
Bradefelde Seyncler.	Hemgrave.	Reydone.
Bradefelde Stokkene.	Hepworthe.	Rikingle.
Bradeleye Magna.	Heringwelle.	Rikingle Superior.
Bradeleye Parva.	Herlawe.	Riseby.
Bradenham.	Herlingge.	Rothingge Alba.
Brandone.	Herlistone.	Rugham.
Bresingham.	Herolvistone.	Runggetone.
Brethenham.	Hertherst.	Saham Monachorum.
Brocforde.	Hildircle.	Sapstone.
Brokedisch.	Hoptone.	Saxham Magna.
Brokkeleye.	Horniggesherthe	Saxham Parva.
Brook.	Magna.	Scaldewelle.
Broom.	HorniggeshertheParva.	Schimplingge.
Bulighbrook.	Hospitale Sancti Sal-	Semere.
Bulleye.	vatoria.	Snarishille.
Bumstede.	Hospitale S. Joh. Je-	Stanesfelde.
Bures.	rusalem.	Stanfelde.
Burgate.	Hou.	Stantone.
Bury.	Hundreds Octo et dim.	Stapilforde.
Catishille.	Hunegtone.	Sterstone.
Cavendish.	Hunesdene.	Stoke.
Chedeberwe.	Huntcrestone.	Stoktone.
Chenyngtone.	Ikellingham.	Stowe.
Cherlisworthe.	Ikworthe.	Stowe Langtoft.
Chippeleye.	Illeye Combusta.	Stradesale.
Clare.	Illeye Monachorum.	Stustone.
Codetune.	Ilsingtone.	Sudbury.
Cokefeld.	Ingham.	Sumertone.
Conigstone.	Ixworthe.	Thelwetham.
Cornherthe Magna.	Ixworthe Thorp.	Thetforde.
Cornherthe Parva.	Kavendisch.	Thordone.
Cottone.	Kerseye.	Thorp Abbatis.
Coulenge.	Ketelisberstone.	Thorp Moriens.
Culford.	Kirkeby.	Thrandistone.
Dalham.	Knetone.	Thrilowe Magna.
Dekilburw.	Lacford.	Thrilowe Parva.
Denham.	Lakynghythe.	Throuthone.
Dordewelle.	Langham.	Thurstone.
Dounham.	Lavenham.	Thweit.
Drenkstone.	Lausele.	Tibenham.
Dunewich.	Leleseye.	Tifteshale.
Edwardestone.	Lidgate.	Tilneye.
Elingham.	Lineforde.	Toppiscroft.
Elmesete.	Livermere Magna.	Tostoke.
Elmeswelle.	Livermere Parva.	Trostone.
Eluedene.	Lodne.	Tudenham.
Ely.	Lundene.	Turstanthone.
Endegate.	Manestone.	Tymworthe.
Erswelle.	Manetone.	Waldingfelde Magna.
Esigstone.	Marlingforde.	Waldingfelde Parva.
Eustone.	Meldingge.	Walesham.
Eye.	Melforde.	Wallyngtone.
Fakenham Magna.	Melles.	Walham Parva.
Fakenham Parva.	Mendham.	Watlesfelde.
Falisham.	Mendham juxta	Waude.
Ferigdone.	Brokedich.	Waunforde.
Fersfelde.	Middiltone.	Wedirdene.
Finigham.	Mikelfeld.	Wenlingge.
Flemptone.	Mildenhale.	Westhorp.
Fornham Sanctæ Ge-	Moringthorp.	Westle.
novæ.	Multone.	Westone.

6. MS. Harl. 1005. A thick volume in quarto, called "LIBER ALBUS." This, too, is upon vellum, written in

Wetheringsete.	Wirmegeye.	Wridewelle.
Whatefelde.	Wirlingwrthe.	Wrottinge.
Whelnetham Magna.	Wolpet.	Wrottinge Blunde.
Whelnetham Parva.	Wordeseye.	Wychem.
Whepstede.	Wortham.	Wyginhale.
Wicham.	Wrabenase.	Wyurstone.
Wideskesho.	Wridelingtone.	

These occupy no fewer than forty-nine folios, which are, however, not numbered. Then follow :

- * 2. Quot, et qui, et quot annis singulis fuerunt abbates Sancti Edmundi, a Vio primo abbate usque ad mortem Johannis de Brynkele, qui obiit A. D. 1379, fol. 1.
- 3. De libertate S. Edmundi, fol. 5 b.
- 4. Privilegium Edmundi regis quo prima libertas ecclesie Sancti Edmundi conceditur, et termini terrarum circumjacentium nominantur, fol. 5 b.
- 5. Carta Canuti regis ut monasterium istud sit imperpetuum a monachis inhabitatum, fol. 6.
- 6. Hardecnuti regis Confirmatio qua monasterium istud ab omni jurisdictione archiepiscoporum sive episcoporum eximitur, fol. 6 b.
- 7. Cartæ S. Edwardi regis de libertate S. Edmundi, fol. 8.
- 8. Confirmatio Willielmi Conquestoris de viii. hundr. et dim. fol. 8 b.
- 9. Confirmatio Willielmi Rufi de viii. hundr. et dim. fol. 9.
- 10. Cartæ Henrici I. regis de viii. hundr. et dim. foll. 9, 9 b.
- 11. De theloneo et mercatu de Bury, fol. 9 b.
- 12. Confirmatio Henrici II. de libertatibus, fol. 10.
- 13. Item, Confirmatio ejusdem H. de libertat. viii. hundr. fol. 10 b.
- 14. Confirmatio Stephani regis de libertatibus, fol. 10 b.
- 15. Confirmatio Ricardi regis de libert. fol. 11.
- 16. Confirmatio Johannis regis de libert. fol. 11 b.
- 17. Confirmatio Henrici III. regis de libert. fol. 12.
- 18. Carta Henrici III. regis de placitis coronæ, fol. 12 b.
- 19. Confirmatio Edwardi primi regis post Conquestum de libertatibus, fol. 13.
- 20. Confirmatio Edwardi II. post Conquestum, fol. 13 b.
- 21. Carta Edwardi II. post Conquestum de fin. fol. 14.
- 22. Carta Edwardi I. de mensuris et ponderibus, fol. 14 b.
- 23. Confirmatio Edwardi III. regis de libert. viii. hundr. et dim. fol. 15.
- 24. Carta Edwardi III. de exit. for. fol. 16.
- 25. Exemplificatio Edw. III. coram W. Scharishill, &c. fol. 17.
- 26. Irrotulatio scaccarii de quietanc. communis misericord. et murdr. anno regni regis H. secundi avi regis H. tertii xxxij. vel xxxij. fol. 23.
- 27. Itineratio justic. Martini de Pateshull anno regni r. H. fil. r. Johannis xij. fol. 23 b.
- 28. Memorand. de itinere N. de Turry apud Catteshull anno r. r. H. lij. fol. 23 b.
- 29. Itineratio S. de Roffe anno xiiij. r. Edw. fil. r. H. apud Gipewicum, fol. 25 b.
- 30. Inquisitio de fin. et amerc. in Norff. fol. 24.
- 31. Conventiones atque fines, placita, inquisitiones, &c. super diversis maneriis, &c. eidem abbacie pertinentibus, fol. 24 b.
- 32. Pertinenc. ad officium constabularii, fol. 79 b.
- 33. De feodis militum in Saxham, Haishfeld, Manetone, Brencheston, Falesham, Neuton, Ewestun, Culeford, Hurlestun, Cordewell, Waud, Ametone, Tymworth, Stowe, Walesham, Trostone, Sapestone, Langham, Norton, Waltham, Ikworthe, Wamforde, Hornyngesherde, Flempton, Kirkeby, Alueton, Brochelee, Telwedh, Hepworth, Gersingge, Beydone, Thrandestone, Lyvermere Parva et Magna, Maneton, Hornyngesherthe Parva, Stowe, Wortham, Marlyngforde, Risby, Topcroft, Mikelfeld, Vgkehale, Ocle, Nort, Quidenham, Elyngham, Turstone, Berdewell, Hunterestun, Bradefelde, et Watlisfelde, fol. 80.
- 34. Evidentiæ pro patronatu ecclesie de Hepworth, fol. 86 b.
- 35. Juramentum seneschalli libertatis S. Edmundi, fol. 87 b.
- 36. Cartæ de Hemmegredhe, Lavenham, Bradelee Parva, Esington, Wridlington, Eriswell, Frekenham, Eye, Couleng, Hadeleye, Illeye, Monachorum, Glemesford, Herthest, et Neddingg, fol. 88.
- 37. Itin. Salamonis de Roff. et sociorum suorum anno r. r. E. fil. r. H. xiiij. incipiente xv. in hundredo de hertesmere de feod. Sancti Edmundi, fol. 96.
- 38. Hundr. de Babberge, fol. 105 b.
- 39. Hundr. de Tedwardestr. fol. 124.
- 40. Hundr. de Thynghe, fol. 155 b.
- 41. Hundr. de Blakeburne, fol. 173 b.
- 42. Hundr. de Lacforde, fol. 189 b.
- 43. Hundr. de Cosford, fol. 196.
- 44. Hundr. de Rysebbregg, fol. 200 b.
- 45. De placitis apud hustengum London. tentis, anno 50 Edw. III. fol. 205.
- 46. Scriptum, (i. e. Carta) Johannis Northwold de v. serjanc. abb. S. Edmundi, A. D. 1294, fol. 208.
- * 47. Scriptum Johannis Northwold de minutis officiis, A. D. 1294, fol. 208 b.
- * 48. Scriptum Thomæ abbatis de officio custodis porcorum, A. D. 1308, fol. 209 b.
- 49. Scriptum Ricardi abbatis de officio custodis hostii refectorii, A. D. 1315, fol. 210.
- 50. Scriptum Willielmi abbatis de indempnitatē conventus, pro pensionibus solvendis ratione novæ creationis abbatis, 10 Edw. III. fol. 210 b.

51. Scriptum Willielmi abbatis de officio unius coci, A. D. 1336, fol. 211 b.

52. Scriptum Johannis de Brynkelee abbatis, de iiii. officiis, A. D. 1361, fol. 211 b.

53. Confirmatio consuetudinum monasterii Sancti Edmundi, per Johannem abbatem, priorem, et conventum, A. D. 1280, fol. 213.

54. Carta Albodi abbatis Sancti Edmundi, de dapiferatu ejusdem monasterii, fol. 215 b.

55. Carta r. Edwardi I. qua confirmat conventionem factam inter Johannem de Northwolde abbatem Sancti Edmundi, et priorem et conventum super divisione vel discretionē bonorum abbatis et conventus, fol. 216.

56. Carta Hugonis abbatis Sancti Edmundi, in qua recitatur ratio et ordo introductionis sanctimonialium in monasterium Sancti Georgii de Theford, fol. 219 b.

57. De corrodii sanctimonialium S. Georgii Theof. fol. 220 b.

58. Placita coronæ apud Gipewicum coram Will. de Ebor. præposito Beverlaci, Henr. de Bathon. et sociis suis justic. itineran. in com. Suff. anno regni regis Hen. III. xxiiij. a die Pasch. in tres septimanas, de libertate S. Edmundi, fol. 221 b.

59. Carta de Henhowe, 33 Edw. I. fol. 222 b.

60. Carta de hospitale S. Petri, fol. 223.

61. Cirographum inter Simonem abbatem et Benedictum de Blakeham de sustent. hospit. Sancti Petri, fol. 223 b.

62. Finalis concordia inter Ricardum abbatem et Henr. Freman personam quartæ partis ecclesie de Dicleburgh de consuetudinibus et serviciis quæ idem abbas exigebat ab eodem, 16 Hen. III. fol. 224.

63. Indentura de leta de Stapilford Abbatis, 22 Edw. III. fol. 225 b.

64. Carta Henrici III. regis de partitione reddituum abbacie inter abbatem et conventum, fol. 226.

65. Carta O. Dei gratia abbatis S. Edm. de terra apud Saxham quæ fuit Alfari Ostricarii, fol. 226.

66. Carta Walteri de Saxham de mesuagio in Parva Aysahfeld, fol. 226.

* Its contents, as far as they relate to the monastery, are,

1. De collocatione xiii. monachorum Hulmensium in monasterio Sanctæ Mariæ ligneo apud villam Bedrueswde (Бадресъвъде) per Knutonem regem; deque exinde orta inter utriusque monasterii monachos necessitudine et familiaritate, fol. 36.

2. Conventio inter monasterium Sancti Edmundi, et monasterium S. Benedicti de Hulmo, de mutuis exequiis pro defunctis monachis celebrandis, fol. 36 b.

3. Ordo legendi in mensa servitorum in refectorio, et ad collationem conventus, per totum annum, ibid.

4. Piutancie quas piutancarius debet facere conventui, per annum, fol. 37.

5. Adnotatio de Libro Domesday, de villa Sancti Eadmundi, fol. 39.

6. Breve r. Henrici IV. quo præcipit collectoribus quintadecimæ sibi per communitatem regni Angliæ in ultimo parlamento suo concessæ, quod in eadem levanda infra Burgum Sancti Edmundi nullo modo sese intromittant. Teste, &c. 30 die Octobris, anno regni iij. fol. 39 b.

7. Narratio quomodo, A. D. 1401. Dominus Thomas de Arundelle, archiepiscopus, visitavit monasterium de Bernewelle, universitatem Cantabrigiensem, ecclesias de Elye, Walsyngham, et Norwych, atque tandem monasterium Sancti Edmundi de Burgo, fol. 40.

8. Bulla Nicholai IV. quæ inhibet ne quis occasione cujusdam prævæ consuetudinis, bona monasterii Sancti Eadmundi, absque juris ordine, occupare, invadere, vadiare, seu quomodolibet detinere præsumat. Dat. Romæ, 6. kal. Maii, pontificatus sui anno primo, fol. 43.

9. Carta r. Henrici I. qua confirmat libertates hujusce monasterii, ibid.

10. Breve r. Henrici IV. de returno omnium brevium regalium infra socam octo hundredorum et dimid. eidem monasterio, per progenitores suos reges Angliæ, concessio. Teste, &c. xxviij. die Februarii, anno regni tertio, fol. 43 b.

* 11. Servientes per omnes officias curiæ Sancti Eadmundi, fol. 44.

12. Onera feretrariorum Sancti Eadmundi, fol. 45.

13. Consuetudines quæ aliquando, et antiquitus fuerunt statutæ inter abbatem tunc temporis, et conventum Sancti Edmundi; quarum quedam sunt hactenus observatæ, quedam vero vi et potestate abbatis usurpatæ et quassatæ. (Imperf.) fol. 45 b. (vid infra, art. 95.)

14. Diversa genera exituum et expensarum in eodem monasterio subeundorum, fol. 47.

15. Memorandum de expensis in coquina singulis septimanis, fol. 49 b.

16. Liberationes cotidianæ panis in celeraria Sancti Eadmundi, fol. 50.

17. Liberationes in cervisia, fol. 50 b.

18. Qui capient de ferculo conventus, fol. 51.

19. Qui capient fufur infra quindenam, fol. 51 b.

20. Qui debent habere oblationes ad Natale Domini in celeraria, ibid.

21. Firma Sancti Eadmundi, tam de brasio, quam de frumento, fol. 52.

22. Firma Sancti Eadmundi ad coquinam, ibid.

23. Dies quibus debent servientes ecclesie comedere in refectorio, fol. 52 b.

24. Qui debent habere cereos de sacrista, ad Purificationem, in celeraria, ibid.

different hands; and is likewise named in the Notitia Monastica as having formerly belonged to Bishop Stillingfleet.

25. Quibus debet elemosinarius dare signa, fol. 52 b.
26. Quibus diebus debet celerarius dare signa, fol. 53.
27. Qui debent habere glove-silva contra autumpnum, ibid.
28. Qui debent habere Cristemesse-stockes contra Natalem Domini, ibid.
29. Qui debent habere bladum in campis in autumpno, ibid.
30. Liberationes panum, victualium, et cervisiæ, servientibus monasterii, certis quibusdam diebus, fol. 56 b.
31. Ordo firmarum in celeraria; cum numero summarum frumenti, et brasii, tam de hordeo quam de avena, singulis annis, monasterio paratarum, fol. 63 b.
32. Declaratio consuetudinis in hoc monasterio observatæ, de pitanciis appellatis O. fol. 64 b.
33. Taxationes ecclesiarum in quibus abbas Sancti Edmundi habet jus patronatus, fol. 65.
34. Nomina officiorum sive serjanciarum de collatione abbatis infra abbatiam Sancti Edmundi, fol. 66 b.
35. Maneria quæ debent litteram (i. e. litter for horses) contra festum Sancti Eadmundi, fol. 67.
36. De bercariis Sancti Eadmundi, ibid.
37. Liberationes servientium, factæ in denariis tempore subtractionis, ibid.
38. Carta r. Johannis super resignatione regnorum Angliæ et Hybernæ, præstita per eum in præsentia legatorum papæ Innocentii III. tertio die Octobris, A. D. MCC. xij. anno regni sui xv°. fol. 67 b.
39. De liberatione cereorum altari magno hospitalis Sancti Salvatoris, altari Sancti Laurentii ad aulam hospitum, altari nigri hospitii, tribus altaribus in infirmaria, quinque altaribus in voltis, altaribus Sanctæ Mariæ in criptis et in capella prioris in cimiterio, altari in vestiario, altari S. Edmundi, et capellanis abbatibus. Ex registro sacristæ, et ex antiquo consuetudinario tertii prioris, in turpi quaterno, fol. 69.
40. De relictis post fratrem defunctum, fol. 69 b.
41. De visitatione domini W. abbatibus, ibid.
42. De visitatione prioris, ibid.
43. De redditibus et liberationibus, &c. de maneriis de Cokesy, Pakenham, Berton, Bradefud, Rucham, Fornham, Neuton, Wepeted, Horningsheth, Riseby, Heringwell, Werketon, Suthwolde, Chelehal, Sudereye, Ingham, Tymwerch, Celweden, et Nova Berton, monasterio S. Edmundi solutis, fol. 70.
44. Terræ de quibus surdenda est arva celerarii infra banleucam Sancti Eadmundi, fol. 76.
45. Redditus de terris tenentium de celeraria, extra portam orientalem, fol. 79 b.
46. De terris extra portam australem, fol. 80.
47. De terris extra portam occidentalem, fol. 80 b.
48. Breve r. Henrici IV. destinatum collectoribus rationabilis auxilii ad primogenitam filiam suam maritandam, in comitatu Suffolciæ colligendi; quibus mandat quod abbatem et conventum de Sancto Edmundo non molestent in aliquo. Teste, &c. 26 die Januar. anno regni iij°. ibid.
49. Redditus de terris extra portam de Riseby, fol. 81.
50. Redditus de terris extra portam borealem, fol. 81 b.
51. Redditus de terris extra portam orientalem, ex parte australi, ibid.
52. Tenentes, et tenementa, et redditus villæ de Scelhanger pertinentis ad celerariam, fol. 82.
53. Catalogus priscorum benefactorum abbatibus S. Eadmundi; cum recensione maneriorum, &c. quæ singuli ex eis (vel cum cartis, vel sine cartis) contulerunt, fol. 83.
54. Breve r. Edwardi II. (aut Edwardi III.) ballivis villæ de S. Edmundo directum, quibus mandat ne homines et tenentes Roberti de Veer comitis Oxoniæ de manerio de Lavenham, cum bonis et catallis suis ad villam predictam venientes, pro thelonio distringant aut molestent. Teste, &c. 22 die Februar. anno regni quarto. (In membranula, fol. 84, consuta.)
55. Modus liberandi bladum famulis: Ætates animalium: [i. e. Nomina ætatibus equorum, bovum, bidentium, caprorum, cignorum, porcorumque competentia.] De pellibus ovinis. Ordinatio facta, A. D. MCCCLXXV. de liberatione annuati unius Tortiz, ponderis i. libræ, ad illuminandum in refectorio, in adventu extraneorum valentium, secularium et regularium. (In membrana soluta ad fol. 84 b.)
56. Quantitas de fodder-corne, a tenentibus monasterii per hundreda de Thinghowe et Thedwardestre annuatim exacta, fol. 84 b.
57. Recensio militum abbatibus de S. Edmundo, cum feodis ipsorum, fol. 86 b.
58. Epistola Roberti abbatis de Thorneye (qui quondam fuit sacrista hujus abbatibus) ad domnum R. sacristam successorem suum, de consuetudine paratæ abbati carrectam longam cum hermesio; et vinum certis aliquot temporibus; prout obtinuit mos dum dominus Sampson abbas fuerit ejusdem monasterii, fol. 87.
59. Adnotationes nonnullæ de pitanciis aliquot sustinendis per sacristam. (In membranula, fol. 88 b, connexa.)
60. Valor caruagii in maneriis abbatibus debiti, ibid.
61. De stafacris, i. e. Carta Hugonis Norwolde abbatis Sancti Eadmundi qua concedit Henrico filio Henrici, clerico suo, staf-acras et decimationes quas magister Zacharias quondam habuerat de capellanis ipsius, fol. 89.
62. Quid respondendum sit per eum qui habet fructus ecclesiæ de Pakenham, ibid.
63. De pitanciis faciendis in conventu per annum, et quomodo debeant fieri, fol. 91.
64. Annualis redditus spectans ad pitanciarum, fol. 92 b.
65. Breve regis Edwardi III. thesaurario et baronibus de scaccario suo destinatum; quibus mandat quod scrutatis rotulis et memorandis scaccarii, exinde ipsum redderent certiore de libertatibus monasterii de Sancto Edmundo, fol. 93 b.
66. Valor decimarum quas captebat hospitalarius Sancti Salvatoris, in maneriis ejusmodi decimis oneratis, anno xiv. R. Edw. I. cum notatione expensarum circa messionem earum, fol. 95.
67. Ordinationes, numero xxij. a monachis S. Eadmundi, futuris temporibus observandæ. Ex his, xvj^{ma}. et xxj^{ma}. de industria, ex parte abradantur. (In membranula, fol. 95, adglutinata.)
68. Capitula libri de consuetudinibus monasterii, fol. 95 b.
69. Quando formæ ponendæ sunt in choro, et deponendæ, fol. 96 b.
70. Adnotatio, e qua patet quod leprosi aliquando habitabant ad hospitale Sancti Nicholai, sicut et ad hospitale Sancti Petri, ibid.
71. Traditiones patrum nostrorum: sive liber de consuetudinibus ecclesiasticis monasterii de S. Edmundo, fol. 97. (vid. fol. 95 b.)
72. Dies quibus conventus bis reficit, ab Exaltatione S. Crucis usque ad Quinquagesimam. (In membranula post fol. 109 interjecta.)
73. Bulla Alexandri papæ (III. aut IV.) qua confirmat aliquot statuta quæ nonnulli abbates qui abbatibus de Sancto Edmundo, pro tempore præfuerunt, successive in eodem monasterio ediderunt perpetuis temporibus observanda; quæ etiam in eodem monasterio ab antiquis sunt temporibus custodita. Datum Anagninæ, pridie nonas Augusti, anno pontificatus sui ii°. fol. 113.
74. Narratiuncula de successione sacristarum monasterii de Sancto Edmundo; deque gestis eorum, fol. 114 b.
75. Breve r. Edwardi II. de retorno regaliu brevium, infra libertatem octo hundredorum et dimid. pro abbate de S. Edmundo, contra episcopum Eliensem. Teste, &c. anno regni xv°. fol. 116 b.
76. Adnotatio de modo recipiendi habitum monachalem per seculares, ex antiquo ordinali pertinenti officio succentoris, desumpta, ibid.
77. De consuetudinibus celerariæ monasterii S. Eadmundi, ratione Burgensium, et camporum Burgo adjacentium, e chronico (ut dicitur) Joscelini de Brakelonde, fol. 117.
78. Nomina villarum infra libertatem Sancti Eadmundi, fol. 118 b.
79. Juramentum quod senescallus libertatis Sancti Eadmundi facit; deque munere ejusdem, fol. 120.
80. De domo scolarum quam propriis expensis fecit et indotavit Sampson abbas; deque munere magistri scolarum, ibid.
81. De donatione manerii de Mildenhale monasterio S. Edmundi, per R. Eadwardum dictum Confessorem; de ablatione ejusdem per Stigandum tunc temporis episcopum Helmhamensem; quod postea ad Willelmum regem I. devolvit, per degradationem ejusdem Stigandi in concilio Wintoniensi: denique, quomodo r. Ricardus I. illud monasterio (acceptis prius mille et centum marcis argenti) reddidit, tamquam jus Sancti Edmundi, et confirmavit, et insuper cartæ Sancti Edwardi sigillum suum apposuit, fol. 120 b.
82. Chronica Jocelini de Brakelonde, monachi de Sancto Edmundo; sive potius narratio historica de rebus domesticis abbatibus S. Edmundo de Burgo, gubernante Hugone, qui ex priore Wintoniensi factus fuit abbas S. Edmundi A. D. 1157, diemque suum clausit extremum xvii. kalendas Decembris A. D. 1180; de electione Sampsonis abbatibus, deque rebus ejus gestis, speciatim a die consecrationis illius in abbatem Edmundo-burgensem, qui fuit 2 kal. Mart. A. D. 1182, (scil. ij. ann. et ij. mens. post mortem decessoris sui Hugonis) usque ad A. D. 1201; haudquaquam igitur progreditur ad mortem Sampsonis, qui fatis cessit circa ij. aut ij. kalendas Januarii, 1211, scriptores enim de certo mortis suæ die non omnino conveniunt, fol. 121.
83. Chronica de electione Hugonis de Northwolde abbatis, postea episcopi Eliensis, fol. 164.
84. Nomina abbatum Sancti Edmundi, versibus connexa, fol. 185 b.
85. Prima fundatio quatuor rectorum ecclesiæ de Dickleburg: i. e. Carta Saxonica (depravatè tamen scripta) Osulfi et Leofrounæ, qua tempore Leofstani abbatis Sancti Eadmundi, concesserunt terras de Dickleburg et de Semere, ad quatuor presbyteros sustentandos, perpetuis temporibus missas pro eorum animabus celebraturos, fol. 188.
86. Ejusdem cartæ interpretatio paraphrastica, Latine, ibid.
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7. MS. Harl. num. 58. One of the Registers belonging to the office of SACRIST.^a

8. MS. Harl. 3977. "LIBER CONSUEUDINARIUS Ab-

batiae Sancti Edmundi de Burgo." A square folio volume of the fourteenth century: written in various hands.^b

9. MS. Harl. 308, containing a Collection of LEASES

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116. De aliis altaribus in supramemorato monasterio positis; de abbate Anselmo, et ortu ejus, ibid.

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121. De constructione basilicæ S. Dionisii, in eodem monasterio; et destructione ejusdem, ibid.

122. De capella Sancti Stephani, in eodem monasterio; ibid.

123. De constructione ecclesiæ S. Jacobi: nec non, Domus infirmorum; per Anselmum abbatem, ibid.

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126. Adnotatio de aliis sacrariis &c. antiquis constructis in eodem monasterio, ibid.

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144. Inscriptio exarata in trunco pedum ymaginis Sanctæ Mariæ, quæ super magnum altare stabat cum cruce et Johanne, ibid.

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2. Bury. Hadgovill, i. e. Nomina tenentium, cum designatione tenementorum per singulos villæ S. Edmundi vicos, qui hujusmodi redditum annuatim persolvere tenebantur.

In le Reyngatestrete, fol. 25.

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In vico occidentali, fol. 30.

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3. Relevia facta sacristis monasterii S. Edmundi de Bury, pro certis terris et tenementis in villa de Bury, tentis per annum redditum vocatum Had-govelle. Incipienda anno regni regis Edw. III. xxvij°. fol. 48.

The names of the successive sacristis occur in the margins of the different folios, up to the time of King Edward the Sixth.

"After the Dysolucyone of the monasterye aforesayd, the kyngys majesty Kyng Henry the VIIIth graunted by his letters patenttis bearynge date the 12 day of September in the 36 yere of hys regne, alle the aforesayd renttis and servycys emonge other, onto John Eyer Squier, and to hys heyers. And afterwarde the seyde John Eyer the 10th day of November, bargainede and solde the seyde renttis and services onto John Holt Gent. and hys heyers for evermore, as by an indenture of bargayne and sale, and other good and lawfull conveyance in the lawe bearynge date the aforesayd 10th day of November, in the syxt yere of the regne of Kyng Edward the VI. may and doth playnly appere. And what renttis, fines, or releffes of the premisses have bynne hadde, taken and receyvyd of any person or persones, and by whose handys the same have bynne satysfied and payde, with the daye of payment of the same, as well in the tyme of the seyde John Eyer, as in the tyme of the seyde John Holt, hereafter immediatly ensuyng yis declarede, videlicet

In tempore prenominati Johannis Eyer, Sowthgate strete," fol. 124.

"In tempore Johannis Holt," fol. 124 b.

In the spare-leaves at the beginning and end of this book, are some Notes, out of the Statutes, &c. putt down (as it seems) to ease the memory of the bayliff using the same.

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2. Qualiter vertendum est ad horas, fol. 2.

3. Pro quibus in choro ait inclinandum, fol. 3.

4. De minutis sanguine, ibid.

5. Minutæ consuetudines tangentes chorum, fol. 4.

6. De consuetudinibus infirmarii, ibid.

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granted by the abbat and convent from the 9th to the 31st of Henry the Eighth.*

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17. De Repsilver et consuetudinibus pertin. cellerario in villa S. Edmundi, fol. 11.
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19. De pensione concessa Roberti rectori de Lacford a priore conventus, A. D. M.CC.XCIX. ibid.
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scripts in the British Museum, num. 416. This is the same volume which is noticed by Bishop Tanner in the

Notitia Monastica as belonging, in 1698, to Charles Battely, Esq. It afterwards came into the possession of James

67. Carta dimissionis tenementi cum pertinentiis in villa de Bury, 1 Sept. 19 Hen. VIII. fol. 49 b.
68. Copia rotuli curiæ tentæ apud Brooke, 1 Jun. 21 Hen. VIII. fol. 50 b.
69. Carta Joh. abbatis et conventus de Bury qua conventiones in superiori copia rotuli curiæ specificatas confirmant 28 Maii, 21 Hen. VIII. fol. 51.
70. Manerium de Hyndercle, 16 Maii 19 Hen. VIII. fol. 51 b.
71. Copia rotuli curiæ tentæ apud Brokforde cum Thwyete, 11 Hen. VIII. fol. 53.
72. Manerium de Soham Monachorum, fol. 53.
73. Carta ratificationis superioris cartæ, 17 Martii 20 Hen. VIII. fol. 54.
74. Water-mill and lands in Fornham-Martyn, 20 Jan. 21 Hen. VIII. fol. 54 b.
75. Carta Johannis abbatis et conventus qua concedunt Johanni Rowght officium salsarii sive mustardarii in domo monasterii sui ab antiquo vocatum sive nominatum *The Sawery-house*, cum annuali redditu xl. solidorum de manerio suo de Henkot, 20 Maii 17 Hen. VIII. fol. 55 b.
76. Manerium de Cheventone, 15 Feb. 21 Hen. VIII. fol. 56 b.
77. Manor called the Munks belonging to the office of the custodie of the hospital of St. Saviour. Without date, fol. 57.
78. Great Saxham manor, 10 Jan. 21 Hen. VIII. fol. 58.
79. Dimissio prati cujusdam, 3 Maii 21 Hen. VIII. fol. 59.
80. De manerio de Pakenham, 13 Jan. 22 Hen. VIII. fol. 59.
81. Copia rotuli manerii de Pakenham, 17 Maii 17 Hen. VIII. fol. 59 b.
82. Rectoria de Thurstone, fol. 60.
83. Tenement called Fraunces in the town of Tymworthe, 8 Aug. 22 Hen. VIII. fol. 61.
84. Carta dimissionis pasturæ cujusdam cum acra prati in Bury, 5 Apr. 23 Hen. VIII. fol. 62 b.
85. Hocwelmedow, 5 Apr. 23 Hen. VIII. fol. 63.
86. xxiii. acr. terræ arabilis in campo de Bury, 5 April 23 Hen. VIII. fol. 63 b.
87. Tenement called the Bores Head in Bury, 16 July 23 Hen. VIII.
88. Manerium de Hyndercle, 5 Apr. 23 Hen. VIII. fol. 65 b.
89. Tenem. in Bury, 28 Jan. 23 Hen. VIII. fol. 66.
90. Carta dimissionis unius gardini in Bury, pertinentis ad officium sacristæ, 23 Jan. 23 Hen. VIII. fol. 66 b.
91. Carta dimissionis terrarum concessa Clementi Hygham, 20 Jun. 24 Hen. VIII. fol. 67.
92. Carta de una acra prati, 27 Hen. VIII. fol. 67 b.
93. Carta de molendino in Pakenham, ult. Febr. 24 Hen. VIII. fol. 68.
94. Carta de grangia cx. acrarum terræ arabilis, 7 Feb. 24 Hen. VIII. fol. 68 b.
95. De manerio de Grotone, 8 Jan. 24 Hen. VIII. fol. 69 b.
96. Carta de manerio Novæ Aulæ vocatæ Malkynneahalle in Pakenham, 22 Junii 24 Hen. VIII. fol. 70 b.
97. Manor of Melford Halle, 4 Nov. 26 Hen. VIII. fol. 71 b.
98. Man. vocat. Aspales in villa de Mildenhalle, 20 Jul. 26 Hen. VIII. fol. 73.
99. Manerium de Cokfylde, 20 Jan. 25 Hen. VIII. fol. 73 b.
100. Carta de Tedenhowbury, 20 Sept. 25 Hen. VIII. fol. 74 b.
101. Manerium de Mildenhalle, 7 Nov. 26 Hen. VIII. fol. 75 b.
102. Carta de manerio de Nauton, 10 Jan. 26 Hen. VIII. fol. 76.
103. Manor of Rysby, 4 Oct. 25 Hen. VIII. fol. 77.
104. Manor of Harlowebury, 26 Nov. 27 Hen. VIII. fol. 78.
105. Two tenements in Bury, 13 March 26 Hen. VIII. fol. 79.
106. Maner. de Rougham, 16 Jul. 26 Hen. VIII. fol. 80.
107. De advocacione ac jure præstandi pro unica vice ad ecclesias de Soham Monachorum, Hornynger-Magna, Whepsted, et Ingham, 20 Oct. 1530, fol. 80 b.
108. Carta manumissionis, qua concedunt abbas et conventus de Bury, Roberto Craft de Grafton et filiis, filiaque suis, nativis de manerio suo de Werketone in com. Northampt. cum tota sequela de corporibus eorum projicienda, quæ liberæ conditionis remaneant ac existant, 6 Sept. 11 Hen. VIII. fol. 81.
109. Carta manumissionis villanorum concessa ab iisdem abbati et conventu Roberto Kyberd de Broke, et Thomæ fratri suo, filiisque Thomæ prædicti, nativis de manerio de Broke, 18 Sept. 12 Hen. VIII. ibid.
110. Carta manumissionis Joh. Walteri de Ratelyllyden, nativi manerii de Elmyswelle, cum tota sequela sua, 20 Oct. 1520.
111. Carta manumissionis Roberti Cokewalde alias Erle, et Willielmi Cokewalde alias Erle de Hylderley nativorum, 14 Aug. 15 Hen. VIII. fol. 81 b.
112. Carta abbatis, prioris, et conventus, qua concedunt Thomæ Larke clerico archidiacono Sudbury, Miloni Crosby notario, et Rogero Tebold, primam et proximam advocacionem et donationem ecclesiæ parochialis de Ingham, 5 Dec. 1521, ibid.
113. Carta qua concedunt Johanni Heynes de Forneham Genovefæ generoso, et Thomæ Borowdale de Newmarkett, jus præstandi personam ecclesiæ parochialis de Whepsted, pro unica vice tantum, 16 Jan. 1522, fol. 82.
114. Carta qua concedunt Simoni Drivere annualem redditum xl. solidorum, ad terminum vitæ suæ, exeuntem de manerio de Tudenham-Bury in com. Hartfordiæ, pertinenti ad officium cellerarii, 4 Oct. 15 Hen. VIII. ibid.
115. Carta qua concedunt officium custodiæ parci de Chevyngtone, Thomæ Munninge et Clementi Heygham cum annuali salario xlv. solidorum et vi. denariorum, una cum aliis proficiis et regadiis eidem officio pertinentibus, 3 Feb. 13 Hen. VIII. fol. 82 b.
116. Carta qua concedunt Willielmo Page, (post mortem Johannis Bagard (ad terminum vitæ, quod de ebdomada ad ebdomadam percipiat in hospitali S. Salvatoris duas liberationes sive corrodia, de minoribus, quæ solent ibidem antiquis famulis Monasterii, caritatis intuitu, erogari, 22 Nov. 17 Hen. VIII. ibid.
117. Litteræ Joh. abbatis et conventus ad reverendissimum et reverendum in Christo patres Cantuariensem archiepiscopum et Londinensem episcopum, de collectione quartæ partis quinti subeidii, in ultima Convocatione concessi infra archidiaconatus Suffolciæ et Sudbury, 12 Nov. 1527, fol. 83.
118. Litteræ Joh. abbatis ad Thomam Ringstede S. T. P. ac dicti monasterii priorem, quibus eum certiore facit de visitatione ejusdem monasterii, a se cogitata atque designata, 28 Apr. 1528, fol. 83 b.
119. Rescriptum Thomæ Ringstede, prioris de Bury, super eadem re, ult. Apr. 1528, fol. 84.
120. Carta abbatis et conventus qua concedunt Clementi Heigham officium capitalis ballivi villæ suæ de Bury S. Edmundi (post mortem Roberti Drury militis) cum annuali redditu septem librarum exeuntium de manerio suo de Oldhalle, cum aliis proficiis, A. D. 1528, 20 Hen. VIII. ibid.
121. Carta ejusdem abbatis prioris et conventus qua concedunt Johanni Cornwalles militi et Thomæ Cornwalles clerico, primam et proximam advocacionem et præsentationem liberæ capellæ S. Johannis Baptistæ de Palgrave, 16 Sept. 18 Hen. VIII. fol. 84 b.
122. Carta ejusdem qua Thomam Larke presbyterum inducunt in possessionem hospitalis sui vocati Domus Dei. Dat. 13 Julii A. D. 1528, fol. 85.
123. Litteræ Johannis abbatis ad Thomam Ringstede priorem S. Edm. de Bury, qua ei vices suas ac auctoritates delegat in visitatione ejusdem monasterii, sine anno, ibid.
124. A charter of the abbat and convent whereby they grant to Antony Vyvalld and George Ardisone merchants of London, in consideration of forty pounds by them expended upon their house in London, the custody and dwelling (in the absence of the said abbat and convent) of that their place and mansion, set beside Christ's church within Aldgate, and called "The Abbat of Bury his Place;" together with an annuity or fee of 20s. for term of their lives. Of which annuity or fee of 20s. they put the seyde Anthony and George in possession by the payment of 4d. sterling, upon this condition that they should continually find for the said abbat and convent TWELVE BEDS FURNISHED. Dated 13th October 20th Hen. VIII. fol. 85 b.
125. Carta abbatis et conventus qua concedunt illustrissimæ dominæ Agneti duciessæ Norfolkiciæ, dominæ Elizabethæ Ratcliffe, domino Willielmo Howarde, domino Thomæ Howarde, filiis ejus Willielmo Asheby et Willielmo Hastyngs generosis, primam et proximam advocacionem ecclesiæ parochialis de Longe-Melforde. Dat. anno 19 Hen. VIII. fol. 86.
126. Carta eorundem qua concedunt illustrissimo domino Thomæ duci Norfolkiciæ primam et proximam advocacionem ecclesiæ parochialis de Cookefelde, 20 Hen. VIII. fol. 86 b.
127. Carta eorundem qua concedunt Willielmo Benett LL.D. Johanni Cley clerico, Willielmo Bossalle, et Henrico Bossalle yomen, primam et proximam advocacionem ecclesiæ parochialis de Tytteleshalle, 13 Febr. A. D. 1528, ibid.
128. Carta eorundem qua concedunt Clementi Heygham et Thomæ Bakone, generosis, primam et proximam advocacionem ecclesiæ parochialis de Froston, 4 Jun. A. D. 1529, fol. 87.
129. Carta ejusdem Johannis Melforde sive Mylforthe abbatis, et ejusdem loci conventus, qua concedunt Ricardo Romsey abbati monasterii S. Petri de Hida cameras quasdam infra collegium vocatum Gloucester College in Oxon. vocatas Littlybury, existentes inter cameras pertinentes ad monasterium S. Augustini de Canterbury ex parte orientali, et cameras pertinentes ad monasterium de Tewkesbury ex parte occidentali, 11 Nov. 20 Hen. VIII. fol. 87 b.
130. Carta eorundem qua concedunt Rogero Yonge haberdassher London. jus patronatus et advocacionem ecclesiæ parochialis Omnium Sanctorum de Stanton, pro unica vice tantum, 9 Octob. 1529, fol. 88.
131. Carta qua concedunt Stephano Gardiner archidiaconatûs Taunton in ecclesia cath. Wellensi, qua ei conferunt et assignant hospitale suum vocatum Domus Dei, A. D. 1529, 21 Hen. VIII. fol. 88 b.
132. Carta qua concedunt Johanni Bassum officium ballivi et collectoris firmæ eorum in villa de Bury ad terminum vitæ suæ, cum annuali pensione 1l. 6s. 8d. 24 Hen. VIII. ibid.
133. Carta eorundem qua præstant Richardum Canone clericum ad liberam capellam vocatam le Charnelle infra cimiterium villæ de Bury; proviso quod idem Richardus, vel ejus honestus deputatus, coram domino abbate pastorem bajulat baculum temporibus consuetis et antiquitus usitatus, A. D. 1531, fol. 89.
134. Carta qua concedunt Thomæ Crumwelle primarium secretarium domini regis et Gregorio Crumwelle armigero filio ejus, unum annualem redditum decem librarum sterling, percipiendum ad terminum vitæ eorum e manerio suo de Harlowe in comitatu Essexiæ, 26 Novemb. 27 Hen. VIII. ibid.
135. Carta eorundem qua concedunt Rolando Lee LL.D. et . . . Fowler primam et proximam vacationem ecclesiarum parochialium de Dykylburghe et Palgrave. Dat. 7 Apr. A. D. 1529, fol. 89 b.
136. Carta qua concedunt Antonio Rous armigero primam et proximam advocacionem ecclesiæ de Beckylle, A. D. 1532, fol. 90.

West, Esq. It has the following rubrick at the beginning: et Campis Sancti Edmundi, et in aliis diversis Villis et
 "Registrum Reddituum Domorum et Terrarum in Villa Locis pertinentibus Officio Infirmariæ Monasterii Sancti

137. Copia rotuli manerii de Melford, 26 Hen. VIII. fol. 90 b.
138. Confirmatio et ratificatio superioris copie rotuli curiæ manerii de Melford, facta ab abbate et conventu, 12 Nov. 26 Hen. VIII. ibid.
139. Carta eorundem de prima et proxima advocacione ecclesiarum parochialium de Estbradenham et Palgrave, ult. Octobr. A.D. 1535, 27 Hen. VIII. fol. 91.
140. Carta dimissionis manerii in villa de Aylesham, 1 Julii 28 Hen. VIII. fol. 91 b.
141. Lease of Great Hornyngsherthe Hall, 16 Dec. 28 Hen. VIII. fol. 92 b.
142. De redditu xiv. librarum percip. ex manerio de Harlow in com. Essex, 10 Maii 30 Hen. VIII. fol. 93 b.
143. De terris in Rougham, 12 Febr. 27 Hen. VIII. fol. 94.
144. Lease of the manor and parsonage of Harlowe Bury in Essex (excepting the advowson) for sixty years, to William Somner, 26 July 28 Hen. VIII. fol. 94 b.
145. Carta eorundem qua constituunt dominum Johannem Cornwaleys militem capitalem seneschallum manerii sui de Beccles ad terminum vite sue cum annuali redditu 1*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*. percipiendo ex eodem manerio, 16 Sept. 23 Hen. VIII. fol. 95 b.
146. Lease of the water mills and adjacent grounds in Icklingham, 14 Sept. 28 Hen. VIII. fol. 96.
147. Carta de prima et proxima advocacione ecclesiarum parochialium de Myllforde et Elmyswelle, 11 Sept. 1536, 28 Hen. VIII. fol. 96 b.
148. Carta de prima et proxima advocacione rectoriæ de Forneham S. Martini et vicariæ de Barten juxta Bury, 11 Sept. 1536, 28 Hen. VIII. ibid.
149. Carta de una et proxima advocacione ecclesiæ parochialis de Wravnesse in com. Essexiæ, A.D. 1533, 25 Hen. VIII. fol. 97.
150. Carta de prima et proxima advocacione ecclesiæ parochialis de Warktone, 11 Sept. 1536, 28 Hen. VIII. ibid.
151. Carta de annuali redditu percip. de manerio de Thedenhowsbury in com. Hertf. 24 Jan. 29 Hen. VIII. fol. 97 b.
152. Carta de prima et proxima advocacione ecclesiæ parochialis de Elmyswelle, 19 Oct. 1537, ibid.
153. Carta abbatis et conventus qua concedunt Thomæ Brydone officium custodis cœmiterii sui de Bury, una cum officio claudendi et aperiendi portas cœmiterii ejusdem monasterii temporibus congruis, opportunis, et consuetis, una cum annuali redditu 1*l*. 10*s*. 4*d*. ad terminum vite sue, 11 Octob. 27 Hen. VIII. fol. 98.
154. Carta de prima et proxima advocacione ecclesiæ parochialis de Fornham Sanctorum, 24 Jan. 1537, 29 Hen. VIII. fol. 99 b.
155. Carta eorundem, qua concedunt Johanni Page et Edwardo Page, filio suo, officium custodum pistrinæ suæ in domo monasterii sui, ab antiquo vocatum "The Office of the Bakehouse," ad terminum vite eorum, 28 Octob. 30 Hen. VIII. ibid.
156. Carta eorundem, qua concedunt Ricardo Tyrrelle officium et custodiam magnarum Portarum suarum in monasterio suo, ad terminum vite sue, sive L. annorum; una cum annuali redditu viii. librarum eorundem de manerio suo de Aspallys, 10 Aug. 26 Hen. VIII. fol. 100.
157. Carta eorundem, qua concedunt Thomæ Tyrrelle generoso Officium piscatoris infra monasterium suum vocatum "Le Fysshere of Fee" (post mortem Edwardi Byrde) ad terminum vite sue una cum annuali redditu xl. solidorum, 10 Octob. 26 Hen. VIII. fol. 100 b.
158. Carta eorundem, qua concedunt Edwardo Reve Officium de le Otygate in domo monasterii sui, ab antiquo vocatum "The Office of the Otygate," ad terminum vite sue, cum annuali redditu xl. solidorum sterling, exeunt. de manerio suo de Hornyngsherthe Magna, 10 Octob. 28 Hen. VIII. fol. 101.
159. Carta qua constituunt Edwardum Reve ballivum manerii de Hornyngsherthe Magna, 28 Hen. VIII. ibid.
160. Carta qua constituunt Edmundum Reve ballivum manerii de Cokefelde, 10 Octob. 28 Hen. VIII. fol. 101 b.
161. Carta qua concedunt Johanni Basso, ad terminum vite sue, officium unius vergearii, cum annuali redditu xx. solidorum exeunt. de manerio suo de Oldhawe, 19 Octob. 28 Hen. VIII. fol. 102.
162. Carta qua concedunt Edmundo Maltwyarde ad terminum vite sue officium custodis viridis Ostii, 8 Nov. 27 Hen. VIII. ibid.
163. Carta qua concedunt Stephano Heywarde officium unius vergearii cum annuali redditu xx. exeunt. de manerio suo de Westley, 27 Hen. VIII. fol. 102 b.
164. Carta qua concedunt Johanni Holt juniore, servienti suo, officium et custodiam Gaolæ domini regis de Bury, cum iii. libris et una roba valoris xiiij. annuatim percipiendis de redditibus provenientibus de manerio suo de Oldhaw prope Bury, 29 Aug. 29 Hen. VIII. ibid.
165. Carta qua constituunt Johannem Plandone juniorem ballivum manerii sui de Myldenhale, 26 Sept. 1538, 30 Hen. VIII. fol. 103.
166. Carta eorundem qua concedunt Edm. Haskew unam liberationem sive corrodium de minoribus, viz. 1*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*. per annum, de hospitalario S. Salvatoris, post naturalem mortem Stephani Draper, 10 Sept. 30 Hen. VIII. fol. 103 b.
167. Carta qua concedunt Johanni Bosso serjantiam seu officium nigre lotriciæ vocatæ "The Blake Laudere," cum annuali redditu xx. solidorum ad term. vite sue, 9 Decemb. 27 Hen. VIII. ibid.
168. Carta qua concedunt Roberto Peytone militi, et Roberto Peytone filio suo et hæredi apparenti, ad terminum vite eorum, officium capitalis seneschalli sive senescalliæ maneriorum solummodo portioni abbatis monasterii pertinentium; cum annuali redditu trium librarum exeunte de manerio de Chewyngtone; salva licentia subseneschallum constituendi, 25 Decemb. 30 Hen. VIII. fol. 104.
169. Carta qua concedunt Edm. Reve officium de le Cawett in hostiliaria in domo monasterii sui, ab antiquo vocatum "The Office of the Blake Cawett;" ad terminum vite sue, cum annuali redditu xl. solidorum, exeunte manerio suo de Cokkefelde, 28 Hen. VIII. ibid.
170. Carta qua concedunt Thomæ Fryer, et Margeriæ uxori suæ, unam liberationem sive corrodium de minoribus, viz. 1*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*. per annum, 10 Apr. 30 Hen. VIII. fol. 104 b.
171. Carta qua concedunt Thomæ Laye et Johannæ uxori suæ unam liberationem sive corrodium, 12 Apr. 30 Hen. VIII. ibid.
172. Lease of the manor of Ingham, 6 Nov. 28 Hen. VIII. fol. 106.
173. Lease of the manor-places in Eldene, viz. Monkys Halle, Stansy, and Walters, with the lands and cattle belonging to them, granted to Thomas Andrew yoman and John Reve gentleman, both of Bury; paying annually to the abbat to the use of the office of cellarer forty-eight pounds, 11 Octob. 28 Hen. VIII. fol. 107 b.
174. Hornyngsherthe Magna, 4 Feb. 27 Hen. VIII. fol. 109 b.
175. Pasture called Bompton, alias Boltone, in Great Saxham, 12 Aug. 28 Hen. VIII. fol. 110.
176. Manerium de Rykyngale Inferiori, 5 Nov. 26 Hen. VIII. fol. 111.
177. Obligatio Willielmi Maltwarde Thomæ Bacone gener. pro perimplatione conventionum, fol. 112.
178. De pratis in Bury, 5 Jun. 26 Hen. VIII. ibid.
179. Lease of ground in the great market of Bury, 22 March 29 Hen. VIII. fol. 112 b.
180. Grounds in Bury, granted to John Bryght, 24 June 30 Hen. VIII. fol. 113.
181. Manerium de Castre juxta Norwicum, 1 Apr. 29 Hen. VIII. fol. 114.
182. Lease of the manor of Brooke, 11 July 26 Hen. VIII. fol. 115.
183. Manor of Iklyngham, 18 Oct. 30 Hen. VIII. fol. 117.
184. Woods belonging to the manor of Werketone in Northamptonshire, 2 Nov. 30 Hen. VIII. fol. 117 b.
185. De prato ad firmam dimisio Willielmo Wyffyne, smythe, 5 Nov. 26 Hen. VIII. fol. 118.
186. Manor of Downham, 11 Octob. 30 Hen. VIII. ibid.
187. Lease of the manor of Netherhalle in Pakenham, 5 Apr. 29 Hen. VIII. fol. 119 b.
188. De terris in villis de Hardegrave et Chevyngtone, ad firmam Clementi Heigham dimissis, 25 Apr. 30 Hen. VIII. fol. 121.
189. Carta abbatis et conventus qua ad firmam dimittunt unum stallum in foro carnificii villæ de Bury, 14 Martii 28 Hen. VIII. fol. 121 b.
190. Manerium in Heryngeswelle, 30 Hen. VIII. fol. 122.
191. Manerium in villa de Stanton, 28 Jan. 29 Hen. VIII. fol. 123.
192. Gardinum in Bury, 21 Dec. 29 Hen. VIII. fol. 124.
193. De ecclesia de Mildenhale, 28 Mart. 1538, fol. 124 b.
194. Lease of a tenement and chambers above, at the Sextery gate, 14 Nov. 30 Hen. VIII. fol. 125.
195. Lease of the sexten's great medowe, 12 July 30 Hen. VIII. fol. 125 b.
196. Manerium de Bradfelde, 17 Nov. 30 Hen. VIII. fol. 126.
197. Lease of medowe ground to John Gararde, 7 Nov. 30 Hen. VIII. ibid.
198. Manor of Miche-Bartone, 14 Dec. 29 Hen. VIII. fol. 126 b.
199. Lease of the manors and lands pertaynyng to the office of hospitaler, granted to Clement Heigham Esquier, for the term of sixty years, 11 Dec. 30 Hen. VIII. fol. 128 b.
200. Manerium de Bradfelde Monachorum, 6 Sept. 30 Hen. VIII. fol. 129.
201. A deed of sale of the wardship and custody of the body and lands of oone Thomas Appultone, being within the age of 21 years; made by the abbat and convent to Rose Appultone widow, for the sum of ninety pounds, 30 Nov. 30 Hen. VIII. fol. 130 b.
202. Manor of Watlysfeld, 12 Oct. 20 Hen. VIII. fol. 131.
203. Manor of Hordernesbernez, 20 Sept. 29th Hen. VIII. fol. 132 b.
204. Lease of rents within the town of Melford, 14 Febr. 30 Hen. VIII. ibid.
205. Lease of the manor and grange of Culforde, 31 Jan. 30 Hen. VIII. fol. 134 b.
206. Lease of a farm in Fornham Genoeffe called the Priory, 10 Sept. 31 Hen. VIII. fol. 136.
207. Carta qua abbas et conventus ad firmam dimittunt Johanni Freere hundredum de Thedwastre ad terminum xl. annorum, 5 Nov. 30 Hen. VIII. fol. 136 b.
208. Manerium de Hargrave, 10 Aug. 30 Hen. VIII. fol. 137.
209. Carta abbatis et conventus qua constituunt Willielmum Page ballivum maneriorum suorum de Botysdale, Redgrave, Rykkyngale-Inferiori, et Wortham, et receptorem omnium reddituum ac denariorum de maneriis predictis provenientibus, 29 Aug. 29 Hen. VIII. fol. 137 b.
210. Lease of the manor of Heggessett, 12 Aug. 30 Hen. VIII. fol. 138.
211. Tenement in Bury, 6 Apr. 29 Hen. VIII. fol. 138 b.
212. Lease of a shop in Bury, 13 March 30 Hen. VIII. fol. 139.
213. Carta qua abbas et conventus concedunt et dimittunt ad terminum lx. annorum duas pecias prati Thomæ Horsman, tanner, 8 Martii 30 Hen. VIII. fol. 139 b.

Edmundi factum anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo vicesimo quinto, Dompno Thoma Ikworth tunc Infirmario existente." In folio; written on ninety leaves of vellum.^a

Six Registers of St. Edmundsbury are preserved in the *Public Library at Cambridge*. They are,

1. "NIGRUM REGISTRUM DE VESTIARIO, continens placita, allocationes cartarum regiarum, privilegia paparum, concessiones et largitiones regum Angliæ et aliorum benefactorum, et plurima alia ad possessiones et libertates S. Edmundi spectantia." Folio. Marked M m. 4, 19. Written in different hands on two hundred and forty-one leaves of vellum.

2. "ALBUM REGISTRUM VESTIARI." In folio. Marked Fe. 3, 60. Written on three hundred and twenty-six leaves. The following inscription occurs in red characters at folio 25: "Memorandum, quod frater Walterus de Pyncebek monachus S. Edmundi ad perpetuam rei memoriam composuit istud volumen, intendens in eo, vita comite, facultate permittente, et exemplari interveniente, primo omnia placita inter Abbatem et Conventum S. Edmundi ex parte una, et homines ejusdem villæ ex altera, ab origine

mundi usque in presens habita, scripturæ redigere, una cum concordia per dominum regem et consilium suum inter eos facta. Item omnia feoda militum pertinentia monasterio S. Edmundi. Insuper collocationes omnium ecclesiarum dom. abbati spectantium, et taxationes earundem. Ac etiam omnes libertates a diversis regibus S. Edmundi et suis, ab initio usque in presens concessas, et earum allocationes, et ubi debent inveniri: registra VIII. hundred. et dimid. et omnes terras monasterii. Et si dictus Walterus aliqua de causis prænotatis deficiat, lector voluntatem pro facto, et dicet Animæ suæ propicietur Deus. Amen. Incipiebatur enim scribi A. D. M.CCC.XXXIII." ^b

3. "REGISTRUM SACRISTÆ (scil. in usum istius obedientiarii, compilatum a R. de Denham sacrista temp. Edw. II.) in quatuor partes divisum, quarum prima continet bullas paparum de privilegiis cœnobio concessis; secunda, cartas regum tam ante quam post Conquestum; tertia et quarta, cartas et cyrographa benefactorum. In hoc codice (fol. 156 complectente) habentur cartæ et testamenta plus minus L. verbis Saxonice, characteribus tamen Normannicis." In folio. Marked F f. 2, 33.

4. "REGISTRUM RUBEUM contextum tempore regis

^a This Register contains, on the first leaf, an instrument establishing an anniversary for Stephen, the infirmarer and physician of the monastery, dated on the eve of St. Mark, 1257.

The charters, indentures, &c. relating to the different lands and possessions entered in the remainder of this volume, are arranged, according to the names of places, for the most part, in alphabetical order: viz.

Bury; le Mustowe, fol. 5.
 Gloveresrowe, fol. 9.
 Reyngatestrete, fol. 10.
 Maydenwater, fol. 14.
 Southgatestrete, fol. 18.
 Estgatestrete, fol. 19 b.
 Chirchgātestrete, fol. 20.
 Scurnestrete, fol. 22.
 Littlebrakelond, fol. 22.
 Longbrakelond, fol. 23.
 Puddinglane, fol. 24 b.
 Sparhawkstrete, fol. 25.
 Whittingstrete, fol. 26.
 Gildhalstrete, fol. 26 b.
 Baxterstrete, fol. 27.
 Oldbaxterstrete, fol. 27 b.
 Rysbygatestrete, fol. 28.
 Extra portam Sancti Jacobi, fol. 28 b.
 Rentale de Bury, fol. 29.
 Babwell, fol. 38, 43.
 Berton, fol. 39.
 Belinges Parva, fol. 42 b.
 Boxsted, fol. 43 b.
 Bradefeld, fol. 46.
 Bradefeld Monachorum, fol. 46 b.
 Colcestr', fol. 47.
 Rentale de Colcestr', fol. 60 b.
 Cheventon, fol. 63.
 Cauendysah, fol. 64.
 Falesham, fol. 65 b.
 Gypwycus, fol. 66.
 Hegham, fol. 67 b.
 Herlestun, fol. 68.
 Hornynggesherth Magna, fol. 68 b.
 Hargrave, fol. 69.
 Instrumentum super hospitalitate et sustentatione pauperum, et de appropriatione certorum reddituum ad opus infirmariæ, fol. 64.
 Lyvermere, fol. 65 b.
 Le Lee, fol. 72 b.
 Maydwater, fol. 73. *Vide Bury*.
 Mildenhale, fol. 74.
 Newton, fol. 76.
 Phalesham, fol. 77 b. *Vide Falesham*.
 Qwitfeld, fol. 78.
 Rushebrok, fol. 78 b.
 Syduluesmere, fol. 81.
 Schropham, fol. 81 b.
 Rentale de Schropham, fol. 82.
 Thetford, fol. 83.
 Tymwrth, fol. 84.
 Tymworth medewe, fol. 84 b.
 Werketon, fol. 85.
 Wlpet, fol. 85 b.

Near the end of the volume, at fol. 89 b, Carta sancti Edwardi regis et confessoris suo cognato Sancto Edmundo concessa et de libertate Sancti Edmundi ut nunquam ejus ecclesia a monastico ordine destitueretur, nec alicui episcopo subiciatur et de electione abbatis.

At the end of all, fol. 90 b, is an oath of office, probably that taken by every person entering upon the office of infirmarer.

^b See Tann. Notit. Mon.

^c Ibid. The following is the list of Saxon charters in this manuscript given by Wanley; Hickee, Thesaur. tom. ii. pp. 286, 287.

1. Carta *Cruti* regis, fol. 20 b.
2. Carta libertatum et privilegiorum quas monasterio concessit *Edwardus rex et confessor*, Saxonice; deinde Latine expressa, fol. 22.
3. Carta ejusdem regis de libertatibus certarum terrarum hujus monasterii in Suffolcia, *ibid*.
4. Carta ejusdem regis de libertatibus terrarum quarundam in Suffolcia quas ipse eidem monasterio contulit, Saxonice, et deinde Latine explicata, *ibid*.
5. Carta alia ejusdem regis de iisdem terris, fol. 22 b.
6. Carta ejusdem regis ut Leofstanus abbas et fratres habeant socam et sacam in omnibus terris, quas homines illi monasterio dederunt, Saxonice et Latine, *ibid*.
7. Carta ejusdem regis de saca quam eidem monasterio confirmat, *ibid*.
8. Carta ejusdem regis de saca et soca quas Leostano abbati et monachis libere concessit, *ibid*.
9. Carta ejusdem regis, qua quemdam Uui abbatem in ejusdem monasterii guardianum sive custodem constituit Saxonice cum Latina interpretatione, ima pagina, litteris recentioribus scripta, *ibid*.
10. Carta ejusdem regis qua Baldewinum in ejusdem cœnobii abbatem constituit, *ibid*.
11. Carta ejusdem regis qua notificat se testem esse donationi terrarum æt Lodne, quas eidem monasterio contulit Alfricus Modestope, *ibid*.
12. Carta ejusdem regis, qua confirmat eidem monasterio legationem terrarum at Kirkeby, quam fecit mater ejus, cum concessione sacæ et socæ, fol. 23.
13. Carta ejusdem regis, ut monachi S. Edmundi suis libere frui possint, sine molestatione, *ibid*.
14. Carta ejusdem regis de monasterio habendo, *ibid*.
15. Carta ejusdem regis qua idem monasterium ab heregeldo et omni vectigali liberat, *ibid*.
16. Carta ejusdem regis Latine scripta et deinde Saxonice explicata de omnibus fere libertatibus ecclesiæ, *ibid*.
17. Confirmatio et ratificatio collationis Alfrici Modestope, *ibid*.
18. Carta ejusdem regis de libertatibus terræ æt Cunegestune, *ibid*.
19. Carta ejusdem regis qua donat terram æt Pakenham eidem monasterio, *ibid*.
20. Carta ejusdem regis de terris in Kirkby, fol. 23 b.
21. Carta Willielmi regis Conq. de soka VIII. hundredorum et dimid. Anglice, fol. 24.
22. Carta ejusdem regis, Anglice scripta, de libertatibus terrarum, fol. 27 b.
23. Carta ejusdem regis qua certos homines cum terris eorundem (eorum nempe qui antea contra eum steterunt) Baldewino et abbati S. Edmundi contulit, fol. 28.
24. Carta ejusdem regis qua unum monetarium quem Eadwardus rex concessit Baldewino abbati et monasterio confirmat, *ibid*.
 Sequuntur testamenta, &c. virorum et feminarum illustrium, Saxonice scripta.
25. Temporibus sancti Edwardi regis Angliæ fuit vir unus nobilitate insignis, dictus Alfricus Modestope, qui ipso sancto rege per cartam suam testimonium perhibente, dedit S. Edmundo Lodne cum Thurwineholm cujus hæc carta sive testamentum, fol. 45.
26. Thurketel Heyng dedit Deo et Sancto Benedicto de Hulmo et S. Edmundo in communi Castre et Thorp, *ibid*.
27. Leofgiva inclita matrona, cognata Alfrici filii Withgari, dedit S. Edmundo, tempore Alwardi præsulis, Hintesham et Gristlingthorp, subscripto cartæ testimonio, *ibid*.
28. Vir gloriosus Louerd Eadwine dedit S. Edmundo Eakereethorp, cujus cartæ tenor est hic, *ibid*.
29. Ketel Alder dedit S. Edmundo Thorpe, juxta conventionem factam inter Wilfricum, Eadwinum, et ipsum, prout patet in carta proxime precedenti. Addidit etiam Anhus. Iste fuit tempore Stigandi archiepiscopi, fol. 46 b.

Henrici IV. de privilegiis, litibus, conventionibus, &c. abbatie S. Edmundi." Folio. Marked F f. 2, 29. Consisting of eighty-seven leaves of vellum.

5. A manuscript which Bishop Tanner notices as "Registrum aliud hujus abbatie in folio." It is of the time of King Henry the Fourth, and has additions apparently made in the next reign. It formerly belonged to John Cradock, Esq. of Rickenhall, in Suffolk. It is now marked F f. 4, 35.

30. Temporibus Eadm. regis patris S. Edithæ virginis, et Theodredi London. episcopi quidam comes nomine Algarus dedit Cokefeld S. Eadmundo post mortem Athelfledæ filiæ suæ. Cujus collationis nobis tale reliquit monumentum, fol. 46.

31. Rex Aedgarus dedit Æthelfledæ filiæ Alfari, de quibus in carta proximo præcedente fit mentio, Cheleswrthe, quam ipsa una cum Cokefeld juxta votum patrum dedit S. Eadmundo, A.D. 962, fol. 46. Terminum præfatæ terræ assignati, ibid.

32. Carta sive testamentum ejusdem Æthelfledæ, quo dedit S. Eadmundo Cokefeld et Cheleswrth, sed et aliis sanctis locis plura contulit beneficia, fol. 46 b.

33. Testamentum aliud ejusdem Æthelfledæ, fol. 47.

Metæ terrarum at Bilgesdene, &c. ibid.

Metæ terrarum at Wiurmerse, &c. ibid.

34. Testamentum Theodredi Lond. episcopi, fol. 48.

35. Temporibus Canuti regis et filii ejus Haroldi, Ailricus Estanglorum episcopus dedit S. Eadmundo Wirlingwrthe, Hunstanetune, cum Holmere, et LX. libras de Tichewelle et Dockynge vendendis capiendas: et Grimstone Leofstano diacono, et molendinum Wlnothi et mansurum apud Norwicum, videlicet ubi modo est ecclesia S. Laurencii, quæ reddit per annum unum lastum de Allece. Et est hoc ipsius episcopi Testamentum, ibid.

36. Thurketel dedit S. Eadmundo Palegrave et dimid. Witingham. Cujus hic est tenor testamenti, fol. 48 b.

Sequitur testamentum Wlstan Latinè, A.D. 962, tempore et licentia Eadgari regis confectum, ibid.

37. Tempore S. Eadwardi regis, et etiam regis Willielmi primi, fuit Ailmerus Orientalium Anglorum episcopus, qui per testamentum subscriptum dedit S. Eadmundo Hindringham, Langham, Hildolvestone, et Swanetone. Et est testamentum hujusmodi, fol. 49.

38. Item de terris de Hildeluestone et Swanetone conventio (in curia comitatus), ibid.

39. Tempore regis Eadwardi Thurstanus filius Winae dedit S. Eadmundo Herlawe et Sculham ad Northalle. Aliis locis sanctis multa contulit beneficia per cartam subscriptam tenoris hujusmodi, ibid.

40. Conventio inter Wlgeatum et abbatem de Giselingham et Fakenham, facta tempore Stigandi episcopi, fol. 49 b.

41. Ulfketel dedit S. Eadmundo Bikinghale, Bucham, Wlpet, Hilderle, et Bedfaressthorpe, hujusmodi mediante memorando, ibid.

42. Sifeda virago famosa dedit S. Eadmundo Mardingforde, cujus collationis talia sunt indicia, ibid.

43. De eodem, ibid.

44. Wlsius, tempore Ælfrici episcopi, dedit S. Eadmundo Wikes, hujusmodi mediante instrumento, fol. 50.

45. Stigandus dedit Playford S. Eadmundo, et hæc est ejus carta, ibid.

46. Thurketel dedit S. Eadmundo Coleford, Wridewelle, et Ixewrthe, cujus hoc est instar instrumenti, ibid.

47. Cum hujusmodi munimento dederunt Thurkil et Athelgit Wirgtham, i. e. Wirham, S. Eadmundo, ibid.

48. Æthelricht dedit S. Eadmundo medietatem Northe, et aliam medietatem ecclesiæ Gregorii de Sulbyri per cartam hujusmodi, ibid.

"Habemus præterea plures terras et tenementa de quibus nulla apud nos restant munimenta. Aut enim simpliciter freti veritate, nulla fecerunt: aut si fecerunt, per Custodem incuriam perierunt. Aliquorum vero nec etiam memoriæ cujuslibet vestigia potuerunt inveniri."

Wanley addit, "Hunc præclarum cod. perlegit, et quædam manus delevit et annotavit Johannes Baleus."

* The first part of this volume, extending through sixty-six leaves, bears the title of "Evidentiæ pro avena nomine Fodircorn debita domino abbati mon. Sancti Edmundi per Cellarium et alios officarios ejusdem monasterii." A second series of folios then follows; at the head of the first of which is, "Memorandum quod per Evidentias et Indenturas infrascriptas realiter cognosci poterit cujusmodi juris titulum abbates Sancti Edmundi habuerunt in certis maneriis et dominiis in eisdem evidentiis et indenturis seriose expressatis. Et ne hujusmodi evidentiæ et indenturæ posteris ex hoc laterent, dominus W. Curteys abbas eas suo in Registro decrevit annotandum. Et sciendum quod omnes fines in curia regis levatæ pro jure evidentiæ subcriptarum in Registro J. Brynkele abbatis per ordinem conscribuntur, et copię original. earundem finium in archivis domini Abbatis firma sub custodia debite conservantur." This portion of the volume, including an alphabetical index at the end, occupies a hundred and ninety-eight leaves.

The contents of this manuscript, altogether, constitute it rather a Book of general Entries than a regular Register of Charters belonging to the monastery. Exclusive of releases, indentures, grants of wards and marriages, corrodies, dowers, homages, &c. it contains numerous copies of Instruments of a public nature, Writs, Letters, and Summonses to Parliament. Many of the Writs and Letters, chiefly those in abbat Curteys's time, are in English. In one place is a list of the Relics in the Church of St. James of Compostella; in another, different prophecies supposed to refer to the reign of King Henry the Sixth; and, at fol. 127, "Declaratio sancti Thomæ Cantuariensis de receptione cujus-

6. "Prima pars Registri perampli abbatie S. Edmundi in usum CELLERARII exarati." Marked G g. 4, 4.

A very fine Register of St. Edmundsbury abbey, chiefly relating to the time of abbat CURTEYS, upon vellum, is preserved in the library of Craven Ord, Esq. of Grinstead Hall, in Essex. This manuscript is the same which Bishop Tanner notices as being, in 1709, in the possession of John Nowel, rector of Hillington, and afterwards in the library of Dr. Cox Macro. It was originally Sir Henry Spelman's.*

dam Aquilæ aureæ et Ampullæ lapideæ quas sibi contulit nostra Domina sub noctis silentio in ecclesia Sancti Columbæ Senon. qua unctione reges Anglorum futuri ungerentur." At the end of the index is "Explicit tabula istius Libri utiliter tract. per dominum Johannem Boon abbatem monasterii Sancti Edmundi de Bury:" showing that at least this part of the manuscript is of a later date than the time of abbat Curteys.

The following are the instruments of greatest consideration which concern the monastery:

1. Quæta clamantia Joh. fil. Adæ de Illeya de uno feodo militis et dimid. in villis de Illeya et Stockenbradfeld, 8 Edw. I. fol. 1.

2. Quæta clam. Adæ filii Adæ de Illeya de uno feodo militari in villa de Preston, fol. 1 b.

3. Quæta clam. Adæ filii Roberti de Alneto de jure in manerio de Ouhus, fol. 2 b.

4. Carta Will. comitis Moretanæ, &c. facta eccl. S. Edm. de terris quæ fuit Rogeri fil. Eudonis de Turstunetona de feudo Rogeri Pictavini, fol. 2 b.

* 5. Carta Nestæ de Cokefeld de manerio de Leleseye cum omnibus libertatibus et pertin. suis, 25 Hen. III. fol. 4 b.

6. Cartæ aliæ de Leleseye, foll. 5, 5 b.

7. Conventio de duabus partibus manerii de Brocle, 23 Edw. III. fol. 6 b.

8. Conventio de custodia manerii Falsham, 17 Edw. II. fol. 7.

9. Dimissio manerii de Berdewell, 7 Edw. III. ibid.

10. Conventio de manerio de Watlesfeld Johanni le Kyng et Adæ filio suo ad firmam dimisso, 23 Edw. III. fol. 8 b.

11. Conventiones de terris et tenementis in Thelwetham, 4 Edw. III. foll. 9, 9 b, 10.

12. Cartæ de manerio de Ouhous, 4 Edw. II. foll. 12 b, 13 b.

13. Cartæ de Stokebradefeld, foll. 14 b, 15.

14. Conventio de tenementis in Brocle, 23 Edw. III. fol. 17 b.

15. Breve regis Edw. III. de ecclesia de Watlisfeld, fol. 19.

16. Inquisitio de Hepworth, 42 Edw. III. fol. 23.

17. Nomina tenentium feod. milit. in hundr. de Harlawe, ibid.

At folio 25 we have "Memorandum quod per evident. et muniment. infrascripta veraciter sciri poterit quod abbates de Sancto Edmundo sufficientem habuerunt juris titulum in advocacione diversarum ecclesiarum prout in eisdem evidentiis et munimentis liquet manifeste. Et ut hujusmodi evidentiæ et munimenta cunctis ex hoc posteris clarius elucescant dominus W. Curteys abbas ea suo in Registro mandavit inserendum non obstant quod dict. evident. et munimentorum originale copię in archivis domini abbatis salva sub custodia debita reservantur."

18. Cartæ de ecclesia de Throston, foll. 25, 25 b, 26.

19. Cartæ de ecclesia de Scaldewell, foll. 26 b, 27, 40 b.

20. Cartæ de ecclesia de Langham, fol. 27 b.

21. Cartæ de ecclesia de Cotton, foll. 28 b, 36.

22. Cartæ de ecclesia de Northlenne, fol. 29.

23. Carta de ecclesia de Chelesworth, fol. 29 b.

24. Carta de ecclesia de Wrabenease, fol. 30.

25. Carta de ecclesia de Newton, fol. 30 b.

26. Cartæ de ecclesia de Boxford, foll. 30 b, 31.

27. Cartæ de ecclesia de Cokefeld, foll. 31, 31 b, 32.

28. Carta de ecclesia de Bradfeld, fol. 32 b.

29. Carta de ecclesia de Hornyggesherd, fol. 33.

30. Cartæ de ecclesia de Endegate, foll. 33, 33 b.

31. Carta de ecclesia de Brethynham, fol. 33 b.

32. Cartæ de ecclesia de Dykelburgh, foll. 34, 35.

33. Cartæ de ecclesia de Mildenhale, foll. 37, 42 b.

34. Cartæ de ecclesia de Wethirden, fol. 37 b.

35. Cartæ de ecclesia de Pakenham, foll. 38, 39, 40.

36. Cartæ de ecclesia de Langham, fol. 40 b.

37. Carta de ecclesia de Westle, fol. 41.

38. Carta de ecclesia de Flemptone, fol. 41.

39. Cartæ de ecclesia de Tresyngfeld, fol. 41 b.

40. Cartæ de ecclesia de Bedyngfeld, fol. 41 b.

41. Licentia concessa magistro W. de Neketon ad fundandam cappellam in honore S. Johannis Evangelistæ in cimiterio Sancti Edmundi, fol. 42.

42. Cartæ de ecclesia de Tostoke, foll. 42 b, 43, 44.

43. Memoranda de patronatu ecclesiarum, fol. 73.

44. Bulla indulgentiæ Eugenii papæ iiij^{ta}. qua Willielmus Curteys abbas monasterii Sancti Edmundi de Bury recipitur in confratrem domus Sancti Antonii London. A.D. 1442, fol. 75 b.

45. Litera fraternitatis capituli cuidam Thomæ Mylde concessa, A.D. 1443, fol. 79.

46. A letter in English from the prior of Bury to the duke of Norfolk concerning encroachments at Heryngeswell, in Suffolk, 4 Hen. VI. fol. 80 b.

47. Two English letters; one from the rector of the Holy Trinity church in Colchester to the abbat, the other from Abbat Curteys to the escheator of Essex, fol. 84.

Bishop Tanner enumerates the following Registers in addition to these:

1. "Registrum CELLERARIÆ inchoatum 50 Hen. III. MS. in officio ducatus Lancastrensis apud hospitium Grayense."
2. "Registrum abbatiae de Bury, contin. fol. 121, necnon chronica Jocelini de Brokelond, MS. in bibl. doctiss. præsulis Edw. Stillingfleet, quondam episc. Wigorn. n. 234."*
3. "Cartularium terrarum, libertatum, &c. ad hanc abbatiam spectantium, manu recentiore, ex antiquis registris cœnobii descriptum, folio grandiusculo, MS. penes dom. Rob. Bacon, bar."
4. "Registrum penes v. doctiss. Joannem Covel, S. T. P. magistrum Coll. Christi apud Cantabrigienses."

48. Feodum centum solidorum concess. Thomæ Tudenham militi per W. Curteys abbatem ad terminum vitæ ejusdem abbatiae, fol. 84 b.

49. Annuus redditus ij^s per ducem Ebor. ad feretrum Sancti Edmundi in octav. Paschæ persolvendum, fol. 85 b.

50. Mandatum citatorium ante visitationem in ecclesia Sancti Edmundi directum per priorem Norwicen. fol. 87.

51. Certificatorium domini abbatis factum priori Norwic. visitatori ordinis, A. D. 1441, fol. 87 b.

52. Mandatum citatorium abbatibus de Sancto Edmundo ad visitandum monasterium de Rameseye auctoritate capituli provincialis, fol. 88.

53. Commissio domini abbatis de Sancto Edmundo visitatoris de Rameseye antedict. fol. 88 b.

54. Commissio seneschalli curiarum et dominiorum abbatis, fol. 89.

55. Officium cawettæ in hostilaria, fol. 91.

56. Litera patens domini Willielmi abbatis de quodam clerico in confratrem hospitalis Sancti Salvatoris per ipsum abbatem admissio, fol. 91 b.

57. Copia cartæ manerii de Hesse, fol. 93.

58. Breve impetratum per Willielmum Curteys abbatem et missum Willielmo Godered et sociis suis justiciariis quod placita emergentia infra octo hundreda et dimidium teneantur apud Henhowe et non alibi et quod manentes infra hundreda prædicta non exeant ad placitandum ad alia loca quam ad Henhowe, 20 Hen. VI. fol. 93 b.

59. Copia donationis guardiæ sive custodiæ terrarum et tenementorum quæ fuerunt Henrici Drury armigeri per dominum abbatem de Bury serenissimæ dominæ Annæ comitissæ Stafford liberatæ, donatæ, et concessæ, 21 Hen. VI. fol. 94 b.

60. Dimissio hundredi de Blakborn, 21 Hen. VI. fol. 95.

61. Breve domini regis direct. collectoribus decimæ et quintæ decimæ de non gravando firmar. maneriorum abbatis et conventus, videlicet ad contribuendum solutioni quintæ decimæ cum aliis laicis pro eisdem maneriis ac exitibus et proficuis de eisdem provenientibus, fol. 96 b.

62. Copia cujusdam bullæ directæ Willielmo Curteys abbati cum facultate sive potestate creandi quandam certam personam in notarium sive in officium tabellionatus, fol. 98.

63. Dimissio manerii de Hardegrave, 22 Hen. VI. fol. 102.

64. Dimissio manerii de Melford, 22 Hen. VI. fol. 103.

65. Dimissio manerii de Cheuyngton, 22 Hen. VI. fol. 104 b.

66. Indentura facta super venditione bosci de Brokford, 22 Hen. VI. fol. 105 b.

67. Copia cujusdam literæ regis præcipiendo abbati, priori, et conventui quod solvant annuatim Henrico Somer et Ricardo Alred armigeris summam xl^{li}. quas ipsi abbas, prior, et conventus solvere teneantur pro custodia abbatie et temporalium ejusdem, fol. 109 b.

* 68. Copia cujusdam literæ editæ super collatione regiminis scholarum grammaticalium villæ de Bury, 23 Hen. VI. fol. 110.

* 69. Copia cujusdam indenturæ de combustione laterum voc. le Breke apud Cheuyngton, 13 Hen. VI. fol. 110 b.

70. Confederatio inter abbatem et conventum Sancti Edmundi et abbatem et conventum Sancti Petri de Westmonasterio, fol. 111 b.

71. Transumptum cujusdam visitationis factæ apud mon. S. Petri Westmon. juxta London. per quosdam abbates nigri Ordinis, per presidentem et capitulum generale nigrorum monachorum in Anglia, et precepto reverendissimi in Christo principis et domini domini Henrici Dei gratia, &c. Visitatores deputati ad hujusmodi mon. Sancti Petri, tam in capite quam in membris visitand. corrigend. et reformand. fol. 114.

72. Lamentatio querelosa ecclesiæ monasterialis Sancti Edmundi de Bury summo pontifici literarie directæ quadam certa provisione eidem ecclesiæ contra regni privilegia facta in derogationem cujusdam electionis juridice prius factæ in eadem de oportuno remedio suppliciter imprecando, fol. 117.

73. Articuli jurati per magistrum Edmundum Brunfeld professorem sacræ theologiæ ad abbatiam Sancti Edmundi de Bury per dominum papam dudum provisum, ipsique provisioni postmodum renunciantem et subscriptos articulos sub pena infrascripta servare jurantem, fol. 118.

74. Auctoritas concessa episcopo London. a curia Romana quatinus quosdam monachos mon. Sancti Edmundi a sententia excommunicationis qua ligati fuerant ex causa incarcerationis magistri Edmundi Brundefeld provisionem acceptantis absolveret et consequenter conventui dicti mon. protunc vacantis ad electionem novi Abbatis auctoritate apostolica licentiam tribueret, electioneque facta, eadem auctori-

5. "Registrum penes dom. Tho. Hanmer de Mildenhale in com. Suff. bar."

6. "Liber monast. S. Edmundi, penes dom. Ed. Coke, citat. a dom. Hen. Spelmanno, Concil. tom. i. p. 534."

7. "CONSUETUDINARIUM hujus abbatie, MS. penes præhonorabilem Carolum dom. Cornwallis, 4to. A.D. 1736."

8. "Lieger Books in the possession of the Right Hon. Earl Cornwallis."

Also,

"Transcripts of several records relating to this abbey, formerly in the possession of Mr. Thomas Martin: since of Thomas Astle, Esq." These are now in the library of the Marquis of Buckingham at Stow.

tate ipsum electum confirmaret capiendo ab eodem quandam securitatem super certa summa florenorum cameræ Apostolicæ persolvenda una cum aliis prout de forma obligationis et solutionis ac aliorum clarius inferius continetur, fol. 119 b.

75. Litera Willielmo Curteys abbati transmissa per quendam religiosum in consilio Basilien. remanentem et sibi intimantem aliqua pericula contra religiosos exemptos in eodem concilio de novo adtunc ventilata et super remedio contra hujusmodi providendo consulentem, fol. 121 b.

76. Litera ostendens qualiter jurisdictio omnium causarum testamentariorum ad forum ecclesiasticum pertinentium et infra villam de Bury contingentium una cum auditu compotorum de administrationibus bonorum quarumcunque personarum inibi decedentium spectat duntaxat ad abbatem, fol. 122 b.

77. Litera admissionis cujusdam capellani in confratrem hospitalis Sancti Salvatoris ad vitam per dominum abbatem, fol. 123.

78. Officium serjantiæ clavigeriæ in infirmaria abbatie collata Georgio Burton vacans per liberam resignationem Johannis Wyger de Berton, fol. 130 b.

79. Indentura de dimissione hundredi de Thinghowe, fol. 133 b.

80. Officium senesch. omnium terrarum et dominiorum ad portionem domini abbatis spectantium cum feod. c^o. per annum, Johanni Heydon per Willielmum Curteys abbatem concessa. ad terminum vitæ ejusdem abbatie, fol. 136.

81. Præsentatio ecclesiæ paroch. de Redgrave, A. D. 1445, fol. 136 b.

82. Litera regis missa Abbati de veniendo ad coronationem reginæ, fol. 136 b.

83. Licentia concessa Dionysiæ Reggys pro altari erigend. in hospitio suo tempore infirmitatis, A. D. 1444, fol. 137 b.

84. Litera supplicatoria domino regi porrecta per abbatem, priorem, et conventum pro certis bonis monasterio appropriandis pro die anniversario Thomæ nuper ducis Exon. annuatim imperpetuum ibidem solemniter observando, fol. 140.

* 85. Ordinatio Willielmi Curteys abbatis pro Anniversario suo cum sonitu perpetuis futuris temporibus celebrando, fol. 143 b.

86. Officium stabularii concessa. Adæ Newhawe, A. D. 1445, fol. 144 b.

87. Corrodiū in hospitali concess. Roberto Curteys, A. D. 1445, ibid.

88. Copia bullæ extensivæ privilegiorum fratrum Heremitarum sive ordinis Sancti Augustini, fol. 150.

89. Copia bullæ conservatorum fratrum Heremitarum ordinis Sancti Augustini, fol. 150 b.

90. Bulla Bonifacii papæ de privilegiis concessis Fratribus Prædicatoribus et Minoribus, fol. 151.

91. Constitutiones editæ et compilatæ per reverendum patrem Willielmum Curteys abbatem monasterii S. Edmundi de Bury, &c. fol. 178.

92. Constitutio edita super certa pecunia officio et usui celerarii gratiose donata perpetuoque permansura, fol. 186 b.

93. Procuratorium Willielmi abbatis de Bury super potestate visitandi limina apostolorum pro eo de triennio in triennium, fol. 190 b.

94. Breve regis de veniendo ad parlamentum, 20 Hen. VI. fol. 191.

95. Litera regia super excusatione abbatis de non veniendo ad parlamentum non obstante priori mandato de veniendo, fol. 191.

96. Commissio abbatis pro gaola de Bury deliberanda, 20 Hen. VI. fol. 191 b.

97. Procuratorium abbatis pro convictis recipiendis, A. D. 1442, fol. 191 b.

98. Officium unius coci in coquina conventus concessum Johanni Fouler, 20 Hen. VI. fol. 192.

99. Quædam monitio domini abbatis facta suis confratribus quod infra certum terminum omnes libros in eorum custodia remanentes ad ejus præsentiam adducerent propter rationem infrascriptam sub pena suspensionis a divinis, &c. fol. 192 b.

It was probably from this manuscript that the "Apographa Cartarum, Epistolarum Regiarum, &c. ex Registro Will. Curteys Abbatis," preserved among Bishop Tanner's MSS. at Oxford, in the volume marked T. T. p. 314, &c. were transcribed. See the Notitia Monastica.

* This is supposed by Mr. Nasmith to be the same with what is now the Harleian manuscript num. 1005, which has been already very fully described. See p. 123.

"Books and writings in the evidence room over the porch of the Guildhall in Bury."^a

Of the LIBRARY anciently belonging to St. Edmund's Bury abbey, our information is scanty.

^a In his *Notitia Monastica*, Bishop Tanner makes the following references to Instruments relating to this monastery among his own manuscript collections, now at Oxford.

"*Vide* in libro cartarum mearum originalium notato *Clark*, n. 47. Conventionem inter Ricardum abbatem S. Edmundi et Rad. Bocking mil. de seneschallia franchia. S. Edmundi, 18 Edw. II. Gallicè: in libro *Jackson*, n. 87, donationem piscationis aquæ inter Mildehale et Berton per Rob. Canewas: in libro *Preston*, n. 1, of the duty of the steward of the franchise of Bury abbey: *Ibid.* n. 6, cyrographum Samsonis abbatis confirm. Gaufrido clerico de Mildehale masagium in Bradmere, &c.; *Ibid.* n. 7, cartam ejusdem Samsonis factam Benedicto de Mildehale, de masagio et terris in dicta villa: *Ibid.* n. 8, finalem concordiam inter abbatem S. Edmundi et priorem de Ely, 29 Hen. III. de piscaria in Lakingheth: in libro *Crane*, n. 59, de Bertonecroft in Mildenhale concess. elemosinario S. Edmundi per Gilb. de Derham: in libro *Hobart*, n. 74, conventionem inter abbatem et conventum et dom. Edm. Pakenham mil. de reddit. in Pakenham, Berton, et Rugham, A.D. 1308: in libro *Astley*, n. 85, donationem terrarum et reddit. in Mildehale, Radulfo de Colum ab abbate Samsonis."

He also gives the following memoranda from public Records:

"Inter Cart. Antiq. P. n. 1, 2, 3, et 4, Ed. Conf. n. 6, R. Will. I. n. 7, 8, 9, R. Hen. I. et n. 5, R. Hen. II.

"Plac. apud Westm. 6 Ric. I. Mich. rot. 3, de Wenlings sicut membro maner. de Rungeton, Norf.

"Fin. Norf. 8 Ric. I. n. 63, de feodo i. mil. in Kirkby.

"Cart. 1 Joan. p. 2, n. 114, 115, pro maner. de Mildehale: *Ibid.* p. 3, n. 11, pro libertat. in villa et viii. hundred. n. 12, pro hospitali S. Salvatoris, ecclesiis de Melford, Worlingword, &c. n. 13, pro diversis terris et servitiis in Bedingfield: Oblat. 3 Joan. m. 2, de maner. de Lakingheth: Fin. Suff. 4 Joan. n. 42, de silvis et aliis libertat. in Uvesden: n. 71, de terris in Cheventon: *Ibid.* n. 88, de maner. de Elveden: n. 104, Cart. 5 Joan. m. 17, n. 168. Fin. Northampt. 6 Joan. n. . de advoc. ecclesiæ de Scaldwell: Cart. 7 Joan. m. 8, n. 70, pro feria apud Beccles, per viii. dies a vigilia S. S. Petri et Pauli: n. 71, pro cuneo apud S. Edmundum: Fin. Suff. 9 Joan. n. 63, de ex. acris in Richinghale: Fin. Suff. 10 Joan. n. 5, 9, pro advoc. de Endgate: *Ibid.* n. 38, de terris in Redgrave. Plac. apud Westm. 13 Joan. rot. 15. Claus. 17 Joan. m. 22. Cart. 17 Joan. n. 49, pro libertat. in boscis suis de Herlaw, Stapelford, et Werkton.

"Fin. Norf. 3 Hen. III. n. 70, de ten. in Broke: Fin. 4 Hen. III. m. 8. Fin. 5 Hen. III. m. 4, pro mercat. die Jovis, et feria apud Southwold: *Ibid.* m. 9, pro feria apud Herlaw: Pat. 7 Hen. III. m. . pro cambio apud Bury: Cart. 11 Hen. III. p. 1, n. 93, pro mercat. die Jovis apud Redgrave et Sudwalde, et feria in vigil. et die S. Botulfi apud Redgrave, et in vigil. et die SS. Phil. et Jac. apud Sudwald: Fin. 11 Hen. III. m. 7, pro dictis mercatis; m. 11, pro terris apud Berton: Claus. 11 Hen. III. m. 7, de metis bosci de Stapelford: *Ibid.* m. 13, vel 14, de mercat. et feria apud Sudwalde: Fin. Suff. 12 Hen. III. n. 60, de terris et molend. in Fornham: Claus. 12 Hen. III. m. 9, de boscis abbatie in Herlaw, Stapelford, &c. Essex. Claus. 14 Hen. III. m. 15, de cuneo et cambio apud Bury: Cart. 15 Hen. III. m. 8. Cart. 19 Hen. III. m. 6, pro mercat. die Jovis, et feria in vigilia, die, et crast. S. Trinitatis apud Melford: *Ibid.* m. 14, pro ii. feriis apud S. Edmund. viz. extra portam aquilon. in vigil. die et crast. Transfigurationis Domini; et aliam extra portam australem ejusdem villæ in vigil. die et crast. Translationis S. Edmundi: Fin. Suff. 19 Hen. III. n. 117, de terris in Risby: Fin. Suff. 21 Hen. III. n. 12, de terris in Fornham: Fin. Suff. 24 Hen. III. n. 83, pro maner. de Southwold: *Ibid.* n. 111, pro terris in Mildenhale: Cart. 44 Hen. III. m. 4, pro feria de Beccles et maner. de Mildenhale: Pat. 48 Hen. III. m. . dorso: Fin. Suff. 52 Hen. III. n. 21, de piscatione a ponte de Beccles ad Gerardsflete: Fin. Suff. 53 Hen. III. n. 58, de parco de Bradfield Clere: Escaet. Suff. 55 Hen. III. n. 38.

"Fin. Suff. 1 Edw. I. n. 70, pro advocat. eccl. de Endgate: Pat. 3 Edw. I. m. 36, dorso, de advocatone ecclesiæ de Brokdish Norf. Cart. 3 Edw. I. n. 10, de maner. de Cokefeld concess. per abbatem priori et conventui: Pat. 4 Edw. I. m. 5, pro exempt. a quindena; m. 24, de ten. in Palegrave: m. 29, de manerio de Cokefeld: Cart. 9 Edw. I. n. 2 & 3, ratif. concordie inter abbatem et conventum: Cart. 10 Edw. I. n. 11, pro mercat. die Mercurii, et feria apud Brook: Pat. 12 Edw. I. m. . Fin. Norf. 14 Edw. I. n. 90, pro manerio de Castre, et advocat. ecclesiæ: Plac. in com. Suff. 14 Edw. I. coron. rot. 3, pro mercat. apud Bury per tres dies, scil. Mercurii, Veneris, et Saturni, singulis septimanis, ii. feriis et aliis libertat.: *Ibid.* rot. 7, d. allocat. mercat. apud Redgrave: Fin. Suff. 18 Edw. I. n. 183, de duabus partibus maner. de Grotene et Semer, cum advocat. ecclesiarum: Pat. 18 Edw. I. m. 5, vel 6. Rec. in scacc. 18 Edw. I. Mich. rot. . Pat. 24 Edw. I. m. 18, pro amerc. clerici mercat. Pat. 25 Edw. I. p. 1, m. . pro tertia parte maner. de Semere et Grotene: Plac. in banco, 27 Edw. I. rot. 18, de dicta iii. parte maner. de Semer et Groten: Escaet. Suff. 28 Edw. I. n. 134. Pat. 28 Edw. I. n. . Escaet. Suff. 31 Edw. I. n. 97, de mess. et c. acris terræ, &c. in Wolpet: Escaet. Suff. 32 Edw. I. n. 140. Escaet. Suff. 33 Edw. I. n. 126. Cart. 33 Edw. I. n. 17, de ten. in Westgate street: Pat. 35 Edw. I. m. 2 vel 3.

"Cart. 2 Edw. II. n. 12, pro maner. de East Bradenham Norf. ex dono Hen. Lacy com. Lincoln. Fin. Norf. 2 Edw. II. n. 88, de eodem manerio. Pat. 2 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 12. Brev. reg. 6 Edw. II. Pasch. rot. 11. Pat. 6 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 2, licent. perquirendi xlii. per ann. Rec. in scacc. 7 Edw. II. Trin. rot. . Brev. 7 Edw. II. Mich. rot. 10. Cart. 8 Edw. II. n. 11, de libertat. Pat. 8 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 2, pro mess. et terris in Pakenham, Barton Magna, Rushbroke, Whepsted,

&c. *Ibid.* m. 7, pro terris in Rushbroke: Inquis. in com. Suff. 9 Edw. II. n. 197. Pat. 9 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 9, vel 10. Cart. 10 Edw. II. n. 19, de finibus et amerciamentis intra viij. hundred. Pat. 10 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 22, de terris in Mildenhale: Pat. 11 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 6, pro maner. de Stapelford Essex. Pat. 12 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 4, de mess. et terris in Rougham, Welnetham, &c.: Pat. 13 Edw. II. m. 5, de excambio inter abbatem et rectorem ecclesiæ de Suthrey Norf.: Pat. 14 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 7, de mess. et terris in Horningsheath: Pat. 15 Edw. II. p. 3, m. 2, vel 3: Inquis. Suff. 16 Edw. II. n. 134. Pat. 16 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 13, pro terris in Whipstead: Inquis. Suff. 17 Edw. II. n. 171: Rec. in scacc. 17 Edw. II. Trin. rot. 10. Fin. Suff. 18 Edw. II. n. 171. Pat. 18 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 16, pro terris et libertat. faldæ in Westow: Rec. in scacc. 19 Edw. II. Mich. rot. Cart. 19 Edw. II. n. 5, pro cognitione omnium placitorum infra villam S. Edmundi, &c.

"Pat. 2 Edw. III. p. 2, m. . d. Escaet. Suff. 3 Edw. III. n. 72. Pat. 3 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 30. Rec. in scacc. 3 Edw. III. Pasch. rot. de cuneo apud Bury: Pat. 4 Edw. III. p. 1, m. . Rot. Rom. 4 Edw. III. m. 3, pro eccl. de Rugham et Thurston appropriandis: Cart. 4 Edw. III. n. 43, pro lib. war. in Lx. maner. in com. Suff. in xi. in Norf. III. in Essex, &c. *Ibid.* n. 58, pro libertat. in qua recit. due cartæ Saxonice R. Canuti, et quinque R. Edw. Conf. Pat. 5 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 1, p. 2, m. ult. vel penult. Claus. 5 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 11 d. Plac. de banco, 7 Edw. III. Hill. rot. 178, de allocat. libertat. Cart. 10 Edw. III. n. 39, pro forisfacturis, catallis felonum, &c. infra viii. hundred. et dimid. Rec. in scacc. 11 Edw. III. Hill. rot. . Claus. 14 Edw. III. m. 40, de cuneo ibidem habendo: Pat. 14 Edw. III. p. 2, m. . de leta abbatibus in Mildenhale: Pat. 15 Edw. III. p. 3, m. 3, vel 4. Pat. 18 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 29, et p. 2, m. 14. Plac. coram reg. 19 Edw. III. Mich. rot. 114, in quo processus et judicium contra Will. episc. Norwic. pro attemptatis contra exemptiones abbatibus et conventus: Rec. in scacc. 21 Edw. III. Mich. rot. . Escaet. Suff. 24 Edw. III. n. 22. Pat. 24 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 25. Cart. 25, &c. Edw. III. n. 3, pro audiendo et terminando plac. coronæ, &c. et habendo coronatores infra burgum: *Ibid.* n. 24, de libertat. Pat. 26 Edw. III. p. 3, m. 10, de libertat. abbat. allocandis inter Copleston, et molendinum de Wirlingham, et in villa de Beccles: Fin. Suff. 27 Edw. III. n. 130, pro terris et reddit. in Risby, Flempton, &c. Pat. 27 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 3, pro eccl. de Fulborn approprianda: *Ibid.* p. 2, m. 19 et ult. de firma de Chelishworth: Escaet. Suff. 29 Edw. III. n. 8. Pat. 29 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 26. *Ibid.* p. 3, m. 7. Pat. 31 Edw. III. p. 3, m. 12, vel 13. Pat. 35 Edw. III. m. 5, vel 6. Escaet. Suff. 36 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 36. Pat. 36 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 28. Rec. in scacc. 36 Edw. III. Hill. rot. . Pat. 37 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 35 et 38. Escaet. Suff. 38 Edw. III. n. 41. Pat. 38 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 40, vel 43, pro maner. de Hege-sete: Rec. in scacc. 40 Edw. III. Hill. rot. 11. Pat. 42 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 17, vel 18. Rec. in scacc. 42 Edw. III. Pasch. rot. . Fin. Suff. 43 Edw. III. n. 82, de Netherhall in Pakenham: Pat. 43 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 41. Pat. 45 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 37. Rec. in scacc. 47 Edw. III. Hill. rot. 7. Escaet. Suff. 49 Edw. III. p. 1, n. 70, de officio seneschalli abbatie et de vadiis ejus.

"Escaet. Suff. 3 Ric. II. n. 155. Pat. 3 Ric. II. p. 2, m. 24. Claus. 6 Ric. II. p. 2, m. 4. Rec. in scacc. 7 Ric. II. Trin. rot. 13. Cart. 7 et 8 Ric. II. n. 11. Claus. 7 Ric. II. m. 26, de maner. de Netherhall in Pakenham: Claus. 8 Ric. II. m. 36, quod homines villæ de Bury solebant solvere c. marc. cuilibet abbati noviter creato: Pat. 8 Ric. II. p. 2, m. 33. Fin. Suff. 9 Ric. II. n. 135. Pat. 10 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 4, vel 5. Pat. 13 Ric. II. p. 3, m. 13, pro Huntingfield Hall in East Bradenham Norf. Pat. 14 Ric. II. p. 2, m. 35, pro eadem: Escaet. Suff. 14 Ric. II. n. 99. Pat. 16 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 25. Fin. Suff. 16 Ric. II. n. 65, de terris in Rougham et Rushbrook: Pat. 22 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 16, pro eccl. de Thirston et Herlaw approprianda.

"Rec. in scacc. 1 Hen. IV. Trin. rot. 6. Cart. 1 Hen. IV. p. 2, n. 2. Pat. 5 Hen. IV. p. 2, m. 30, pro bosco de Bradfield S. Clere: Cart. 6 et 7 Hen. IV. n. 1, pro feria infra villam S. Edmundi: Inquis. Suff. 7 Hen. IV. n. 309: Pat. 7 Hen. IV. p. 2, m. 31. Cart. 13 et 14 Hen. IV. n. 5, pro ii. mercat. et feriis apud Mildenhall.

"Pat. 1 Hen. V. p. 4, m. 12, vel 13. Rec. in scacc. 1 Hen. V. Mich. rot. 12. Rec. in scacc. 7 Hen. V. Mich. rot. 27 pro terris in Ikingham.

"Pat. 2 Hen. VI. p. 2, m. 38. Rec. in scacc. 14 Hen. VI. Hill. rot. 23, pro maner. de Alston in Aketon: Fin. Suff. 17 Hen. VI. n. 116, pro ten. in Beccles. Pat. 22 Hen. VI. p. 2, m. 10, pro maner. de Aspals, Aldreds in Fornham, Stanes, &c.: Pat. 23 Hen. VI. p. 2, m. 5. Claus. 27 Hen. VI. m. 19, de Jeralds hill in Beccles: Pat. 27 Hen. VI. p. 1, m. 4. Cart. 27 Hen. VI. n. 17, pro i. mercat. et duabus feriis apud Harlow, Essex. Pat. 27 Hen. VI. p. 1, m. 4. Pat. 28 Hen. VI. p. 2, m. 4, vel 5. Pat. 32 Hen. VI. p. 2, m. 25. Pat. 37 Hen. VI. p. 1, m. 7, pro ten. in Mildenhall: Pat. 38 Hen. VI. p. 2, m. ult. vel penult. Pat. 49 Hen. VI. m. 1.

"Pat. 2 Edw. IV. p. 6, m. 21. Pat. 7 Edw. IV. p. 2, m. 5. Rec. in scacc. 9 Edw. IV. Pasch. rot. 9 et 11. Pat. 20 Edw. IV. p. 2, m. 26, exemplif. decreti in camera stellata pro plenaria jurisd. abbatibus super homines villæ."

The very curious volume of ancient Charters in the Cottonian library marked Augustus II. contains the following of St. Edmund's Bury:

1. An ancient copy of Canute's charter, confirming the liberties and privileges of the monastery, num. 8.

2. The charter from William the Conqueror, declaring the abbey to be exempt from the jurisdiction of the bishops of Norwich, Latin and Saxon, num. 25.

In Leland's Itinerary, edit. Oxford, 1769, vol. iv. p. 164, is the following Letter in behalf of that learned antiquary, probably written to St. Edmundsbury by Lord Cromwell. Leland's commission was dated in 1533.

"In right hearty manner I commend me on to yow. And where as Master Leylande at this præsente tyme cummith to Byri to see what bookes be lefte yn the library there, or translatid thens ynto any other corner of the late monastery, I shaul desier yow upon just consideration right redily to forder his cause, and to permitte hym to have the use of such as may forder hym in setting forth such matiers as he writith for the king's majeste. In so doying ye shaul bynde me to show on to yow at al tymes like gratitude: for if I were present at this tyme with yow I wold gladly my selfe fulfil his honeste requeste. Thus fare ye wel this ix. of Novembre at Barnewelle."

The only books, however, which Leland appears to have noticed here, were these:

"Abbo Floriacensis de vita S. Edmundi martyris, ad Dunstanum archi. Cantuar.

Simplicius super Prædicamenta.

Passio Demetrii martyris ad Carolum Magnum, autore Anastasio.

Meditationes Alexandri Necham de mirabili conversione Magdalenæ.

Epistolæ Flacci Albin, sive Alcuini.

Monegaldus super Epistolas Pauli.

Adelardi Bathoniensis liber de Naturis Rerum, instar dialogi. Vixit tempore Henrici primi.

Robertus Melundinensis, episcopus Herfordensis, super Sententias, sive de Sacramentis Veteris Testamenti. Scripsit duo pulcherrima juxta ac doctissima volumina.

Trivet super libros Boetii de Consolatione Philosophiæ.

Waleys super Psalterium.

Ryngsted super Proverbia Solomonis.

Kilwardby super Ezechielem.

Necham super Cantica.

Utredu, monachus Dunelmensis, de esu et abstinencia carni.

Idem de variatione professionis Monachorum et aliorum.

Codex vetustissimus Salustii.

Aldelmus de Virginitate, carmine.

Aldelmi Enigmata.

Leges Longobardorum.

Vitruvius de Architectura.

Freculphi Historia ab orbe condito ad Christum. Est et conventui, in bibliotheca monachorum, Historia recentiorum temporum, autore Freculpho.

Hovedeni Historia incipiens a Beda."

Several volumes from St. Edmund's Bury library not mentioned in the above list, afterwards passed into that of King Henry the Eighth, and are now preserved in the royal

collection of manuscripts in the British Museum. The manuscript 2 E. ix. "Johannis de Alba Villa Homiliæ," of the fourteenth century, has this written at the beginning, "Hunc librum fecit scribi Guido precentor, quem qui alienaverit a domo Sancti Edmundi, anathema sit." The manuscript 7 B. ix. of the thirteenth century contains a tract of Dionysius the Areopagite, "de divinis Hominibus," six of St. Augustine's treatises, "Johannes Damascenus de Fide Orthodoxa," and a large assemblage of the pieces of Archbishop Anselm. Other manuscripts formerly belonging to the monastery will be found in MSS. Reg. 8 C. iv. 8 E. x. 10 B. xii. 11 B. iii. 12 C. vi. 12 E. xv.

Among the SEALS belonging to ST. EDMUND'S BURY ABBEY, Cole, in the xxxviii volume of his manuscripts, mentions one of an oval form, probably of the time of abbat Hugh, or earlier. It represented a King seated upon a throne or stool, with a sceptre in one hand and a mound in the other; and only this remaining of the inscription: SIGIL REGIS . ET . MARTYRIS. A less perfect impression of this same Seal is engraved by Dr. Yates, in the last figure at the bottom of his Plate of Seals in the History of St. Edmund's Bury.

A later and a grander Seal in point of form, nearly perfect, is preserved in the British Museum, appendant to a deed of the 9th of Henry the Eighth.^b In the area of the obverse is a façade, as of the entrance to some Gothic building, separated into three compartments, which terminate in pointed arches, surmounted by a spire, having the figure of a cock at the top. In the centre compartment was formerly a figure of St. Edmund, crowned, bearing an arrow in his right hand. The two side arches contain other figures of kings, seated, crowned and sceptred, possibly intended for Canute and King Edward the Confessor. The inscription round is, SIGILLVM . CONVENTVS . ECCLES MVNDI . REGIS . ET . MARTIR . . The area of the reverse represents a kind of saltire wavy. In the upper part is represented the first person of the Trinity, seated, and bearing a crown; a cherub placed on each side. In the middle of the saltire two angels appear, carrying the soul of St. Edmund to heaven to receive the crown: while at bottom, a soldier is represented as having just severed St. Edmund's head from his body with a sword; a wolf guarding the head. The inscription round this side is,

TELIS . CONFODIT . VNVM . IMVNDVS . ET . ENSE . FE
BESTIA . QVEM . MVNIT . QERE . HVNC . CELESTIB⁹ VN . . .^d

The legend here represented has been already explained in the account of St. Edmund. The drawing of this Seal, in the Museum, which has been made for the present Work, has been completed from a fragment appendant to the Surrender of the monastery in the Augmentation Office. Beside the inscriptions on each side, already given, the Museum impression has the remains of an inscription running

3. A grant of immunities to the monastery from King Edward the Confessor in the time of abbat Baldwin. In Saxon, num. 49.

4. A short charter of K. Edward the Confessor, in Saxon, "y Leofstan abb. y ealle þa ge bpoþra on Eadmundes byrig. beon heopa salve y heopa socne purþe oþer ealle heopa agene menn." num. 80.

5. A kind of note or memorandum concerning lands granted by Thurketul: viz. "Dij yendan þa land þe Ðupkytel ge an Gode y þe'e Marjan y þe'e Eadmundes y 17 y land æt Culepore y þis agen þer ypa hit ycent mid mete y mid mannun y mid rake y mid þene y eal y land æt þrude þellan. y y land æt Gyseþeore ypa hit ycent mid mete y mid mannun." Below, in a hand somewhat later, is written "Quicumque hanc cartam Ðupcetelli ab ecclesia Sancti Edmundi alienaverit anathema sit." num. 84.

6. The will of Ælfric, bishop as it should seem of Elmham, bequeathing his lands chiefly to the monastery of St. Edmund. Dr. Hickeys assigns this instrument to the time of Harold the son of Canute (See Hickeys, Thesaur. tom. ii. p. 262,) num. 85.

Other Charters in the Cottonian Collection are:

xi. 20. Bulla Bonifacii papæ Willielmo abbati concessa, absolvens omnes et singulos monachos S. Edmundi de Bury ab omnibus excommunicationum sententiis aut aliis censuris aut pœnia. An. 1 Bonif. viii. PP.

xxi. 6. Carta Ordingi abbatis ecclesiæ S. Eadmundi Alberico comiti Giamensi per concessum totius conventus de toto feudo et servitio Rogeri de Ver avunculi sui sicut tenet de honore S. Eadmundi viz. per servitium unius militis et dimidii, et de toto feudo et servitio Alani filii Frodonis sicut tenet de honore S. Eadmundi, viz. per ser-

vitium iiii. militum, et insuper singulis annis c. de camera abbatis. Sine anno.

xxi. 7. Carta Johannis abbatis monasterii de Bury liberis tenentibus manerii de Melford concessa. Dat. 28 Julii an 9 Hen. VIII.

Beside these, there are the following articles scattered in different volumes of the Cottonian manuscripts:

MS. Cotton. Vitell. F. xii. fol. 195. Prima libertas concessa clericis sæcularibus custodientibus corpus S. Edmundi (in tribus membranis valde corrugatis).

Ibid. fol. 198. Placita varia ad abbatiam et conventum pertinentia: in membr.

MS. Cotton. Faustina B. iv. fol. 193. Inquisitio facta anno 3 Edw. III. de effractione et expilatione thesaurariæ abbatis S. Edmundi.

In the Harleian collection of Charters we have,

44 D. 22. Carta Hugonis abbatis S. Edmundi Helie pincernæ de lxxx. acris terræ de sartis de bosco quod dicebatur Leidenhala in Pachenhama,

44 D. 23—30. Releases for small sums, t. Hen. VI. during the abbacy of William Curteys.

Cart. Antiq. Mus. Brit. L. F. C. xxix. 3. Carta Stephani regis Angliæ O. abbati Sancti Eadmundi de tenementis de quibus Bald. fil. Gaufr. et Ricolda mater ejus saisi fuerunt de feodo S. Edmundi.

^a LeI. Collect. edit. Lond. 1770, tom. iv. pp. 162, 163.

^b Cart. Antiq. Mus. Brit. Cotton. xxi. 7. already noticed above.

^c sc. FECUNDUM.

^d VNVM.

round the edge of the Seal, in the same manner as round the edge of a half-crown: a singularity not very common among monastic Seals.

A third Seal, the "SECRETUM" of the Convent, of an oval form, is preserved in the Augmentation Office, appendant to a lease dated 26th April, 25th Hen. VIII. whereby John the abbat, with the assent and will of the prior and convent, demise to William Balkey a piece of meadow, lying in the meadow called "Sextens mede medowe," for five years, at the rent of 16s. 8d. On the front, the upper part of which is divided from the lower by a kind of trefoil arch, is represented St. Edmund bound to a tree, with the Danes shooting arrows at him: below, the severance of St. Edmund's head is represented, with the wolf, similar to the bottom compartment of the Seal last described. The inscription on this side is, SIGNVM . SECRETVM . CAP'LI . SANCTI . EDMVNDI . REGIS . ET . MARTIRIS. The reverse represents the royal saint seated beneath a Gothic canopy, with a bishop on either side: inscribed AGMINE . STIPATVS . SEDET . ED . REX . PONTIFICATVS. It is engraved at the top of Dr. Yates's Plate of Seals.

Of the Seals of individual abbats, Battely* describes one of *abbat Sampson*, formerly if not now in the archives of Christ-Church Canterbury. The front of the Seal represented the abbat, mitred, with a crozier in the right hand and a book in his left, inscribed SIGILLVM . SAMSONIS . DEI . GRATIA . ABBATIS . S. EDMVNDI. On the reverse, the Agnus Dei and cross, with the inscription, SECRETVM . SAMSONIS . ABBATIS, round.

Dr. Yates has engraved one of *abbat Hugh*: bearing in the area a figure, precisely answering the description of that of abbat Sampson, with the exception that a cap appears upon the head instead of a mitre; inscribed SIGILLVM . HVGONIS . ABBATIS . SANCTI . EDMVNDI. A less perfect copy of this Seal, described by Mr. Cole, had a small round impression at the back of a man's head, with the words SECRETVM . ABBATIS round it.

A portion of a small Seal of *abbat Curteis* is engraved in Sir John Cullum's History of Hawsted, edit. 4to. Lond. 1813, Pl. III. fig. 4, p. 111. The part which remains represents St. Edmund's head found by the wolf, with the words *here, here*, above. Of the legend round, *S* *Sancti Curteis* is all that is now visible.

Appendant to the same Instrument, in the Cottonian Collection of Charters, which bears the larger Seal of the abbey already described, is a large fragment of an oval Seal of *abbat John de Melford*, or *Reve*. This also has three figures within Gothic arches or tabernacles in the area, of which St. Edmund only can now be identified, crowned, and bearing a sceptre in one hand and an arrow in the other. In the exergue is the half figure of an abbat, mitred and croziered: having the arms of the convent on the dexter, and the arms of England on the sinister side. All that remains of the inscription, in black letter, is *abbat' m' burg sci Edmundi* Another Seal of abbat Melford is preserved, appendant to a Deed in the Chapter-house at Westminster. The form and device are similar to the one just described, except that the representation in the centre niche is of St. Edmund shot at with arrows; each of the other divisions containing a king crowned. The inscription also varies: SIGILLVM . JOHIS . MILFORDE . ABBATIS . SCI . EDMVNDI . DE . BURY.

The Seal of *Walter de Banham*, the sacrist of the abbey in the time of Henry the First, was oblong, representing a wolf under a tree, holding in his paws St. Edmund's head. The inscription: OSTENDVNT . SIGNVM . GALTERI . REX . LVPA . LIGNVM. It is engraved in the XVth volume of the Archaeologia of the Society of Antiquaries, Pl. xxxv.^b

William of Worcester, in his Itinerary, gives two statements of the dimensions of the abbey church of St. Edmund's Bury, taken in the fifteenth century, which, if not completely reconcileable, at least give an approximation to the actual measurements:

"Longitudo curiæ magnæ infra precinctum monasterii de Berye 210 gressus. Latitudo ejus 120 gressus.

"Longitudo et latitudo quadrangularis Claustrii Bury continet ex omni parte 80 gressus.

"Longitudo navis ecclesiæ monasterii Bery continet 150 gressus m.

"Longitudo spaciî campanilæ in medio ecclesiæ navis, a dicto numero 150 gressus, continet 20 gressus. Latitudo brachii meridionalis ecclesiæ a pede campanilis ad portam meridionalem continet 43 gressus.

"Longitudo chori a pede orientali campanilæ prædictæ usque ad capellam beatæ Mariæ continet 70 gressus.

"Et sic tota Ecclesia Monasterii cum choro et campanile continet 240 gressus meos.

"Longitudo Capellæ beatæ Mariæ ex parte boreali chori, ubi Thomas Beauford jacet sepultus, continet 40 gressus. Latitudo ejus continet 21 gressus.

"Longitudo de le chapter-hous continet 50 gressus. Latitudo ejus 20 gressus.

"Longitudo de le frayter continet 171 pedes, 90 gressus; latitudo 21 gressus. Latitudo ejus 40 pedes.

"Longitudo Cryptæ capellæ beatæ Mariæ subtus scrinio Sancti Edmundi continet 50 gressus. Latitudo ejus 40 gressus, et ibi est fons pulcherrimus. Dedicatio dictæ Cryptæ beatæ Mariæ v. die Novembris. Et in dicto spatio sunt xxiv. columpnæ."^c

"Anno Christi 1479. Ecclesia de Bury, mense Maii.

"Longitudo ecclesiæ Sancti Edmundi de Bury continet 240 gressus, videlicet a capella beatæ Mariæ usque ad portam occidentalem.

"Latitudo navis Ecclesiæ continet 46 gradus cum duobus elys.

"Latitudo chori cum duobus elys continet 42 gradus.

"Longitudo de le chapitell-hous continet 60 gradus. Latitudo ejus continet 20 gradus.

"Longitudo magnæ curiæ continet 240 gradus.

"Longitudo claustrii ex omni parte continet 90 gradus."^d

Battely, in his Antiquitates S. Edmundi Burgi, gives a plan drawn by Mr. afterwards Sir James Burrough, in 1718, according to William of Worcester's first statement: this stands corrected in the Archaeologia of the Society of Antiquaries, vol. iii. p. 311, by Mr. Edward King, who, after an accurate examination of the foundations of the abbey in the summer of 1772, showed that there were formerly two chapels in the abbey church dedicated to the Virgin Mary: one, of small dimensions, behind the high altar; the other, in which Thomas duke of Exeter was buried, on the north side of the choir: the latter extending from the cross aisle to the fourth pillar from the east end of the choir; and totally omitted in Sir James Burrough's plan. Mr. King also marked with dotted lines another unnoticed chapel, terminating in a semicircular bow, the foundations of which were laid open at the same time, on the east of the north transept.

The church, constructed in the form of a cross, had two octagon towers and a centre tower, at the west front; and another tower between the nave and choir. At the east end, which was circular, was St. Edmund's shrine, richly adorned with gold and jewels.^e The walls of the church were of flint and boulder, immensely thick, cased with hewn stone from Bernak quarries in Northamptonshire. The abbey precinct was enclosed by a lofty wall. Of three gates of entrance, the principal one, which opened into a court-yard in front of the abbat's palace, still re-

* Antiq. S. Edm. Burgi, p. 86.

^b It is also engraved by Dr. Yates. Among the lands with which the sacrist's office was endowed, were those of Haberdon; the tenants of which were bound to provide a white bull, as often as any matron of rank or other female should come, out of devotion, to make what were called the oblations of the white bull at the shrine of St. Edmund. On this occasion, the animal, adorned with ribbons and garlands, was brought to the South gate of the monastery, and led along Church-gate, Guildhall, and Abbey-gate streets to the great West gate; the lady, all the time, keeping close to the animal. Here the procession ended. The bull was

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returned to its pasture, and the lady made her offerings at the shrine, in hope of becoming a mother. A copy of one of the abbey leases, with this condition annexed, will be found in the Appendix, Num. XLII.

^c Itin. Will. de Worcestre, p. 257.

^d Ibid. p. 308.

^e Weaver, Fun. Mon. p. 722, says, "If you demand how great the wealth of this abbey was, a man could hardly tell, and namely how many gifts and oblations were hung upon the tombe alone of Saint Edmund." From Registrum Croftis we learn, that the "Obventiones Feretri S. Edmundi," about the time of King Edward IVth, were rated at 40l.

mains; and is certainly the richest relic now existing of the former magnificence of the abbey. It was built subsequent to the destruction of the ancient entrance in 1327; and bears, among other shields of arms, the coat of Thomas de Brotherton earl of Norfolk, half-brother to King Edward the Second.

Weever says, Harvey the sacrist "compassed the burgh about with a wall, whereof their remaine still some few reliques, and abbat Newport walled the abbey." He adds, "Whiles they laid the foundation of a new chappell, in the reign of Edward the First, there were found (as Eversden a monke of this place writeth) the walles of a certaine old church, built round, so as that the altar stood (as it were) in the mids, and we verily thinke, saith he, it was that which was first built to Saint service."^a

During the prosperity of the abbey, it comprehended within its precincts, beside the conventual church, three others, St. Margaret's, St. Mary's, and St. James's. The first of these has been converted into a town-hall. The

others are the churches of the two parishes into which Bury is divided. A Norman tower, leading by a gate-way into the abbey yard, called Church-gate, has long served for a steeple to St. James's church, though at the distance from it of at least thirty feet. On the 5th of November, 1818, a considerable portion of the grand arch on the east side of this gate-way fell down, weakening the upper part of the tower, which exhibits two fissures of considerable length.

The uncovering of the foundations of St. Edmund's Bury abbey, in 1772, has been already incidentally noticed. Mr. Gough, in his *Additions to Camden*, says, the whole area was at that time traceable. Other excavations are said to be at present going on, under the direction of a Mr. Benjafield, who at present occupies a part of the site; the whole of which is the property of the earl of Bristol.

The *Benedictine Nunnery* of THETFORD, which was in part dependant upon the abbey of St. Edmund's Bury, will be spoken of hereafter in its proper place.

Cartae ad Coenobium S. Edmundi in agro Suffolciensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

[Math. Westmon. pp. 319, 320, 321.]

INGUAR igitur, cum de strage suis illata inconsolabiliter anxietur, venit ad eum apud Thedforde Hubba frater ejus, qui jam Merciam totam depopulaverat, cum x. millibus armatorum, et sic unctis viribus, ut se vindicaret, in sanctum regem Eadmundum castra moventes ad Heglesdunam villam, ubi rex beatissimus Eadmundus tunc erat, celementer pervenerunt. Tunc tyrannus Hinguar jussit, circumcingi regem cum turba, ne quidem unus ex omnibus elaberetur vivus. Sanctus itaque rex Eadmundus, cum se ab hostibus undique vallatum cognosceret, de consilio Humberti, Helmhamensis episcopi confugit ad ecclesiam, ut se membrum Christi ostenderet, et armis temporalibus projectis, coelestia induit, humiliter Patrem, et Filium, cum Sancto Spiritu deprecans, ut sibi in passione constantiam largiretur: igitur a ministris iniquitatis clementissimus rex Eadmundus ab ecclesia truculenter extrahitur, loris dirissimis coarctatus, et sicut Christus ante Pilatum praesidem, ita ducitur Eadmundus ante iniquum ducem, cupiens ejus sequi vestigia, qui pro nobis immolatus est hostea. Quo jubente, ad arborem quandam, quae non multum aberat, religatus, diutissime flagellatur, multisque modis illuditur. Sed invictus athleta Christi Eadmundus, inter flagella, Christum semper invocando flebilibus vocibus, tortores suos compulit in furorem. Et ad ipsum tunc arcubus, quasi ad signum, ludendo, totum corpus ejus telis confodiunt et sagittis. Nec erat locus in corpore martyris vacuus, cui novum posset imprimi vulnus. Nam, sicut hericius in cute densis armatur spinis, ita corpus invicti regis spiculis configitur sagittarum. Cumque nec sic Hinguar carnifex truculentus sanctum martyrem Eadmundum a fide Christi, et confessione trinitatis potuit separare, ut suis iniquis persuasionibus praeberet assensum, protinus lictori mandat, ut ense cruento martyris caput praedicat: at lictor sanctum de stipite truculenter avulsum, inter verba orationis, et confessionis Christi nominis, unico ictu ipsum decapitando, xij. kal. Decemb. gratissimum Deo holocaustum, igne passionis exanimatum, cum palma victoriae, et corona justitiae transmisit ad caelum.

Corpus verò martyris, ministri diaboli, capite truncatum, relinquentes, et in sylvam cui Heglesdune nomen est, asportantes, inter densa veprium fruteta projecerunt. Adhuc enim laborabant lanistae iniqui, ne à Christianis, quos paucos superstites reliquerant, corpus martyris sepulturæ, ut decebat, cum capite traderetur. Didicerant namque Hinguar et Hubba, piratae nequissimi, in sylvam jam dictam, olim de medio sublatum fuisse Lothbrocum patrem suum. Unde falsa suggestionem Berni venatoris beato regi et martyri Eadmundo talionem reddere cupientes, in sylvam eadem caput ejus ignominiosè projecerunt, avibusque cœli tradentes et bestiis devorandum. Passus est autem cum sanctissimo rege Eadmundo comes ejus individuus Humbertus Helmhamensis antistes, qui regem eundem in regni fastigium sublimaverat, et constantia invicti regis ad martyrium animatus, cum ipso est regni cœlestis possessor effectus. Sicque rege beatissimo ad cœlestia translato, pagani nimium gloriantes hyemaverunt in regione illa, expulsis paucis indigenis, qui superstites cladi præcedenti fuerunt. Eodem anno Ceolnothus Cantuariensis archiepiscopus, diem clausit extremum, cui successit Æthelredus vir venerandus, et in rebus divinis sufficienter eruditus.

Cum igitur post martyrium beatissimi regis Eadmundi, fratres Hinguar, et Hubba, Deo odibiles, hyemale tempus in regione Estanglorum, prædis vacantes et rapinis, jam pro parte expleverant, venit ibidem ad eos Gytro quidam de regibus Danorum potentissimus, ut cum prædictis fratribus hyemaret. Superveniente itaque tempore vernali, omnes pagani ab Estanglia pariter recesserunt. Quo audito, Christiani undecumque de latibulis erumpentes, summopere satagebant, ut caput beati regis Eadmundi inventum, reliquo corpore uniretur, et sepulturæ corpus integrum, more regio, traderetur. Cumque omnes pari affectu ad id concurrerent, et sylvas perlustrando caput martyris diligenter quærerent, res contigit dictu mirabilis, et sæculis inaudita: nam cum caput quærendo inter silvas, et vepulibus densitate, socii ad socios mutuis clamoribus patria lingua *ubi es, ubi es*, interrogarent, caput martyris eadem lingua respondens dixit, *her, her, her*, quod Latine dicitur *hic, hic, hic*. Nec cessavit eadem repetendo clamare, quousque singulos ad se perduxit. Ubi cum capite lupus ingens, et visu horribilis,

^a Weever, ut supr. See also Camd. Brit. edit. Gough, 1789, vol. ii. p. 73.

reperitus est, qui caput sacrum inter brachia complectens, beato martyri excubias impendebat. Assumentes itaque homines caput intrepidi, profusis Deo laudibus ad suum corpus detulerunt, subsequente lupo illos usque ad locum sepulturæ. Tunc caput corpori conjungentes in mausoleo competenti, illa pariter concluderunt. Quo facto lupo dilectæ solitudinis secreta petivit. Constructa est autem in eodem loco, pauperrimo opere, à fidelibus ecclesiola, ubi postea per multa annorum curricula corpus sanctissimum requievit. Passus est autem beatissimus rex et martyr Eadmundus, anno gratiæ dcccclxx. anno ætatis suæ xxix. regni verò sui anno xvj. die xij. kal. Decemb. feria secunda indictione tertia, Luna existente vicesima secunda.

Lapso deinde multorum intervallo annorum, sedatis penitus bellorum incendiis, cepit fidelium pietas respirare, qui in loco, ubi corpus martyris requievit, Hoxon nunc ab incolis nuncupato, visis creberrimis miraculorum signis, in villa regia, quæ lingua Anglorum Beodrichesworth, Latine verò Beodrici curtis sive habitatio nominatur basilicam per maximam construxerunt, et ad illam sanctum martyrem in magno tripudio transtulerunt. Sed mirum dictu contigit.

Nam cum corpus martyris præciosissimum, ob spacium diuturni temporis putrefactum ab omnibus putaretur, ita integrum repertum est et illæsum, ut non solum caput corpori redintegratum et compaginatam sed omnino nihil in eo vulneris nihil apparuit cicatricis. Sicque Deo dignus martyr Eadmundus, viventi simillimus, ad locum memoratum est translatus, apparente in collo ejus signo martyrii per gyrum quasi filo coccineo, sicut testari solita fuit quædam beatæ recordationis fœmina, Oswen vocata, quæ ad sacrum martyris sepulcrum, jejuniis sæpè vacans et orationibus per multa annorum curricula, revulso beati martyris mausoleo in cena dominica, ejus attendendo capillos, et ungues præcidendo. Quæ omnia diligentèr colligens, et in capsella recondens, super altare illius ecclesiæ ponere consuevit, ubi usque in hodiernum diem veneratione debitâ conservantur.

[Lelandi Collectan. tom. iii. p. 73.]

ANNO Domini mxx. rex Cnuto, constructo regali monasterio, cum competentibus officinis in loco qui Bede-rickworth nuncupabatur, ubi rex et martir Eadmundus in corrupto corpore diem beatæ resurrectionis expectat, et monachos in eo instituit. Cœnobium quoque illud beati regis et martiris Eadmundi tot prædiis et bonis aliis ampliavit, ut omnibus fere Angliæ monasteriis in rebus temporalibus meritis præferatur.

[Will. Malmesb. fol. 41 a.]

— SUPRA corpus beatissimi Edmundi, quem antiquiores Dani interfecerant (rex Canutus) basilicam, animositate regiâ, construxit, abbatem et monachos instituit, prædia multa et magna contulit, præstat hodieque donorum ejus amplitudo integra, quod locus ille infra se aspiciet omnia penè Angliæ cœnobia.

[Ex Chron. S. Bened. de Hulmo in Bibl. Cottoniana.]

ANNO mxx. Cnuth rex Angliam rediit, et concilio cleri et reginæ Emmæ, et comitis Turkilli, monachos ad S. Edmundum constituit, clericis qui ibidem inordinatè vivebant ejectis; præfecitque eis abbatem Uvium quem a domo S. Benedicti de Hulmo cum xij monachis transtulerat.

Anno mxxj. Alwinus, Est-Anglorum episcopus, cepit construere ecclesiam S. Edmundi regis ad quem media pars librorum, et ecclesiasticorum ornamentorum à domo S. Benedicti est translata.

NUM. II.

Fundatio Ecclesiæ Sancti Edmundi.

[Ex Registro S. Benedicti de Hulmo in Bibliotheca Cottoniana, fol. 7 b.]

TEMPORIBUS primi Knut, magni regis Anglorum, et Danorum qui supra novem regna dominabatur, qui etiam Romæ scholam Anglicam constituit, et ad fovendam eam ex Anglia omni anno censum dari fecit, quod Anglicè dicitur Romescot, inventum est corpus sancti Edmundi regis

et martyris, absque reverentia et religione condigna, in monasterio sanctæ Mariæ ligneo apud villam Bedrichswrthe dictam sub secularium clericorum custodia conditum, qui beneficia eidem martyri collata et oblationes inter se dividebant et corpus sanctum absque condigno honore dimittebant. Concilio verò archiepiscoporum, episcoporum, abbatum clericorum, atque baronum totius Angliæ inito, præcepit rex, ut in prædicta basilica fierent monachi, qui die, nocteque ibidem Deo, et sanctæ Mariæ, devotè servirent, et corpus preciosi martiris, cum majori diligentia, et reverentia observarent. Placuit autem prædicto regi, et clero, cum primatu baronum, ut, ex ecclesia beati Benedicti de Hulmo, antiquitè constituta, illuc adducerentur monachi religiosi, et tali observatione, quod conventus Holmensis ecclesiæ in duas partes divideretur: et pars dimidia ad monasterium in villa Beotrici dirigiretur, et altera pars fratrum in ecclesia beati Benedicti remaneret.

Ea verò tempestate, viginti sex monachi, viri religiosi, et bonæ famæ in eadem ecclesia Deo et sancto Benedicto famulabantur; de illa verò parte dimidia fratrum ad Beotrici villam directam, vir prudens et honestus, Uvius nomine, prior fuit, qui postea, in monasterio Sancti Edmundi abbat extitit primus; et cum eo, alius frater, Leofstanus nomine, qui in eodem loco post ipsum Uvium abbas effectus est. Hæc autem sunt nomina aliorum undecim fratrum monachorum qui cum ipsis directi sunt: Agelwinus monachus et auriga Sancti Edmundi. Ælwardus valdè religiosus, Leosdenus decanus, Alfricus, Bondo, Edricus, Assiwoldus, Leofsinus, Sparhavocus, et pueri Oswoldus et Ordricus. Tota quidem supellex in domo Sancti Benedicti in libris et vestimentis, in vasis et ornamentis, et omnibus rebus similiter dividebatur, et pars dimidia illuc, cum eisdem fratribus, mittebatur: altera vero pars eidem domui reservabatur.

Crescente autem ibidem religione, talis observatio et familiaritas, inter utrasque ecclesias, scilicet, sancti Benedicti, et sancti Edmundi facta est, ut quicumque harum ecclesiarum, majori rerum copia videretur habundare, opulentior inferiore opibus relevaret. Simili quidem providentia pro defunctis invicem fratribus, in utroque monasterio fieret ut quantum pro semetipsis, tantum et pro illo persolverent, in missis et elemosinis et in omnibus aliis bonis Deo placitis. Quod usque in æternum, gratia Dei, observabitur firmiter. Si vero casu accidente, quod absit, quælibet prædictarum ecclesiarum combustione, vel guerra, vel aliquo gravi infortunio impediatur, pars dimidia conventus de altera ad alteram, consilio utrorumque abbatum et conventuum migrabit ecclesiam, et donec plenariè in pristino statu reformetur, tanquam fratres ejusdem ecclesiæ per omnia et in victu et in vestitu, pars illa participetur. In tanta etiam familiaritate, et affinitate consociantur hæc prædictæ ecclesiæ, ut si quis in aliquo gravi corrumpat flagitio, unde vel ab ecclesia sua expellatur, aut sponte decedat, et illuc confugerit, omni remota occasione, præter prodicionem monasterii sui et abbatis, in altero monasterio tanquam unus frater loci illius collocetur.

NUM. III.

Quædam loci Memorabilia.

[Ex Registro Cœnobii S. Edmundi penes Robert. Bacon, equit. aur. fol. 214.]

CUM monasterium gloriosi regis et martyris Sancti Edmundi in quo incorruptum ipsius corpus requiescit humatum, à prima introductione monachorum, viz. à tempore regis Canuti, qui monachos in eodem primo instituit, extitit et est realiter et de facto notorièque exemptum, ut in charta dicti regis Canuti, qui cum assensu et decreto regni sui dominorum spiritualium et temporalium in suo pleno parlamento (prout sibi ad tunc et aliis licuit regibus quibuscunque, eo quod nullum pro tunc per summos Romanorum pontifices editum fuerat decretum sive decretale in oppositum) prædictum exemit monasterium, aliisque chartis regis et bullis papalibus patet manifestè, ita, videlicet, quod nullus archiepiscopus, sive episcopus, aliave persona ecclesiastica, vel minister regis ullam quomodolibet in eodem habere debet dominationem, sive exercere potestatem vel jurisdictionem.

Ac postea nonnulli reges et principes, alique regni proceres, ut Hardecanutus, præfati regis filius, gloriosusque rex sanctus Edwardus, Willielmus Conquestor et alii, quorum memoria sit in benedictione, prædicti regis Canuti vestigia imitantes, dictum monasterium bonis et possessionibus dotaverunt, ac privilegiis regis fortissimè munierunt. Nonnulli tamen Sathanæ satellites, spiritu ducti Sathanico, dicti monasterii infringere privilegia persæpe attemptaverunt. Inter quos Arfastus quidem et Willielmus Bateman, Norwicensis episcopi, specialiter sunt notati, qui tamen in foveam quam paraverant meritò inciderunt, ut quidem sequens processus postea declarabit; quia a seculo non est auditum, Quod quis sancti Edmundi monasterium læserit vel ejusdem monasterii privilegia infregerit, quin eum Dominus spiritu oris sui aut poenitentem correxit vel non correptum contriverit.

Cum ergo proverbialiter dicatur, "Jacula prævisa minus lædunt," Willielmus Curteys abbas ad memoriam reducens quædam gravamina nuper dicto monasterio illata, ac suos volens successores reddere cautiore, quædam privilegia dicti monasterii exemptionem specialius concernentia, una cum quodam processu de quibusdam gravaminibus contra prædicta privilegia per præfatos episcopos et alios, ut præmittitur, injustè attemptatis, posteros ne lateret, seriòse sub certa forma decrevit registrari. Et quanquam ab aquilone pandatur omne malum, sicut cum Petri navicula undis periclitata divinæ manus dante gratia non periit, sic gloriosi martyris sancti Edmundi monasterium, ipso intercedente à cunctis ventis aquilonaribus illæsum permanebit. Quidam enim Willielmus Alnwick, Norwicensis episcopus, tempore præfati Willielmi Curteys abbatis, contra privilegia et exemptionem monasterii voces emisit teterrimas, ventumque aquilonarem fortiter exufflavit, sed benedictus Deus, qui non deserit sperantes in se, in nobis adimplevit misericordiam suam ipsius maliciam gratiosè compescendo. Quidam etiam Clemens Denston, ipsius episcopi archidiaconus, et quidam Nicholaus Bakhot, contra exemptionem et privilegia ventum validum commoverunt, sed sancti Edmundi monasterium super firmam fundatum petram, ut mons stetit immobilis, faciesque ipsorum confusio cooperuit. Et quemadmodum Berith et Asteroth à facie fugierunt beati Bartholomæi apostoli, sic isti fugierunt impii nemine persequente. Deo tunc volente postea capti fuerunt et in foveam quam fecerant meritò inciderunt, &c.

[Ex eodem Registro, foll. 211, 212.]

INGWAR et Ubba, apud Thetford, junctis viribus, ad Eglesdene venientes sanctum Edmundum martyrizaverunt: occubuit sanctus Edmundus anno Domini dcccxx. et anno ætatis suæ xxix. et regni sui xv. xij. kalend. Decemb. sepultus fuit vero in eodem loco ubi occubuit et jacuit ibidem in terra defossus per xxxij. annos. Cæco igitur ibi sanato et multis jam factis miraculis, multitudo populi, non solum vulgi, sed etiam nobilium, construxit in villa de Bedricesworth, permaximam ligneo tabulatu basilicam, ad quam cum clero et pontifice transtulit eum de loco in quo sepultus erat post martyrium: cujus corpus cum capite unito ita incorruptum est repertum ac si eodem die fuisset sepultum, &c.

Tempore regis Ethelstani circa annum Domini dcccxxv. perpendentes quidam clerici martyrem magni esse meriti, sub ejus patrocinio devoverunt se Deo perpetuo famulari; fuerunt enim in principio vii. vel. viii. progressu verò temporis multiplicati sunt ad numerum xix. viventes de præbendis suis et oblationibus a fidelibus eidem loco collatis. Clarescentibus igitur miraculis, multa eidem cœnobio clericorum ob amorem sancti Edmundi sunt collata beneficia, inter quæ rex Edmundus filius regis Edw. primi et Edgari regis pater dedit sancto Edmundo et clericis suis villam de Bedricesworth cum charta quæ incipit, "Quamvis decreta," &c.

Anno Domini mx. et anno regni regis Etheldredi xxx. sanctus Edmundus, propter infestationem Turkilli comitis Danorum, London. est ab Ailwino translatus: sed tertio anno sequente ad Bedricesworth est reversus: anno quarto regis Canuti, idem rex Canutus ad magnam solertemque instantiam Ailwini præsulis Elmamensis, (cujus sedes episcopalis postea ad Thetford per Arfastum, et tandem per

Herbertum, Thetfordensem episcopum usque ad Norwicum extitit translata) clericis, qui adtunc apud Bedricesworth, quæ nunc villa sancti Edmundi nuncupatur, vitam actabant minùs regularem, ab inde expulsis et ejectis, monachos ordinis sancti Benedicti regulariter professos, abbatem nomine Uvium eis præficiendo ibidem introduxit, per cccxxxij. annos postquam Sigebertus rex East-anglorum, qui apud Bedricesworth prædictum monasterium construxerat, in quo accepta tonsurâ monachicâ eterno regi Christo per multorum annorum curricula fideliter deservivit, et tandem anno Domini dcxxxvij. a rege Mercior. Pendæ nomine, pagano et sacrilego fuerat interemptus, per cccxxxij. annos ante passionem gloriosi regis et martyris Edmundi superius memorati.

Quibus verò abbati et monachis sic ad dicti præsulis instantiam ibidem introductis, idem præsul munificet adtunc exemptionem concessit specialem, omnè videlicet jus suum et jurisdictionem, necnon omnibus dictum oppidum, sive in ejus circuitu per unius stadii ambitum inhabitantibus, ab ipsius episcopi successoribus, aut a quibuscunque aliis episcopis justè et legitime creatis et ordinatis, licentiam recipiendi omnia episcopalia sacramenta liberè concedendo. Necnon idem monasterium, abbatem, monachos, et oppidum cum omnibus et singulis in eodem oppido commorantibus à sua jurisdictione episcopali et omnium successorum suorum pro pertetuis extunc futuris temporibus gratanter eximendo. Hic insuper præsul magnificus videlicet Aldwin, anno primo immediatè sequente post introductionem monachorum apud sanctum Edmundum, videlicet anno Domini mxxj. construere cœpit ecclesiam sancti Edmundi regis et martyris antedicti in eodem scilicet loco in quo per Sigebertum regem antedictum primitus constructum erat monasterium, et in quo idem rex devotus habitu tectus monachico vitam duxit regularem, tempore Felicis East-anglorum episcopi, prout ex cronicis Crolandiæ atque Cestriæ colligitur manifestè. Cujus constructionis sumptus populus patriæ illius videlicet Norfolk. et Suffolc. quatuor denarios annuos de qualibet carrucata terræ, quod usque hodie Carucagium appellatur, ad fabricam ecclesiæ antedictæ pro perpetuo unanimi assensu et consensu concessit pariter et persolvit: ex qua quidem pecunia collecta incepta fuerat ecclesia sancti Edmundi antedicta. Quæ anno ab inceptatione ejusdem xij. videlicet anno Domini mxxxij. ab archiepiscopo Agelnotho in honore Christi, beatæ Mariæ, et sancti Edmundi extitit dedicata, in qua ad feretrum martyris gloriosi, ob ipsius reverentiam, plerique reges Angliæ suas transmittere coronas persæpe consueverunt.

Illustris rex Hardicanutus, regis Canuti filius, hæres, et successor, per chartam suam (inter alia) concessit, ut nullis archiepiscoporum aut episcoporum vel aliqua secundi ordinis eorum disciplinatu adhærentium personarum audens quoquo modo suæ constitutionis violare inditium præsumeret, quicquam consuetudinis sive dominationis in prædicto monasterio et villa prædicta sive super monachos clericos aut laicos proclamare, usurpare, justitiam aliquam facere, aut missas celebrare, nisi a præfati loci abbate specialiter fuerat invitatus, penam nimium formidabilem incursum, ac insuper regio fisco xxx. auri talenta persolvat, quæ in pecunia numerata reddunt et in se continent librarum decem millia. In qua pecuniæ summa quidam Norwicensis episcopus, prædictorum præcepti et decreti violator, temerariis suis exigentibus demeritis, quondam per placitum diuturnum ac tandem per judicium fuerat condemnatus. Extunc autem prædictorum regum nobilium successores egregii, ante decretorum sive aliorum canonum quorumcunque compilationem, præcepta et decreta prædicta benigne confirmaverunt.

Ut insuper omnium regum prædictorum præcepta et decreta per quemlibet eorum solidè confirmata perpetuis extunc futuris temporibus infringibilia et inconcussa valerent perdurare, Alexander papa secundus, anno pontificatus sui undecimo videlicet anno Domini mxxj. (per septinginta et octo annos ante compilationem decretorum vel aliorum canonum quorumcunque) ad instantiam præfati Willielmi regis et Conquestoris, ipsius regis Willielmi ac omnium aliorum regum suorum prædecessorum prædictorum præcepta et decreta per bullam suam confirmavit, cujus successor immediatus Gregorius papa septimus, Urbanus secundus, Calixtus secundus, ac nonnulli alii Romani pon-

tifices præfati Alexandri secundi præcepta per ipsorum omnium bullas confirmaverunt. Præterea Alexander papa tertius anno pontificatus sui xxx. videlicet anno Domini mclxiiij. et post compilationem decretorum xiiij. omnium prædecessorum suorum Romanorum pontificum ac etiam omnium regum prædictorum præcepta et decreta una cum regis Henrici secundi, adtunc apicem regni gubernantis, præcepto et decreto, firmiter roboravit et suis bullis authenticis de facto confirmavit. Processu verò temporis nonnulli ac pene omnes extunc summi Romani pontifices, ac omnes Angliæ reges nobilissimi omnium prædecessorum et progenitorum suorum præcepto et decreta in firma permanente stabilitate per suas bullas ac chartas speciales verissimè decreverunt.

NUM. IV.

Privilegium Eadmundi Regis.

[Ex Historia Mariani Scoti MS. in Bibliotheca Bodleina, V. 3, 7 Jur.]

ANNO Domini dccccxlv. Hoc etiam anno rex Eadmundus dedit hoc privilegium sancto Edmundo regi et martyri.

In nomine Sanctæ Trinitatis. Quamvis decreta pontificum et verba sacerdotum velut fundamenta montium in districtis ligaminibus fixa sint, tamen plerumque tempestate et turbine secularium rerum etiam religio sanctæ Dei ecclesiæ maculis reproborum dissipatur ac rumpitur. Incircò incertum futurorum temporum statum prævidentes, posteris succedentibus profuturum esse decrevimus, ut ea quæ communi tractu, salubri consilio, definiuntur, certis literulis roborata confirmentur.

Quapropter ego Eadmundus, rex Anglorum cæterarumque gentium in circuitu persistentium gubernator et rector, ad memoriam revoco gesta antecessorum meorum qui terrenis opibus ecclesias sanctorum ditaverunt, quorum exempla imitatus, ad monasterium quod situm est in loco qui dicitur Badericheswyrthe in quo sanctus Eadmundus rex et martyr quiescit corpore, terram quæ circa illum locum esse videtur libenter tribuo, et æternaliter persistat, eatenus ut illam ejusdem monasterii familia possideat, atque suis posteritatibus eadem dictione derelinquat. Sit autem prædicta terra libera ab omni mundali obstaculo cum omnibus quæ olim ad ipsum locum pertinere dinoscuntur, tam in magnis quàm in modicis rebus, campis, pascuis, pratis, silvis: et non reddat aliquod debitum nisi ad necessitatem familiæ ejusdem ecclesiæ. Si quis autem propria temeritate violenter præsumpserit nostram prænotatam donationem, sciat se proculdubio ante tribunal districti judicis titubantem tremebundumque rationem redditurum, nisi prius hîc digna satisfactione emendare maluerit.

Istis terminibus prædicta terra circumgyrata esse videtur.

Ðiŕ rýnden þa land gemæpo þe Æðmund kýng gebocade into sancte Æðmunde. Ðone iŕ þær æpeŕt rýþ be Ahte tpeouuan. 7 þonne up be Æalmunder tpeouuan. 7 rýa forþ to Orulŕer lea. 7 rýa forþ on gepuchte be manre hýllan. 7 þanan up to Hamar loba. 7 rýa forþ to pouer hazar. 7 rýa æfter þem uege to Litlandtune. 7 þonan oŕen þa ea æfter þam uege to Beptune bene. 7 rýa on gepuchte eaŕt to Holgate. 7 rýa forþ an fýrlanþ be eaŕten Bpomalga. 7 þonan rýþ to Niuanctune meadune.:

[Hoc est,

Hi sunt terræ termini, quam Ædmundus rex scripto contulit sancto Ædmundo. Imprimis igitur austrum versus per (cujusdam) Ahti arborem, et inde sursum per Eadmundi arborem, et sic deinceps ad Osulfi campum; et sic deinceps rectà per plures montes; et inde sursum ad Hamari fluentum; et sic deinceps ad quatuor sepes; et sic per viam ad Litlandtunam (i. e. modicam villam) et inde trans aquam per viam ad Bertunæ (i. e. villæ frumentariæ) vallem; et sic rectà orientem versus ad Holgatam (i. e. portam ad cavam) et sic deinceps uno stadio ad orientem Bromligæ (i. e. myricarum campi) et inde austrum versus ad Niwentunæ (i. e. villæ novæ) pratam.]

VOL. III.

Acta est hæc præfata donatio anno ab incarnatione Domini Jesu Christi dccccxliij. indictione iii.

Ego Eadmundus rex Anglorum præfatam donationem cum sigillo sanctæ crucis ✠ indeclinabiliter confirmavi. Ego Elfgiva regina firmiter confirmavi et corroboravi. Ego Odo, Doroborniensis ecclesiæ archiepiscopus ejusdem regis principatum et benevolentiam cum sigillo sanctæ crucis conclusi. Ego Theodred, Londoniensis ecclesiæ episcopus corroboravi. Ego Ælfheah, Wintoniensis ecclesiæ episcopus testitudinem sanctæ crucis subscripsi et confirmavi. Ego Kenwald episcopus, prædictum donum consensi. Ego Ælfric episcopus consignavi. Ego Ælfred episcopus confirmavi. Ego Burhric episcopus consensi. Ego Æthelgar episcopus roboravi. Ego Æthelwold episc. consignavi. Ego Athelm dux. Athelstan dux. Alfgar dux. Athelwold dux. Alhealm dux. Edmund miles. Alfgar miles. Ulfric miles. Wihtgar miles. Ælstan miles. Ælfred miles. Ælfheah miles. Æthelgeard miles. Æthered miles. Æthelsige miles. Ælfsige miles.

NUM. V.

Charta Canuti Regis inspecta et confirmata.

[Carta 8 Edw. II. n. 11, memb. 5. Vide etiam Cart. 7 & 8 R. II. n. 11.]

Rex archiepiscopis, &c. salutem. Inspeximus cartam quam bonæ memoriæ Knutus quondam rex Angliæ progenitor noster, fecit in hæc verba. 'In nomine poliarchis Jesu Christi Salvatoris mundi totiusque creaturæ creatoris cujus divino dominatui quæque dominationes debito servitio subnixæ deserviunt, cujus etiam omnipotentatui universi potentatus obsecundari examussim præproperant, quia bonitas ejus bonitatis est incomprehensibilis, et miseratio interminabilis, dapsilitas bonitatis ineffabilis, longanimitas quoque super pravorum nequitias quantitatis prolixitate cujuslibet longior, qui cotidianis admonitionibus religiosam conversationem ducentes monet ut piæ sectando justitiæ culturam, non eam deserendo linquant, quin potius perseverabili instantia in ejus cultura ut permaneant paterno affectu hortatur, qui nihilominus eadem affectione mandat peccatoribus ut respiciant à suis iniquitatibus convertentes, quia eorum execratur mortem.

Ejus amoris stimulo et fide suffultus, cujus largiflua miseratione ego Cnut rex totius Albionis insulæ aliarumque nationum plurimarum in cathedra regali promotus, cum consilio et decreto archiepiscoporum, episcoporum, abbatum, comitum, aliorumque omnium meorum fidelium elegi sancendum, atque perpeti stabilimento ab omnibus confirmandum, ut monasterium quod Badricesworde nuncupatur, sit per omne ævum monachorum gregibus deputatum, ad inhabitandum, et ab omni dominatione omnium episcoporum comitatus illius funditus liberum, ut in eo Domino servientes monachi sine ulla inquietudine pro statu regni Dominum prævaleant precari. Placuit etiam michi hanc optionis electionem roborare privilegio isto, in quo videre præcepi libertatis donum quod jam olim Eadmundus rex occidentalium Saxonum largitus est suo equivoco pro nanciscenda ejus gratiâ et mercede æterna, scilicet Eadmundo regi et martyri, quod bonæ voluntatis voto augere cupimus, quatinus ejus promereri precibus merear portionem ejus beatitudinis post hujus cursum vitæ.

Tali libertate concedo fundo frui illi, in quo idem sanctus pausat ut quoties populus universus persolvit censum Danis, vel ad naves, seu ad arma, persolvant inhabitantes in ipso fundo eadem ad usus quos elegerint fratres illius loci. Sitque nobis remedio hoc, michi quippe æque reginæ meæ Alfgifæ, ac filiis nostris, omnibusque qui pridem ei hoc contulerunt. Huic libertati concedo additamentum, scilicet maritimos pisces qui michi contingere debent annualiter per thelonei lucrum, et piscationem quam Ulfkitel habuit in villa et omnia jura quarumcumque causarum in villis quæ monasterio adjacent et quæ adjacendæ sunt per gratiam Dei. Dedi quoque reginæ meæ assensum, concedens ei, pro sua elemosina dare quatuor millia anguillarum cum muneribus quæ pertinent ad illas pro annuali censu in villa quæ cognominatur Lacynghythe.

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Si quislibet, quod absit, istam libertatem quoquolibet conatu nititur servitutis iugo subigere, vel prava intentione transmutare, ut rursus clericos in eo collocet, sit addictus captivitati æternæ, carens sempiterna libertate et mancipatus servitio diaboli ejusque consortio sit inextricabilibus habenis constrictus, nisi satisfactio ejus erratui subveniat quod prorsus optamus ✠. Ego Cnut rex gentis Anglorum aliarumque nichilominus hoc privilegium jussi componere. et compositum cum signo Dominicæ crucis confirmando impressi ✠. Ego Alfgifa regina omni alacritate mentis hoc confirmavi ✠. Ego Uulstanus archiepiscopus consensi ✠. Ego Adelnodus archiepiscopus confirmavi ✠. Ego Godwinus episcopus corroboravi ✠. Ego Alfwinus episcopus assensum dedi ✠. Ego Alfsinus episcopus consignavi ✠. Ego Athericus episcopus conclusi ✠. Ego Alfwius episcopus roboravi ✠. Ego Brihtwaldus episcopus ✠. Ego Iric dux ✠. Ego Godwinus dux ✠. Ego Ulf dux ✠. Ego Eglaf dux ✠. Ego Hacun dux ✠. Ego Leofwinus dux ✠. Ego Godricus dux ✠. Ego Oslacus miles ✠. Ego Thored miles ✠. Ego Thurkil miles ✠. Ego Thrym miles ✠. Ego Brosor miles ✠. Ego Alfricus miles ✠. Ego Alfwynus miles ✠. Ego Leofricus abbas ✠. Ego Alfwardus abbas ✠. Ego Athelstanus abbas ✠. Ego Alfsius abbas ✠. Ego Leofwinus abbas ✠. Ego Wulfredus abbas ✠. Ego Ofkytelus abbas ✠. Ego Alfwinus ✠. Ego Alfricus ✠. Ego Alfricus ✠. Ego Leofsius ✠. Ego Leofricus. On alnnhtizer, &c. Nos autem donationes, &c. confirmamus, &c. Dat per manum nostram apud Westmonasterium iiii. die Maii, per ipsum regem et per finem centum et viginti librarum. Duppl.

NUM. VI.

Carta Edwardi Regis Confessoris.

[MS. Cole, Mus. Brit. vol. xlv. p. 33, e Registro Sacristæ.]

Ego Eadwardus rex Anglorum notifico in his literis omnibus Dei fidelibus, quod consiliatus sum cum meis archiepiscopis et episcopis, et abbatibus et comitibus, et cum omnibus meis baronibus; videlicet, volo et præcipio quod monasterium cognati mei Sancti Eadmundi, et villa in qua situm est illud monasterium, sit perpetualiter in eadem libertate quam Cnut rex, et Hardecnut rex, meus frater, ei concesserunt: et quod ille locus nunquam sit locatus cum aliis personis quam cum monachis; nec aliquis episcopus qui est, vel unquam erit in Norfc. vel Suffolc habeat unquam potestatem aliquam in eodem monasterio, nec infra fines ejusdem villæ crucibus designatos. Et monachi qui ibi degunt eligant sibi abbatem de seipsis, sicuti eidem monasterio et eadem villæ concessi, permaneant in perpetuum, ubicunque habent monachi terras sive homines, seu in futurum acquirant per Dei auxilium et bonorum hominum. Nunc igitur rogo omnes Dei amicos, qui nunc vivunt, seu futuri sunt, quod pro timore Dei nunquam sint in loco, seu in concilio ubi prædicta Libertas sit mutata, vel adnichillata, quam antecessores nostri, et nos Sancto Eadmundo et monasterio suo concessimus. Quod si aliquis fuerit ita vesanus per incitamenta diaboli, quod velit hanc libertatem mutare, sive in aliquo adnichillare vel depravare, sit ille anathematizatus, et in gehennam ignis demersus, nisi in vita suâ resipuerit.

NUM. VII.

Carta ejusdem de Octo Hundredis et dimid. una cum Manerio de Mildenhall.

[Ibid. e Registro Sacristæ.]

Ego Eadwardus rex saluto Aylmerum episcopum, et Algarum comitem, et Toli, et omnes barones de Suffc. amabiliter. Notifico vobis, quod ego volo ut octo hundred. et dimid. soka, quam Deo et sancto Eadmundo meo cognato dedi, adjacent. monasterio prædicti martyris, ita plene et perfecte sicuti mea mater primitus ea habuit, et sicuti Ælfricus Withagari filius, ad manum matris meæ custodivit, et sicut ea postea mihimet in manus fuerunt. Nec ego cognosco me dedisse nisi prædicto monasterio istas rectitudines, viz. hamsokne, et gaithbrethe, et forstal, et

ferdwyte, et hebbberthef, et fithwythe, nec aliquam rectitudinem quam S. Eadm. prius dederam.

NUM. VIII.

Carta ejusdem de Monetario habendo.

[E Registro Sacristæ, fol. 23. Jo. Battely, Antiq. S. Edm. Burgi, 4to. Oxon. 1745, p. 134.]

Eðpærð kīng 7net Aylmer biȝcop, 7 Gīnch epl, 7 Toly, 7 all mine theýner on Eȝtangle ȝnenblike. And ic kīche ihu þ̅ ic habbe unnen Balþepine abbot one munetepe pith innen Seýnt Eðmundr Biȝu, alro ȝnelike on alle thing to habben, alro me mine on hanbe ȝtonden open on anī mine buȝgh alþeȝnelikeȝt. Gob ȝe ihu alle ȝnenb.:

NUM. IX.

Nomina Benefactorum.

[Ex Registro penes Robert. Bacon, ut supra, fol. 83.]

VENERANDÆ memoriæ sanctus Theodredus London. episcopus, qui fuit a tempore Ethelstani regis usque ad tempus Edmundi regis fundator Glastinberensis cænobii, dedit S. Edmundo hæc maneria, Neuton, Horningesh, Ike-worth, Wepsted. Item quidam Godricus Charck cum filio suo dedit suam partem in Newton, de Horningeshe jam dictus episcopus suam partem dedit et Robertus le Manant aliam partem, tertia pars de soccagio fuit.

Tempore Canuti regis, et filii ejus Haroldi, fuit quidam episcopus Orientalium Anglorum Elricus nomine, qui dedit sancto Edmundo hæc maneria Hanestoneston, et terram ad Holme, Tichwel, Docking, Grimston, et mansuram apud Norwich, et molendinum Ulnothi.

Tempore Edwardi regis, et primo tempore Willielmi regis fuit Agelmerus Orientalium Anglorum episcopus, qui dedit sancto Edmundo hæc maneria Hindringham, Langham, Hildolneston, Swanton, et lx. marcas argenti.

Item Theodredus episcopus dedit sancto Edmundo unam partem de Berton, et Eadwinus aliam partem, et Ericus præpositus tertiam partem acquisivit tempore sancti Edwardi regis.

Inclitus rex Edwardus dedit cognato suo beato Edmundo Mildenhall et octo et dimidium hundreda, et Conegeston, et Castre, et Pakenham, quod ante habuit Osgodus Claf. Insuper omnes libertates quas nunc habet ecclesia sancti Edmundi ipse eidem ecclesiæ concessit, illas concessas inperpetuum tenendas privilegiis sancivit. Mater vero ejus Ealfgiua regina, inter alia multa bona Kirkeby eidem sancto concessit. Idem rex sanctus dedit Wlpet quod fuit de soccagio, et Riseby et Staunton.

Willielmus primus rex dedit sancto Edmundo prima vice qua ejus requisiverunt suffragium Broc et omnia appenditia ejus. In alia vice totum feodum Brithulfi filii Leomari fratris abbatis Baldwini; nam ad opus ecclesiæ et fratris sui ipse abbas impetravit omnes terras prædicti viri a regi Willielmo, scilicet hæc maneria Cheventon, Sayam, Dunham, Totstok, et Somerledeston. Item ipse rex dedit Hargrave totam. Matildis ejus reginæ consensu et assensu ejus dedit sancto Edmundo Berket cum omnibus appenditiis ejus.

Rex Henricus dedit sancto Edmundo et Anselmo abbati unam mansuram in urbe Rothomas super Sequanum fluvium, et dedit Halsted.

Stephanus rex remisit sancto Edmundo custodiam xl. militum de Norwic. castello et hundred. de Stow, Beccles, et le assarts de Herlaw.

Richardus rex dedit sancto Edmundo decem libratas terræ in manerio suo de Aylsham, ad sustentationem quatuor cereorum continuè ardentium circa feretrum beati Edmundi, anno gratiæ dcccclxiij. temporibus et licentia Edgari regis, et sancti Dunstani archipræsulis, et Ædulfii præsulis Elmanensis. Wolfstanus comes dedit sancto Edmundo Palegrave.

Tempore Edmundi regis, patris sanctæ Edithæ virginis, et Theodredi London. episcopi, quidam comes nomine Ealfgar concessit sancto Edmundo Cocfeld, post mortem Ailfred filii suæ, quæ postea eandem terram cum alio

manerio, viz. Cherlesworth eidem sancto per ipsam cartam per quam rex Edgarus eandem saisavit devotè contulit.

Edmundus rex dedit villam de Bedricesworth et minorem Fornham: Alnothus præpositus regis Edwardi dedit majorem Fornham, Edwinus rex dedit Benks.

Alfricus, episcopus Elmensis cognomento Bonus, dedit tertiam partem in Palegrave, Wirlingworth, et Saham, et Rungton, et Thorp, et Westle, et Sichwold, et partem de Brockford, et Bradfeild.

Walterus filius Roberti dedit molendinum apud Hemenhall.

Warinus filius Geroldi dedit Sabricesworth.

Thirketell nobilis heros dedit Sancto Edmundo Palegrave et dimidiam Witingham.

Ulfketil comes, tempore Ethelredi regis, dedit sancto Edmundo Redgrave totum, et Rikenhall totum, Wlpet, et Ruchan, et Hildercl. et Bedfaresworth, Bradfeild, Falstian, et Hegeesete.

Thirkele Dreing inclitus dedit Culford, et Bridwel, et Ixworth, cum ecclesia, et Castre, Thorp, et Anhouse.

Vir gloriosus Lanerd Edwinus dedit sancto Edmundo Eskeresthorp et item aliud Thorp. Et sancto Benedicto de Hulmo Middleton majorem et minorem.

Osulf le Sire et domina Leveruna uxor ejus dederunt sancto Edmundo Brisingham.

Wlsius procer dedit sancto Edmundo Wiken, cum silva adjacente.

Wlfgat Barun, notus, tempore Stigandi dedit sancto Edmundo Fakenham et Gislingham.

Walter dedit dimidium de Northo.

Stigand Lanerd dedit Playford, tempore Alfrici episcopi et Uuii abbatis.

Leofgiua inclita matrona, cognata Alfrici filii Withgari, dedit sancto Edmundo, tempore Alfwardi præsulis, Hinclesham et Grislingthorp.

Sifleda virago famosa dedit Mernigthorp quando mare transiit.

Tempore regis Edwardi fuit quidam vir strenuus Hering, Thurstanus filius Wine, qui dedit sancto Edmundo Herlaw et Schoulham ad Northall et Cantuariæ ecclesiæ Wimbish. Et sanctæ Etheldredæ Wetheringset, Cnapwell, Weston, et Henham.

Alfricus Modercopp nobilis heros tempore Edwardi regis dedit sancto Edmundo Lodne et Thirwehole, et sanctæ Etheldredæ Beorch.

Leofguia inclita matrona tempore Willielmi regis et Baldwini abbatis dedit sancto Edmundo Blinham.

Tempore Ethelredi, Canuti, et Edwardi regum Alfricus comes famosus, filius Withgari, dedit sancto Edmundo Meleford et ecclesiam Sancti Johannis Baptistæ apud Claram construxit et clericos ibidem collocavit, et manerium eidem ecclesiæ dedit et sancto Edmundo et Leofstano abbati dimidium ejusdem ecclesiæ tradidit in perpetuum, et Withgarum filium suum idem concedere compulit.

Tirkill et Ethelget dedit sancto Edmundo Wigorham.

Quidam languidus apud Stapleford, qui hospitio recepit corpus sancti Edmundi, pro sanitatis gratia consecutæ illud manerium Sancto dedit in perpetuum.

Idem apud Aungre hospitabatur ubi in ejus memoria lignea capella permanet usque hodie. Manning, Swartingi sone dedit sancto Edmundo Chebenhall, et Ulf filius ejus abstulit cum sponte congressus ipsum interemit, sed gutta veneni in timorem versus, cum mori se viderit, fratres vocavit, et apud eos penituit, et optionem dedit utrum manerium prædictum vel Silham recipere vellent, sed ipsi prius datum elegerunt.

De Leofstano dapifero Leofstani abbatis et de Stanardo cognato ejus Welnetham, Halsted, Greenfeild, et Rothing ecclesia sancti Edmundi obtinuit.

Ad Boxsted sanctus Edmundus ab antiquo tempore habuit sex carucas terræ.

Sywardus monachus, quem Leostanus abbas decanum fecit à suis parentibus Titeshall procutavit, et sancto Edmundo reliquit.

Fuit et quidam monachus de Westmonasterio, qui hæreditatem parentum suorum Hemegreth consecutus fuerat, ubi delectandi causa residebat. Cujus cum infamiam quidam monachus Edridus præpositus Sancti Edmundi multoties erubesceret, accessit ad eum inquit, Nunquam congruum est ut vita monachi laicalis fiat, hinc discede, nec

amplius infra hundreda sancti Edmundi aliquam villam vindicare, nec hanc reposcere quia sancti Edmundi est, præsumas. Ita monachus alterius austeritate pertæsus discessit, et villa hactenus in possessione sancti Edmundi permansit.

Leofgiva nobilis matrona tempore Baldwini abbatis pro Siredo nepote suo et suo victu dedit sancto Edmundo Blunham.

Quædam alia matrona dedit Semer, et quædam alia dedit Lacford. Monachi adquisiverunt Hemegred.

Ulficus, vir dives, dedit sancto Edmundo Heringeswell.

Erat quidam vir strenuus Reynaldus sans nase, sic vocatus, quia nasum in bello cum Willielmo seniore amiserat, cui rex multa pro suis laboribus, ac inter cætera Lidgate dederat, qui pro remedio animæ suæ dum Jerusalem adire vellet sancto Edmundo prædictam villam dedit, sed Baldwinus Abbas, quo viam dispositam melius complere posset, plusquam xl. libras argenti ei beneficio largitus est.

NUM. X.

Testes Corporis S. Edmundi incorrupti.

[Lelandi. Collectan. tom. i. p. 247.]

OSWENNE devota fœmina prima vice vidit ejus incorruptum corpus apud Bedericheworth.

Secunda vice Egelwinus monachus, præpositus sepulchri sancti Edmundi xxx. annis, tempore clericorum.

Tertia per S. Theodredum episcopum et diocesanum.

Quarta per abbatem Leofstanum.

Quinta per abbatem Baldewinum, qui corpus sancti Edmundi à capella rotunda in novam basilicam ab eo constructam transtulit, ubi hodie requiescit.

Sexta per abbatem Sampsonem, hic invenit unum angelum de auro optimo fabricatum, cubiti longitudine, jacentem supra pectus martyris, et dextra gladium habentem; sinistra verò scriptum sic dicens:

Martyris ecce zoma Michaelis servat agelma.

Septima comes quidam Leofstanus.

Chronica aurea. Chronicon Jocelini.

Circa annum Domini dccccxxv. et secundo regis Athelstani, quidam clerici, numero septem vel octo, cœperunt servire Deo, et sancto Edmundo tanquam patrono. Processu temporis creverunt ad numerum xx. viventes de præbendis suis et oblationibus.

Edmundus rex, filius Edwardi primi, et pater Edgari regis, dedit S. Edmundo et clericis villam de Bedericesworth anno Domini dccccxlv. et anno ante introductionem ibi monachorum lxxvj.

Idem rex Edmundus dedit sancto Edmundo Fornham minorem. Circa hoc tempus fuit Theodredus Elmensis episcopus, et postea Londoniensis. Anno regis Ethelredi vij. descripta fuit vita et passio sancti Edmundi ad instantiam ejus et sancti Dunstani ab Abbone monacho Floriacensi, Ramesiæ tunc commorante.

Circiter tricessimum annum Ethelredi regis anno Domini mx. sanctus Edmundus, propter infestationem Turchilli, comitis Danorum, Londoniam ab Ailwino monacho translatus est; sed tertio anno ad Bedericheworth est reversus.

Languidus quidam apud Stapleford hospitio recepit corpus sancti Edmundi in redeundo de Londoniis, et pro sanitate recepta, dedit sancto Edmundo manerium suum de Stapleford.

Ailwinus monachus à dicecesano, propter insolentiam et irregularitatem clericorum, deputatus fuit ad custodiam corporis sancti Edmundi, cui officio præfuit annis xxx. ante ingressum monachorum.

Anno Domini mxiiij. Swenus rex Angliæ ab Ailwino monacho admonitus est, ne à populo Sancti Edmundi, hoc est de Northfolk, et Southfolk, tributum exigeret; sed Swenus eum non exoravit. Nocte Purificationis sanctæ Mariæ sanctus Edmundus Swenum regem apud Gaineshburgh lancea sua interfecit.

Northfolciensis et Southfolciensis, audito miraculo, et nece Sweni regis dederunt sancto Edmundo de qualibet carucata terræ in toto episcopatu quatuor denarios annuos; quod usque modo, ea de causa, Carucagium est appellatum; quodque postea tempore monachorum per Herebertum episcopum Norwicensem, fraudulenter ab ecclesia

Sancti Edmundi est alienatum et ecclesiæ Norwicensi appropriatum.

Anno Domini mxx. et à Passione sancti Eadmundi ccx. Rex Canutus filius Sweni regis anno regni sui quarto, ad instantiam Ailwini præsulis Elmanensis, ejectis clericis, monachos apud Sanctum Edmundum, induxit, et libertatem quam rex Edmundus pater Edgari, clericis contulerat, monachis confirmavit.

Idem episcopus dedit omne jus suum et jurisdictionem infra idem oppidum, et in circuitu ejus per ambitum unius stadii.

Idem episcopus destructa antiqua ecclesia clericorum, cœpit construere novam sumptibus suis propriis, unâ cum prædicto Carucagio, et oblatione proveniente, quam archiepiscopus Ethelnotus anno xj. sequente perfectam dedicavit in honore Christi, sanctæ Mariæ et sancti Edmundi, anno Domini mxxxij.

Donationes.

[Vide Cart. antiq. p. 12. 1. usque n. 9.]

Edmundus rex, pater Edgari regis, dedit S. Edmundo villam de Beodricesworth.

Theodredus primò Elmanensis dein Londonensis episcopus, dedit Newtun, Whepsted, et partem suam in Horn-ingesherth, Ikeworth, quod monachi commutaverunt pro Elvedene, cum quodam milite, et una parte de Bertun Magna et Suthereie.

Edwinus rex, frater Edgari regis, dedit Becles, et Elmeiswell, cum libertatibus et feodis militum, et ferè omnes terras, quarum incertus collator.

Stephanus rex confirmavit donationem villæ de Becles, et quicquid habuit in domino ejusdem villæ, exceptis placitis coronæ.

Wulstanus comes et Turkitill dederunt Palgrave. Alfgarus comes et Ailfeda ejus filia, dederunt Cokefeld et Chelmesworth.

Ulfketel comes Est-Angliæ dedit Hilderle, Redgrave, Rigenhale, Wulfpitte, Rougham, et partem de Bradfeld, Fullesham, et Hegsete.

Alfricus secundus episcopus Elmanensis dedit aliam partem.

Dominus de Stapilford languidus, qui corpus sancti Edmundi, rediens à Londoniis, hospitio accepit, dedit Stapelford manerium suum pro recepta sanitate.

Alfricus episcopus Est-Anglorum dedit Wirlingwurch, Hunstantune cum Holm, Tichewelle, Docking, Germestune, et mansionem in Norwico, ubi modo ecclesia Sancti Laurentii, quæ reddit annuatim unum last de heringes. Alius Alfricus episcopus Est-Anglorum dedit Saham, Thorpe, Rungetun, Southwold, et partem suam in Bradfeld, et Westeloe.

Turketil Tyreing, alius Dreing inclytus, dedit Culford, Wordewelle, et Ixeworth cum ecclesia.

Ailmerus episc. Est-Anglorum, dedit Langham, Swantun. et lx. marcas argenti, vir strenuus Henig. Thurstanus filius Winæ dedit Herlaw et Northale.

Alfricus filius Witgari, comes famosus, dedit Meleford. Siwardus monachus manerium de Titeshale à parentibus suis acquisivit, et sancto Edmundo dedit.

Edwinus quidam dives dedit secundam partem de Bertun Magna.

Brithricus dedit tertiam partem; postea acquisivit Maniunge. Swartinglone dedit Chebenhale.

Prior Edmundus Brundicti reliquum ibi perquisivit.

Alfricus Kempe dedit Warbenase. Wulfricus quidam dives dedit Heringeswelle.

Alnothus, præpositus Sancti Edwardi, dedit majorem Fornham.

Odo et sua dederunt Hausted.

Mathildis regina dedit Werketun.

Quædam matrona inclita dedit Seniere.

Quædam matrona dedit Lacford. Edricus prior acquisivit Hemgrave.

Reginaldus Stanclere dedit Lidgate.

Robertus Hoo dedit Parvam Bertun.

Matheius de Fraiers, et Hugo filius Pinceon, dederunt Wainflete, cum nundinis in festo S. Petri ad vincula.

Hildredus dedit terram in Karsoul xx. sol. per annum.

Robertus de Manaunt dedit partem de Herningesherth. Tertia pars fuit de Scotagio.

Alfgiva regina, mater S. Edwardi Confessoris, dedit Kirkeby.

Godricus Chark, cum filio suo, dedit partem suam in Newtun.

Elfreda famosa virago dedit Morinthorp.

Stephanus, comes Brittanniæ, dedit terras in Cambrige, pro anima Alani fratris sui, comitis Britannicæ, qui jacet ad ostium australe in ecclesia S. Edmundi coram altare S. Nicholai.

Henricus, comes Lincolnæ, dedit feretro S. Edmundi tres cruces aureas et carbunculum; dedit etiam cupam argenti deauratam quam adfirmabat fuisse S. Edmundi. Dedit etiam partim et partim vendidit manerium de Bradenham.

Gulielmus primus, rex Anglorum, dedit Broke cum appendiciis.

Alfridus, secundus episcopus Elmanensis, dedit partem suam in Brokfod.

Leofgiva nobilis matrona dedit Blunham.

Osulphus le Syr et domina Laverina ejus dederunt Brisingham.

Turketil Hayng dedit S. Edmundo et S. Benedicto de Hulmo, in communi, Castre et Thorpe.

S. Edwardus Confessor confirmavit donationem de Castre. Idem dedit Congestun.

Baldewinus, abbas S. Edmundi, impetravit à rege Gulielmo primo Cheventun.

Henricus primus dedit terras in Cantabrigie.

Galfridus sacrista emit partem de Dunham de Illano filio Frodonis.

Baldewinus abbas partem aliam impetravit.

Laverd Edwinus dedit Eskerthorp, et post aliud Thorp, post mortem Wulfrici et Ketel Alder, &c.

Wulgeat Barum dedit Fakeham.

Leofgiva nobilis matrona dedit Gristlingthorp.

Wulgeat Barum nothus dedit Gialingam.

Leofstanus, dapifer Leofstani abbatis, et Stavardus ejus cognatus, dederunt Grenefeld.

Wulwardus de Hastings dedit terras in Gernemuta.

Leofgiva matrona dedit Hinlesham.

Almerus episcopus dedit Hyndringham, et Hildolveston.

Stephanus rex dedit Herwik.

Walterus filius Roberti dedit duo molendina apud Hemenhale.

Ælfricus Modercoppe, nobilis heros, cum licentia S. Edwardi, dedit Lodne.

S. Edwardus Confessor dedit Mildenhale cum octo hundredis et dimidio.

Stephanus rex dedit Munhale.

NUM. XI.

De Lite quadam inter Abbatem, et Episcopum Tedfordensem.

[Ex Hist. MS. Mariani Scoti, in Bibl. Bodleiana, v. 3, 7, Jur.]

ANNO mxxv. Gloriosus rex Willielmus, qui primus ex Normannorum gente prudentia sua et fortitudine totam Angliam suo subjugavit imperio, hanc licentiam et facultatem Baldwino abbati scilicet de burgo Sancti Edmundi contulit, ut quocumque modo posset, terras ecclesiæ S. Eadmundi adjiceret; vel pecunia eas à vicinis suis redimendo, vel dono ipsorum proprio et spontanea eorum voluntate acquirendo: unde factum est, ut plures liberos homines quos Soskemannos vocamus, et illorum homagia adquireret, et eorum acquisitione monasterium suum locupletaret. Cum autem hiis atque aliis modis infinitis honor per eum crevisset ecclesiæ, crevit in quibusdam et exarsit insatiabilis fames avaritiæ, ita ut eundem locum invaderent, et suo eum dominio subjugare temptarent.

Extitit malitiæ hujus exactor et princeps quidem Erfastus, Tedfordensis episcopus, qui propter cupiditatem possessionum apud sanctum Dei Eadmundum sibi constituere volebat episcopatum. Orta verò tali de causa inter episcopum et abbatem gravi contentione et gravi controversia, dominus Baldewinus abbas, consilio et auxilio famosissimi regis Willielmi Romam profectus est, dominumque Alexandrum papam secundum in sede beati Petri principantem invenit. A quo benignè et diligenter susceptus, maximo honori et

enerationi habitus, insigne privilegium ad gloriam et laudem beati regis et martyris Eadmundi optinuit, cujus præmunitione eandem ecclesiam usque ad finem seculi in maxima libertate Deo protegente collocavit. Fuit autem cum domino papa conversans aliquantulis diebus, donec eum ad ordinem presbyterii promoveret, et quibusdam dignitatibus ultra quosdam abbates honorificè insigniret. Dedit ei virgam pastorem et anulum, curamque illi delegavit animarum. Altare præterea quoddam ex porphiritico lapide pretiosum, et in honore beatæ Dei genitricis et sanctissimi regis Eadmundi solenniter ab ipso consecratum, cum maxima dulcedine et dulci devotione, abbati Baldewino dominus papa dedit, eique in hæc verba denuntiavit, dicens: 'Si totum regnum Anglorum aliqua excommunicationis causa à divino cessaret officio, quamdiu altare illud integrum et illibatum custodire poteritis, nunquam à sacris missarum solenniis pro aliqua prohibitione, nisi dominus papa hoc nominatim interdixerit, cessabitis.' Et ut in privilegio sequenti patebit, ex autoritate Dei et beati Petri apostolorum principis, et sanctorum canonum sancivit et confirmavit, ut idem locus sub abbatis regimine imperpetuum ordini monastico deserviat, neque aliqua ecclesiastica aut secularis persona eundem in sedem episcopalem convertat.

Privilegium verò ita incipit.

Alexander episcopus, &c. Data Lateranis vj. kal. Novembris anno Domini mxxj. indictione vij.

NUM. XII.

Carta Regis Will. I.

[Ibid.]

ANNO mxxxj. finitis placitis, calumniis, et querimoniis, quas Arfastus episcopus faciebat Baldwino Abbati, videlicet de ecclesia sancti Eadmundi et de villa in qua sanctus martyr requiescit, die pridie kalendas Junii apud Wintoniam coram rege et principibus terræ dedit rex Willielmus glorioso regi et martyri Eadmundo hoc privilegium.

P Willielmus rex Anglorum, princeps Normannorum, atque Cynomannensium, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, et cæteris suis fidelibus. Quoniam nos ad regni fastigia Deimis eratione provectoros esse credimus, oportet ut de prospera stabilitate plebis nobis subjectæ, et maxime eorum qui in Domini servitio die ac nocte desudant, vigilare curemus. Igitur notum facimus fidelibus regni nostri præsentibus et futuris, quod Arfastus episcopus ecclesiam beati Eadmundi in qua ipse venerabilis rex et martyr incorrupto corpore diem expectat beatæ resurrectionis, suam episcopalem debere esse sedem, nobis et multis aliis referebat. Unde inter Baldwinum abbatem prædictæ ecclesiæ et ipsum episcopum per multum temporis facta quam maxima altercatione, concilio archiepiscoporum, episcoporum, et aliorum multorum nobis fidelium, ut utrorumque super hiis ratio in nostra discuteretur curia, dignum censuimus. Qui dum die statuto coram adessent, episcopus suum satis facundè fecit clamorem, sed scriptis et testimoniis omnimodo vacuum. Abbas verò e contra, quomodo Canutus rex à prædicta ecclesia, cum communi consilio archiepiscoporum, episcoporum, et optimatum suorum, presbyteros qui inibi inordinatè vivebant ejecerit et monachos posuerit. Quodque postmodum ipsam ecclesiam Ailnodus archiepiscopus Cantuariensis, jussu prælibatis regis dedicaverit, atque primum abbatem loci illius episcopus Londoniensis, secundum episcopus Wintoniensis, ipsum etiam Baldwinum, qui tertius est abbas, archiepiscopus Cantuariensis sacraverit.

Et quia per liij. annos, sine alicujus jam dicti Arfasti antecessoris contradictione, monachi prædicti loci à quibus voluerint episcopis ordines susceperint, ex ordine luculenter enarravit. Ostendit denique et præcepta, videlicet Canuti regis atque gloriosissimi regis Eadwardi, in quibus ab omni dominatione omnium episcoporum comitatus illius funditus sæpeditam ecclesiam liberam perpetualiter ipsi reges esse concesserunt. Quod Cantuariensis archiepiscopus Lanfrancus, et Thomas Eboracensis archiepiscopus, et Odo Baiocensis episcopus frater meus et comes Cantiae, et plerique alii episcopi, Rotbertusque filius meus atque cæteri prin-

cipes regni nostri qui aderant audientes, censuerunt tanti loci tantam auctoritatem, inviolatam usque in finem seculi debere permanere. Quorum irrefutabili judicio, prout dignum fuit, assensi et consensum præbeo.

Placuit etiam nobis, consilio archiepiscoporum, episcoporum, comitum, aliorumque multorum nobis fidelium, atque digna petitione Baldwini abbatis, qui nostram humiliter requisivit serenitatem, antecessorum nostrorum Anglorum regum, scilicet Eadmundi, Canuti, Hardecnuti, atque illustri Eadwardi, cujus, miseratione Domini, genere et dono in regno sumus hæredes, præcepta quæ jam sæpe nominatæ ecclesiæ contulerunt, nostro roborare præcepto, ex hoc, ut ab Arfasti episcopi, omniumque sibi per tempora succedentium episcoporum dominatione ipsa ecclesia et villa in qua sita est eadem ecclesia, sit libera. Et ut hæc auctoritas nostris et futuris temporibus circa ipsum sanctum locum perhenniter firma et inviolata permaneat, manus nostræ subscriptione cartam hanc decrevimus roborare et sigilli nostri impressione firmare.

✠ Ego Willielmus Dei gratia Anglorum rex hoc præceptum jussi scribere, et scriptum cum signo Dominicæ crucis confirmando impressi. ✠ Ego Mathildis regina corroboravi. ✠ Ego Lanfrancus, Cantuariensis archiepiscopus confirmavi. ✠ Ego Thomas archiepiscopus Eboracensis roboravi. ✠ Ego Odo, Baiocensis episcopus assensum dedi. ✠ Ego Gosfridus, Constantiensis episcopus consignavi. ✠ Ego Hugo, Londoniensis episcopus consensi. ✠ Ego Walquelinus, Wintoniensis episcopus conclusi. ✠ Ego Wlstanus, Wigornensis episcopus assensum præbui. ✠ Ego Remigius, Lindisfarnensis episcopus non renui. ✠ Ego Stigandus, Bathoniensis episcopus affirmavi. ✠ Ego Osbertus, Exoniensis episcopus assensum dedi. ✠ Ego Petrus, Cestrensis episcopus consensi. ✠ Ego Arfastus, Theodfordensis episcopus collaudavi. ✠ Ego Gundulfus, Rofensis episcopus laudavi. ✠ Ego Osmundus, Searuberiensis episcopus roboravi. ✠ Ego Rodbertus, Herefordensis episcopus consensi. ✠ Ego Rodbertus, regis filius assensum dedi. ✠ Ego Willielmus, filius regis collaudavi. ✠ Ego Henricus, filius regis confirmavi. ✠ Ego Mauricius, regis cancellarius relegi et sigillavi. ✠ Ego Bernardus, capellanus regis. ✠ Ego Scollandus, Sancti Augustini abbas. ✠ Ego Wlfwoldus, Certesiensis abbas. ✠ Ego Vitalis, abbas de Westmonasterio. ✠ Ego Ægelnothus, Glastoniensis abbas. ✠ Ego Ægelwius, Eoveshamensis abbas. ✠ Ego Ægelsinus, Ramesiensis abbas. ✠ Ego Turolfus, Burgensis abbas. ✠ Ego Rogerius, comes de Montegumerici. ✠ Ego Hugo comes Cestrensis. ✠ Ego Alanus comes Orientalium-Anglorum. ✠ Ego Albericus comes Nordanhymbrorum. ✠ Ego Rodbertus de Bello monte. ✠ Ego Hugo de Monteforti. ✠ Ego Ricardus, Gisleberti comitis filius consignavi. ✠ Ego Baldwinus frater ejus. ✠ Ego Henricus de Ferariis. ✠ Ego Hugo de Grentemaisnilo. ✠ Ego Walterius Giffardus.

Data pridie kalendas Junii anno xv. regnante Willielmo rege gloriosissimo; ab incarnatione autem Domini mxxxj. indictione iiij. Actum apud Wintoniam in palatio regio in Dei nomine feliciter. Amen.

NUM. XIII.

Prædia ad Ecclesiam Sancti Edmundi Buriensis spectantia tempore Regis Willielmi Conquestoris.

[Ex Libro Censuali vocato *Domesday Book*, in domo Capitulari Westmon. asservato.]

Grentebra'scire, tom. i. fol. 192.

TERRA SANCTI EADMVNDI. Abbas de S. Eadmundo tenet in duobus hundredis de Ely in MERCHÆ XVI. acras. Terra est dim. car. et ibi est cum tribus bord. vel bobus pratum IIII. car. Silva IIII. porc. Valet et valuit semper III. sol. et jacet et jacuit semper in dominio ecclesiæ S. Eadmundi.

In WISBECE habet isdem abbas i. piscatorem reddentem v. mil. anguill.

In SAHAM tenet ipse abbas VI. acras terræ. Ibi est unus piscator habens i. sagenam in lacu ejusdem villæ. Valet et valuit IIII. sol. Tempore regis Edwardi v. sol. Hæc terra jacet et jacuit semper in ecclesia Sancti Eadmundi.

Bedefordscire. ibid. fol. 210 b.

TERRA SANCTI EADMUNDI. In Dim. hund. de Bocheleia. Abbas Balduinus S. Edmündi habet in BIDENTHAM dim. hid. et Ordui de Bedeford tenet sub eo. Terra est dim. car. et ibi est et II. servi. pratum dimid. car. Valet et valuit VI. sol. Hanc terram tenuit Vlmarius presbiter regis Edwardi. Potuit dare cui voluit. Sed Ordui cum esset præpositus burgi et abstulit, pro quadam forisfactura, et modo dicit se tenere de abbate S. Edmündi. Sed homines de hund. dicunt quam injuste eam occupavit.

In Hund. de Bichelesuade tenet isdem abbas Sancti Edmündi CHENEMONDEWICHE. Pro III. hid. et III. virg. se defend. Terra est III. car. In dominio I. hid. et III. virg. et ibi sunt II. car. et VI. villani habent II. car. et I. molin. de XIII. sol. et III. den. Pratum I. car. Val. LX. sol. Quando recep. XXX. sol. Tempore regis Edwardi III. lib. Hanc terram tenuerunt II. sochemanni, et cui voluerunt dare potuerunt. Hanc dedit Sancto Edmundo comes Wallef et uxor ejus in elemosina, tempore regis Willielmi.

In Hund. de Wich Estanestou tenet isdem abbas III. hid. et I. virg. in BLUNHAM de rege. Terra est III. car. In dominio II. hid. et III. virg. et ibi sunt II. car. Ibi VIII. villani habent II. car. et V. bord. et I. servus. et I. molin. XX. sol. Pratum III. car. Valet III. lib. Quando recep. LXX. sol. Tempore regis Edwardi VI. lib. Hanc terram tenuerunt III. sochemanni. et cui voluerunt dare vel vendere potuerunt.

Northan'scire. ibid. fol. 222.

TERRA SANCTI EDMUNDI. In Rodewelle Hund. ABBATIA S. EDMUNDI tenet de rege I. hid. de soca in BOCTONE. Terra est II. car. Ibi sunt VI. villani et II. bord. cum II. car. Ibi molinum de XII. den. Silua I. quarent. long. et I. lat. Valuit LXIII. den. Modo XII. solid. Algar comes tenuit.

In GADINTONE tenet abb. I. hid. et unam virgatam terræ de soca. Terra est II. car. Ipsæ ibi sunt cum V. soch. et III. bord. Valuit et val. VI. sol.

In ERNIWADE tenet abb. dim. virg. terræ de soca. Ibi est I. villanus cum II. bord. habens dimid. car. Valuit et val. III. solid.

In SCADEWELLE ten. abb. I. hid. et III. virg. terræ. Terra est III. car. Ibi sunt ipsæ cum IX. sochemannis et IX. bord. Valuit et valet XVI. sol. Algarus comes tenuit. W. rex dedit S. Edmundo pro anima reginæ Mathildæ.

In HOHTONE ten. abb. I. hid. et dim. virg. terræ. Terra est II. car. Has habent ibi III. sochemanni et XII. bord. Valuit et valet XII. sol.

In LANGEPORT ten. abb. unam virgatam terræ et unam bovatom. Terra est I. car. Hanc habent ibi III. sochemanni. Valuit et val. XL. denar.

In BADEBROC ten. abb. dim. virg. terræ de soca. Terra est dim. car. Hanc habet ibi I. sochemannus. Valuit et valet III. sol.

In Stodfald Hund. In FERENDONE ten. abb. de soca dim. hid. et tertiam partem unius virgatæ. Terra est I. car. Ibi est I. car. et dim. cum III. soch. Valuit et val. X. sol. Algarus comes tenuit.

In VDETORP ten. abb. III. virg. terræ et dimid. de soca. Terra est I. car. Ibi est I. sochemannus cum dim. car. Valuit et val. II. sol.

In CLIPSTONE ten. abb. II. virg. terræ et dimid. Terra est I. car. Ibi sunt V. sochemanni cum I. car. et dimid. Valuit et val. X. solid.

In CALME ten. abb. dimid. hid. de soca. Terra est dim. car. Ibi V. sochemanni habent I. car. Valuit et val. VI. solid.

In MEDEWELLE ten. abb. tertiam partem unius virg. Ibi est unus sochemannus. Valuit et val. VI. den.

In Neveslund Hund. Ipse abb. tenet de rege WERCHINTONE. Ibi sunt III. hidæ et dim. Terra est IX. car. In dominio sunt II. car. et XVI. villani et VIII. bord. cum VII. car. et III. servi. Ibi molinum de XII. solid. et XX. acr. prati. Silva III. quarent. long. et II. quarent. lat. Valuit VII. lib. Modo VIII. lib. Ælueua mater morcari tenuit.

Essex. tom. II. fol. 19 b.

TERRA SANCTI EDMUNDI. Hund. de Witham. BREDDINCHOU tenet Willielmus filius Grosse de abbate pro I. hida et XV. acr. Tunc II. car. in dominio. modo I. Semper I. car. hom. III. vill. III. bor. modo I. mol. Silva I. por. XX. acr. prati. II. runc. VI. animal. XII. por. V. cap. Val. I. sol.

Dimid. hund. de Herlaua. HERLAUAM tenet semper Sanctus Edmündus pro I. man. et I. hid. et dim. Semper II. car. in dominio et VI. car. hom. et XII. vill. XV. bor. et III. ser. Silva CL. por. XXX. acr. prati. I. molin. III. runc. XXV. an. III. pulli. I. porc. LX. ov. V. vasa apum. Huic manerio additæ sunt III. hid. tempore regis Willielmi quas tenebant V. liberi homines tempore regis Edwardi, in quibus sunt semper VI. car. In dominio VIII. bor. III. servi. Silva C. por. XIII. acr. prati. Semper val. maner. VIII. lib. et III. hid. val. tunc LXX. sol. modo III. lib.

LATTUNAM tenet Sanctus Edmündus pro manerio, et pro III. hid. et dim. quod tenuit Turgot I. lib. hom. tempore regis Edwardi. Semper II. car. in dominio. et I. car. hom. III. vill. Tunc III. bor. modo V. Semper III. servi. Silva CC. por. XXXV. acr. prati. III. an. I. por. XXX. ov. XXV. capr. Semper val. VI. lib.

Hund. de Hidinghefort. In ALFELMESTUNA tenet Sanctus Edmündus dim. hid. I. car. in dominio. Tunc I. ser. Modo III. bor. II. acr. prati. Tunc val. X. sol. modo XX.

Hund. de LAXEFELDA. In COLUM tenet Sanctus Edmündus XXXVI. acr. Tunc III. bor. modo III. Semper dim. car. Silva XL. por. III. acr. prati. Val. XX. sol.

Hund. de Angra. STAPLEFORT tenet semper Sanctus Edmündus pro III. hid. et dim. et VI. acr. et dim. Tunc VIII. vill. modo IX. Semper V. bor. et II. servi. et I. car. in dominio. Tunc III. car. hom. modo III. Silva CCL. por. XII. acr. prati. XX. an. I. runc. XLVIII. oves. XLIII. por. III. pulli. et II. liberi homines in socam manerii de XXXVI. acr. et dim. I. car. silva XL. por. II. acr. prati. Tunc val. XLV. sol. modo I.

Hund. de Celmeresfort. WALTHAM tenet Albertus de abbate quod tenuit Stanhardus tempore regis Edwardi pro I. manerio et II. hid. XV. acr. minus. et Sanctus Edmündus de dono regis. Semper I. vill. et VII. bor. et II. servi. et II. car. in dominio. et I. car. hom. Silva XXX. por. VII. acr. prati. I. an. I. ov. II. por. X. capr. Tunc val. XL. sol. modo LX.

Hund. de Tendringa. WRABENASAM tenet semper Sanctus Edwardus pro I. manerio. et pro V. hid. Semper VI. vill. VIII. bor. VI. ser. Tunc III. car. in dominio. modo II. Tunc VI. car. hom. modo V. et dimid. I. acr. prati. modo I. mol. et I. sal. II. pulli. XXX. porc. CC. ov. V. vasa apum. Val. VI. lib.

Nordfolc. ibid. fol. 209.

TERRA ABBATIS DE SANCTO EADMUND. Hund. de Clacheslosa. In PHINCHAM XVI. acr. terræ et III. acr. prati. et val. II. sol. et VIII. d.

In RUNGHETUNA tenuit Sanctus Eadmündus tempore regis Edwardi II. car. terræ. Semper V. vill. et III. bor. et II. ser. XII. acr. prati. XVI. acr. silvæ. I. mol. I. piscina. et II. car. in dominio. tunc I. car. hom. modo II. bov. semper I. runc. VIII. an. XXX. por. XV. ov. Huic manerio jacent XXVII. liberi homines, sed soca remanebat Sancto Eadmundo. habentes I. car. terræ. Semper III. car. II. bor. Jacent etiam huic manerio dim. car. terræ. Semper III. bor. et I. ser. et I. car. in dominio. et adhuc jacent XXX. acr. et I. vill. et II. bor. Semper val. VII. lib. et III. sol. Huic manerio jacet I. berewita quæ vocatur ISINGHETUNA, et est in alio hund. Totum hoc manerium habet I. leu. in long. et V. quarent. in lat. et reddit VIII. d. quando totum hund. reddit. XX. sol. de gelto.

SUTREIAM II. car. terræ. Semper XIII. vill. et VII. bor. et V. ser. XXIII. acr. prati. tunc II. car. in dominio. modo III. Tunc II. car. hom. modo III. I. pisc. III. runc. XXXI. anim. XI. por. LXXX. ov. XI. equæ silvaticæ. tunc val. XXXII. sol. modo III. lib. Habet dim. leu. in long. et III. quarent. in lat. et III. d. de g.

In HIDLINGEIA LVIII. acr. terræ. III. vill. I. car. III.

acr. prati. Appretiat. est superius. In eadem II. bor. I. acr. et jacent in RUNGHETUNA. In DERHAM I. soc. VI. acr. val. VI. d. In TORP I. lib. hom. IIII. acr. commend. tantum et Sanctus Benedictus socam. val. VIII. d.

Fredebruge hund. et dim. In ILSINGHETUNA tenet Sanctus Eadmundus I. car. terræ. Semper XXV. vill. I. car. in dominio. I. car. hominum. XX. acr. prati. IIII. an. LXXX. ov. Huic manerio jacent VI. soc. in LENA. XXVI. acr. terræ. Semper I. car. et I. sal. val. XL. sol.

In MIDDLETUNA tenet Ricardus de abbate I. car. terræ quam tenuit Sanctus Eadmundus tempore regis Edwardi. III. vill. et II. bor. I. ser. I. car. in dominio. XX. acr. prati. II. sal. III. vac. XXIII. ov. IIII. porc. I. soc. de V. acr. val. XX. sol.

Scerpham hund. In BUCCHAM tenuit Sanctus Eadmundus I. car. terræ tempore regis Edwardi. Tunc IIII. vill. modo V. Semper VIII. bor. Tunc IIII. servi. modo II. X. acr. prati. Tunc I. mol. modo null. Semper I. car. in dominio et I. car. hom. I. runc. VII. an. VI. porc. XXVIII. ou. VII. soc. dim. car. terræ. Semper II. car. III. acr. prati. III. bor. Silva V. por. val. XL. sol.

Gildescro hund. GUIDENHAM tenet Goscelinus de abbate quod tenuit Sanctus Eadmundus pro dim. car. terræ cum soca. Semper II. vill. I. bor. III. acr. prati. dim. car. in dominio. et II. bov. hom. tunc. I. mol. val. X. sol.

In NORTUNAM tenet idem I. car. terræ quod tenet I. soc. Sancti Eadmundi. Semper V. vill. et tunc III. bor. modo V. I. acr. prati. Semper II. car. in dominio et dim. car. hom. Silva X. porc. I. mol. et I. soc. dim. acr. modo III. runc. XII. ann. X. por. XLV. ou. VI. vasa apum. Val. XXX. sol. Habet I. leu. in long. et dim. in lat. quicunque ibi teneat et VIII. d. et ob. de g. et I. ferding. Ecclesiæ V. acr. val. X. d.

In GADESTHROP tenuit liber homo tempore regis Edwardi XXX. acr. modo quidam Anglicus de abbate. Modo I. bor. III. acr. prati. Tunc dim. car. modo I. Tunc val. V. sol. modo X. De hoc habuit abbas commendationem tempore regis Edwardi. Soca in Cheninghala. reg.

In SNARESHULL tenet Fulcherus de abbate XXX. acr. quod tenuit I. soc. Semper I. bor. dim. car. val. II. sol.

In HERLINGA Ricaiardus I. car. terræ de abbate, quod tenuit Sanctus Eadmundus tempore regis Edwardi. Semper IIII. vill. III. bor. I. ser. III. acr. prati. Tunc I. car. in dominio. modo II. Semper II. car. hom. I. runc. VIII. an. III. por. Tunc CXX. ou. modo CLXXX. Tunc val. XX. sol. modo XL.

Lawendic hund. WENLINGHAM tenet idem Ricaiardus de abbate quod tenet Sanctus Eadmundus pro I. car. terræ. II. vill. VI. bor. VI. acr. prati. I. car. in dominio. et I. car. et dim. hom. Silva C. porc. et I. soc. XII. acr. Semper I. bor. tunc I. car. modo dim. Semper I. mol. XIX. por. Tunc val. XX. sol. modo XXX. Habet IX. quarent. in long. et VI. in lat. et II. d. et ob. de gelto.

Feorhou hund. MARTINGHEFORDAM tenuit Sanctus Eadmundus tempore regis Edwardi. Semper IIII. vill. et I. ser. Tunc I. car. modo II. et I. car. et dim. hom. Silva VIII. porc. VI. acr. prati. Semper II. mol. II. runc. XXII. an. VIII. porc. CXXX. ou. IX. capr. et III. soc. Semper val. XL. sol. Habet I. leu. in long. et III. quarent. et dim. in lat. et VI. d. et ob. de gelto. Alii ibi tenent.

Blafelda hund. BUCHANAHAM tenet Rogerus de abbate quod tenuit Sanctus Eadmundus ad victum tempore regis Edwardi. Modo tenet Rogerus Bigot a Sancto Eadmundus pro I. car. terræ. Semper VIII. bor. et I. car. in dominio. Tunc et post II. car. hom. modo dim. IX. acr. prati. Tunc II. runc. modo I. Tunc II. an. modo nich. Modo VI. porc. XXI. ou. Tunc et post val. XXX. sol. modo XX. et XI. quarent. in long. et VI. in lat. et XX. d. de gelto quicunque ibi teneat. Et huic manerio adjacent X. liberi homines commend. de LX. acr. VI. acr. prati. Tunc et post V. car. modo II. et dim. Tunc et post val. X. sol. modo XX.

Heinesteda hund. CASTRUM tenet semper Sanctus Eadmundus pro manerio. et pro III. car. terræ. Semper X. vill. et VII. bor. et II. car. in dominio. et IIII. car. hom. VI. acr. prati. dim. mol. Modo III. runc. V. an. XXX. porc. XL. ou. et IIII. soc. de XXV. acr. terræ concessu regis, cum omni consuetudine, et pertinent in manerio isto, teste hundredo. Tunc val. XL. sol. modo C. Habet VI. quarent. in long. et IIII. in lat. et XVI. d. de gelto. Et plures ibi tenent. Ecclesiæ XI. acr. val. XVI. d.

Broc tenuit comes Gurt tempore regis Edwardi. et rex Willielmus dedit Sancto Eadmundus quando primum venit ad Sanctum Eadmundum; IIII. car. terræ. Tunc XXXIII. vill. modo XXXVIII. Semper III. ser. Modo III. car. in dominio et VI. hom. Silva XXX. por. IX. acr. prati. Modo V. runc. XIII. an. XL. porc. Modo. LXV. ov. et XX. capr. et XLVII. soc. I. car. et dim. terræ. et semper IX. car. inter homines.

In SCOTESSA XVI. liberi homines homines Guert commend. de I. car. terræ, pertinent in Broc. et sub eis VII. bor. et IIII. acr. prati. et III. car. et quarta pars ecclesiæ. Ex hoc tenet Berengerus XX. acr.

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In HOU. I. lib. homo I. Guert de I. car. terræ quod tenet Berengerus. Semper V. vill. et VI. bor. et II. car. in dominio. Tunc et post III. car. hom. modo II. Silva XL. porc. Ecclesiæ XV. acr. Val. II. sol.

In PORRINGELANT I. liber homo Guert commend. pertinens in Broc XXX. acr. et I. bor. de dim. car. acr. Semper I. car. Super omnes istos liberos homines habuit rex Edwardus socam et sacam. et post ea Guert accepit per vim. sed rex Willielmus dedit cum manerio socam et sacam de omnibus liberis Guert, sicut ipse tenebat. Hoc reclamant monachi. Tunc et post val. X. lib. modo XV. Broc habet I. leu. in long. et IIII. quarent. et I. leu. in lato. et de gelto XVI. d. et obol. Alii ibi tenent.

Hersam dim. hund. THORP ten. Sanctus Eadmundus tempore regis Edwardi pro manerio et pro II. car. terræ. Tunc VIII. vill. modo IX. et VIII. bor. Semper II. car. in dominio et VI. car. hom. Tunc silva LX. por. modo XL. XII. acr. prati. Tunc I. mol. modo non. Semper IIII. runc. X. anim. XI. por. X. ov. XX. capr. et in BRADISE. II. soc. pertinentes isti manerio de I. car. terræ. et II. vill. et II. bor. Tunc val. IIII. lib. modo C. sol. Habet VII. quarent. in long. et VI. in lat. et de gelto IIII. d. Ecclesiæ XII. acr. val. II. sol.

In MENHAM tenet Frodo de abbate I. car. terræ et XXX. acr. quod ten. II. soc. et sub eis IX. vill. et VII. bor. Tunc inter omnes V. car. modo VII. Silva LII. por. XII. acr. prati. Appretiatum est in Menham. Tunc I. mol. modo nullis. Habet II. leu. et V. quarent. in long. et VII. in lat. et de gelto VII. d.

In HEROLUESTUNA I. liber homo Sancti Eadmundi commend. et soca Stigandi. In HERSAM XII. acr. terræ. Val. semper XX. d.

In STERESTUNA I. liber homo Sancti Eadmundi commend. sed soca Stigandi in Hersam. V. acr. terræ. Val. X. d. hoc est in dominio.

STERESTUNAM tenet Rogerus Bigot de abbate. quod tenuit Brictflet libera femina Sancti Eadmundi commend. pro II. car. terræ. Tunc III. vill. modo II. Semper III. ser. Tunc II. car. in dominio. modo nullis. VI. acr. prati. Tunc et post XL. sol. modo XX. Habet I. leu. et V. quar. in long. et V. quarent. in lat. et XIII. d. de gelto, quicunque ibi teneat.

In HEROLUESTUNA tenet Frodo I. vill. et dim. de XIII. acr. et pertinet in M'ham.

Dice dim. Hund. TRUETESHAM tenet semper Sanctus Eadmundus pro III. car. terræ. Semper XVIII. vill. et XV. bor. et II. ser. et III. car. in dominio. et XII. car. hom. Silva LXXX. porc. X. acr. prati. Semper V. runc. XXIII. anim. XXXV. porc. XL. ou. XXIII. capr. et V. soc. in eadem de LX. acr. Semper II. car. In eadem I. liber homo Sancti Eadmundi. dim. car. terræ. I. vill. et dim. II. bor. Semper I. car. Silva XV. porc. Due ecclesiæ de XL. acr. val. VII. sol. et VI. d. Isti manerio adjacet I. bereuuta GESSINGAM de I. car. et II. vill. et II. bor. Semper I. car. in dominio et II. car. hom. Silva XV. por. et XVIII. soc. de LXXX. acr. Fulcherus tenet XXII. acr. Semper III. bor. et V. car. et II. acr. prati. Tunc val. VII. lib. modo IX. et XV. sol. TRUETESSALA habet I. leu. et IIII. quarent. in long. et dim. leu. in lat. et de gelto XVII. d.

In SIMPLINGA VI. soc. pertinent. isti manerio de XXXII. acr. et I. bor. et II. acr. prati. Semper inter omnes I. car. appretiat. sunt superius.

In eadem liber homo XL. acr. quod tenet Fulcherus et II. bor. Semper I. car. et II. acr. prati. Silva IIII. porc. Val. X. sol.

BRESINGHAM tenet Sanctus Eadmundus semper pro manerio et pro II. car. terræ. Semper VI. vill. XVI. bor. et

II. car. in dominio. et II. car. hom. Silva xx. por. XII. acr. prati. Modo II. an. XI. por. et XII. soc. de LX. acr. et non poterant dare vel vendere terram suam. Semper II. car. et dim. Silva VI. por. IIII. acr. prati. Tunc val. XL. sol. modo LX. Ecclesiæ XV. acr. val. II. sol. Habet VIII. quarent. in long. et VI. in lat. et XII. d. de gelto.

In BRESINGHAM tenuit Almarus a Sancto Eadmundo tempore regis Edwardi I. car. terræ. Modo tenet Rogerus Bigot a Sancto. Semper I. vill. et IIII. bor. Tunc II. car. in dominio. Post et modo I. et dim. Tunc et post II. car. hom. modo I. Silva VI. por. VI. acr. prati. Tunc III. runc. modo I. Tunc IIII. an. modo III. Tunc XX. por. modo VIII. Modo LX. ov. et I. soc. de I. acr. et dim. Semper val. XX. sol.

In RAGHEDUNA tenet Fulcherus de dominio I. car. terræ quod ten. Sanctus Eadmundus. Semper II. vill. et VII. bor. et I. car. in dominio. et II. car. hom. et II. acr. prati. et V. soc. de XXI. acr. prati. Semper II. car. et I. runc. et II. an. et V. por. et XII. ov. Val. XX. sol.

In SCELUAGRAM II. soc. dim. car. terræ. et VI. acr. et sub eo VII. bor. et I. car. Silua XII. por. II. acr. prati. Val. XI. sol.

In FRENSE II. soc. Sancti Eadmundi de XVI. acr. Semper dim. car. Val. II. sol.

DICCLEBURC tenuit semper Sanctus Eadmundus pro manerio et pro II. car. terræ. modo tenent II. presbyteri de abbate. Semper IIII. vill. et XII. bor. et II. car. in dominio. et IIII. car. hom. Silva XVI. porc. VI. acr. prati. et IIII. soc. XX. acr. Semper I. car. I. acr. prati. Val. XL. sol. Habet V. quarent. in long. et IIII. in lat. et VI. d. de gelto. Ecclesiæ XXX. acr. val. III. sol.

SEMERE tenet semper Sanctus Eadmundus pro manerio de II. car. terræ. Semper XII. bor. et II. car. in dominio. et II. car. hom. Silva XII. por. III. acr. prati. et I. soc. de X. acr. Semper ar. cum II. bov. Val. XL. sol. Habet V. quar. in long. et V. in lat. et VI. d. de gelto. In eadem tenet Fulcherus I. soc. Sancti Eadmundi de XX. acr. et II. bor. et d. car. et I. acr. prati. Val. V. sol.

In GESSINGA I. liber homo et dim. de XXXIII. acr. et II. bor. Tunc I. car. modo dim. Tunc val. IIII. sol. modo X. Hoc invasit Rogerus homo R. Malet.

In SCELUAGRAM I. lib. homo Sancti Eadmundi XII. acr. et II. bov. val. XVI. d. Ecclesiæ XVI. acr. val. II. sol. et VI. d. Quando Radulphus comes fuit potestativus et sui et terræ suæ. servientes ejus cambierunt cum servientibus Sancti Eadmundi IIII. homines de BORSTUNA pro aliis IIII. in Gessinga. qd comes habuit IIII. et Abbas IIII.

In SIMPLINGA I. lib. homo et dim. de XIII. acr. Semper dim. car. et I. acr. prati. Val. XXVIII. d.

In REGADONA IIII. soc. de V. acr. Appretiati sunt in BRESINGHAM.

Loddinga Hund. LODNAM tenet Frodo de Abbate quod ten. Sanctus Edmundus tempore regis Edwardi pro III. car. terræ et X. acr. Semper III. vill. Tunc VIII. bor. modo XVI. Tunc II. car. in dominio. modo III. Tunc II. car. hom. modo I. Silva LX. por. VIII. acr. prati.

Ecclesiæ LX. acr. IIII. acr. prati. val. V. sol. modo I. mol. Semper I. runc. Modo XII. an. et XXX. por. et LXXX. ov. II. vasa apum. et ibi sunt XI. soc. ad omnem consuet. XX. acr. Semper II. car. Tunc val. XL. sol. modo LXXX. Habet XIII. quarent. in long. et IX. in lat. et de gelto XVI. d. quicunque ibi teneat. Sanctus Eadmundus socam.

In BROM tenet idem. I. car. terræ quod ten. Toli vicecomes. et dedit Sancto Eadmundo tempore regis Edwardi. et postea tenuit ab eo per firmam. II. dierum. Semper I. car. in dominio. et IIII. acr. prati. et I. runc. et IIII. soc. de V. acr. Semper dim. car. Val. XX. sol. Sanctus Edmundus socam.

In MUNDHALAM tenet Goselinus I. soc. de XXX. acr. Semper I. vill. et I. bor. et dim. car. val. XXXII. d.

In TOPECROFT tenet Berengarius de Abbate II. car. terræ quod tenuer. II. p'rs. tempore regis Edwardi. Semper IIII. vill. et X. bor. Tunc II. ser. modo I. Semper II. car. in dominio. et III. car. hom. Silva III. porc. III. acr. prati. et I. soc. de II. acr. Tunc val. XXX. sol. modo XL. Sanctus Eadmundus socam. In LANGHALA et in KERSCHETUNA XXVII. soc. II. car. et dim. terræ. et X. acr. et II. vill. et XI. bor. Semper VI. car. VIII. acr. prati. Appretiati sunt in Broc. Ecclesiæ XII. acr. val. XVI. d.

LANGHALA habet I. leu. in long. et dim. in lat. et de gelto XVI. d. quicunque ibi teneat.

Depwade Hund. TIBHAM tenuit Sanctus Eadmundus tempore regis Edwardi pro II. car. terræ. et LX. acr. Modo tenet Ricuardus. Semper V. vill. et IX. bor. et I. ser. et II. car. in dominio. et I. car. hom. V. acr. prati. VI. an. XL. capr. Tunc val. XL. sol. modo LX. et habet I. leu. et dim. in long. et I. leu. in lat. et XVIII. d. de gelto.

TORP tenet Rob. de Vals quod ten. Sanctus Eadmundus pro manerio et pro I. car. terræ. Semper VII. vill. et III. bor. et I. ser. et I. car. in dominio et I. car. hom. II. acr. prati. et I. mol. et II. anim. et IIII. por. XVI. ov. et III. soc. XXX. acr. Semper I. car. Ecclesiæ XII. acr. Tunc val. XX. sol. modo XXX. et I. liber homo de quo habuit abbas dim. commend. tempore regis Edwardi de I. car. terræ. quod tenet idem. et IX. liberi homines et dim. sub. se commend. tantum XXX. acr. et I. vill. et I. bor. Tunc inter eos III. car. et dim. modo III. II. acr. prati. In FRICHETUNA tenet idem II. liberos homines de XXIII. acr. et I. vill. et III. bor. et I. car. In STRATUNA I. lib. homo XV. acr. et dim. car. In TORP II. liberi homines XII. acr. et dim. car. Tunc val. XXX. sol. modo L. Hoc tenet idem Robertus. TORP habet I. leu. in long. et III. quarent. in lat. et I. d. et III. ferd. de gelto. In FRIETUNA

III. I. lib. hom. reg. de XV. acr. et II. bor. et val. V. sol. Hoc tenet idem R.

Clavelinga Hund. KERCHBY tenet Rasridus de Abbate quod tenuit Sanctus Eadmundus tempore regis Edwardi pro II. car. terræ. Semper I. vill. et XI. bor. tunc II. car. in dominio modo III. Semper V. car. hom. XIII. acr. prati. Silva VI. porc. tunc dim. mol. modo I. et dim. Ecclesiæ XX. acr. in elemosina. et II. part. unius ecclesiæ de XIII. acr. In dominio IIII. runc. IIII. an. XV. porc. C. ov. et III. liberi homines. III. car. terræ. et IIII. car. et dim. et III. acr. prati. Tunc val. XL. sol. modo VI. lib. Ecclesiæ XX. acr. val. XX. d. Habet IX. quarent. in long. et V. in lat. et de gelto X. d. et ob.

HALS tenuerunt IX. homines de LXIII. acr. II. erant soc. et VII. soca et commend. tantum. Semper II. bor. et V. liberi homines VI. acr. Hoc est in pretio de Lodnes. et Frodo tenet de abbate. In NORTUNA I. lib. homo commend. XXX. acr. Semper I. car. et I. acr. prati. et IX. liberi homines sub eo. de XX. acr. quod tenet Gosselinus. Semper dim. car. val. V. sol. Super hos IX. rex. et comes socam. Ecclesiæ XX. acr. liberæ terræ. In eadem liber homo commend. tempore regis Edwardi VIII. acr. et II. bov. val. XII. d.

In KECHINGA I. liber homo similiter VIII. acr. quod tenet abbas in dominio. et val. VIII. d.

In HALS II. liberi homines I. acr. val. IIII. d. hoc tenet idem Frodo.

Invasiones in Nordfulc, ibid. fol. 275 b.

Abbas Sancti Edmundi tenet in RHUNGETUNA CL. acr. quod tenuer. V. liberi homines tempore regis Edwardi. Tunc II. car. et dim. modo II. IIII. bor. val. XX. sol. Hanc terram reclamant ex dono regis. In eadem villa tenet lib. hom. dim. car. terræ. IIII. bor. II. liberi homines de VI. acr. val. X. sol. In eadem XLVI. acr. quod ten. IIII. liberi homines et dim. Semper I. bor. III. car. VI. acr. prati. Val. X. sol.

In SCELUAGRAUAM I. liber homo Algari commend. tantum. tempore regis Edwardi XII. acr. de WINEFERTHINC, qui fuit occisus ad bellum Hastings. Postea tenuit abbas in manerium suum BRASINCHAM. Semper val. XVI. d. sed suus dapifer offert se nescisse sicut iudicium pro portat. In WINEFERTHINC I. lib. homo de II. acr. quem tenuit R. comes quando se forisfecit. et post, Godricus in manu regis. Post Godricum tenuit Herolfus in terra Sancti Edmundi licentia præpositi abbatis teste Hundret.

In SCEREPHAM I. lib. XXX. acr. III. acr. prati. I. bor. dim. car. val. IIII. sol.

Ibid. fol. 276 b.

In GESSINGA invasit Drogo homo Roberti Malet X. acr. de dominica terra Sancti Edmundi. et. val. XX. d.

Sudfulc. ibid. fol. 356 b.

SUDFULCH. TERRA SANCTI EDMUNDI.

Chinhoge Hund. RISEBY tempore regis Edwardi ten. Sanctus Edmundus pro manerio II. car. terræ. Semper III. vill. et II. bord. et tunc II. car. in dominio. modo III. Semper I. car. hom. et tunc III. serv. modo I. et I. acr. prati. et modo III. runc. et XII. an. et XXX. porc. et LXXX. ov. et XXX. II. capr. et VII. soc. de I. car. et dim. terræ. I. bord. et I. serv. Semper III. car. Super hos homines habet Sanctus Eadmundus sacam et socam et commendationem, et omne consuet. nec pot. dare et vendere terr. sine concessu abbatis. Ad faldam etiam omnes excepto uno qui faldam habet per se. In eadem I. liber homo dedit car. terræ quam tenet Normannus de abbate. et III. bord. et I. serv. Tunc. I. car. et modo. et I. acr. prati. hic pot. dare et vendere terr. sed saca et soca et commendatio reman. Sancto. Semper valet x. sol. Ecclesiæ de XX. III. acr. terræ liberæ. Hoc manerium excepto libero tunc valet III. lib. modo VI. Habet in long. IX. quarent. et VIII. in lat. et in gelto XI. d. Alii ibi tenent.

HORNINGESWORDA ten. Sanctus Edmundus tempore regis Edwardi pro manerio III. car. terræ. Semper III. vill. et XV. bord. Semper III. car. in dominio. et semper V. car. hom. Semper VII. serv. et III. acr. prati. Silva V.

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porc. et modo V. runc. et modo III. an. et XXX. porc. et XLV. oves et XV. soch. de I. car. terræ et I. bord. Semper III. car. Hi sunt Sancti cum saca et soca et omni consuetudine, nec pot. dare vel vendere terram absque licentia abbatis. Ecclesia de VI. acr. terræ liberæ. Tunc val. hoc manerium VI. lib. modo VIII. Habet in long. IX. quarent. et VIII. in lat. et in gelto XX. d. Alii ibi tenent.

HUEPESTEDE tempore regis Edwardi ten. Sanctus Edmundus pro manerio. V. car. terræ. Semper x. vill. et XVIII. bord. Semper III. car. in dominio. Semper VI. car. hom. Semper IX. serr. et x. acr. prati. Silva XL. porc. modo V. runc. et XVIII. an. et XXX. porc. et C. oves. et I. soc. de XXX. acr. terræ. III. bord. et I. serv. Semper I. car. et II. acr. prati. Silva V. por. Super hoc habet Sanctus sac. et soc. et commend. cum omni consuetudine, nec sine licentia abbatis pot. dare et vendere terram. In eadem VI. liberi homines de I. car. terræ. et dim. quod tenet Radulfus præter XXX. acr. et III. bord. Semper III. car. et III. acr. prati. Silva III. porc. et val. L. sol. Hi pot. dare et vendere terr. sed saca et soca commend. rem. Sancto et servitium semper LX. sol. val. Ecclesiæ de XXX. acr. liberæ terræ. Hoc manerium exceptis liberis tunc valet VII. lib. modo x. In long. habet IX. quarent. et VIII. in lat. et in gelto XX. d.

NEOTUNAM tempore regis Edwardi ten. Sanctus Edmundus pro manerio III. car. terræ. Semper x. vill. et x. bord. Semper III. car. in dominio. et semper III. car. hominum. et semper III. serv. et III. acr. prati. Silva V. porc. et I. mol. et modo III. r. et XVIII. an. et XX. III. porc. et LXXX. oves. et III. vasa apum. et x. soc. de dim. car. terræ. Semper II. car. et III. acr. prati. Super hos semper habuit et habet sacam et socam et commendationem cum omni consuetudine. nec pot. dare vel vendere terr. sine licentia abbatis. Ecclesia de VIII. acr. terræ liberæ. Tunc val. hoc manerium V. lib. modo x. Habet in long. x. quarent. et VI. in lat. et in gelto VI. d. et obol.

CEVENTUNAM ten. Sanctus Edmundus pro manerio VI. car. terræ. Semper XIII. vill. et IX. bord. Semper III. car. in dominio. et semper III. car. hom. Tunc VI. serv. modo VII. et x. acr. prati. Silva C. porc. modo VII. runc. et XX. II. an. et XXX. porc. et modo C. XL. oves. et XL. capr. et III. vasa apum. et I. soc. de XXX. acr. terræ. II. bord. Semper I. acr. et I. acr. prati. Silva III. porc. Super hoc habet sanctus sacam et socam et commendationem cum omni consuetudine. nec pot. dare vel vendere terr. sine licentia. Ecclesia de XXX. acr. terræ liberæ. Hoc manerium tunc val. VI. lib. modo x. Habet in long. x. quarent. et VIII. in lat. et in gelto VI. d. et obolum.

SEXHAM ten. Sanctus Edmundus pro manerio V. car. terræ. Semper XII. vill. et VI. bord. Semper III. car. in dominio. et semper VI. car. hominum. Semper III. serv. et V. acr. prati. Silva LXXX. porc. modo III. runc. et XV. animal. et XXXVI. porc. et C. oves. Tunc valet VI. lib. modo x. Habet in long. I. leugam et V. quarent in lat. et in gelto VII. d.

LEACFORDAM tempore regis Edwardi ten. Sanctus Edmundus pro manerio V. car. terræ. semper XIII. vill. et VII. bord. Semper III. car. in dominio. et semper III. car. hominum et semper III. serv. et XXX. acr. prati. et II. molin. Modo II. runc. et IX. an. et XIII. porc. et C. LX. oves. et I. soc. de VIII. acr. terræ. Semper II. bov. Super hoc habet sanctus sacam et socam et commendationem nec pot. dare vel vendere terram sine licet.^a Ecclesia de XX. acr. liberæ terræ. Tunc valet hoc manerium VI. lib. modo VIII. Habet in long. I. leu. et x. quarent. in lat. et in gelto VI. d.

HEMEGRETHAM tempore regis Edwardi ten. Sanctus Edmundus pro maner. III. car. terræ. Semper II. vill. et tunc II. bor. modo VI. Semper II. car. in dominio. et semper III. car. hom. Semper III. serv. et I. acr. prati. et I. molin. Modo II. runc. et XII. animal. et XX. por. et LX. oves. et VIII. soc. de LX. acr. terræ. Semper I. car. Super hos habet sacam et socam et commendationem ad omne consuetud. nec pot. dare vel vendere terram sine licentia abbatis. Ecclesia de XXX. acr. terræ liberæ. Tunc valet hoc manerium L. sol. modo LX. Habet in long. VI. quarent. et in lat. similiter VI. et in gelto x. d.

FORNHAM tempore regis Edwardi ten. Sanctus Edmundus pro manerio I. car. terræ. Semper III. bord. semper I. car. in dominio. et semper I. car. hominum. Semper I. serv. et III. acr. prati. et I. molinum. et semper II. runc. et XIII. an. et XXX. porc. et LX. oves. et III. soc. de XXX. acr. terræ. Semper dim. car. Hi sunt Sancti cum saca et soca et commend. et omni consuetudine. nec pot. dare vel vendere terræ^b sine licentia. In eadem II. liberi homines de I. car. et dim. terræ. I. vill. III. bord. Semper II. car. Hi pot. dare et vendere terram. sed sac. et soc. et commendation. rem. sancto. Semper val. XL. sol. Ecclesia XII. acr. terræ liberæ. Hoc maner. exceptis liberis val. semper XL. sol. Habet in long. VIII. quarent. et in lat. V. et in gelto x. d.

KKEWORTHAM tempore regis Edwardi ten. Sanctus Edmundus pro III. car. terræ. Semper IX. vill. et III. bord. Semper II. car. in dominio. Semper III. car. hominum. Semper III. serv. et VI. acr. prati. Silva XX. III. porc. Molin. I. et II. runc. et XVI. an. et XXX. porc. et LXXX. oves. Ecclesia de dim. acr. terræ. Tunc valet hoc manerium III. lib. modo III. Habet in long. VIII. quarent. et V. in lat. et in gelto VII. d. et obol.

In SEXHAM tenent Albertus et Fulcherus de abbate III. liberos homines de II. car. et dim. terræ. VIII. bord. Semper III. car. et III. acr. prati. Silva de V. porc. et dim. mol. Duo ex his pot. dare et vendere terr. sed sac. et commend. rem. sancto, et tertius non pot. sine abbatis. Semper val. LXXX. sol. Duæ partes ecclesiæ de VI. acr. terræ. Habet in long. VIII. quarent. et V. in lat. et in gelto VII. d. Alii tenent ibi.

In FLEMINGTUNA tenet Vluardus de abbate x. socm. de I. car. terræ VI. bord. Inter omnes semper III. car. et I. acr. prati. et I. molin. Hi sunt Sancti cum saca et soca et commend. et servitium debent in RISEBY, et in LEACFORDAM, et in HEMEGRETHAM. nec pot. dare vel vendere terram sine licentia abbatis. Semper val. XL. sol. Ecclesia de VIII. acr. terræ liberæ. Habet in long. VI. quarent. et in lat. III. et in gelt. VI. d.

In HALDSTEDA XXVIII. liberi homines de III. car. terræ. et Odo tenet I. car. et duo clerici. Alboldus et Petrus, II. car. et Agenetus XX. acr. Semper III. vill. et XXI. bor. Semper XIII. car. et II. serv. et XVI. acr. prati. Silva de III. porc. Hi pot. dare et vendere terram. sed saca et soca, et commend. reman. Sancto. Semper val. III. lib. Ecclesia de XXX. acr. liberæ terræ. Habet in long. VIII. quarent. et VI. in lat. et in gelto XIII. d. et obol.

In BROCCLEGA tenent Tebaldus et Rodbertus de abbate III. liberos homines de II. car. terræ. III. vill. et VI. bord. et VI. serv. Semper inter eos III. car. et V. acr. prati. Silva de XXIII. porc. Horum duo pot. dare et vendere terram. sed sac. et soc. et commend. rem. Sancto. Tertius non potest dare nec vendere terras^c sine licentia abbatis Semper val. III. lib. Ecclesia VI. acr. terræ liberæ. Habet in long. VIII. quarent. et V. in lat. et in gelto VII. d. Alii ibi tenent.

In MANESTUNA habet Garinus de abbate I. soc. de

^a sc. licentia.

^b Sic.

^c Orig. t'ra.

xx. acr. terræ. i. bord. Semper dim. car. et i. acr. prati. Silua de ii. por. super h'c habet sanctus sacam et socam et commend. et servitium debet ei. nec pot. dare nec vendere terræ^a sine licentia abbatis. Semper valet iiii. sol. Habet in long. iiii. quarent. et ii. quarent. et dim. in lat. et in gelto vi. d. Alii ibi tenent.

In REODA habet Henricus de abbate i. soc. de dim. car. terræ. iiii. bord. et i. serv. et semper i. car. et iiii. acr. prati. Silua iiii. porc. super h'c habet sanctus sacam et socam et commend. nec pot. dare nec vendere terræ^a sine licentia abbatis. Tunc xx. sol. val. modo xl. In eadem Berardus ten. de abbate vii. liberos homines de dim. car. et l. acr. terræ. Semper ii. car. et iiii. acr. prati. Silua vi. porc. Hi potuerunt dare et vendere terr. sed saca et soca et commendatio et servitium reman. sancto. Semper xxx. sol. val. Habet in long. viii. quarent. et iiii. in lat. et in gelto vii. d. Alii ibi tenent.

In WESTLEA xi. liberi homines de ii. car. terræ. Petrus ten. i. de abbate. v. bord. Semper iiii. car. et i. acr. et dim. prati. Silua iiii. porc. Hi potuerunt dare et uend. terræ^a sed saca et soca et commendatio et servitium remanent sancto. Tunc xxx. sol. valet. Modo xl. Tertia pars æcclesiæ de iiii. acr. terræ. Habet in long. vii. quarent. et in lat. v. et in gelto vi. d. et obol. Alii tenent ibi.

Leacforde Hund. HYRNINGWELLAM tempore regis Edwardi ten. Sanctus Edmundus pro manerio. iiii. car. terræ. Semper vii. vill. et vi. bord. et i. serv. Semper iiii. car. in dominio. Semper iiii. car. hom. et iiii. acr. prati. Tunc i. molin. modo ii. et i. runc. et v. an. et xii. porc. et lxxx. oves. et ii. soc. de lxxx. acr. terræ. Semper i. car. et dim. et i. acr. prati. Super hos habet sanctus semper sacam et socam et commendationem, cum omni consuetudine. sed potuit dare ei vendere terræ^a sine licentia abbatis. Ecclesia xxx. acr. terræ liberæ. Hoc manerium tunc val. vi. lib. modo vii. Habet in long. i. leug. et vi. quarent. in lat. et in gelto xx. d. Plures tenent ibi.

WAMFORDAM ten. Sanctus Edmundus pro manerio. ii. car. terræ. modo ten. Vlwart de abbate. Semper iiii. vill. et iiii. bord. et v. serv. semper ii. car. in dominio. et semper i. car. hom. et viii. acr. prati. et modo v. runc. et xviii. an. et xxvi. porc. et cccc. et xiii. oves. et modo ii. vasa apum. Ecclesia xv. acr. terræ liberæ. Tunc val. xl. sol. modo lx. Habet in long. i. leug. et v. quarent. in lat. et in gelto vi. d. Alii ibi tenent.

ELVEDENAM ten. Sanctus Edmundus tempore regis Edwardi pro manerio ii. car. terræ. Semper iiii. vill. et iiii. bord. et i. serv. Tunc ii. car. in dominio. modo i. Semper i. car. et dim. hom. et modo ii. runc. et iiii. an. et xii. porc. et cclx. oves. et xiii. capr. et quarta pars unius piscar. Ecclesia xv. acr. terræ liberæ. et iiii. liberi homines et dim. de i. car. terræ. iiii. bord. Tunc iiii. car. modo ii. Hi pot. dare et vendere terræ^a sed saca et soca et commendatio et servitium reman. sancto. Tunc val. x. sol. modo xv. Hoc manerium exceptis liberis tunc val. xxx. sol. modo xl. Habet in long. i. leug. et in lat. similiter i. leug. et in gelto xx. d. Plures ibi tenent.^b

DUNHAM ten. Sanctus Edmundus pro manerio iiii. car. terræ. Modo Frodo ten. Semper i. bord. Tunc v. serv. modo iiii. Semper iiii. car. in dominio. et v. acr. prati. et i. piscar. et i. bov. et xx. i. porc. et dcccc. oves. et ix. liberi homines de ii. car. terræ et dim. et lx. acr. et iiii. bord. Tunc viii. car. modo iiii. et dim. inter omnes. et iiii. acr. prati. Hi potuerunt dare et vendere. sed saca et soca et commendatio et omnis consuetud. rem. Sancto. Tunc valet xxx. v. sol. et modo similiter. Ecclesia de xx. acr. terræ. Hoc manerium exceptis liberis. Tunc viii. lib. modo xi. Habet in long. i. leug. et viii. quarent. in lat. et in gelto xx. d. Alii tenent ibi.

In LIVELMERA Fulcherus ten. de abb. ii. liberos homines de xx. acr. terræ. i. bord. Semper dim. car. et dim. acr. prati. Hi potuerunt dare et vendere terræ^a sed saca et soca et commendatio rem. sancto. Semper iiii. sol. val.

Babenberga duobus hundr. MELAFORDAM tempore regis Edwardi ten. Sanctus Edmundus pro manerio xii. car. terræ. Ex hac terra ten. Galterus xl. acr. de abbate.

Semper xxx. vii. vill. et tunc xxv. bord. et modo x. Tunc viii. car. in dominio. modo vi. Tunc xx. car. hominum. modo xiii. Semper xvi. ser. et l. acr. prati. Silua lx. porc. et ii. molin. modo iiii. runc. Semper xxx. an. modo ccc. oves. Semper cxi. porc. modo xii. vasa et xl. equæ siluaticæ modo. et ii. soc. de lxxx. acr. terræ. Idem Galterus ten. i. de xl. acr. de abbate. Semper ii. car. Super hos habet sanctus commendationem, et sacam, et socam, et omnem consuetudinem, nec unquam pot. dare vel vendere terras suas absque pleno consensu abbatis. Ecclesia de ii. car. terræ. iiii. vill. ix. bord. Semper ii. car. Ecclesiæ semper ii. car. hominum. Tunc hoc manerium val. xx. lib. modo xxx. Habet in long. xviii. quarent. et i. leug. in lat. et in gelto xx. d. et obol. quicunque ibi tenet.

COTHEFELDAM tenet Sanctus Edmundus tempore regis Edwardi pro manerio iiii. car. et dim. terræ. Semper xiii. vill. et tunc xvi. bord. modo xx. ii. Tunc ii. car. in dominio. modo iiii. et tunc xii. car. hominum. modo vi. Semper iiii. servi. viii. acr. prati. Molendinum hiemale. Modo iiii. runc. et xii. anim. et xxxvii. porc. et lxxx. et xviii. oves. modo xii. vasa apum. Hoc manerium tunc val. vi. lib. modo viii. In eadem xxi. liberi homines de v. car. terræ, quos tenent iiii. homines de abbate. Berardus iiii. car. et James i. et Golemanus i. xiii. bord. et iiii. ser. Tunc inter omnes viii. car. modo vii. et xvi. acr. prati. Silua vi. porc. Hi omnes pot. dare et vendere terram suam. sed soca^a et commendationem ei^a sancti uno excepto, super quem socam tantum habuit. Tunc valet^a iiii. lib. modo iiii. Hæc villa habet in long. xiii. quarent. et i. leug. in lat. et in gelto xxiii. d. et obol. sed alii ibi tenent.

GROTENAM tempore regis Edwardi ten. Sanctus Edmundus pro manerio i. car. et dim. terræ. Semper viii. vill. et v. bord. Semper i. car. in dominio. Semper ii. car. hominum. et i. acr. prati. Silua x. porc. Molendinum hiemale. Semper i. runc. et vi. an. et xvi. porc. et xxx. oves. et ii. liberi homines de dim. car. terræ et pot. dare et vendere terram suam. vi. bord. Semper i. car. et i. acr. prati. Tunc valet^a xxx. sol. et modo xl. Habet in long. vii. quarent. et iiii. in lat. In eadem xii. liberi homines et habent i. car. et illa val. xx. sol. Hi omnes pot. dare et vendere terram suam tempore regis Edwardi r. Sanctus Edmundus habet socam, commendationem, et servitium, vii. d. de gelto. Sed alii ibi tenent.

Ernulfus

In PRESTETUNE tempore regis Edwardi ten. Sanctus Edmundus i. liberum hominem et pot. dare et vendere terram suam. et habet iiii. car. terræ in dominio. et tunc arab. cum iiii. car. modo cum ii. Semper ii. vill. iiii. bord. et arant dim. car. i. serv. iiii. acr. prati iiii. soc. ~~xxx.~~^a et hi habent xxvi. acr. terræ et dim. et dim. acr. prati. et illi pot. dare et vendere terram suam, et tunc valet^a iiii. lib. modo iiii. Habet in long. xii. quarent. et vi. in lat. Ecclesia vii. acr. Hunc hominem et terram suam dedit Willielmus rex Sancto Edmundo et Balduino abbati, et socam et omnem consuetudinem. ii. d. in gelto. Sed alii ibi tenent.

In LELEGAM ten. Sanctus Edmundus v. liberos homines quos ten. idem Arnulfus de abbate. Semper habent iiii. car. et dim. v. bord. iiii. acr. prati. Silua de ii. porc. i. ser. Tunc ar. iiii. car. et modo. et pot. dare et vendere terram suam sed saca et soca et commendatio er. Sancti Edmundi, et consuet. Tunc val. iiii. lib. modo iiii. Habet in long. xii. quarent. et vi. in lat. iiii. d. et obol. in gelto. Sed alii ibi tenent.

SUMERLEDETUNA ten. Sanctus Edmundus. In eodem habet Frodo i. car. terræ. i. vill. v. bord. Tunc ar. iiii. car. modo similiter. et tunc val. xl. sol. et iiii. sol. iiii. d. minus. et modo. et eandem terram rex Willielmus dedit Sancto Edmundo cum soca et commend. et omni consuet. Habet in long. vi. quarent. et iiii. in lat. iiii. d. in gelto. Sed alii ibi tenent.^b

CORNERDA ten. Sanctus Edmundus ii. lib. homines. et habent l. acr. terræ. i. acr. prati. tempore regis Edwardi reg.^a val. vi. bor. et modo et. et pot. dare et vendere terram suam. sed Sancti Edmundi soca et omnis consuetudo.

ADBURAM ten. Sanctus Edmundus iiii. soc. et habent viii. acr. terræ. et i. prati. et illæ viii. acr. val. xvi. d. et

^a Sic.

^b Orig. ten&.

hi pot. dare [et] vendere terram suam. et soca et omnes consuetudines er. et sunt sancti.

WALDINGEFELDAM ten. Sanctus Edmundus xi. lib. homines. et sub eis dim. car. terræ. iii. bord. ii. acr. prati. et pot. dare et vendere terram suam. sed soca Sancto et commend. et servitium. Tunc valet x. sol. et modo. i. d. in gelto.

NIWETUNAM ten. Sanctus Edmundus pro manerio tempore regis Edwardi, et modo Aelons de abbate. Semper ibi sunt ii. car. terræ. Semper ii. car. in dominio et i. car. et dim. hominum. Tunc ii. servi. modo nullus. Tunc iii. an. modo vii. Tunc xl. porc. modo xx. ix. Tunc lxxx. et vii. oves. modo c. et ii. Semper iii. vill. Tunc iii. bord. modo x. Modo xiiii. cap. tunc nulli. Tunc xvi. vasa apum. modo novem. Silua viii. porc. tunc modo vi. Semper ii. acr. prati. Hoc manerium habet in long. vi. quarent. in lat. Tunc valet ii. lib. modo ii. et dim. et de gelto iii. d. i. ferdingo minus.

In SOMERLEDETONA i. liber homo Sancti Edmundi xxx. acr. et dim. terræ. modo Frodo de abbate et val. ii. sol.

In MELLINGA i. liber homo xv. acr. terræ et iii. bov. et val. ii. sol.

Stohv Hund. In WEDERDENA xx. liberi homines S. Edmundi Tempore regis Edwardi ii. car. terræ. Radulfus tenet dim. car. et Ernulfus xl. acr. et xiiii. bord. Tunc v. car. modo vii. et viii. acr. prati. et dim. æcclesiæ xv. acr. et i. acr. prati. Tunc. ualet xxx. sol. modo xl. sol.

In HEROLUESTUNA ii. liberi homines Sancti Edmundi tempore regis Edwardi de i. car. terræ et xx. acris. modo Aelons de abbate. Petrus tenet xx. acr. Semper ii. vill. et xi. bord. et ii. ser. semper inter eos i. car. et dimid. et viii. acr. et dim. prati. et sub eis sunt xi. liberi de xxiii. acr. Tunc ii. car. inter eos. modo dimid. Ecclesia de xxv. acr. liberæ terræ. Semper val. tot. xxvi. sol.

In ANHUS i. liber homo Sancti Edmundi dim. car. terræ. et iii. bord. Semper i. car. et iii. acr. prati. et semper valuit xx. sol. tempore E. fuit soca^a et soca et commend. per istis omnibus Sancti Edmundi ex dono regis Edwardi sicut brevia et sigillum demonstrant quæ abbas habet. Post concessit Willielmus rex. Sed præpositus regis habuit propter socam de i. istorum iii. sol. esset juste vel injuste. et nesciente abbate neque ministris suis. et hund. testatur se nescisse Sanctum Edmundum postea fuisse dasaisitum^b postquam rex Edwardus dedit.

Bosemera Hund. MULCELFEL ten. Sanctus Edmundus tempore regis Edwardi lx. acr. pro manerio. Semper ii. vill. et iii. bord. et i. serv. et i. car. in dominio. et i. car. hominum. et iii. acr. prati. et v. an. et x. porc. et xlvii. oves. et xxi. capr. Tunc valet x. sol. modo xv. rex et comes socam. In eadem ten. Ailricus liber homo lx. acr. terræ. Sanctus Edmundus commend. et i. vill. et i. bord. et i. car. et ii. acr. prati. Ecclesia viii. acr. et dim. car. Tunc val. x. sol. modo xv. Hanc terram ideo tenet abbas quod ille Ailricus accepit uxorem, tempore regis Edwardi, quæ hanc terram tenebat libere in soca regis. sed abbas revocat socam de dono regis. Berengarius tenet de abbate. Habet i. leug. in long. et viii. quarent. in lat. et ii. d. de gelto.

STANHAM ten. Vluuar liber homo in soca regis et comitis lx. acr. pro manerio. et semper iii. bord. et i. car. in dominio et i. acr. prati. Silva v. porc. et i. run. et ii. animal. et xvi. oves. et valet x. sol. Ailboldus pater ten. Hanc terram habet abbas in vadimonio pro ii^{obus}. marciæ auri concessu Engelrici quando redimebant Anglici terras suas.

Claindune Hund. In TORP ii. liberi commendati homines vi. acr. terræ. et val. xvi. d. Sanctus Edmundus de i. socam. et Sancta Adeldreda de alio.

Plumesgata Hund. In GLIEMHAM i. liber homo. Aluricus commend. vi. liberi homines. et d. xx. i. acr. et ii. acr. prati. Semper i. car. et val. v. sol. Soca abbatis Normannus de abbate.

Hertesmera Hund. REGUAM ten. Sanctus Edmundus tempore regis Edwardi vi. car. terræ pro manerio. Semper x. vill. et xviii. bord. Tunc viii. servi. modo vi. Semper iii. car. in dominio. et xi. car. hominum. viii. acr.

prati. Silva cxx. porc. Ecclesia de xxx. acr. liberæ terræ. et dim. car. et ii. runc. et xii. an. et xxx. porc. et lx. oves. et xxx. capr. Semper val. x. lib.

In eadem xx. iiii. liberi homines. lxxx. acr. in soca. et commendatione abbatis. Semper viii. car. Semper val. xxx. sol. Habet i. leug. in long. et dim. in lat. et viii. d. de gelto.

Abbas in dominio. In WORDHAM ii. soc. lx. acr. pro ii. man. tempore regis Edwardi. Semper viii. bord. et ii. car. et dim. et iii. acr. prati. Silua de xiiii. porc. et val. xx. sol.

In eadem i. soc. xiiii. acr. et dim. car. et val. xxx. ii. d.

In eadem Alfahc lib. hom. in soca et commendatione abbatis xxx. acr. pro manerio tempore regis Edwardi. et iii. bord. et i. car. et i. acr. prati. et valet x. sol.

In eadem Vluricus lib. hom. xxx. acr. soca et commendatione abbatis et vi. bord. et d. et i. car. in dominio. et dim. car. hominum. et i. acr. prati. et val. x. sol.

In eadem xxv. liberi homines iii. car. terræ. Semper vi. car. et valet xxx. sol. Soc. et commend. abbatis. Habet i. leug. in long. et x. quarent. in lat. et xii. d. de gelto.

In GISLINGHEHAM Aluricus sochemannus xxx. acr. Semper i. car. et i. bord. et i. acr. prati. et valet x. sol. In eadem xii. liberi homines. et i. soc viii. acr. de xxx. acr. in soca eadem. Terra et commendation. abbatis. Tunc iii. car. modo ii. et i. acr. prati. et val. x. sol.

PALEGRAUA ten. Sanctus Edmundus tempore regis Edwardi iii. car. terræ pro manerio. Semper xi. vill. et xvii. bord. Tunc iii. ser. modo i. Semper i. car. in dominio. et iii. car. hominum. et vi. acr. prati. et ii. æcclesiæ de xxx. acr. et dimid. car. et ii. runc. et xii. an. et vi. porc. et viii. oves. Tunc valet vi. lib. modo viii. Socam abbatis. In eadem xxviii. liberi homines ii. car. terræ xii. acr. minus. Semper viii. car. et ii. acr. prati et valet xl. sol. Soca et commend. abbatis. Habet i. leug. in long. et dim. in lat. et xii. d. de gelto.

In RACHINGEHALA xiiii. liberi homines in soc. et commendationem abbatis lxxx. acras. Semper iii. car. et ii. acr. prati. Quinta pars æcclesiæ v. acr. et val. xx. sol.

BROCFORT ten. Sanctus Edmundus tempore regis Edwardi iii. car. terræ. et xliii. acr. Semper xiiii. bord. et iii. serv. et ii. car. in dominio. et ii. car. hominum. et iii. acr. prati. Silua de xl. porc. et viii. animal. et vi. porc. et xx. oves. et xx. capr. et semper val. c. sol.

Theod Wardes Treo hund. BERTUNAM ten. Sanctus Edmundus tempore regis Edwardi pro manerio v. car. terræ. Semper xx. ii. vill. et v. bord. Tunc iii. car. in dominio. modo iii. Semper vi. car. hominum. Tunc xi. serv. modo iii. et iii. acr. prati. Silua iii. porc. iii. run. et xviii. an. et xl. iiii. porc. et cccc. ii. oves. et modo ii. vasa apum. et lxx. lib. v. car. terræ. et semper inter omnes xviii. car. et ii. bor. et i. acr. prati. Super hos homines habet et semper habuit sacam et socam et omnem consuetudinem. et ad faldam pertin. omnes præter iii. Ecclesiæ hujus villæ l. acr. de libera terra pertin. pro elemosina. Tunc valet xvi. lib. modo xx. Habet i. leug. et ii. quarent. in long. et i. leug. in lat. et xx. vii. d. ad geltum.

PACHENHAM tempore regis Edwardi pro man. ten. Sanctus Edmundus vii. car. Semper xliii. vill. et xiiii. bord. Tunc iii. car. in dominio. modo iii. Semper xx. iii. car. hominum. Tunc vi. serv. modo ix. et xxvi. acr. prati. Silua c. porc. Tunc ii. molin. modo i. et iii. runc. et xlviii. an. et lxxv. por. et clxxx. oves. et modo viii. vasa apum. et xxxi. liberi homines et i. bord. ii. car. terræ. Semper inter eos xi. car. et iii. acr. prati. Isti omnes pertin. semper Sancto cum saca et soca et omni consuetud. et ad faldam.

In eadem iii. liberi homines de xxx. acr. terræ. Semper i. car. Silua iiii. porc. Hi pot. dare et vendere terram. sed saca et soca et commendat. reman. sancto.

In eadem tempore regis Edwardi unus liber homo de i. car. terræ impetravit ab abbate præstari sibi dim. car. terræ tali conventionem ut tota sua terra ubicunque esset remaneret Sancto post suum obitum. et modo ex hujus terra i. carrucata jacet in Pachtenham in dominio. et i. car. et v. bord. et ii. serv. et hiemale molendinum. et semper ha-

^a sc. saca.

^b Sic.

buit Sanctus super eum commendation. et sacam et socam. *Æcclesiæ* hujus villæ jacet xxx. acr. in elemosina de libera terra. Tunc Pachtenham cum his quæ pertinet. val. x. lib. modo xxv. Habet xvi. quarent. in long. et i. leug. in lat. et xiii. d. et obol. ad geltum.

FORNHAM tempore regis Edwardi ten. Sanctus Eadmundus pro manerio i. car. terræ. Semper iii. vill. et iii. bord. Tunc i. car. in dominio. modo ii. et semper ii. car. hominum. Tunc iii. serv. modo iii. et ii. runc. et semper iii. animal. et modo xii. porc. et lxxx. oves. et x. liberi homines et vi. bord. xxx. acr. terræ et semper i. car. hi etiam sunt Sancti omnino ad omne consuetud. et ad faldam. In eadem i. liber homo de xii. acr. terræ. hic pot. dare et vendere terram. saca tamen et soca et commend. reman. sancto. *Æcclesiæ* hujus villæ pertinet. xvi. acr. terræ liberæ in elemosina. Hoc manerium tempore regis Edwardi val. iii. lib. modo iii. Habet in long. ix. quarent. in lat. vii. et ad geltum vii. d. et obol.

RUHAM tempore regis Edwardi ten. Sanctus Eadmundus pro manerio v. car. terræ. Semper xv. vill. et iii. bord. Semper iii. car. in dominio. et ii. car. hominum. Semper vi. serv. et iii. acr. prati. et iii. runc. et xxii. an. et xxv. porc. et lv. oves. et lxxxx. liberi homines et xi. bord. et i. serv. et v. car. terræ. Semper xviii. car. et iii. acr. prati. Isti quoque semper erant et sunt Sancti commend. et omni consuet. ad faldam. *Æcclesiæ* hujus vill. jac. xl. acr. liberæ terræ in elem. Tunc val. xiiii. lib. modo xvi. Habet in long. xvi. quarent. et i. leug. in lat. et xx. d. in geltu.

BRADFELDA ten. tempore regis Edwardi Sanctus Eadmundus pro manerio iii. car. terræ. Semper xv. vill. et xviii. bord. Tunc ii. car. in dominio. modo iii. Semper iii. car. hominum. Tunc i. serv. modo vi. et vii. acr. prati. et iii. runc. et x. an. et xxviii. porc. et lxxx. xix. oves. et modo lxxx. capr. et iii. liberi homines de xxiiii. acr. terræ. et semper i. car. et i. acr. prati. Super hos habet Sanctus commend. et sacam et socam ad omne consuetud. nec poterant terras suas dare vel vendere absque licentia abbatis. In eadem ix. liberi homines de i. car. terræ. ii. bord. Semper inter eos iii. car. et ii. acr. prati. et val. vi. sol. Hi potuerunt terras suas dare et vendere. sed soca remaneret sancto et servitium quicumque terram emeret. *Æcclesiæ* hujus villæ jac. x. acr. et dim. terræ liberæ de elemosine. Hoc manerium tempore regis Edwardi val. vi. lib. modo viii. Habet in long. i. leug. et iii. quarent. in lat. et ad gelt. v. d.

GENONEFÆ FORHAM tempore regis Edwardi tenet Sanctus Eadmundus pro breuita ii. car. terræ. Petrus habet de histis^a ii. car. xl. acras de abbate. ten. ii. vill. ii. bord. abb. i. car. ex istis. et aula cui pertinet. est in alio hund. Radulfus ten. de abbate xii. acr. de istis ii. car. Semper viii. vill. et iii. bord. Semper ii. car. in dominio et iii. car. hominum. Semper iii. serv. et iii. acr. prati. et semper iii. mol. et i. runc. et c. oves. et vi. liberi homines et i. vill. et v. bord. i. car. terræ. et semper iii. car. Hi potuerunt terras suas dare et vendere. sed soca remaneret Sancto super terram. et servitium. et valent x. sol. *Æcclesia* de xiiii. acr. liberæ terræ pro elem. Semper val. hæc bereuica iii. lib. Habet in long. ix. quarent. et iii. in lat. et ad geltum viii. d.

THURSTUNAM tempore regis Edwardi ten. Sanctus Eadmundus pro manerio i. car. et dimid. terræ. Tunc vi. bor. modo viii. Semper ii. car. et i. car. hominum. et modo i. serv. et v. acr. prati. Silva viii. porc. et modo i. runc. Semper v. anim. et xxxii. porc. et iii. oves. et xxviii. liberi homines de ii. car. et dim. terræ. Ricardus ten. de abbate i. car. terræ et habet viii. liberi homines. et xii. bord. semper viii. car. et v. acr. prati. Silva iii. porc. et medietat. omni. val. xl. sol. et alii homines abb. xii. sol. Hi potuerunt dare et vendere terras suas. sed soca reman. Sancto super terram. et servitium et valent ii. lib. *Æcclesia* de xxx. acr. terræ liberæ in elem. Hoc manerium exceptis liberis illis semper valuit libram. i. et dim. Habet in long. x. quarent. et in lat. vi. et ad geltum xvi. d. Sed plures ibi ten.

WLFETAM ten. Sanctus Eadmundus tempore regis Edwardi pro bereuica iii. car. terræ. et aula cui pertinet. est in alio hund. Semper xvii. villani. et iii. bord. Semper

iii. car. hominum. In dominio iii. acr. prati. Silva de xx. porc. et xl. liberi homines de i. car. terræ. semper vi. car. iii. acr. prati. et hi omnes potuer. tempore regis Edwardi dare et vendere terras suas^a sed soca semper remaneret Sancto super terram et omne servitium ad faldam et jam pertinent omnes. et val. x. sol. et viii. d. *Æcclesiæ* xv. acr. in elemosina. Val. hæc bereuica semper iii. lib. Habet in long. ix. quarent. et vi. in lat. et xi. d. de geltu. sed plures ibi tenent.

In **DRENCESTUNAM** xl. liberi homines de i. car. in^a terræ. et habent vi. bor. et iii. car. et viii. acr. prati. Hii poterant tempore regis Edwardi terras suas dare et vendere. soca tamen sancto remanebat super terram et val. x. sol. et viii. d.

In **ETESCA** ix. liberi homines de v. car. terræ et dim. et vi. bor. Berardus tenet dim. car. terræ et ii. bor. et i. car. super eum xx. sol. Inter omnes semper vi. car. v. acr. prati. Hii pot. terras suas vendere et dare tempore regis Edwardi sed soca remanebat Sancto. et omne servitium debent in Rudham. ad faldam etiam omnes pertinent præter vi. val. xl. sol. *Æcclesiæ* xii. acr. Habet in long. viii. quarent. et vii. in lat. et de geltu xviii. d. quicumque ibi habeat.

In **FEALSHAM** xxv. liberi homines de iii. car. terræ i. vill. et v. bord. Adelelund i. car. et dim. terræ. et viii. liberi homines ten. iii. car. et valet l. sol. Semper inter eos viii. car. et v. acr. prati. Hi terras suas dare et vendere. Rem. Sancto. et valet tunc xxx. sol. modo lx. *Æcclesia* de x. acr. liberæ terræ in elem. Habet in long. viii. quarent. et in lat. vi. Ad geltum v. d.

In **BRADFELDA** x. liberi homines de ii. car. et dim. terræ Roricus tenet de abbate i. car. terræ et dim. et Falcus dim. car. iii. car. et d. sub eos liiii. sol. et habent xii. bord. Semper vi. car. et viii. acr. prati. Hi pot. dare et vendere terras suas. soca tamen reman. Sancto et val. tempore regis Edwardi ii. lib. modo iii. Habet hæc villa in long. x. quarent. in lat. iii. et v. d. in gelt.

In **GELDINGA** xiii. liberi homines de lv. acr. terræ. Inter omnes dimid. car. Hi etiam pot. dare et vendere terram suam sed soca reman. sancto. Tunc valet xvi. d. modo ii. sol. *Æcclesia* de vi. acr. terræ liberæ in elemosina. in elemosina.^a Habet iii. quarent. in long. et ii. in lat. et in gelt. v. d. Alii ten. ibi.

In **RATLESDENA** i. liber homo de dim. car. terræ et habent iii. bord. Semper i. car. et ii. acr. prati. et silua de iii. porc. Tunc val. x. sol. modo xx. Petrus ten. de abbate. Hic potuit dare et vendere terram suam. Socā tamen reman. Sancto.

In **HVELFIHAM** xl. i. lib. homines de vi. car. terræ. Ernulfus tenet de istis vi. car. i. car. terræ de abb. i. car. super eum xx. sol. et Rotbertus xx. acr. xii. bord. Semper xvi. car. inter omnes. et xiii. acr. prati. et silua x. porc. Hi omnes pot. dare et vendere terram suam. soca tamen rem. Sancto. Tempore regis Edwardi ii. lib. modo iii. lib. et x. sol. Duæ *æcclesiæ* de xl. acr. liberæ terræ pro elemosina. Habet hæc villa in long. i. leug. in lat. vi. quarent. et ad geltum x. den.

In **TIMWRTHA** xxix. liberi homines de iii. car. et dim. terræ. Johannes ten. de abbate vi. liberos homines de i. car. terræ. et ii. car. et val. xx. sol. In dominio abbatis viii. bord. et v. car. et vi. acr. prati. Hi omnes pot. dare et vendere terram suam. soca tamen rem. Sancto. et servitium. Tunc val. i. lib. et x. sol. modo xx. sol. *Æcclesia* de xxx. acr. liberæ terræ in elemosina. Habet in long. viii. quarent. et vi. in lat. In geltu xiiii. den.

In **HAMETUNA** xxii. liberos homines de ii. car. terræ. Rotbertus de abbate dim. car. terræ. et i. car. val. xx. sol. Semper in dominio abbatis v. car. et ii. acr. prati. et isti pot. dare et vendere terram suam. soca tamen rem. Sancto et servitium. in Ingham. Tunc xx. sol. valet. modo xxx. *Æcclesia* de viii. acr. terræ liberæ pro elemosine.^a Habet in long. vi. quarent. in lat. iii. et ad gelt. vii. d.

In **TOTSTOCHA** tempore regis [Edwardi] ten. Sanctus pro manerio. Modo de sancto ten. Fredo i. car. terræ. Tunc ii. bord. modo i. Semper i. car. in dominio et iii. acr. prati. Silva ad viii. porc. et i. runc. Val. xx. sol. et xvii. liberi homines et dim. de i. car. et habent iii. bord. Tunc iii. car. inter eos. modo ii. et ii. acr. prati. et hi pot.

^a Sic.

dare et vendere terram suam. soca tamen remanet sancto et servitium. et tunc val. x. sol. modo x. sol. et viii. d. Ecclesia de xii. acr. liberæ terræ in elemosin. Habet in long. vii. quarent. in lat. vi. et ad gelt. x. d. et obol. Alii ibi tenent.

In STANESFELDA xi. liberi liberi^a homines de i. car. et dim. et xii. acr. terræ. Gaurincus tenet de abbate lxxx. acr. et i. car. et dim. et val. xx. sol. In dominio abbatis v. bor. semper iiii. car. inter eos. et ix. acr. prati. Hi pot. dare et vendere terra suam. soca tamen remanet Sancto et servitium. Semper xii. sol. val. Ecclesia de xvi. acr. liberæ terræ in elemosin. Habet in long. viii. quarent. et iiii. in lat. et ad geltum x. d. Sed alii ibi tenent.

In RYSCEBROC xx. ii. liberi homines de ii. car. terræ. iiii. bord. Semper iiii. car. inter homines et ii. acr. prati. Hi poterunt dare et vendere terram suam. soca tamen remanet Sancto, et servitium in Ruhham. Ad faldam etiam omnes præter iiii. et tunc val. xvi. sol. modo xx. et xxiii. d. Habet in long. vii. quarent. in lat. iiii. et ad geltum vii. d.

In LIUERMERA x. liberi homines de i. car. terræ. et semper iiii. car. inter eos et ii. acr. prati. Hi pot. dare et vendere terram suam. soca tamen rem. Sancto. et semper valet x. sol. et viii. d. In eadem ten. Frodo xii. liberos homines de ii. car. terræ. et v. car. et val. lx. sol. In eadem ten. idem Frodo i. liberum hominem Eadrici de Laxe- et fœmin. illius S. E.

fella de ii. car. terræ ii. uill. viii. bord. et ii. serv. Semper ii. car. in dominio et ii. car. hominum. et iiii. acr. prati. Hi pot. dare et vendere terram sed sac. et soc. et commend. de fœmina tantum rem. Sancto. Hujus terram rex accep. de abbate. et dedit Guernoni depeiz. postea licentia regis deveniens monachis reddidit terram. Semper val. xl. sol. Ecclesia de xii. acr. terræ. Habet x. quarent. in long. et viii. in lat. et xii. d. de geltu.

Bradamera Hund. INGHAM tempore regis Edwardi ten. quidam miles Sancti Eadmundi. Wlfius de eo pro manerio. Modo tenet ipse sanctus iiii. car. terræ. et quarta car. terræ jacet in alio Hund. Semper i. vill. et ii. bord. Tunc iiii. car. in dominio. modo iiii. et semper i. car. hominum. Tunc iiii. ser. modo ix. et xxvii. acr. prati. et i. mol. et modo iiii. runc. et modo xix. animal. et modo xxx. porc. et lxxx. oves. et xxi. soc. de i. car. terræ. et semper vii. car. et ii. acr. prati. et hi omnes sunt Sancti cum saca et soca et omni consuetudine ad faldam etiam. nec umquam dare vel vendere pot. sine consensu abbatis. Ecclesia xxiii. acr. liberæ terræ in elemos. Tunc val. hoc manerium iiii. lib. modo viii. Habet in long. xvi. quarent. et in lat. viii. et in geltu xvi. d. sed rex ibi ten.

CULEFORDAM tenet Sanctus Eadmundus tempore regis Edwardi pro manerio i. car. terræ. Semper ii. vill. et ii. bord. Semper i. car. in dominio. Tunc i. car. hominum. modo dim. et viii. acr. prati. et i. anim. et ii. porc. et lxxx. v. oves. et xviii. soc. de dimid. car. terræ. Semper ii. car. Hi etiam pertin. Sancto, saca et soca et omni consuet. nec dare vel vendere pot. sine licentia abbatis. Tunc val. iiii. lib. modo iii. In eadem i. liber homo de i. car. terræ quam tenet Petrus de abbate. vii. bord. et ii. ser. Semper ii. car. et ii. bov. hominum. vi. acr. prati. Tunc val. x. sol. modo xxx. Habet in long. i. leug. et v. quarent. in lat. et in geltu vii. d. et ferdinum.

In STOWA xxi. liberi homines de ii. car. terræ. Semper vi. car. inter omnes. et ii. acr. prati. Hi sunt Sancti cum saca et soca et omni consuetudine et serviunt in Lacfordam. Semper valet xx. sol. In eadem i. liber homo de dim. car. terræ. Semper i. car. Semper val. iiii. sol. Ecclesia de xii. acr. liberæ terræ in elem. et jacet in alio Hundr. Habet in long. ix. quarent. et vii. in lat. et in geltu xvii. den.

Blachebrune Hundr. STATUNAM tempore regis Edwardi ten. Sanctus Eadmundus pro manerio i. car. terræ. Tunc i. car. in dominio. modo ii. Tunc iiii. servi. modo iii. et ii. acr. prati. Silva viii. porc. et modo ii. runc. et iii. animal. et xxviii. porc. et lii. oves. et xxx. capr. et ix. soc. de ii. car. terræ. Semper v. car. et iiii. acr. prati. Hi sunt Sancti et fuer. commend. et saca et soca. et omni consuet. nec umquam pot. dare vel vendere terram suam

sine licentia abbatis. et ad faldam. Tunc valet hoc manerium vi. lib. et modo vi. lib. In eadem vii. liberos homines de i. car. et xxx. acr. terræ. Semper iiii. car. et iiii. acr. prati. Silva de x. porc. Hi pot. dare et vendere terram suam. sed commend. et soc. rem. sancto. et servit. Ecclesia de xxxviii. acr. et quarta pars unius æcclesiæ. de vii. acr. terræ. et tunc valet x. sol. modo xiii. sol. Habet in long. i. leug. et vi. quarent. in lat. et in geltu ii. solidos et decem den. et obol.

ELMESWELLAM tenet Sanctus Eadmundus tempore regis Edwardi pro manerio ii. car. terræ. Semper xvi. villani et xiiii. bord. Tunc et modo ii. car. in dominio. Semper iiii. car. hominum. Tunc. iiii. ser. modo v. et viii. acr. prati. Silva lxxx. porc. modo iii. runc. et v. an. et xv. porc. et xviii. oves. et xlviii. capræ. et v. soc. de xl. acr. terræ. et semper ii. car. et i. acr. prati. Hi sunt Sancti omnino. nec dare vel vendere pot. sine licentia abbatis. Ecclesia de xx. acr. liberæ terræ in elem. Tunc val. hoc manerium v. lib. modo vi. Habet in long. i. leug. et x. quarent. in lat. Ad geltum xi. d. et ferdinum. Alii ibi tenent.

HILDERCLEA tempore regis Edwardi ten. Sanctus Eadmundus pro manerio iiii. car. terræ. Tunc vi. vill. modo viii. et tunc viii. bord. modo xii. Tunc vi. car. in dominio. modo v. Tunc x. ser. modo viii. Semper ii. car. hominum. et viii. acr. prati. Silva lx. porc. modo iii. runc. et viii. anim. et xx. porc. et lx. oves. Et vii. soc. de xl. acr. terræ. Semper ii. car. Ecclesia de i. acr. liberæ terræ in elem. Val. semper hoc manerium viii. lib. Habet in long. i. leug. et vi. quarent. in lat. et in geltu v. d. et obol. Alii ibi tenet.

RICHINGHALLAM ten. Sanctus Eadmundus tempore regis Edwardi pro manerio ii. car. terræ. Tunc iiii. vill. modo ii. et semper vi. bord. Semper ii. car. in dominio et tunc i. car. hominum. modo dim. car. Molendinum hiemale. Tunc iiii. servi. modo ii. et viii. acr. prati. Silva lx. porc. et modo ii. run. et viii. anim. et xvi. porc. et xxiii. oves. et xxx. capr. et xxii. soc. de dim. car. terræ. Semper inter eos vi. car. et vi. acr. prati. Hi sunt Sancti commend. et sac. et com. et omni consuet. nec unquam pot. dare vel vendere terram suam sine licentia. Ad faldam omnes. Tunc val. hoc manerium cum his quæ pertin. v. lib. modo vii. In eadem ii. liberi homines de dim. car. terræ. i. bord. Semper ii. car. et ii. acr. prati. Silva de viii. porc. Hi pot. dare et vendere terram suam. sed saca et commend. reman. Sancto et servitium. et semper val. x. sol. Ecclesia de xxiii. acr. liberæ terræ in elem. Habet in long. i. leug. et in lat. iii. quarent. et in geltu xii. d. Alii ibi tenet.^a

CUNEGESTUNAM ten. Sanctus Eadmundus tempore regis Edwardi pro manerio ii. car. Tunc ii. villani. modo et semper iiii. bord. Semper ii. car. in dominio. Semper dim. car. hominum. Semper i. ser. et ii. acr. prati. Silva de iiii. porc. et modo i. run. et x. animal. et xii. porc. et lxxx. oves et xxiii. capr. et xii. soc. de dim. car. et xxx. acr. terræ. Tunc vi. car. modo iiii. et ii. acr. prati. Ecclesia de viii. acr. terræ liberæ in elem. Tunc val. hoc manerium v. lib. modo vi. Habet i. leug. in long. et vi. quarent. in lat. et ad geltum xvii. d. et ferdinum.

In STOWA ten. Durandus de abbate. iiii. car. terræ quas tenuerunt ii. liberi homines tempore regis Edwardi. Semper viii. bord. Tunc iiii. car. in dominio. modo ii. et i. molin. Silva de xx. porc. et xxx. oves. et viii. acr. prati. Tunc valet vi. lib. modo vi. In eadem xiiii. liberi homines de dim. car. terræ. Semper iiii. car. et ii. acr. prati. Hi poterunt dare et vendere terram suam. soc. tamen et commend. reman. Sancto. et servitium. ad faldam etiam omnes. uno excepto. et valet semper vi. sol. et viii. d. Ecclesia de xl. acr. liberæ terræ. Habet hæc villa in long. i. leug. et viii. quarent. in lat. et in geltu x. d. Plures ibi ten.

In HEPWORDA xx. liberi homines de ii. car. et dim. terræ. et habent iiii. vill. et iiii. serv. Semper viii. car. et iiii. acr. prati. Silva vi. porc. Ecclesia de xv. acr. liberæ terræ in elemos. Hi omnes potuer. dare et vendere terram suam sed saca et soca et commend. et omni consuetudin. remanerent Sancto. et servitium in Stantunam et Cunegestunam. Tunc val. xx. sol. modo xl. De hac terra tenet

Fulcherus de abbate i. car. de omne medietat. et Petrus de Walenus xxx. acr. et iii. bord. et ualet xxxii. sol. in eodem pretio. Habet in long. vii. quarent. et v. in lat. et in gelto xvii. d. et ferding. Alii ibi tenent.

In WATLESFELDA xx. liberi homines de i. car. et dim. terræ. i. bord. et i. serv. Tunc viii. car. modo vi. et i. acr. prati. Silua de xii. porc. Ecclesia de xii. acr. liberæ terræ. in elemos. Hi pot. dare et vendere terram suam. sed saca et soc. et commend. reman. Sancto. et servitium in Richingehallam. Tunc valet xxx. sol. modo xl. De hac terra ten. Roricus i. car. et iii. car. et valet xxx. sol. in eodem pretio. Habet in long. vii. quarent. et v. in lat. et in gelto xvii. d. et ferding. Alii ibi habent.

In HOPSTUNA xxiii. liberi homines de ii. car. terræ. iii. bord. Semper vi. car. et iii. acr. prati. Silua de ii. porc. et i. molinum. Ecclesia de xiii. acr. liberæ terræ in elemos. Hi pot. dare et vendere terram suam sed saca et soca et commend. rem. Sancto. et servitium in Cunegegunam. Tunc val. xx. sol. modo xxx. De hac terra tenet Fulcherus dimid. car. terræ et valet xx. sol. in eodem pretio. Habet in long. vi. quarent. et in lat. iii. et in gelto xvi. d. Alius ibi tenet.

In BERNINGHAM xix. liberi homines ii. car. terræ. ii. vill. et ii. bord. Tunc ix. car. modo vi. et iii. acr. prati. Ecclesia de xv. acr. terræ liberæ in elemos. Hi pot. dare et vendere terram suam sed saca et soca et commendat. reman. Sancto. et servitium in Cunegegunam. Tunc val. xx. sol. modo xl. De iisdem liberis hominibus tenet Bucardus iii. liberos homines de i. car. terræ. et ii. car. et valet xv. sol. in eodem pretio. et Petrus de uua⁶ vi. liberos homines de iii. car. et dim. et valet xx. sol. in eodem pretio. Habet in long. i. leug. et vi. quarent. in lat. et in gelto xvii. den. Alii ibi tenent.

In BEORDEWELLA viii. liberi homines de ii. car. et xxx. acr. terræ. quos homines ten. Bucardus. iii. bord. et ii. serv. Semper iii. car. et ii. partes unius mol. et xl. acr. prati. Silua viii. porc. Ecclesia de viii. acr. liberæ terræ. Hi potuerunt dare et vendere terram suam. sed saca et soca et commendat. reman. Sancto. Tunc xx. sol. modo lx. valet. et sub eis xx. soc. de quibus ten. abb. x. de xxx. acr. et i. car. et val. v. sol. et Petrus de Walon. ten. x. de dim. car. terræ. et i. car. et val. x. sol. Habet in long. i. leug. et vi. quarent. in lat. et in gelto xxxiii. den. et ferding. Sed plures ibi ten.

In SÆPSTUNA xi. liberi homines de i. car. et dim. terræ. Semper ii. car. et ii. molin. et vi. acr. prati. Hi potuerunt dare et vendere terram suam. soca tamen et saca et commend. reman. Sancto. Duæ partes æcclesiæ de vi. acr. liberæ terræ in elemosin. Semper val. xx⁴. quinque sol. De istis liberis hominibus ten. Petrus de Wal. iii. liberos homines de lxxx. acr. et i. servus. et i. car. et val. xiii. sol. Habet x. quarent. in long. et v. in lat. et in gelto xvii. d. et ferding. Plures ibi ten.

In WESTUNA iii. liberi homines et dim. de i. car. t. terræ. et vi. bord. Semper ii. car. et i. acr. prati. Silua de iii. porc. Hi omnes excepto uno de xl. acr. pot. dare et vendere terram suam. sed soca et soca et commendat. reman. Sancto. et servitium in Cunegegunam. Semper val. x. sol.

In HUNGETUNA xvi. liberi homines de ii. car. terræ. ii. bord. Semper v. car. et viii. acr. prati. Silua ii. porc. Hi pot. dare et vendere terram suam. sed saca et soca et commendat. reman. Sancto. Semper valet xx. sol. Ecclesia de xx. acr. liberæ [terræ]. De hac terra ten. Petrus i. car. Habet in long. vi. quarent. et in lat. iii. et in gelto xii. den. et obol. Alii ibi tenent.

In TROSTUNA xx.iii. liberi homines de ii. car. et dim. terræ. Semper v. car. Hi pot. dare et vendere terram suam. sed saca et soca et commend. reman. Sancto. Tunc xx. sol. valet. modo xxx. De istis ten. Frodo xii. liberos homines de i. car. terræ. et ii. car. et val. xx. sol. in eodem pretio. Habet in long. x. quarent. et v. in lat. et in gelto xi. d. et obol. Alii ibi tenent.

In LITLA LIVERMERA vii. liberi homines de ii. car. terræ. iii. bord. Semper iii. car. et d. acr. prati. Hi pot. dare et vendere terram suam sed saca et soca et commend. reman. Sancto. Ecclesia de xii. acr. liberæ terræ. Semper val. xxx. sol. Ex his tenet Galterus iii. liberi ho-

mines. de i. car. terræ et i. car. et val. xv. sol. in eodem pretio. Habet in long. i. leug. et iii. in lat. et in gelto iii. d. et ferding.

In WRIDEWELLA xi. liberi homines de ii. car. terræ. iii. bord. et ii. serv. Semper v. car. et iii. acr. prati. modo i. molinum. Hi pot. dare et vendere terram suam. sed saca et soca et commendat. reman. Sancto et servitium in Culefordam. Semper val. xxx. [sol.] Ecclesia de i. acr. liberæ terræ. Habet in long. i. leug. et iii. quarent. in lat. et in gelto vii. den. et ob.

In BERNHAM iii. liberi homines de i. car. terræ. Semper ii. car. et i. molinum. Hi potuerunt dare et vendere terram suam. sed saca et soca et commendat. reman. Sancto. Dimid. æcclesia de viii. acr. terræ. Semper val. xx. v. sol. De hac tenet Fulcherus lxxx. acr. et i. car. et valet xx⁴ solidos.

In TROLFTHAM tenet Fulcherus de abbate viii. liberi homines de i. car. terræ. vi. bord. et i. serv. Semper ii. car. et dim. et iii. acr. prati. Silua de xxx. porc. Hi pot. dare et vendere terram suam sed saca et soca et commend. reman. Sancto. Tunc val. xx. sol. modo xxx.

In TORPA ii. liberos homines de xvi. acr. terræ. Semper dimid. car. et dim. acr. prati. Hi potuerunt dare et vendere terram suam. sed saca et soca et commend. reman. Sancto. Semper val. xii. d.

In WASHAM. xxx. liberi homines de iii. car. terræ. ii. bord. Tunc ix. car. modo vi. et viii. acr. prati. Silua de xxx. porc. Hi potuer. dare et vendere terram suam. sed saca et soca et commend. remanet Sancto. Tunc valet xxx. sol. modo xlv. De hisdem liberis hominibus et de hac terra ten. Rodbertus Blundus x. liberos homines de ii. car. terræ. et ii. car. et val. xl. sol. in eodem pretio.

In EASCEFELDA xx.i. liberi homines de i. car. et dim. terræ. et i. vill. et iii. bord. Semper v. car. et xii. acr. prati. Silua de xx. porc. Hi pot. dare et vendere terram suam. sed saca et soca et commend. reman. Sancto. Semper val. xxxiii. sol. De hisdem liberis hominibus et de hac terra tenet Odarus xvii. liberos homines de i. car. terræ. et xxx. acr. et iii. car. et val. xxx. sol. in eodem pretio.

In eadem i. soc. de dim. car. terræ. et ii. bord. Semper. i. car. et iii. acr. prati. Silua de iii. porc. Semper habuit Sanctus super hoc sacam et socam et commendationem. nec sine licentia pot. dare vel vendere terram suam. Semper val. x. sol. Ecclesia de xii. acr. liberæ terræ. Habet in long. x. quarent. et in lat. v. et in gelto xi. d. et obol. et ferdingum. Alius ibi tenet.

In LANGHAM vii. liberi homines de i. car. terræ. et i. bord. Semper iii. car. et vi. acr. prati. Silua de vi. porc. Hi pot. dare et vendere terram suam. Saca tamen et soca et commend. reman. Sancto. Semper x. sol. valet. Ecclesia de xx. acr. liberæ terræ.

In HUNTERSTUNA ix. liberi [homines] de ii. car. terræ. iii. bord. Semper iii. car. et x. acr. prati. Silua de xii. porc. Hi pot. dare et vendere terram suam. sed saca et soca et commendat. reman. Sancto. Dimid. æcclesia de xv. ac. liberæ terræ. Tunc et modo xl. sol. De hac terra et de istis liberis hominibus tenet Bucardus vi. liberis^a homines de i. car. et dim. terræ. et iii. car. et val. xxxv. sol. in eodem pretio. Habet in long. viii. quarent. et vii. in lat. et in gelto ix. den. et obol. et ferding.

In FACHENHAM ten. Petrus de abbate ii. liberi homines de i. car. terræ. iii. vill. et iii. bord. Semper i. car. in dominio. et dim. car. hominum. et iii. acr. prati. Silua de iii. porc. Hi potuerunt dare et vendere terram suam. sed saca et soca et commend. reman. Sancto. Semper val. xx. sol.

In LITLA FACHENHAM ten. idem Petrus. i. liberum hominem de lx. acr. terræ. Semper i. car. hic est Sancti cum saca et soca et commend. nec potuit dare et vendere terram sine licentia abbatis. Semper val. v. sol.

In EVESTUNA Adelund. ten. ii. liberi homines de abbate. de i. car. terræ. iii. vill. Semper ii. car. in dominio. et dimid. car. hominum. et iii. acr. prati. et ii. molin. Hi potuerunt dare et vendere terram suam sed saca et soca et commend. reman. Sancto. Semper xxx. sol. Habet in long. i. leug. et v. quarent. in lat. et in gelto xi. d. et obol. Alius ibi tenet.

^a Sic.

In GNEDESHALLA tenet Fulcherus de abbate IIII. liberos homines. I. car. terræ. et XXX. acr. et VI. bord. Semper III. car. inter eos et I. molin. et II. acr. prati. Hi potuerunt dare et vendere terram suam. sed saca et soca et commendat. reman. Sancto. Semper XX. sol. val. Ecclesia de XII. acr. terræ. Habet VIII. quarent. in long. et in lat. III. et in gelto XI. ð. et obol. Alii ibi tenent.

ADIXEWRD Rodbertus Blon tenet de abbate I. car. terræ. et V. homines III. acr. prati. Semper II. car. et semper val. X. sol. Hi omnes potuerunt dare terram suam in tempore regis Edwardi. Sanctus Edmundus habet socam et sacam et commendationem.

In TORP idem Rodbertus Blon tenet de abbate IX. liberos homines. I. car. terræ. Semper II. bord. et II. car. et I. acr. prati. et I. molin. et val. XX. sol. Hi potuerunt terram suam dare et vendere. sed saca et soca remanebat Sancto. Et habet I. leug. in long. et dim. in lat. et IX. den. in gelt.

In eadem idem Rodbertus tenet de abbate I. lib. hom. LX. acr. et I. bord. Semper I. car. et IIII. acr. prati. et val. X. sol. Hanc terram invadiavit abbas contra barones regis, scilicet Willielmum episcopum, Engelricum, et Rad. Stalra pro C. sol. Hic pot. uendere et dare terram suam. sed soca et saca remanerunt Sancto.

Bisopes Hund. SAHAM ten. Sanctus Edmundus tempore Regis Edwardi pro manerio IIII. car. terræ. cum soc. Semper VIII. villani. et XI. bord. Tunc II. serv. modo I. Semper II. car. in dominio. Semper VI. car. hominum. et VI. acr. prati. Silva de XL. porcis. modo I. equus. et V. an. XXXI. porc. et XXXI. oves. et XX. I. capr. Ecclesia de I. acr. terræ. Tunc val. hoc manerium IIII. lib. modo V. In long. VII. quarent. et VI. in lat. in gelt. X. ð. Alii ibi tenent.

WYRLINGWORTHAM tempore regis Edwardi ten. Sanctus Edmundus pro man. VI. car. terræ. cum soca. Semper XVI. vill. et XIII. bord. et I. ser. Semper II. car. in dominio. Semper XII. car. hominum. et XVI. acr. prati. Silva de C. porc. Semper II. equi. et VIII. animal. et XXIII. porc. et XX. V. oves. et XXX. III. capræ. et modo VI. vasa apum. et I. soc. XX. acr. Ecclesia X. acr. liberæ terræ. Tunc valet hoc manerium VI. lib. modo VIII. Habet in long. I. leug. et V. quarent. in lat. et de gelt. X. den.

In BEDINGEFELDA X. liberi homines de dimid. car. terræ. Semper II. bord. Semper II. car. inter omnes. Silva VIII. porcis. Vnus ex his de XXX. acr. terræ. nunquam potuit dare nec uendere terram absque pleno consensu abbatis. et hoc testatur Hundret. et novem poterant dare et vendere terram. Tunc valet tot. V. sol. modo VIII. Habet in long. I. leug. et VI. quarent. in lat. et in gelt. XV. ð. Alii ibi tenent.

CYBENHALLAM tempore regis Edwardi ten. Sanctus Edmundus pro manerio I. car. et dim. terræ. cum soca. Semper VI. vill. et XII. bord. Tunc I. car. et dim. in dominio. modo II. car. Tunc III. car. hominum. modo V. et X. acr. prati. Silva tunc CLX. porcis. modo C. Semper I. runc. et modo XVI. an. et XVI. porc. et XXX. capr. Dimid. æcclesia XX. acr. Tunc valet hoc manerium XL. sol. modo XL. Habet in long. I. leug. et dim. et in lat. I. leug. et de gelto XV. ð. Alii ibi tenent.

MENDHAM ten. Frodo de abbate. quod ten. Sanctus Edmundus, tempore regis Edwardi, pro manerio II. car. et XVIII. acr. terræ. Semper II. villani. Tunc XVIII. bord. et modo XX. VI. et I. seru. Semper II. car. in dominio. Tunc VI. car. hominum. Modo VIII. et XVIII. acr. prati. et I. molinum. Silva tunc CCCLX. porc. modo CCC. Semper I. runc. et modo X. an. et XII. porc. et XL. oves. et XXX. VI. capr. et VI. soc. de dim. car. terræ et semper III. car. et II. acr. prati. Silva de III. porc. Et I. lib. hom. ten. III. ac. et val. VI. ð. Hi pertin. Sancto cum saca et soda et commend. nec unquam pot. dare vel vendere terram sine licentia abbatis. Ecclesia de XX. acr. Tunc val. hoc manerium III. lib. et X. sol. et modo XII. lib. et IIII. sol. Habet in long. I. leug. et IX. quarent. et in lat. I. leug. et de gelt. XV. den. Alii ibi tenent.

In WEIBRADE Sanctus Edmundus XXX. acr. et II. villani. et I. car. et III. acr. prati. Silva de X. porc. et valet X. sol.

Corsforde dim. hund. Ten. Sanctus Edmundus tempore Edwardi regis SEAMERAM pro manerio. Semper ibi sunt III. car. terræ. et dim. et XI. acr. prati. VI. uill. XIII. bord. I. ser. Semper III. car. in dominio. et II. hom. I. molin. II. runc. et XVI. an. et XX. III. porc. LXXXVII. oves. Tunc ual. V. lib. modo VI. In eadem est æcclesia de XXX. acr. terræ. et I. acr. prati. Semper I. car. æcclesiæ. Hæc uilla habet in long. IX. quarent. et in lat. VII. et II. ð. et obol. de gelto. Sed alii ibi tenent.

CERLSSWRDAM ten. Sanctus Edmundus tempore regis Edwardi pro manerio semper III. car. et dim. terræ. VIII. vill. X. bord. IIII. serv. Tunc II. car. in dominio. et IIII. hominum et modo similiter. XII. acr. prati. tunc et modo. Semper I. molinum. Semper II. runc. Tunc X. an. modo IX. Tunc XVI. porc. modo XX. Tunc XXX. oves. modo LX. Hoc manerium tunc val. IIII. lib. modo V. Habet in long. VII. quarent. in lat. VI. Ecclesia de XXX. acr. terræ. et I. acr. prati. et III. ð. et I. obol. et I. ferding. de g.

In LAFHAM ten. Sanctus Edmundus tempore regis Edwardi XXVI. liberos homines. et habent II. car. terræ. et VI. acr. prati. II. bord. et tunc ar. cum VI. car. modo cum IIII. et pot. dare et uendere terram suam. Sed Sanctus Edmundus habet sacam et socam et commendationem et omnem consuetudinem excepto I. Tunc valet terram eorum XXX. sol. modo XL. et Berardus tenet dim. car. terræ et I. car. et valet XXII. sol. in eodem pretio. Habet in long. VI. quarent. in lat. IIII. et III. ð. et ob. de gelto. Sed alii ibi tenent.

In WATEFELDA ten. Sanctus Edmundus tempore Edwardi regis XVIII. lib. homines. et habent II. car. terræ. et dim. VII. acr. prati. VI. bord. Tunc ar. cum IIII. car. et modo. et tunc val. XL. sol. modo L. Et de hac terra ten. idem Berardus I. car. terræ. et III. liberos homines. et I. car. et val. XX. sol. in eodem pretio. Sanctus Edmundus [habet] commendationem et socam et sacam. Habet in longitudine VI. quarent. et V. in lat. et de gelto V. ð. Sed alii ibi tenent.

In Ferdingam de EALDHAM ten. Sanctus Edmundus tempore Edwardi regis VI. liberos homines. et in alia Watefelda X. et VI. habent car. terræ et dim. Semper ar. VI. car. et IIII. bord. et VI. acr. prati. et potuerunt dare et vendere terram suam. sed soca et commendat. et omni. consuet. sancto. Terra illorum valet XXX. sol. Tunc modo XL. et V. ð. de gelto. et de hac terra ten. Berardus XL. acr. I. car. val. X. sol. in eodem pretio. Hæ duæ villæ habent in long. VI. quarent. et in lat. III. et VI. ð. de gelto. Sed alii ibi tenent. In eadem est æcclesia de II. acr. terræ.

In BLAISEGA Sanctus Edmundus ten. tempore Edwardi regis XX. liberos et habent car. et dim. terræ. XVI. bord. et II. serv. Semper arant V. car. et tempore Edwardi regis pot. dare et vendere terram suam. sed Sanctus Edmundus habet socam et commendationem et omnem consuetudinem. Tunc val. XX. sol. modo XXX. Habet in long. VI. quarent. et in lat. V. quicunque ibi ten. Ecclesia de X. acr. terræ. et de gelto VI. ð.

In MANETUNA et in BITELBEORNASTUNA ten. Sanctus Edmundus tempore Edwardi regis IIII. liberos homines. et habent II. car. terræ. et VI. acr. prati. et VIII. bord. III. serv. Semper ar. III. car. et pot. dare et vendere terram suam. Sanctus Edmundus habet socam et commendationem et omnem consuetudinem. Semper val. LX. sol. De hac terra ten. Gamas I. car. terræ et II. car. in dominio. et Hunfridus I. car. et val. XL. sol. in eodem pretio. Terra eorum habent in long. VI. quarent. et IIII. in lat. et III. ð. in gelt. Sed alii ibi tenent.

In BRETENHAMA et RESCEBROC et in TORPA ten. Sanctus Edmundus tempore Edwardi regis XIII. liberos homines. et habent semper II. car. et dim. VIII. acr. prati. VII. bord. Tunc ar. V. car. modo II. super hos habet Sanctas Edmundus socam et sacam et commendationem, et omnem consuetudinem. Tunc val. L. sol. modo XXX. De hac terra ten. Arnulfus VII. lib. homines. et I. car. terræ. et XXX. acr. et val. XV. sol. in eodem pretio.

In TORP XX. acr. I. liberum hominem. et val. III. sol. et IIII. ð. Sanctus Edmundus [habet] commendationem et socam.

Hund. de Carleforda. In WALDRINGAFELDA tenuit

Quengreua* tempore regis Edwardi sub Sancto Edmundo i. car. terræ et dim. modo VIII. bord. Semper in dominio ii. car. et hom. i. car. ii. acr. prati. et i. runc. et x. porc. et c. oves. Semper valet xx. sol. et habet in lat. iii. quarent. et in long. vi. et v. d. de gelto. In NEUBRUNNA iii. liberi homines. et in HESPELEA. i. commendation. eidem. Quengenæ* de vi. acr. et ual. xii. d. h. ten. Ro. Bigot de abbate.

Hundret de Losa. MERLESFORDA tenuit Sanctus Edmundo tempore regis Edwardi i. car. terræ et xii. acr. pro man. Semper v. bord. et ii. car. in dominio et hom. dim. car. et vi. acr. prati. i. molin. et ii. runc. et iii. an. et xiiii. porc. et l. oves. et iii. uasa apum. Tunc val. xxx. sol. modo xl. et ix. integros homines et ii. dim. liberi homines lxxx.iii. acr. Tunc iii. car. modo ii. i. acr. prati.

In HETETUNA iii. dimid. liberi homines com. S. et dim. xxi. acr. Semper dim. car. et valet viii. sol.

In CHENETUNA ten. Durandus ii. lib. homines de abbate de lxxx. acr. Tunc ii. vill. modo i. modo iii. bord. Semper ii. car. in dominio. et hominum dim. car. Silua ad x. porc. i. acr. prati. et i. runc. et iii. an. et xvi. porc. et lxxx. oves. et xxv. capr. et iii. vasa apum. Tunc val. xx. sol. modo xxx. h. ten. Durandus de abbate. socam et sacam Sancta Æ.^b

Wanneforda Hund. BECLES ten. Sanctus Edmundo tempore regis Edwardi ii. car. terræ pro manerio. Semper ii. vill. et xxvi. bord. Tunc ii. serv. Semper in dominio i. car et hominum. et x. acr. prati. Silua ad viii. porc. et i. mercatum et xxvi. burgenses. et abbas habet iii. partes de mercato. et rex. quartam. et ii. run. In eadem xxx. soc. cum omni consuetudine. i. car. terræ et dim. et sub eis xx. bord. Tunc vii. car. modo viii. sed poterant vendere terram suam tempore regis Edwardi. i. æcclesia de xx.iii. acr. Tunc reddidit hoc manerium xxx. mill. allecti. modo lx. mill. et habet in longo i. leuga et viii. quarent. in lat. et de gelto xvi. d.

In LINBURNA ten. Sanctus Edmundo xxx. acr. terræ. Semper v. bord. Semper i. car. ii. acr. prati. quinta pars i. molin. Tunc valet semper x. sol. Epis. W. socam et sacam in Werlingaham. dim. æcclesia v. acr. et val. xii. d.

Hertesmara Hund. In STOTAS vii. liberi homines in soc. et commendation. abbatis x. acr. et dim. car. Silua ad ii. porc. dim. acr. prati. et val. iii. sol.

In WIUERTHESSTUNA xix. acr. ten. Rod. Blondus de abbate quas ten. i. lib. hom. Grimus commendatus. et in soca abbatis. Silua ii. por. dim. acr. prati. et ual. xl. den.

SĒI EDMVNDI.

In WEDERINGASETA x. liberi homines xl. acr. et ii. bord. et ii. car. et i. acr. prati. Silua de iii. porc. et valet vi. sol. et viii. d.

In STOTA xiiii. liberi homines de xxx.iii. acr. et dim. Semper ii. car. et i. acr. prati. et val. vi. sol. Soca et commendat. abbatis. præter unum.

In WICHAM xiiii. liberi homines lx. acr. in soca et commendation. abbatis. Semper ii. car. et i. acr. prati. Silua de iii. porc. et val. x. sol.

In TORNHAM ix. liberi homines de xxx.v. acr. soca et commendation. abbatis. et i. car. et dim. et dim. acr. prati. et ual. vi. sol.

In TORNDUNA ten. Leuricus lib. homo commend. abbat i. car. terræ. et vi. bord. et ii. car. in dominio. et dim. car. hominum. et i. acr. prati. Silua viii. porc. et val. xx. sol.

In Acle de Hertesmara Hund. In ACLE i. lib. homo Godingus prepositus commendatus Sancto Edmundo tempore regis Edwardi lxxxx. acr. terræ. et non potuit vendere nec dare. Semper v. bord. et i. car. in dominio. et i. hom. dim. car. Silua ad v. porc. ii. acr. prati. et i. molin. et i. runc. et ii. an. et v. oves. Semper val. xx. sol. et sub eo x. liberi homines. xxx. acr. Semper i. car. et dimid. et ii. acr. prati. et val. x. sol. Sanctus Edmundo socam et sacam et commendat. ii. partes i. Æcclesia xii. acr. et val. xvi. d.

In TORNHAM v. liberi homines. in socam et commendat. abbatis. xl.iii. acr. et dim. Semper i. car. et d. ii. et d. acr. prati. Silua ad iii. porc. Semper val. viii. sol.

In FININGAHAM xi. liberi homines in soca et commendat. Sanctus E. lxviii. acr. Semper i. car. et d. et ii. bord. iii. acr. prati. Silua ad viii. porc. Semper val. xii. sol. i. æcclesia xxvi. acr. et val. iii. sol.

In WEST TORP viii. liberi homines in soc. et commend. abbatis. lx. acr. Semper i. car. et dim. ii. acr. prati. Silua ad iii. porc. Semper ual. x. sol. In eadem i. hom. vii. acr. et ual. xiiii. d. nec potuit vendere. et in FININGAHAM i. simil. viii. acr. et val. xvi. d.

In WIUERTHESSTUNA vi. liberi homines in soca et commendatione abbatis lxxv. acr. et i. vill. et ii. bord. Semper i. car. et d. Silua ad iii. porc. i. acr. prati. Semper val. xiii. sol.

In KODETUN i. uill. viii. acr. et val. xvi. d. et pertin. ad ESCEFELLA.

In KALDECOTES i. liber hom. vi. acr. in soca et commendatione abbatis. et ual. xii. d.

Omnes isti faciunt consuetudinem ad Rikingahala. Adhuc habet abbas in ACLE et in STUTESTUNA xv. lib. homines in soca et commendatione i. car. terræ. et x. acr. Semper xi. bord. et iii. car. Silua ad ii. porc. vi. acr. prati. i. æcclesia xxiiii. acr. et val. iii. sol. et dim. acr. prati. Semper val. xx. solidos.

In ACLE ten. Gotselinus i. liberam feminam nomine Leuseda. xxx. acr. sed non pot. uendere nec dare et iii. bord. Semper dim. car. Silua ad iii. porc. ii. acr. prati. et ual. xxxii. d.

In FRANDESTUNA ten. Anselmus de abbate ii. car. terræ pro manerio. Semper vi. bord. et in dominio ii. car. et hominum i. car. viii. acr. prati. et ii. runc. et ii. an. et xii. por. et lv. oves. et xii. liberi homines et dim. xiii. acr. sed pot. uendere. i. æcclesia viii. acr. et val. xvi. d. Semper iii. car. Silua ad iii. porc. i. acr. prati. Tunc ual. xl. sol. modo ix. soc. et commend. sanctus, et habet in longo viii. quarent. et in lat. vii. et de gelto viii. d.

In MELLES i. liber homo commendat. et soc. S. E. i. acr. et dim. et val. vi. d. In BRON i. liber homo E. i. acr. et ual. iii. d. In WESTORP i. liber homo E. i. acr. et ual. ii. d. In TORNEDUNA vi. liberi homines. in soc. et commend. abbatis. xvi. acr. et ual. iii. sol. In ACOLT iii. acr. in dominio. In CEBERNHALA xii. acr. et ual. ii. sol. In STOCHE tempore regis Edwardi ten. Bucardus xiiii. acr. sochermanus abbatis. et ual. iii. sol. Hanc terram calumpniatur Robertus Fardenc homo Godrici dapiferi ad manerium regis de Melnessam. et dicit quod Galterus Dedol ten. quando forisfecit. et hoc vult probare contra totum hundredum omnibus legibus.

In eadem viii. liberi homines commendati et soca xxiiii. acr. semper i. car. et ii. acr. prati. et ual. v. sol. In THORNHAM i. lib. hom. et soca commendat. ii. acr. et val. iii. d.

In COTITUNA iii. lib. homines in soca. et sub commend. abbatis iii. acr.

In CALDECOTA l. lib. hom. Aluricus sub commend. iii. acr. et dim. et ual. xii. d.

In THRANDESTUNA Vluricus commend. iii. acr. et ual. vi. d.

In WIUERDESTUNA iii. lib. commendat. xvi. acr. et dim. et ualet iii. sol. Ricardus tenet.

In WICHAM ii. liberi homines commendat. Burcardo de Melnessam. Brunloc et Heruart. v. acr. et d. et ual. x. d. Rex. et c. soc. hos ten. Orgerus præpositus abbatis. Alfricus qui ante eum fuit præpositus eos invasit.

In WERINGHESETA iii. acr. de dominio abbatis et ual. vi. d. Goduinus tenet.

Risebruge Hund. In POSLINDEWRDA xii. liberi homines. Sanctus Eadmundus commendat. et socam et sacam tempore regis Edwardi. et habent lx. acr. et i. bord. et ii. car. et ual. x. sol.

In STANESFELDA vii. liberi homines. lxxv. car. semper ii. car. Sanctus Edmundo commend. et soc. et ual. xi. sol. et iii. d.

In THRILLAUURA ix. liberi homines lxxxxv. acr. et

* Sic.

^b f. Æðeldreda.

v. bord. et IIII. car. et IIII. acr. prati. Silua vi. porc. et ual. xv. sol. Sanctus Edmundus soc. et commendat.

In BRADLEIA VIII. liberi homines LXXV. acr. et I. bord. et II. car. et I. acr. prati. et ual. XI. sol. et III. d. In eadem IIII. liberi homines LX. acr. et I. bord. et II. car. et I. acr. prati. et ual. x. sol. Sanctus Edmundus commendat. et soc. et sac.

In KIDITUNA I. liber homo. v. acr. et ual. XII. d. Sanctus Edmundus commendat. et soc. et sac.

In WARACATINGE I. lib. homo VII. acr. et ual. XII. d.

In HAUERHOL II. liberi homines v. acr. et ual. VII. d. Sanctus Edmundus soc. et commendat.

Biscopos Hund. In HORANT IIII. liberi homines. XXX. acr. et I. car. et ual. v. sol. Sanctus Edmundus commendat. soc. in HOXA. SUDHOLDA habet IX. quarent. in long. et v. in lat. Hæc diuisio a mari usque Jernesmu. et II. d. et ob. de gelto.

Blidinga Hund. SUDWOLDAM ten. Sanctus Edmundus ad victum monachorum pro manerio I. car. terræ. et v. vill. et IIII. bord. et I. car. in dominio. et IIII. hominum. et IIII. acr. prati. et I. runc. et IIII. anim. et III. por. et XXX. oves. medietas unius heiemaris. et quarta pars alterius medietatis. Tunc reddebat xx. mill. allecium. modo xxv. mill. Sanctus Edmundus soc. et sac.

VGGHECALA ten. Godwinus. socam Sancti E. I. car. terræ. Semper III. vill. et XII. bord. et I. car. in dominio. et III. car. hominum. Silua III. porcis. et II. acr. prati. et IIII. anim. et I. por. et LXXX. oves. et I. lib. hom. et dim. XXII. acr. et dim. terræ commendat. Semper I. bord. et I. car. et dim. acr. prati. Sanctus Edmundus socam. Manerium ual. semper LX. sol. et liberi homines IIII. sol. et VIII. d. In BENAGRA I. soc. x. acr. et ual. XVI. d.

Hund. de Wileforda. JUFFEFORDA I. liberum hominem. commendatus Sancti Edmundi tempore regis Edwardi XXIII. acr. et II. acr. prati. Semper I. car. Tunc ual. et modo v. sol.

In VILLA UBI QUIESCIT HUMATUS SANCTUS EADMUNDUS REX ET MARTYR GLORIOSUS tempore Edwardi regis B. abbas tenuit ad victum monachorum c. et XVIII. homines. et pot. dare et vendere terram suam et sub eis LII. bord. a quibus abbas potest habere aliquid adiutorii LIII. liberos satis inopes. XLIII. elemosin. quisque eorum habet I. bord. Modo II. molin. et II. viuar. vel piscin. Hæc uilla tunc ualet x. lib. modo xx. Habet in long. I. leug. et dim. et in lat. tantum. et quando in Hundreto solvitur ad geltum I. lib. Tunc inde exeunt LX. d. ad uictum monachorum sed hæc est de uilla sicut in tempore Edwardi regis si ita est, modo vero majori ambitu continetur de terra quæ tunc ar. et seminabatur. ubi sunt XXX. inter presbyteros. diac. et cler. XXVIII. inter nonnas et pauperes qui cotidie pro rege et omni populo Christiano deprecantur. LXXX. minus quinque inter pistores, ceruisarios, sartores, lauatores, sutores, parmentarios, kokos, portatores, dispensatores; et hi omnes cotidie ministr. Sancto et abbati et fratribus. præter quos sunt XIII. super terram præpositi qui habent domos suas in eadem villa. et sub eis v. bord. Modo XXX. IIII. milites inter Francos et Anglicos et sub eis XXII. bord. Modo inter totum CCC.XLII. dom. de domino terræ Sancti Edmundi. arabilis tempore Edwardi regis.

In Terris Gisleberti Balastarii.

Ibid. fol. 444 b.

Hertesmara Hund. GISLINCHAM ten. Alsus liber homo II. car. terræ pro manerio et II. bord. Tunc et post II. car. in dominio. modo I. et II. acr. prati. Silua IIII. porc. et ual. XL. sol. Hoc manerium fuit uiuente rege Edwardo de dominio abbatis Lefstani de Sancto Edmundo. et Lefstanus abbas cum accommodauit Alsio et uxori suæ tali conuentione quod post obitum eorum rehaberet abbas suum manerium.

NUM. XIV.

Carta de Divisione Portionum Abbatis et Conuentus primo facta.

[Battely, Antiq. S. Edm. Burgi, p. 58, ex Registro Sacristæ, fol. 25.]

HENRICUS rex Angliæ H. episcopo Norwicensi et vicecomitibus et omnibus baronibus et fidelibus et omnibus

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ministris suis de Norfolk et Suffolk, et ubicunque S. Eadmundus habet terras, salutem. Notum sit nobis, quod volo et præcipio ut partitio facta a Roberto abbate S. Eadmundi de omnibus redditibus abbatiae stabilis sit in perpetuum, ut Abbas scilicet S. Eadmundi liberè habeat omnia maneria et redditus suos pro se, et prior et conuentus habeant liberam dispositionem omnium maneriorum et reddituum suorum. Et regales ministri, tempore vacantis abbatiae, nullam potestatem sibi attrahant in maneriis prædicti conuentus, nisi de illis dignitatibus et libertatibus, quæ ad coronam pertinent, quas S. Eadmundus habet et habere debet plenè in omnibus dignitatibus et libertatibus, per octo hundredos suos et dimidium, super omnes homines, de quibus omnibus S. Eadmundum saisitum inveni, die qua frater meus rex Willielmus fuit vivus et mortuus. Concedo et confirmo conuentui S. Eadmundi, in perpetuum, liberam electionem in abbate sibi eligendo de domo sua propria, sicut rex Edwardus eis eandem libertatem dedit, et charta sua quam vidi confirmauit. Teste Th. archiepiscopo Eboracensi.

NUM. XV.

Carta Stephani Regis.

[MS. Cole, ut supr. vol. xlv. p. 35, e Registro Sacristæ.]

STEPHANUS, rex, &c. Sciant omnes quod ego pro salute regis Willielmi avi mei, et avunculorum meorum regum Willielmi et Henrici, et patris et matris meæ, et parentum meorum, nec non pro remissione peccatorum meorum, et Matildis reginæ uxoris meæ, et fratrum et puerorum meorum, quietam in sempiternum clamavi Deo et sancto Edmundo wardam XL. militum, quam facere solebant ad castellum meum de Norwico per quatuor terminos in anno per decenos milites singulis terminis residentes: et præterea quicquid ecclesia præfata vigiliis prædicti castelli dare solebat per annum pro warda, faciant apud Sanctum Edmundo ad eosdem terminos sicut faciebant apud Norwicum. Hanc itaque quietationem meam ad libertatem ecclesiæ datam, et a me supra altare ante corpus B. Edmundi oblatam, regia auctoritate confirmo, et præsentis sigilli mei impressione, et subscriptorum baronum attestatione munio atque corrobore. T. M. regina, et comite Alano Brittan. et W. comite Warwic. et W. comite Lincoln.

NUM. XVI.

Carta Sampsonis Abbatis de Consuetudinibus Burgensium de Bury Sancti Edmundi.

[Battely, p. 155, e. Registro nigro Vestiarii, fol. 190.]

SAMSON Dei gratia abbas S. Edm. omnibus baronibus et hominibus de honore S. Edmundi, Francis et Anglis, omnibusque successoribus suis, salutem. Notum vobis facimus, quod hæc consuetudines sint, quas burgenses S. Edm. dirationaverunt in curia S. Edm. coram prædecessoribus meis, ut a cartis eorum accepi, se habuisse tempore Edwardi regis, et temporibus Willielmi regis, et filiorum ejus Willielmi et Henrici, et temporibus Baldwini abbatis, et cæterorum abbatem, et quas ego eis concessu conuentus concessi, et confirmavi. Est ergo consuetudo illorum invenire viij. homines per annum de iiij. custodiis per singulas noctes ad Villam custodiendam; et in festo S. Edmundi xvj. homines ad iiij. portas custodiendas, sc. duos homines ad quamlibet portam in die, et totidem in nocte; et similiter per xij. dies Natalis Domini; invenient etiam iiij. janitores per annum ad iiij. portas; quinta autem porta (viz. orientalis porta) est in manu abbatis; si autem opus fuerit, Sacrista invenient materiem portarum, et burgenses parabunt eas: quod si fossatum quo villa circumdatur reparari debeat, si milites de abbatia et liberi socmanni ibi operentur, tunc burgenses ibi operabuntur sicut milites sive socmanni, quod illud opus non pertinet magis ad burgenses quam ad milites. Quicunque habet in villa S. Edm. mansuras de burgali terra, pro singulis mansuris dabit per annum duos ferthingos, unum ad Pentecosten, et unum ad festum S. Martini. Præterea non debent ire extra villam S. Edm. ad hundredum, nec ad comitatum, neque ad ullum placitum ut

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implacitentur, nisi ad suum Portmannemot. Si quis burgensium habet terram in villa S. Edmundi vel si emerit eam, vel alio modo adquisierit legaliter in villa vel in foro, et illam tenuerit uno anno et uno die sine calumpnia, et hoc possit dirationare per testimonium burgensium, post non respondebit inde alicui calumpniatori ex diverso venienti: hanc autem necessitate cogente (si non habet filium, vel proximum vel parentem, qui voluerit et poterit ei dare tantum pro ea, quantum aliquis alius) vendet cui voluerit infra feodum S. Edm. sine omni licentia præpositi, uxoris, filiorum et parentum. Si quis accommodaverit suam pecuniam alicui extra vel infra villam, et non poterit eam habere ad terminum statutum, et hoc fuerit recognitum in ipse villa, accipiet pro illa namam; si autem inde vadimonium habuit, et hoc tenuerit per integrum annum et unum diem, et debitor illud deguajare, siue deliberare noluerit, et hoc fuerit recognitum, vendet vadimonium coram bonis testibus pro quanto poterit, et inde suam pecuniam capiet, si quid autem superfuerit, reddet illi; si vero inde totam suam pecuniam habere non poterit, iterum namam capiet pro eo, quod sibi deest. Si quis adquisierit terram in eadem villa, quæ fuisset de Burgali consuetudine, quicumque ille sit, faciet consuetudinem, quam illa terra facere consuevit.

Quapropter volo, et hac mea charta confirmo, quod ipsi bene et honorifice debeant omnes prædictas consuetudines, et omnes libertates, quas habuerunt in temporibus Henrici regis, et prædecessorum suorum. Hujus meæ confirmationis et concessionis hi sunt testes, Robertus prior, et multi alii.

NUM. XVII.

Carta Alianoræ Reginae Henrici Consortis, de collatione magni Calicis aurei.

[MS. Cole, Mus. Brit. vol. xlv. p. 37, e Registro Sacristæ.]

ALIANOR Dei gratia regina Angliæ, ducissa Normanniæ et Aquitaniæ, comitissa Andegaviæ, universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis, &c. Noverit universitas vestra quod cum abbas Sancti Edmundi Sampson, et ejusdem loci venerabilis conventus teneantur nobis in x. marcis auri, pro fine quem cum domino rege Ricardo, filio nostro fecerant, nummorum et pecuniæ penuriâ laborantes, aureum calicem quem habebant, tresdecim marcas auri ponderantem, nobis in satisfactione obtulerunt: nos autem decem marcas quæ ad nos spectabant eis penitus condonantes, et residuas tres aureas marcas de nostra pecunia ementes et acquietantes, totum calicem eis dedimus in perpetuam elemosynam, pro intuitu charitatis, et amore beati martyris: præcipue autem pro salute karissimi filii nostri regis Richardi: ita tamen ne liceat prædictæ ecclesiæ monachis expendere, neque ab ecclesia sua alienare calicem præmemoratum: et quod hæc rata sint, præsens carta nostra confirmat. Teste me ipsa apud Westmonasterium, et mag. W. de Damartin, et mag. Radulpho Nigro, et Henrico de London chartæ præsentis auctore, et Ricardo elemosynario dominæ reginæ, et mag. Stephano de Sancto Edmundo, et abbate de Waltham, et episcopo Elyensi domini regis cancellario, et Galfrido de Warren.

NUM. XVIII.

Carta Johannis Regis.

[Ibid. p. 39, e Registro Sacristæ.]

JOHANNES, rex, &c. Sciatis quod cum nos venimus apud sanctum Edmundum in peregrinatione, anno regni nostri quinto, circa festivitatem B. Thomæ apostoli, ob reverentiam gloriosi martyris Edmundi, obtulimus ei saphirum magnum et rubeum quendam inclusum auro, et abbas et monachi ejusdem domus prædictos saphirum et rubeum nobis tradiderunt totâ vitâ nostrâ habendos, ita quod revertatur ad domum illam post obitum nostrum, et nos ob venerationem dicti martyris dedimus et concessimus prædicto abbati et conventui x. marcas annuas ad Pascha, ad scaccarium nostrum totâ vitâ nostrâ percipiendos, et reparationem Feretri martyris prædicti. Testibus domino E. Elyensi, et domino J. Norvicensi, episcopis, G. fil. Petri com. Essex, com. Rog. Bigot, W. com. de Warwick. Dat.

per manum S. præpositi Beverlac. et archidiacon. Wellensis, apud Sanctum Edmundum, Dec. xix. Anno regni nostri quinto.

NUM. XIX.

Quod Prior et Sacrista Sancti Edmundi desistant a fortificatione Villæ.

[Pat. 17 Joh. n. 40.]

Rex priori et sacristæ Sancti Edmundi, &c. Datum est nobis intelligi quod vos firmatis villam vestram Sancti Edmundi, quæ sita est in terra pacis; et ideo vobis mandamus quod opus inceptum ad villam illam firmandam penitus prosterni faciatis, ejicientes ab eadem inimicos et inimicas nostras qui in ea sunt et excommunicationis vinculo innodantur, quia licet de privilegio Sancti Edmundi deberent homines ipsius et tenentes de feodo suo tuti extitere, excommunicati tamen ex hoc in nullo meruerunt defensionem habere vel tutamen. Igitur si hoc mandatum nostrum non adimpleveritis et nos forsitan illuc non venerimus, tales illuc mittemus qui hiis meritis vestris exigentibus graviora vobis inferent mala, quam si nos personaliter adessemus, prius igitur vos super hoc monendos duximus quam gravandos. Teste meipso apud Sanctum Albanum decimo octavo die Decembris. Anno ut supra.

NUM. XX.

Carta Nestæ de Cokefeld facta Henrico Abbati de toto Manerio de Leleseye cum omnibus libertatibus et pertinentiis suis.

[E Registro membranac. Abbatie penes Crav. Ord. arm. fol. 4 b.]

SCIANT præsentis et futuri quod ego Nesta de Cokefeld, domina de Leleseye, ex mera voluntate et in libera potestate et viduitate mea, concessi, dedi, et hac præsentis carta mea confirmavi domino Henrico abbati Sancti Edmundi totum manerium meum de Leleseye cum omnibus libertatibus et pertinentiis suis, tenendum et habendum eidem abbati vel cuicumque illud assignaverit post decessum vel recessum meum, si de meipsa proprium hæredem non habuero, ita plene et integre, bene et in pace, honorifice et hæreditarie, imperpetuum, sicut ego Nesta unquam plenius et melius dictum manerium tenui et habui. Præfatum tamen manerium tenebo donec idem abbas vel assignati sui assignaverunt mihi, quamdiu vixero, aliquod manerium vel maneria ad valentiam dicti manerii de Leleseye et decem librarum ultra, sed statim post mortem meam dictum manerium vel maneria mihi assignata integre revertentur ad dictum abbatem vel assignatos suos sine omni difficultate et conditione, dictum vero manerium de Leleseye cum omnibus ad illud pertinentibus plenarie et pacifice remanebit præfato abbati et assignatis suis imperpetuum. Promisi etiam eidem abbati fide mea interveniente media quod istud scriptum si potest corrigi et emendari ad opus meum libentissime illud emendabo pro voluntate et ordinatione sua et consilii sui. Et ad omnia prædicta fideliter observanda obligavi me per omnia bona mea mobilia et immobilia habita et habenda renunciando omni foro et juri et juris auxilio et omnibus apostolicis et regiis præceptis, prohibitionibus, et mandatis. In cujus rei testimonium præsentis scripto sigillum meum apposui coram multis. Act. apud Leleseye anno regni regis Henrici filii regis Johannis vicesimo quinto.

NUM. XXI.

De Manerio de Mildenhall, à Sancto Edwardo Rege Abbatie concessio.

[Ex Lib. veteri MS. ejusd. Cænobii penes prædict. Rob. Bacon, fol. 120.]

NOVERITIS nos ab antecessoribus nostris didicisse, quod beatus Edwardus primo anno regni sui, orationis gratiâ veniens apud sanctum Edmundum, circumibat officinas ecclesiæ, et tandem in refecturium intravit, qui videns ibi juvenes monachos ante prandium conventus recipientes pane vesci hordeaceo, quæsit cur hoc fieret? Cui responsum est à priore et monachis; quia bona ecclesiæ

non sufficerent ut bis in die vel ter pane triticeo vescerentur. Tunc sanctus rex ait: 'Et ego de beato Edmundo manerium meum de Mildenhall hic vobis proximum, et cavete ne pueri mei consanguinei sancti Edmundi deinceps panem comedant hordeaceum:' (sic enim solebat vocare Sanctum Edmundum.) Et hoc donum nobis quam habemus confirmavit. Succedente tempore, Stigandus ejusdem sancti regis capellanus, factus est East Anglorum episcopus; erat enim tunc sedes apud Helmham, à cujus jurisdictione tunc temporis plenè non eramus exempti: qui frequenter ad nos divertens, et graviter expensis et aliis exactionibus onerans, petiit à nobis ut villam de Mildenhall ei ad tempus accommodarem: cui propter potentiam quam tunc habuit in tota Anglia, et maximè in nobis nondum per curiam Romanam plene exemptis, contradicere non audebamus.

Ille ergo tenuit dictum manerium de nobis omni tempore quo fuit tam episcopus quam archiepiscopus Cantuariensis. Quem archiepiscopatum vi et dolo invasit, expulso Roberto archiepiscopo. Anno igitur Willielmi Bastardi quinto, concilium Wintoniæ celebratum est per episcopum Sedunensem, et Johannem et Petrum presbyteros, cardinales, apostolicæ sedis legatos, præsidente et jubente eodem rege Willielmo. In quo concilio Stigandus archiepiscopus degradatur pluribus de causis, maximè, quia vivente archiepiscopo Roberto, non solùm archiepiscopatum invasit, sed ipso Roberto injustè expulso, pallio ejus quod Cantuariæ remansit usus est, et postea à Benedicto, quem sancta Romana ecclesia excommunicavit, id quod pecuniis sedem apostolicam invasit, dictum pallium accepit. Quo degradato, rex omnia maneria quæ tenuit in manu sua cepit, quorum unum erat manerium nostrum de Mildenhall, quod postea rex Richardus nobis per chartam suam reddidit, tanquam jus sancti Edmundi et confirmavit, et insuper chartæ S. Edwardi sigillum suum apposuit.

NUM. XXII.

De Testamento Hamonis Blundi.

[Ex Chronico MS. Johan. de Buckland* hujus Cœnob. monachi, penes eund. Rob. Bacon. fol. 144.]

HAMO Blundus, unus ex ditioribus hominibus istius villæ agens in extremis, vix aliquod testamentum voluit facere. Tandem fecit testamentum ad pretium trium marcarum, nullo audiente nisi fratre suo et uxore sua et capellano. Quod cum abbas recognovisset, post mortem ejus illos tres convenit et acriter corripuit super hoc quod frater ejus, qui hæres erat, et uxor ejus, non sustinuerunt aliquem alium accedere ad infirmum, cupientes omnia capere. Dixit quoque abbas in audentia. 'Ego fui episcopus ejus et curam habui animæ ejus, nec mihi vertatur in periculum sacerdotis et confessoris ejus inscitia, qui infirmo viventi consulere non potui absens. Quæ mea interest faciam saltem tardè. Præcipio ut omnia debita ejus et catalla mobilia quæ valent cc. marcas, sicut dicitur, reducantur in scriptum: et una portio detur hæredi, et alia uxori, et tertia pauperibus consanguineis suis et aliis pauperibus. Equum autem qui ductus est ante feretrum defuncti et oblatum est sancto Edmundo jubeo reverti et reddi; non decet enim ecclesiam nostram coinquinari munere ejus qui decessit intestatus, et quem fama accusat quod ex consuetudine solebat pecuniam suam ad usuram dare. Per os Dei si alicui de cætero tale quid contigerit diebus meis, non sepeliatur in cimiterio.' Hiis dictis recesserunt cæteri confusi.

NUM. XXIII.

Quot, et qui, et quot Annis singuli fuerunt Abbates Sancti Edmundi.

[Ex Registro Joh. Lakinghith ejusd. loci monachi, penes eund. Rob. Bacon. Hodie MS. Harl. 743, fol. 1.]

1. Anno Domini mxx. Canutus rex Angliæ, cum consilio et decreto archiepiscoporum, episcoporum, et optimatum suorum, expulit clericos inhonestè viventes ab ecclesia sancti Edmundi, monachos in illa constituit, quibus

præfecit in abbatem quendam monachum de Hulmo, nomine Uuium, qui rexit ecclesiam sancti Edmundi xxiv. annis, confirmatus ab episcopo Londoniensi, et obiit mxxiv.

2. Anno mxxiv. Leofstanus abbas successit, et rexit ecclesiam xxi. annis, confirmatus ab episcopo Wintoniensi, obiit mxxv. kalend. Augusti.

3. Anno mxxv. successit Baldwinus, professus in nobili monasterio sancti Dionisii, confirmatus ab archiepiscopo Cantuariensi, qui rexit ecclesiam sancti Edmundi xxxij. annis, et obiit anno Domini mxxvij. iv. kalend. Januarii ut putabat plus octoginta annorum.

4. Robertus, filius Hugonis comitis Cestrensis, et monachus sancti Ebrulfi, recepit ex dono regis Henrici primi nonas Augusti die Dominico, in die videlicet consecrationis ipsius regis, anno Domini mc. Sed tertio anno sequente, in generali Consilio per beatum Anselmum archiepiscopum Cantuariensem London. celebrato, fuerat depositus et ejectus, eo quod ecclesiam illam absque electione manachorum canonica præsumperat acceptare, anno Domini mcij. Vide ibidem Marianum in cronicis.

5. Anno Domini mcij. Robertus, prior Westmonasterii, electus est abbas sancti Edmundi, confirmatus ab archiepiscopo Cantuariensi, et rexit ecclesiam quinque annis, et obiit anno Domini mcvij. xvj. kalend. Octobris, et vacavit abbatia septem annis.

6. Anno Domini mcxv. Alboldus, prior sancti Nichasii de Molent, factus est abbas sancti Edmundi, confirmatus ab archiepiscopo Cantuariensi. Hic rexit ecclesiam sancti Edmundi quinque annis, et obiit anno Domini mcxix. kal. Martii. Iste primò dedit Mauritio de Windeshore officium seneschalsiæ in feodum, et quinque feoda militum.

7. Anselmus, nepos beati Anselmi archiepiscopi Cantuariensis, qui fuit abbas sancti Sabæ in Roma et apostolicæ sedis legatus in Anglia, factus est abbas sancti Edmundi anno Domini mcxxj. confirmatus ab archiepiscopo Cantuariensi. Postea, anno Domini mcxxxvij. electus est in episcopum Londoniensem, et ibidem solemniter receptus. Sed quia hoc processit sine consensu decani à Londonia semotus est, et vix in ecclesia sua sancti Edmundi receptus est, et rexit ecclesiam xxvij. annis, et obiit ij. nonas Januarii mxxlvij.

8. Anno Domini mcxxxvij. Ordingus prior sancti Edmundi successit Anselmo abbati, sed Anselmus expulsus à Londonia iterum receptus est abbas. Quo defuncto iterum successit Ordingus anno Domini mxxlvij. qui rexit ecclesiam sancti Edmundi novem annis, et obiit ij. nonas Februarii anno Domini mclvj. anno verò suo quarto omnes officinæ sancti Edmundi, præter ecclesiam sunt combustæ.

9. Anno Domini mclvj. Hugo, prior Westmonasterii, electus et confirmatus est abbas sancti Edmundi ab episcopo Wintoniensi, et rexit ecclesiam xxiv. annis et obiit xvij. kalend. Decembris anno Domini mclxxx. et vacavit ecclesia annis duobus et mensibus tribus, secundum cronicas Jocelini.

10. Anno Domini mclxxxij. Samson monachus sancti Edmundi factus est abbas, confirmatus ab episcopo Wintoniensi Richardo, ij. kalend. Martii, et xij. kalend. Aprilis à fratribus est susceptus, qui rexit ecclesiam xxx. annis et obiit ij. kalend. Januarii anno Domini mcccj.

11. Anno Domini mcccij. Hugo monachus S. Edmundi electus est in abbatem, propter cujus electionem postea in conventu scisma factum est. Sed per judices à domino papa delegatos confirmatus anno Domini mcccv. et eodem anno viij. idus Martii accepit benedictionem à Roffensi episcopo, Benedicto, rexit ecclesiam S. Edmundi xiv. annis et anno Domini mcccix. consecratus est episcopus Eliensis quarto idus Junii, et obiit anno Domini mcliv. octavo idus Augusti, anno consecrationis sua in abbatem xliij. anno vero pontificatus sui xxvj.

12. Anno Domini mcccix. Richardus, abbas de Burton, postulatus est abbas sancti Edmundi, nonas Junii confirmatus ab Hugone episcopo Eliensi. Hic rexit ecclesiam v. annis, et obiit quarto kalend. Septembris mcccxxij.

13. Anno Domini mcccxxij. Henricus, prior S. Edmundi, electus est in abbatem in die sanctorum Cosmæ et Damiani, et suscepit benedictionem ab Hugone Eliensi episcopo, in die Purificationis beatæ Mariæ anno Domini

* sc. Brokelond.

mcccxxiv. Qui rexit ecclesiam xv. annis, et obiit anno Domini mccclviij.

14. Anno Domini mccclviij. Edmundus de Walpoole, monachus S. Edmundi et doctor in decretis, anno suo secundo à susceptione habitus, electus est in abbatem, confirmatus est ab Hugone episcopo Eliensi, et rexit ecclesiam ix. annis, et obiit ij. kalend. Januarii anno Domini mclvj.

15. Anno Domini mclvj. xix. kalend. Februarii, Simon, prior S. Edmundi, electus est in abbatem, confirmatus à papa Alexandro IV. undecimo kal. Novembris. Hic rexit ecclesiam xxiij. annis. Hic erat primus exemptorum in Anglia ad curiam Romanam pro sua confirmatione vocatus.

16. Anno Domini mclxxix. In vigilia sancti Johannis ante Portam Latinam, Johannes de Norwold, monachus S. Edmundi et hostiliarius, electus est in abbatem, confirmatus à papa Nicholao, et rexit ecclesiam xxiij. annis, et obiit quarto kalendas Novembris mcccj. et anno regni regis Edwardi primi post Conquestum xxix.

17. Anno Domini mcccj. Thomas de Tottington, monachus S. Edmundi, et supprior, electus est in abbatem, confirmatus à papa Bonifacio VIII. et rexit ecclesiam undecim annis, et obiit septimo idus Januarii, anno Domini mcccxiij.

18. Anno Domini mcccxiij. Richardus de Draughton, monachus S. Edmundi, et postea prior, electus est in abbatem, confirmatus à papa Clemente quinto, et rexit ecclesiam xxiij. annis, et obiit anno Domini mcccxxv. quinto nonas Maii et anno regni Edwardi tertii post Conquestum nono.

19. Anno Domini mcccxxv. octavo kalend. Junii, Willielmus de Bernham, subprior S. Edmundi, electus est in abbatem, confirmatus est à papa Benedicto XII. et rexit ecclesiam S. Edmundi xxv. annis, mensibus ix. et v. diebus, et obiit ultimo die Februarii anno Domini mcccxlj.

20. Anno Domini mcccxlj. vj. idus Martii, Henricus de Hunstanston, utriusque juris bacalarius et inceptor monachus sancti Edmundi, electus est in abbatem. Sed eodem anno, nono kalend. Augusti ante confirmationem suam obiit in provincia in Bastida de Farges; quæ quidem Bastida est locus inhabitatus distans ab Avinione per duo millia, ubi pestilentia tunc extitit excessivè.

21. Anno Domini mcccxlj. quarto die mensis Augusti, papa Innocentius sextus contulit abbatiam sancti Edmundi fratri Johanni de Brinkele, commonacho de Bury, utriusque juris bacalario, et eodem anno in die Dominica, viz. decimo nono mensis Septembris, de mandato papæ Innocentii sexti, facto vivæ vocis oraculo, consecratus fuit à Petro Castrensi episcopo in capella domini Nicholai sanctæ Mariæ, et duodecimo die mensis Novembris, rex Edwardus tertius concessit sibi temporalia sua Londoniis in sua secreta capella, et decimo sexto Novembris conventus recepit eum, cum processione ipsum installando, et sibi, ut moris est, in capitulo obedientiam faciendo, et rexit ecclesiam annis septemdecim, et obiit anno Domini mcccxxix.

Iste abbas, anno suo primo, vocatus fuit ad incipiendum Oxoniis in utroque jure, ut patet per literas dictæ universitatis Oxoniæ in Registro ipsius abbatis scriptas, et eodem anno in capitulo provinciali electus fuit in præidentem, et fuit præsidens decem annis.

Abbatia vacavit per sexennium.

Johannes Tynmouth creatur 7 R. II. obiit 13 R. II.

Willielmus de Cratfeild abbas creatur 13 R. II.

Willielmus Exeter abbas 5 H. VI. mcccxxvij.

Willielmus Curteys abbas 7 H. VI. mcccxxix.

Johannes Boone creatur abbas mcccclvj.

Richardus Hengham abbas 15 Ed. IV. mcccclxxv.

Thomas Raclesden abbas 18 Ed. IV. mcccclxxvij.

Johannes Reeve, alias Melford, ultimus abbas resignavit. Creatur 5 Hen. VIII.

NUM. XXIV.

Carta de divisione Portionum Abbatis et Conventus, tempore Edw. I. Regis.

[Ex Registro Abbatie S. Edmundi in Officio Ducatus Lanc. fol. 84.]

EDWARDUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ dominus Hiberniæ

et dux Aquitanniæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, prioribus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, præpositis, ministris, et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem. Inspeximus conventionem factam inter dilectos nobis in Christo fratrem Johannem de Northwood abbatem S. Edmundi, pro se et successoribus suis ex parte unâ, et priorem et conventum ejusdem loci ex alterâ, in hæc verba:

“Ad æternam rei memoriam placuit religiosi viris, domino Johanni Dei gratia abbati S. Edmundi, et ejusdem loci conventui, pro se ac eorum successoribus in perpetuum futuris, quod subscripta ordinatio et divisio pro communi utilitate utriusque et pacis tranquillitate, unanimi providentia voluntate et consensu, sicuti hactenus à tempore à quo non extat memoria ab utraque parte divisim optenta, habita, dinoscitur, et observata, firma sit et stabilis, ac in perpetuum perseveret; ita videlicet ut de possessionibus ac rebus ad monasterium sancti Edmundi pertinentibus certæ portiones certaque maneria cum omnibus suis exitibus, consuetudinibus, fortunis, et perquisitis ad ipsa regaliter spectantibus, necnon redditus qui dicuntur hidagium et foddercorn, unâ cum sectis liberorum hominum ad prædicta hundreda, necnon in placitis magnæ curiæ sancti Edmundi, eorum videlicet qui ad hoc occasione tenementorum suorum ex antiquo jure tenentur, et eorum homagiis et releviis pariter cum homagiis, releviis, wardis, maritagis, et eschaetis de feodis militaribus, ecclesiarum quoque advocaciones et ad easdem præsentationes cum ipsas vacare contigerit, sed et sergentiarum infra curiam sancti Edmundi secundum antiquam ecclesiæ consuetudinem collationes, in perpetuum abbatibus designentur.

“Cætera omnia et singula ad portionem, baroniam, et dignitatem dicti domini abbatis spectantia, eidem suisque successoribus absque ullo clameo seu contradictione aliqua prioris et conventus ejusdem loci, integra pacifica permanent et illibata. Pari etiam modo consimilique providentia certa maneria cum omnibus suis exitibus, proventus, et emolumentis, redditibus, sectis curiarum auxiliis, querelis, consuetudinibus, fortunis, releviis, et eschaetis, et omnibus aliis undecumque et qualitercumque, justitia tamen mediantem, provenientes, adeo liberè et integrè, sicuti abbati sua, (salvis tamen domino abbati qui pro tempore fuerit, in sui nova creatione homagiis liberorum hominum et recognitione de hominibus in maneriis prædicti conventus prout antiquitus fieri consuevit) conventui supradicto in perpetuum deputantur. Videlicet:

“Ad usus *Celerariæ*, quæ ad victum conventus hospitumque susceptionem, necnon ad quasdam pitantias annuas, servientum etiam liberationes, et alia conventui facienda. In comitatu Suffolchiæ grangia celerarii apud Sanctum Edmundum, cum terris, redditibus, boscis, pratis, pasturis, molendinis, aquis, fortunis, consuetudinibus, et omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis. In villa de Risseby duæ carucatæ terræ cum omnibus suis pertinentiis. Item manerium de Horingewelle Magna cum terris et omnibus aliis suis pertinentiis. Item manerium de Wepsted cum terris et omnibus aliis suis pertinentiis. Item manerium de Neutone juxta Sanctum Edmundum cum terris et omnibus aliis suis pertinentiis. Item manerium de Magna Berton juxta Sanctum Edmundum cum terris, cum ecclesia in proprios usus conventui deputata, et omnibus aliis suis pertinentiis. Item manerium de Pakeham cum terris, cum ecclesia in proprios usus conventui deputata, et omnibus aliis suis pertinentiis; salva tamen abbati præsentatione ad vicarias utriusque ecclesiæ prænominatæ cum eas vacare contigerit. Item manerium de Rutham cum terris et omnibus aliis suis pertinentiis. Item manerium de Bradeford-Monachorum cum terris et omnibus aliis suis pertinentiis. Item in villa de Fornham-Sancti-Martini duæ carucatæ terræ cum omnibus suis pertinentiis. Item manerium de Mildenhale cum terris, mariscis, aquis, cum ecclesia in proprios usus conventui deputata, et omnibus aliis suis pertinentiis. In villa de Berton Parva juxta Mildenhale tres carucatæ terræ cum omnibus aliis suis pertinentiis. Item manerium de Heringewelle cum terris et omnibus aliis suis pertinentiis. In villa de Elvedene duæ carucatæ terræ cum bruaria, pastura, et omnibus aliis suis pertinentiis. Item manerium de Cokefeud cum terris et aliis suis pertinentiis, secundum tenorem cartæ Simonis quondam abbatis ejusdem loci quam dictus conventus inde habet. In villa de Grotene duæ carucatæ

terræ cum aliis suis pertinentiis. Item manerium de Semere cum terris et aliis suis pertinentiis. Item de manerio de Chelsworth duæ firmæ per duas ebdomadas in anno ad conventus sustentationem. Item manerium de Ingham cum terris et omnibus aliis suis pertinentiis. Item in parochia de Fresingfeud in hameletto de Chebenhale quaterviginti acræ terræ cum xj. acris bosci et omnibus aliis suis pertinentiis. Item in comitatu Norfolchiæ manerium de Suthereye cum terris, aquis, piscariis, et omnibus aliis suis pertinentiis. Item in comitatu de Hertfordia una carucata terræ in villa de Sebricheswrth in hameletto de Tedenhee cum omnibus aliis suis pertinentiis. Item in comitatu Norhamptonæ manerium de Werketone cum terris et omnibus aliis suis pertinentiis. Præterea in comitatu Suffolchiæ de anno redditu in villa de Westle iiij. solidi. In Gnateshale v. Ee ecclesia sancti Petri in Parva Hornigewelle xij. iiij. In Kenteford v. viij. In Tostoke vj. viij. In Barwe v. Item in comitatu Norfolchiæ de annuo redditu in Gernemuta ix. In Schelfhangre xx. In Walsingham x. De Pepirmelle xij. iiij. In Lennia vj. viij. De ecclesia sancti Laurentii in Norwico, unum lastum de allece. In comitatu Essexiæ de annuo redditu in Wrabenese x. marcæ. In Bumsted xv. In comitatu Cantabrigiæ de annuo redditu in Saham ix. In Cantebrigia xxij. iiij. In comitatu Lincolnæ de annuo redditu in Seilholm in villa de Waynefflet lxvj. et viij. In civitate Londonii x. de quodam messuagio in parochia sanctæ Mariæ quæ vocatur Eldemariechirche.

Ad usus *Sacristiæ* quæ ad luminare ecclesiæ vinum et oblatas ad missas in ipsa ecclesia et per totam libertatem sancti Edmundi per annum inveniendum, et ad liberationem de oera singulis septimanis abbati et aliis secundum quod fieri consuevit faciendum; necnon ad reparationem ecclesiæ et aliorum ædificiorum, et maximè ædificiorum ad abbatem infra curiam pertinentium præter lardarium et alias domos versus gardinum, et omnes alias domos in futuro construendas, necnon et servientum ecclesiæ liberationes, ornamentorum etiam ecclesiæ reparationem, pitancias et præsentas et alia onera secundum antiquam consuetudinem ecclesiæ sustentandum deputatur, villa sancti Edmundi infra iiij. cruces cum terris, pratis, nundinis, mercatis, foris, et feriis, redditibus, fortunis, releviis, eschaetis, et omnibus aliis suis libertatibus, tam in temporalibus quam in spiritualibus, una cum cuneo et ejus profectu, salva tamen abbati qui pro tempore fuerit in suæ creationis novitate burgensium villæ sancti Edmundi recognitione, quam recognitionem domino abbati faciunt pro homagio præstando. Item in comitatu Suffolchiæ in villa de Westle juxta sanctum Edmundum duæ carucate terræ cum aliis suis pertinentiis. Item manerium de Ikelingham cum terris piscariis, et aliis suis libertatibus pertinentibus. Item in villa de Dunham unum messuagium cum suis pertinentiis. Item in parochia de Rutham apud Aldehawe unum messuagium cum duabus carucatis terræ bosco pasturis et aliis suis pertinentiis. Item in comitatu Norfolchiæ Iherlham in Aylesham, cum suis pertinentiis quod per felices recordationis dominum Ricardum quondam illustrem regem Angliæ ad inveniendum iiij. cereos circa sanctum Edmundum die noctuque ardentes extitit deputatum. Præterea deputantur eidem sacristiæ ad supradicta invenienda xvij. ij. x. de redditu forinseco infra libertatem sancti Edmundi ver diversas villas et loca in diversis hundredis capiendi, id est, iiij. xiiij. extra libertatem prædictam, per diversas villas et loca in diversis hundredis capiendæ. Item xxix. j. in comitatu Norfolchiæ per diversas villas et loca in diversis hundredis capiendæ. Item ij. j. in comitatu Essexiæ per diversas villas et loca in diversis hundredis capiendi. Item xxxiiij. vj. in episcopatu Lincolnæ per diversas villas et loca in diversis hundredis capiendi.

Ad usus *Camerariæ* quæ deputatur ad vesturam et ad calciamenta fratrum, in comitatu Norfolchiæ manerium de Broch cum terris et ecclesia in proprios usus conventui deputata cum aliis suis pertinentiis. Salva præsentatione abbati ad vicariam dictæ ecclesiæ. Item duo molendina apud Hemenhale videlicet unum ad ventum et aliud aquaticum. Item in villa de Castre juxta Norwycum una carucata terræ cum omnibus suis pertinentiis. Item in comitatu Suffolchiæ manerium de Beclis cum terris et suis pertinentiis. Item juxta Beclis Soka Lupelli cum homagiis red-

ditibus et aliis suis pertinentiis. Item manerium de Hilderle cum terris et omnibus suis pertinentiis. Item in villa de Stanton duæ carucate terræ cum suis pertinentiis. Præterea in villa de Rutham de annuo redditu xx. xj. ob. Item in eadem villa de ecclesia ejusdem villæ, nomine pensionis annuæ, vj. marcæ. Item in dicta villa iiij. de cimino et iiij. gallinæ annui redditus.

Ad usus *Elemosinariæ* quæ ad sustentationem pauperum et egenorum deputatur. In villa S. Edmundi grangiæ elemosinariæ cum terris, decimis, redditibus. Unum molendinum ad ventum cum aliis suis pertinentiis. Item in hameletto de Clopton in parochia de Wlpet in comitatu Suffolchiæ septies viginti acræ terræ arabilis. Item ibidem vij. acræ de prato, et duæ acræ bosci, et de redditu annuo ix. ix. ob. Item in Redgrave in eodem comitatu duo solidi de annuo redditu et tertia garba decimarum de antiquis dominicis abbatis sancti Edmundi in eadem villa. Item in parochia de Ratlisdene duæ garbæ decimarum de antiquis dominicis aulæ pitanciarum sancti Edmundi in hameletto de Cloptone.

Ad usus *Pitanciarum* ad certas pitancias diversas per annum faciendas in villa de Cloptone septies viginti et decem acræ terræ cum boscis, pratis, et aliis pertinentiis. Præterea in villa sancti Edmundi de annuo redditu vj. marcæ x. x. Item de redditu forinseco centum et ij. ix. Item de ecclesia de Wlpet nomine annuæ pensionis ix. marcæ.

Ad usus *Infirmariæ* ad necessaria infirmis fratribus ibidem invenienda deputantur xij. marcæ viij. xj. in villa sancti Edmundi capiendæ, et de annuo redditu sexaginta sexdecim solidi vj. Item de ecclesia de Wlpet nomine annuæ pensionis ix. marcæ.

Ad usus *Hostillariæ* ad utensilia ibidem necessaria, focale, mappas, manutergia, pannos, aliaque hospitibus necessaria invenienda deputantur iiij. xiiij. ij. ob. quæ in villa sancti Edmundi et alibi capiuntur. Item de ecclesia de Wlpet nomine annuæ pensionis ij. marcæ.

Præcentori assignantur duo molendina aquatica in villa de Westowe ad parcamenum et incaustum prædicto conventui invenienda. Deputatur etiam curæ, custodiæ, et tuitioni prædicti conventus Hospitalis sancti Nicholai extra portam orientalem villæ sancti Edmundi, cum suis pertinentiis. Hospitalis sancti Petri extra portam de Rissebi ejusdem villæ cum suis pertinentiis. Hospitalis sancti Johannis Evangelistæ extra portam australem ejusdem villæ cum suis pertinentiis quod appellatur Domus Dei. Hospitalis sancti Salvatoris quod est situm infra iiij. cruces villæ S. Edmundi. extra portam aquilonarem cum omnibus suis bonis temporalibus et spiritualibus ad sustentationem quorundam capellanorum fratrum et sororum et aliorum egenorum ibidem degentium et Deo famulantium dinoscitur esse deputatum. Hujus hospitalis custodiam monachus per abbatem in pleno capitulo constitutus habere debet sicut hactenus fieri consueverit. Ita quod nec dictus monachus custos nec aliqua sæcularis ecclesiasticave persona fratrem vel sororem in dicto hospitali inconsulto domino recipiat vel admittat: nulla tamen pecunia ratione receptionis cujuscumque personæ interveniente. Item in refectorio ad ciphorum utensilium ibidem necessariorum reparationem xiiij. assignantur in villa sancti Edmundi et alibi capiendi et recipiendi.

Cætera autem omnia et singula cum supradictis perquisita seu per regum licentiam perquirenda ad portionem conventus spectantia seu in posterum per licentiam eorundem spectanda eisdem suisque successoribus absque ullo clamio seu contradictione aliqua domini abbatis et successorum suorum integra, pacifica permaneant et illibata, salvis tamen domino abbati et ejus successoribus homagiis omnium liberè tenentium in maneriis ipsius conventus et extra corporaliter præstandis.

Præterea cedente vel decedente ejusdem loci abbate inveniet conventus sumptibus suis electo et familiæ suæ expensas et omnia necessaria versus curiam Romanam et in ipsa curia usque ad electionis confirmationem et electi benedictionem. Omnia etiam alia ad baroniam dicti domini abbatis quoquo modo hactenus spectantia sive in posterum spectanda, in præsentem instrumento tam specificata quam inspecificata eidem abbati suisque successoribus integra et illibata suæque baroniæ inperpetuum remaneant annexa.

Defendet siquidem abbas qui pro tempore fuerit omnia maneria conventus cum omnibus suis pertinentiis et libertatibus obtentis et obtinendis, redditus, possessiones, et omnia bona secularia et ecclesiastica usibus conventus deputata in foro seculari et ecclesiastico ubicumque et coram quocumque iudice seculari seu ecclesiastico sumptibus suis et expensis sicut sua. Ita tamen quod si abbas in foro ecclesiastico agat vel conveniatur pro aliquibus portionem conventus contingentibus, et contigerit eo prætextu aliquam fieri condemnationem, ipsam acquietabit conventus, dicto abbate tota lite pendente omnes, ut supradictum est expensas de sua portione faciente. Si vero abbas pro ipsius conventus portione in foro seculari implacitet vel implacitetur, omnes expensas circa placitum de sua propria acquietabit portione.

Quod si aliquando contigerit in aliquibus maneriis, possessionibus, vel rebus supradictis, conventui deputatis vel in posterum deputandis, aliquid vel aliqua fieri pro quo sive quibus abbas in misericordia domini regis contingat; finis misericordiæ à conventu eorumque portione persolvatur. Nullus etiam abbas qui pro tempore fuerit nullusque ejus ballivus vel alius quicumque præter ballivos pro conventu constitutos in maneriis, rebus, vel possessionibus conventui deputatis se intromittat; salvo abbati et suis successoribus quod eorum ballivi exerceant et faciant in prædictis maneriis et locis omnia quæ ad coronam regis pertinent, eo modo quo temporibus retroactis facere consueverunt. Præterea idem abbas existens in villa Sancti Edmundi cum familia sua omnes hospites, tam pedites quam equites, suscipere debet et exhibere, præterquam viros religiosos et eorum famulos, quos omnes semper conventus recipere tenetur. Omnes enim sæculares, tam equites quam pedites, ad abbatem præsentem de jure semper pertinent antiquo, quo absente, omnes pedites universique equites cum xiiij. equis vel paucioribus pertinent ad conventum: cum xiiij. equis vel pluribus sive præsens fuerit sive absens, semper pertinent ad abbatem ubi fuerint religiosi vel à priore specialiter invitati. Ut igitur prædicta ordinatio et portionum divisio stabilis, firma, inconcussa, et in perpetuum illibata perseveret, præsentem scripto tam supradicti domini abbatis quam ipsius conventus sigilla, unanimi consensu et voluntate eorundem, sunt appensa. Data apud Sanctum Eadmundum in festo Nativitatis sancti Johannis Baptistæ anno Domini mcc. octogesimo primo, regni verò domini regis Edwardi filii regis Henrici ix.

Nos autem prædictas conventionem et divisionem ratas habentes et gratas eas pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, eidem priori et conventui concedimus et confirmamus, sicut conventio prædicta rationabiliter testatur; volentes pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, quod prædicti prior et conventus et eorum successores in singulis vacationibus abbatie prædictæ habeant et teneant prædicta maneria, tenementa, et cuneum, cum pertinentiis, sine impedimento nostri et hæredum nostrorum et omnium ministrorum nostrorum, juxta formam conventionis prædictæ, salva nobis et hæredibus nostris custodia baronie et omnium terrarum et tenementorum ejusdem abbatis et successorum suorum sicut idem abbas ea nunc tenet et successores sui, abbates loci illius, ea tenebunt in futurum, et quibuscumque exitibus de eisdem baronia, terris et tenementis ejusdem abbatis pertinentibus, toto tempore vacationis prædictæ abbatie: et salvo nobis et hæredibus nostris jure nostro si quod nobis alia occasione competit in maneriis, terris, tenementis, et cuneo dictorum prioris et conventus. Salvo etiam nobis et hæredibus nostris jure nostro si quod nobis competat in maneriis, hundredis, terris, et tenementis quæ prædicto abbati et successoribus suis remanent per conventionem prædictam, si inde loqui voluerimus. Hiis testibus, venerabilibus patribus R. Batoniensi et Wellensi, W. Norwycensi, et Thoma Menevensi episcopis; Gilberto de Clare comite Glovcestrie et Hertfordie, Humfrido de Boun comite Herefordie et Essexie, Rogero de Mortuo Mari, Roberto de Tibotot, Reginaldo de Grey, Luca de Tany, Hugone filio Ottonis, Thoma de Weyland, Ricardo de Bosco, Petro de Huntingfeud, Elya de Hauuill, et aliis. Data per manum nostram apud Westmonasterium xvj. die Novembris anno regni nostri ix.

Ne cedat in præjudicium libertatis Villæ Sancti Edmundi quod dominus rex assignavit dominum J. de Vallibus

et socios suos ad videndum quod ballivi Sancti Edmundi fideliter se haberent ad quædam enormia emendanda.

NUM. XXV.

Elenchus deservientium in Curia in diversis Officiis, anno '14 Edw. I.

[MS. Harl. 645, fol. 209 b.]

Celerar.

Johannes aurifaber	} Pinc.
Rogerus de la Grave	
Magister Gilbertus	} Emptores.
Henr. le Rus	
Thomas de Arden senescallus aulae.	
Thomas de Camera janitor ad magnam portam.	
Adam portarius.	
Willielmus de Tendreden custos domini Abbatis et granarii.	
W. de Hoo custos aquarum.	
Simon janitor portæ Celer.	
Hugo custos lignar.	
Willielmus de Chikenneye	} Custodes grangiarum
socius ejus		Celerar.
Joh. de Doxford armiger Celer.	
Stabularius.	
Scriptor.	
Serviens parlorii.	
Messor.	
Duo ottolan.	
Mundator curiæ.	
Palmerus	} Servientes refretor.
R. de Ikellingham	
Willielmus claviger	} Quinque coci, cum aliis sub se constitutis.
Magister Galfridus	
Magister Johannes	
Henricus Cove	
Bygod	
Robertus de Halk	} portitores.
Johannes de Preston	
Simon del Halk	
Johannes Pug qui facit salsamentum,	
Robertus casearius.	
Qui servat le Furneys,	
Galfr. le Boteler panetarius.	
Tres pistores.	
Garcio subcelerar	
Galfr. braciator.	
vj. Servientes in bracino.	
Ricardus ductor carectæ.	
Gylemyn molendinarius.	

Sacristar.

Nicholaus Fuke	} Ballivi.
Willielmus le Large	
Robertus de Hadleye,	} Custodes cunei.
Nicholas de Bradel	
W. de Shrub.	
Rogerus de Rede assaur.	
Helyas.	
W. Sklingkard.	
Dine operar.	
Adam de Bradefeud.	
Ricardus collector theolon.	
Andr. clericus.	
Johannes de Vestiar cerarius.	
Galfridus le Verrer.	
Galfridus carpentarius.	
Petrus de Feretro.	
Nicholaus socius ejus.	
Henricus Lewes cressetarius.	
Radulphus vigil.	
Ricardus de viridi hostio.	
Sewall capellanus.	
Reginald Illory aurifrix.	
Rogerus piscator	} Servientes de Vestiario.
Thomas de Borham	

Camerar.

Galfridus sutor.

Simon pellipar.
Walterus cissor in nigro salar.
Item socius ejus.
Ranulphus } in balneario.
Jobbe }
Robertus de Aldeby lotor.

Scriptor.
Serviens parlorii.
Aurifrixia.
Mundator curiæ.

Et sunt in universo xix. liberationes eorum continentur
in Libro Consuetudinum.

Infirmar.

Ricardus Blome.
Walterus minutor cum gacione.
Johannes Waleys cocus cum gacione.
Thomas janitor cum gacione.
Johannes focarius.
Johannes de Kirkested ad meses.

Elemosinar.

Radulphus claviger.
Duo servientes.
Duo brevitores.
Duo gaciones.
Johannes Vyleyn.
Robertus de Wlpet et filius ejus.

Host. forinsecus.

Robertus claviger.
Clericus.
Discarius.
Focarius.
Jacobus de Galuha.
Radulphus de Lawardin.

Hostil. intrinsecus.

Johannes de Lopham.

NUM. XXVI.

*Isti sunt servientes per omnes Officias Curie Sancti Ead-
mundi.*

[MS. Harl. 1005, fol. 44.]

Ad stabulum prioris habet Prior quinque equos; vide-
licet, prior et capellanus duos palefridos et sumarium qui
est tertius. Item duobus armigeris duos equos. Item tres
gaciones et unus page, et capit prior certum ibid. de pane
et cervisia, et de præbenda prout plenarie in libro consuetu-
dinum continetur, et sunt in universo sex.

Ad stabulum celerarii, videlicet Celerarius et socius
ejus duos palefridos et i. sumarium. Item unus equus ad
opus celerarii. Item quatuor gaciones. Et capit celera-
rius certum de subcelerar. et de coquina et de prebenda
sicut in libro consuetudinum continetur. Et sunt in uni-
verso quinque.

In pristrino panetarius. Item tres pistores. Item duo
adjutores. Item duo pages; unus ad furnum calefacien-
dum, et alius ad panem parandum, et carectarius; et sunt
in universo xj^{cim}.

Item in bracino braciator et sex servientes qui adju-
vant braciatores ad braciandum. Item duo portitores ad
portandum tertiam cuyam, et sunt in universo ix.

Item in molendino est unus qui molit braseum.

Item in celerar. sunt duo pincerni. Item in universo
de illis spectantibus ad subcelerar. xxiiij.

*Liberaciones quæ dantur prec. prædict. quæ pertinent ad
Subcelerar. [viz.]*

Senescallus aulæ.
Janitor ad magnam portam.
Porcarius.
Custos domorum abbatis et granarii.
Custos aquarum.
Collector custodiæ Castri Norwici.
Janitor portæ celerar.
Messor. Item duo ortolani.
Custos lignorum.
Armiger celerar.
Duo custodes grangiarum celerar.
Stabularius.

Tot debent esse in Coquina. [viz.]

Duo emptores qui faciunt omnia quæ spectant ad
ipsos.

Quinque coci.

Ille qui facit salsamentum, et est provisum de
novo.

Duo portitores qui debent facere ea quæ spectant
ad eos.

Le furmag.

Item ille qui servat le furneys.

Unus est principalis magister. Unus cocus qui
debet habere sub se tres homines: videlicet
unum in angulo qui facit patanc; item alium
qui servat ferculum simul cum ipso; item ter-
tium qui servat hostium.

Item alius cocus principalis est Brodheye, et ha-
bet sub se quatuor homines, scilicet squelar.
Item tertius qui servat de coquina in aula
hospitum. Item quartus qui servat in cameris
et hospitibus ubicunque sunt in hostilar. intrin-
secus, et aliis locis.

Tertius principalis cocus est cocus minutorum,
qui habet sub se duos homines; unus qui facit
olera et iste semper male. Alius est qui facit
prandium minutorum.

Quartus principalis cocus est Bigot, et habet sub
se unum hominem qui servat cotidie unum fer-
culum.

Quintus cocus principalis Cowe, et habet sub se
unum hominem qui servat unum ferculum et
semper facit pisas.

Et sunt in universo in coquina xxii.

Et sciendum quod nullus debet intrare coquinam ad
liberationem capiendam nisi duo stabularii, scilicet prioris
et celerarii; et omnes alii debent capere ad fenestram ver-
sus curiam.

Ad cameram; sutor qui habet alius sub se propriis
sumptibus;

Pelleparius; qui habet alios sub se propriis sump-
tibus;

Duos cissores in nigro solario ex consuetudine;

Duo in balnear. Item unus lotor; et sunt in uni-
verso vij.

In firmar. i. clavig. serviens principalis Blome, qui
facit officium per alium;

Minutor cum gacione;

Cocus cum gacione;

i. Custos;

Unus meseijserie. Discarius;

Janitor cum gacione;

Focarius.

In elemos. Claviger qui portat claves. Item duo gar-
ciones ejus;

Unus qui lavat discos et facit mundicias;

Item alius qui colligit minutas decimas lini, et fur-
mag.

Item præter istos sunt ibi duo ad vitam suam; unus
ex parte regis, videlicet Johannes de Wyleyn, et alius ex
parte conventus, videlicet Adam de Wlpyte;

Item duo brevitores; et sunt in universo xj.

Hostilar. foris. claviger qui portat claves;

Clericus qui adjuvat magistrum celebrare; et alios;
squelarius; focarius; et sunt in universo iiij^{or}.

Hostilar. intrinsecus. Unus serviens qui debet servire
personaliter.

Pitanciaris; i. serviens.

In vestiario; duo servitores qui pulsan campanas;

Capellanus vestarii;

Aurifrixia;

Item custos parlorii.

NUM. XXVII.

Inquisitio de Statu Senescalli Libertatum Loci.

[Escaet. an. 30 Edw. I. nu. 19.]

INQUISITIO facta in magna curia sancti Edmundi, coram escaetore domini regis citra Trentam, die Jovis in septimana Paschæ anno regni regis Edwardi tricesimo, videlicet cujusmodi statum Johannis de Hastings, qui clamat senescalliam libertatis sancti Edmundi in feodo solebat habere, et de jure habere debet, tam tempore vacationis dictæ abbatihæ quàm in vita abbatis ibidem, per sacramentum Willielmi Talemasche; Petri de Taleworth militis, Walteri de Cloptone, Thomæ Giffard, Reginaldi filii Jordani, Johannis de Wicham, Willielmi de Capelis, Sampsonis de Batisforde, Ricardi de Hanvyle, Thomæ Underwode, Nicholai de Depeden, Osberti de Aldham, Willielmi de vile, Henrici de Brockelege, et Thomæ atte Gore, jurator. Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Henricus de Hastings, pater ipsius Johannis de Hastings, et Henricus de Hastings, avus ejusdem Johannis de Hastings, et antecessores sui tenuerunt tempore suo senescalliam libertatis sancti Edmundi in feodo, tam tempore abbatis ejusdem loci qui pro tempore fuerit, quam tempore vacationis ejusdem abbatihæ, capiendo ad quamlibet magnam curiam sancti Edmundi unam marcam, si curiam prædictam in propria persona tenuerit, de abbate sancti Edmundi per manus constabularii dicti abbatis, nisi abbas fuerit in villa Sancti Edmundi, vel in maneriis de Elmiswelle, Chenyngton, et Coleforde die curiæ tentæ. Et si abbas non sit in villa Sancti Edmundi, et sit in aliquo de prædictis maneriis, post curiam tentam senescallus ibit ad manerium illud ubi abbas fuerit cum octo equis suis et tredecim hominibus suis, et sero capiet unam summam avenæ cum feno sufficienti, unum sextarium vini, et sexdecim lagenas cervisiæ, et viginti quatuor candelas ceræ, scilicet tempore hiemali, et tempore æstatis duodecim, et octo panes leporariis suis, et duas gallinas falconibus suis. Et prædictus senescallus die prædicto habebit cum hominibus suis honorabilem sustentationem, ut in cibo et potu.

Præterea si senescallus adeat ad comitatum Gippewici, vel alibi in negotiis abbatis per præceptum domini regis vel pro officio suo faciendo, capiet de abbate expensas suas idoneo prout decet. Et capiet singulis annis de abbate pro ferrura equorum suorum j. marcam. Et capiet decem solidos per annum pro hominibus suis. Præterea idem Henricus de Hastings et antecessores sui solebant capere, et de jure habere rationabiles expensas suas versus scaccarium singulis annis pro duobus profris faciendis, et uno compoto reddendo per annum, et ibidem morando pro debitis domini regis per summonitionem scaccarii levatis, et de dicto scaccario versus partes suas redeundo. Et dicunt quod Johannes de Hastings filius et hæres prædicti Henrici qui senescalliam prædictam nunc de feodo clamat, et de jure hæreditatis prædicti Henrici dictam senescalliam habere debet et tenere sibi et hæredibus suis imperpetuum, capiendo ipse et hæredes sui ratione senescalcie prædictæ totum feodum prædictum si dictum officium in propria persona sua facere voluerit. Sed dicunt quod si dictus Johannes de Hastings dictum officium per aliquem locum suum tenentem facere voluerit, tunc idem locum suum tenens medietatem totius feodi prædicti et rationabiles expensas capiet pro officio prædicto faciendo, tam tempore abbatis ibidem qui pro tempore fuerit, quàm tempore vacationis ejusdem abbatihæ.

Et dicunt quod in ultima vacatione dictæ abbatihæ per mortem Symonis tunc abbatis ibidem, idem Johannes de Hastings fuit infra ætatem, et terræ et tenementa sua in manu domini regis extiterunt, et in custodia comitis Cornubiæ, ex dimissione domini regis, per quod idem Johannes de Hastings in eadem vacatione nichil percipiebat per manus proprias, sed quidam Jordanus de Sakevile tunc locum senescalli tenens medietatem istius feodi prædicti percipiebat. In cujus, &c.

NUM. XXVIII.

Nomina Officiorum sive Serjanciarum de Collatione Abbatis infra Abbatiam Sancti Edmundi.

[MS. Harl. 1005, fol. 66 b.]

Duo emptores.^a
 Duo pincernæ.^a
 Panetarius.
 Janitor.
 Senescallus aulæ.
 Armiger cellerarii.
 Porcarius.^b
 Quinque coci, quorum j^m. dominus Will. de Bernham abbas sancti Edmundi appropriavit et dedit conventui.
 Serviens infirmariæ.
 Custos locutorii.
 Custos aquarum.
 Piscator.
 Molendinarius.
 Carectarius.
 Grangiator.
 Janitor ad portam Celler.
 Serviens nigr. hostilarii.
 Stabularius.
 Custos domorum abbatis.
 Serviens pitanciarum.
 Serviens in pistrino.
 Serviens itinerans, vel bedellus.
 Serviens in elemosinariæ.

NUM. XXIX.

Taxationes Ecclesiarum in quibus Abbas Sancti Edmundi habet jus patronatus.

[Ibid. fol. 65.]

*Archidiaconatus de Hoxne.**Decanatus de Hoxne.*

Fresnyngfeld Abbatis xxx. marc.
 Saham Monachorum xxv. marc.
 Wirlingwrth xxviij. marc.

Decanatus de Wayneford.

Endegate xj. marc.
 Becles. xxxij. marc.

*Archidiaconatus Subyr.**Decanatus de Thedwardestr.*

Vicaria de Pakenham xvi. marc.
 Rugham liij. marc.
 Stanton medietas vj. marc.
 Wlpet x. marc.
 Thurstone xxx. marc.
 Hegesete xx. marc.
 Bradef Monachorum xvj. marc.
 Reyssebroc. xij. marc.
 Fornham Sancti Marci xij. marc.
 Fornham Sanctæ Genouefæ x. marc.
 Vicaria de Bertone xv. marc.
 Stowe xij. marc.

Decanatus de Thinghowe.

Lacford xxx. marc.
 Fornham Omnium Sanctorum xxx. marc.
 Ryseby xxxiij. marc.
 Westle. xiiij. marc.
 Haregrave viij. marc.
 Saxham Magna xxiij. marc.

^a Ista iiij^{or}. officia appropriavit abbas Joh. de Brinkele Conventui, ita quod in recompensatione eorum cellerarius solvat annuatim abbati, quicumque fuerit, iiij^a.

^b Istud officium Ricardus abbas dedit Conventui.

Saxham Parva	xvj. marc.
Chenentone	xxv. marc.
Whepsted	xxij. marc.
Horninges Magna	xxij. marc. dim.
Neutone	x. marc.
Horninges Parva	vij. marc.

Decanatus de Blakeburn.

Elmeswell	xix. marc.
Hildercle	xv. marc.
Conewestone	xx. marc.
Culforde	xij. marc.
Trostone	xvj. marc.
Ingham	xvij. marc.
Hopetone	xx. marc.
Honeweton	x. marc.
Langham	x. marc.
Rykinghale	xxv. marc.

Decanatus de Fordham.

Vicaria de Mildenhale	xxx. marc.
Eluedene	xx. marc.
Ikellingham Sancti Jacobi	xvj. marc.
Heringewell	xx. marc.

Decanatus de Subyr.

Bexford	xx. marc.
Semer	xvij. marc.
Grotene	xij. marc.
Meleford	xxx. marc.
Cokefeld	l. marc.
Cheleswrth	xij. marc.

Decanatus de Stowe.

Wetherdene	ix. marc.
Cottone	xxiiij. marc.
Redgrave	xl. marc.
Wrtham	xl. marc.
Palegrave	xxx. marc.
Capella S. Joh. de Palegrave	xiiij. marc.
Capella de Tweyt	vij. marc.

Decanatus de Lenn. Norf.

Ecclesia de Nortlenn	xv. marc.
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Decanatus de Fincham.

Rungeton Holm cum capella	xxvj. marc.
Porcio S. Saluatoris in eadem	dim. marc.
Ecclesia de Suther	xix. marc.

Decanatus de Cranewe.

Est Bradenham	xvj. marc.
Medietas ecclesiæ de Bradef.	v. marc. dim.

Norwyc.

Ecclesia S. Laurentii Norwyc.	v. marc.
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Brok.

Ecclesia de Castr.	xix. marc.
Vicaria de Brok	v. marc.

Decanatus de Redenhale.

Ecclesia de Thorp Abbatis	xv. marc.
Thiueteshall cum capell.	xxxvj. marc.
Dekeleburgh, portio Henrici.	xvj. marc.

Portio Alexandri	vij. marc. dim.
Portio Ricardi	vj. marc. dim.

Decanatus de Depwade.

Ecclesia de Moringthorp	xj. marc.
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In Episcopatu London.

Wrabenes	a
Herlawe	xx. marc. ^b
Stapelford	xij. marc. ^b

In Episcopatu Lincoln.

Werketone	xv. marc. ^b
Scaldewelle	

Ecclesia de Bretenham sanctæ Mariæ, et medietas ecclesiæ de Gyslingham conceditur comiti Gloverniæ pro concordia de Mildenhale ut patet.—

Kyrksted juxta Brok	} dubitat ^r .
Langhale	
Waynflet	
Tostoke	
Ixewrthe	

Memorandum quod dominus rex contulit, tempore vacationis, quartam partem ecclesiæ de Dyleburg, post mortem Johannis de Nortwold abbatis, cujus præsentatus ad dictam porcionem est admissus, quam quidem porcionem alias debet abbas conferre.

NUM. XXX.

Necessaria ad quamlibet firmam per singulas septimanas ad sustentationem iij^{ss}. Monachorum et v^{ss}. et xj. servientium in Curia, xj. Capellanorum, Monialium Theford. et Hospitum. sc.

[MS. Harl. 645, fol. 196.]

De frumento xvj. summæ dim. et ij. bus. pretium iij^{ss}. iij^s. ix^d. pret. summæ v^s.

De bras. ordeij xij. summæ et dim. pretium l^s. pret. summæ iij^s.

De bras. avenæ xxxij. summæ. pretium iij^{ss}. xvj^s. pret. summæ iij^s.

In stipendiis servientium in bracino. et pistrino iij^s. iij^d. ob.

In focale in pistrino et bracino xxvj^s. vij^d.

Summa xij^{ss}. ix^d. ob.

Summa per annum vj^s. lxxvij^{ss}. xiiij^d.

Præterea ad firmam sancti Edmundi xiiij. summ. dim. et ij. bus. de frumento pretium lxxij^s. ix^d. pretium summæ v^s.

Item ad eandem ix. summæ et dim. de bras. ordeij. pretium xxxvij^s. pretium summæ iij^s.

Item de bras. avenæ xxxvij. summ. pretium cxiiij^s. pretium summæ iij^s.

Summa xj^{ss}. v^s. ix^d.

Summa utriusque summæ vj^s. iij^{ss}. ix^{ss}. vj^s. xj^d.

Item in coquina expendunt singulis septimanis x^{ss}. de emptione cotidiana in carn. pisc. ovis, caseo, et aliis ad minus, et faciunt per annum v^s. xx^{ss}. præter. providentiam celestarii quæ talis est.

In allec. in quadragesima xxv^{ss}. In iij. summ. de gruell xxxij^s. In vj. summ. fabarum, xxx^s. In melle vj^s. vij^d. In nucibus xij^s. iij^d. In sal. lxvj^s. vij^d. In pisis ad potagium per totum annum sc. lij. summis xj^{ss}. pretium summæ v^s. et est summa istius xliij^{ss}. vij^s. vij^d.

Præterea ad firmam sancti Edmundi quæ dicitur Parva vj. carcoys et ij. quarter. bov. pretium bovis iij^s. Item porci xv. et dim. pretium xlvj^s. vj^d. pretium porci iij^s. Item auc. xxxj. pretium v^s. ij^d. pretium aucæ ij^d. Item gallinarum vij^{ss}. et xv. pretium xij^s. xj^d. pretium galinæ j^d.

Summa coquinæ firmæ sancti Edmundi iij^{ss}. xv^s. vij^d.

^a Sic in orig.

^b Manu recent.
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Summa totius coquinæ v^c.lxvij^{li}. iiij^s. iij^d. præter focale in coquina abbatis et conventus.

In focale in coquina per totum annum xxx^{li}.

Summa præcedentium mcc.iiij^{xx}.vij^{li}. xj^s. iij^d.

Præterea in prebendis equorum prioris, celerarii, et hospitalarii, supervenientium præter eos quos abbas recipit lx^{li}.

In pitanciis, misericordiis, robis, equis, et aliis necessariis expensis celerarii lx^{li}.

Summa vj^{xx}.^{li}.

Summa omnium præcedentium mcccc.vij^{li}. xj^s. iij^d.

NUM. XXXI.

Liberationes Sacristæ.

[MS. Harl. 1005, fol. 212 b.]

Liberationes Cere quas debet Sacrista facere in Festo Sancti Eadmundi.

Primo iiij^{or}. cerei circa corpus beati Edmundi de xij^{li}.

Item xxiiij^{or}. cerei in circuitu beati martyris de xxiiij^{or}.^{li}.

Item v. cerei ad candelabras ante altare et vij. in magno candelabro de xlviij^{li}.

Item in choro et ad magnam crucem xij. cerei de xij^{li}.

Item ad sanctum Sabam, ad martyr. et ad crucem iij. cer. de iij. libr.

Item ad xvij. fenestras in presbiterio xvij. cereos de xvij^{li}.

Item in magna turri xij. cer. de xij^{li}.

Item in cruce ecclesiæ ex utraque parte xxvj. cer. de xxvj^{li}.

Item in navi ecclesiæ ex utraque parte xxiv. cer. de xxiiij^{li}. Item xiiij^{or}. altaribus xxviij. cer. de xxviij. libr. Si abbas fuerit præsens.

Item ad altare beatæ Mariæ ex dono Johannis fil. Lucæ v. cer. de x^{li}. Item ibidem de sacrista vij. cer. de xiiij^{or}.^{li}.

Item vestiar. iiij^{or}. cer. de x^{li}.

Item refectorar. xx. cer. de xx^{li}. et similiter ad festum sancti Michaelis et ad Nativitatem Domini, et a die Purificationis usque ad festum sancti Michaelis debet sacrista invenire duos cereos quando necesse fuerit ad parvam missam in refectorio. In Capitulo ij. cer. de ij^{li}.

Summa xij^{xx}. et ij^{li}. præter liberationes faciendas aliis temporibus quam ad festum sancti Eadmundi.

Item liberatio cere ad Natalem Domini, sicut prius, excepto quod sacrista minus expendet de iiij^{xx}. et una libr. cere; et sic summa cere ad Natale ix^{xx}. et ij^{li}.

Liberatio cere ad Purificationem conventui iiij^{xx}. cer. de viij^{xx}.^{li}.

Item conventui iiij^{xx}. cer. de iij. quarter. de lx^{li}.

Item obedientiaro et servientibus xxxviij. cer. de xxix^{li}.

Summa xij^{xx}.^{li}. et ix^{li}.

Item liberatio cere ad Pasch. Ad magnum cereum viij^{xx}.^{li}. Item cætera sicut ad Natalem Domini; et summa viij^{xx}. et ij^{li}.

Liberatio cere ad Pentecosten sicut ad Pasch.

Liberatio cere ad Assumptionem beatæ Mariæ sicut ad Pasch.

Liberationes Ecclesiæ qualibet septimana.

Duo de vestiar. xij^d. Custos viridis ostii. vj^d. Capellanus vestiar. vj^d. Cressetarius, viij^d. Cerarius, iiij^{or}.^d. Carpentarius, xij^d. q. Plumbarius, xij^d. Serviens suus, vj^d. Garcio subsacristæ, vj^d. Duo steyrar. xij^d. Janitor ecclesiæ cum cane, viij^d. Janitor portæ orientalis, ij^d. Custos bosci, viij^d. Carectarius viij^d. ob.

Summa totalis ix^s. j^d. ob. q.

Memorandum quod carectarius habet præter hoc a Pascha usque festum sancti Michaelis qualibet septimana ad noonschench^a j^d. ob. Item duo steirar. per idem tempus qualibet septimana iij^d.

Summa ix^s. v^d. q.

Sciendum quod die Reliquiarum ad magnam missam de oblatione debet diaconus habere xij^d. Subdiaconus, vj^d. Custodiens patenam, iij^d. Duo ceroferarii, iiij^{or}.^d. Qui fert thurribulum iij^d. residuum argenti, subsacrista aurum.

Liberatio Vini.

Vestiario, qualibet die, unam lagenam et dimid. præter iij. dies ante Pasch. in quibus accipiet vij. ollas de x. lagenis et dimid. et eadem summa cujuslibet septimanæ per annum.

Item capellanis de villa Sancti Eadmundi, qualibet septimana j. sextar. vini.

Item capellanis extrinsecis eodem modo.

Item eisdem in vigiliis Paschæ lij. sextar.

Item refectorario die cenæ ix. sextar. et sumantur ita. Qualibet septimana liberantur vestiario ij. sextar. dim. et dim. lagen. Item refectorario die cenæ ix. sextar. Item magistro vestiario tribus diebus in Pascha ij. sextar. et dimid. et dim. lag.

Item cantoribus iij. diebus rogationum ij. sextar. et dimid.

Item eisdem diebus priori de novo, per ordinationem Ricardi de Colecestr. celer. j. sextar. et dimid.

Item in refectorio quatuor diebus principalibus iiij^{xx}. et viij. sextar. pret. mulsum^a vel vinum die Reliquiarum.

Summa xj^{xx}. sextar. et dim. lagen.

Item capellanis villæ Sancti Eadmundi per annum lij. sextar. similiter qualibet ebdomada j. sextar.

Item capellanis extra villam lxxviij. sextar. per annum, similiter qualibet septimana j. sextar. et dimid. Item vigil. Paschæ j. dolium.

Summa ix^{xx}.x. sextar.

Summa totalis xxj^{xx}. et xv. sextar. et dim. lagena præter xennia et sic sufficiunt viij. dolia vini, computato quolibet dolio lv. sextar.

NUM. XXXII.

Nomina Sacristarum Abbatiæ de Burgo cum gestis eorum.

[E Registro Abbatie S. Edmundi in Officio Ducatus Lanc. fol. 84.]

TEMPORIBUS Baldwini abbatis, primò *Thurstanus* et postea *Tolinus* fungebantur officio. Hi duo, temporibus prædicti abbatis, ecclesiâ lignea et veteri complanatâ, ecclesiæ nostræ fundamenta jecerunt, parietes erexerunt, presbyterium ad plenum confirmaverunt, et beati martyris translationem procuraverunt: feretra etiam beati martyris et sanctorum Botulfi et Firmini laminis argenteis exsculperunt.

Hos secutus est, tempore domini Roberti abbatis, in eodem officio vir staturæ ferè gigantea, *Godefridus* nomine, magnus corpore, sed major animo. Hic refectorium, capitulum, domum infirmorum, et abbatis aulam consummavit ad plenum. Iste et magnam campanam non levi pretio comparavit.

Subsecuti sunt eum viri totius prudentiæ *Radulphus* et *Harveus*, sacristæ temporibus domini Anselmi abbatis, qui murorum ambitum circa atrium ecclesiæ fecerunt, ecclesiam beatæ Mariæ cum turri sua, clocarium, et deintus cimbala bene sonanti, et turrim sancti Jacobi, valvas etiam duplices in fronte ecclesiæ insculptas digitis magistri Hugonis. Qui, cum in aliis operibus omnes alios vicerit, in hoc opere mirificè vicit seipsum, murorum et ambitum circa villam Sancti Edmundi: quia liberè tenentes de honore Sancti Edmundi ad Harvei comparisonem in murorum ædificationem quasi rivuli fuerint, ille fons fuit. Redditus quos ex antiquo jure sacrista habet in villa Sancti Edmundi *Harveus* comparavit et terram Thomæ Noel de Hausted.

Iste Harveus, frater Taleboti prioris, omnes expensas invenit fratri suo priori in scribendo magnam bibliothecam, et manu magistri Hugonis incomparabiliter fecit depingi. Qui cum non inveniret in partibus nostris pelles vitulinas, in Scotiæ partibus parchamentum comparavit. Pitantias etiam quas habemus annuas in anniversariis eorum, ipse instituit, et pretio dato redditus comparavit.

Secutus est eum *Helias* sacrista, nepos Ordingi abbatis, natus apud Hildercl, cognomento Widewell. Iste Elias conflagratis omnibus officiis domus sancti Edmundi abbatis aulam, refectorium, dormitorium, et domum infirmorum vetustam, et capitulum reformavit ad plenum, et omnes alias officinas in curia inchoavit ille, et primam manum apposuit, quod successores feliciter consummaverunt. Tabulam etiam argenteam pretii c. marcarum ad magnam altare fabricari fecit, et festum Reliquiarum instituit, erogationem autem factam per manus diebus festivis, per manum sacristæ ipse constituit; crucem in choro et Mariam et Johannem per manus magistri Hugonis incomparabiliter fecit insculpi. Idem etiam Helias avunculum suum, cum ei sua non sufficerent tempore turbata pacis, de bonis sacristiæ, assensu conventus devotè et piè adjuvavit.

Huic successit *Frodo* sacrista qui quingentas marcas terræ infodit: cui successit *Willielmus* cognomento Schuch de quo nil in veteri memoria dignum.

Huic successit *Willielmus* cognomento Wardel, qui non sine causa à domino Samsone abbate amotus fuit ab administratione.

Huic aliquando ministravit dominus *Radulphus* quondam elemosinarius in sancta sacristia. Qui translationem sanctorum Botolphi et Firmini procuravit. Quo in brevi mortuo, ministravit et eidem in eodem officio magister Samsone postea abbas, qui tempore officii sui pro majori parte chorum consummavit et unam istoriam in majori turre occidentale.

Dominus Willielmo Wardell successit dominus *Hugo* sacrista, qui turrim magnam versus occidentem tecto opposito et plumbato consummavit, domino Samsone laquearia et tigna et quicquid ibidem ligneum est inpendente. Turrim etiam juxta capellam sanctæ Fidis plenè quoad opus lapideum consummavit. In alia turri juxta capellam sanctæ Catherinæ unâ istoriâ consummatâ. Infirmarium novum temporibus Willielmi sacristæ, procurante magistro S. et capellam sancti Andree pro majori parte edificavit et consummavit prædictus Hugo, domino abbate Samsone de boscis suis tigna et quicquid ibidem ligneum est ministrante. Pulpitum in ecclesiæ edificavit, magna cruce erecta cum imaginibus beatæ Mariæ et sancti Johannis sibi sedem abbatis in choro, manu Simonis pictoris ad hoc desudante. Reddidit conspicuè capas bruslatas quilibet ad valentiam lx. marcarum, et calicem auream v. marcarum pondere. Idem sacrista aulam hospitum et balneatorium plenarie perfecit, domino abbate S. affluenter, largiente de boscis suis quæ necessaria erant ad prædictarum domorum contignationem. In adis tamen suis prædictis sacrista de receptis et expensis neminem voluit habere conscium, cum dominus abbas in pleno capitulo id præcepisset, sed solus quæ agenda erant fideliter et feliciter consummavit.

Successit ei magister *Walterus de Banham*: Henrico primo elemosinarius fuit, factus verò sacrista, aulâ domini abbatis antiquâ dirutâ novam innovavit, et plene consummavit. Aquæductum à capite et fonte distantem duobus milliariis plumbato inclusit, et usque ad claustrum per occultos terræ meatus derivavit. Lavatorium morte preventus ad plenum non consummavit: sed tamen quicquid ibi vidimus in marmore aut imaginibus deauratis et in opere cementario factum totum fecit, quia in vita sua expensas omnimodas erogavit. Centum marcas de plata et eo amplius, et duas marcas auri ad tabulam faciendam dedicavit, et ecclesiæ fabricam innovavit, ut patet omni transeunti. Turrim magnam quæ est juxta capellam sanctæ Fidis, quam dominus Hugo sacrista quoad cementariam consummaverat, hic culmine supraposito plenius consummavit. Quinque capas sericas auro bruslatas, et unam casulam bruslatam devotè contulit. Tabulam magnam super altare in choro cum mole illa lapidea cui trabes innituntur consummavit ad plenum, magno candelabro deaurato et laminis aureis innovato, decies viginti tignis relictis in cimiterio quæ dictus dominus Samsone abbas contulit, videlicet quater

xx. de bosco de Wirbugwrth, et sexies xx. de boscis de Meleford ad innovationem ecclesiæ satis accommodis.

Waltero de Banham successit *Willielmus de Disce*, qui cum modo debito electus fuisset ad illud officium, et in illo à die sancti Thomæ martyris usque ad Circumcisionem Domini, per quatuor videlicet dies, stetisset, interim sompnum oculi sui capere non potuerunt, qui videns se ibidem proficere non posse, suam ab abbate Sampson petiit cessionem.

Post hunc venit *Robertus de Grauele*, qui locum vineæ emit et muro lapideo inclusit, ad solatium infirmorum et amicorum. Navim ecclesiæ de novo contignavit, et celuram ultra sanctum Edmundum fecit, et picturæ varietate decoravit. Mortuo autem abbate Sampson, à quibusdam Hugo de Northwold, à quibusdam Robertus prædictus ad abbatiam fuerat electus. Hic vero Robertus, durante inter ipsos non modico tempore controversia memorata, utrique parti expensas invenit sufficientes. Cum autem contra eundem Robertum processu temporis processum fuisset, et in officium sacristæ aliquanto tempore post difinitivam sententiam stetisset, electus fuit ad abbatiam de Thorney.

Huic successit *Ricardus de Insula*, qui cum ibidem non multo tempore stetisset, electus est in abbatem Burtoniæ, qui, abbate Hugone ad episcopatum Eliense electo, electus fuit iterum ad abbatiam sancti Edmundi.

Cui successit *Dominus de Newport*. Hic vetus capitulum destruxit, et novum à fundamentis construxit: piscariam de Ikellingham non modico pretio comparavit. Magnam etiam campanam in majori campanario, quæ dicitur Newport, sumptu non mediocri fieri fecit. Hic in maremio ab abbate Hugone secundo, in manerio de Meleford comparato, omnia edificia, pariter aulam et solarium de lapide apud Manhale construxit. Idem xx. annui redditus in Manhale et xx. anni redditus in Ikellingham adquisivit pro conventus et pauperum in diem anniversariis suis videlicet duas marcas pro conventu et unam marcam pro pauperibus secundum martirologium.

Huic ad preces suas appositò successit *Gregorius precentor* natus in patria sancti Albani, qui cum ibidem non diu stetisset, electus est ad prioratum sancti Edmundi, meritis sanctitatis suæ exigentibus. Nam ad sacrum ejus tumulum, prout vidimus, nonnulli à diversis infirmitatibus per merita viri dicti curantur.

Post hunc factus est sacrista *Nicholaus*, natus in patria de Warewick, qui inter multa alia bona quæ fecit, fundi fecit campanam optimam in choro, quæ dicitur campana sacristæ. Ab isto primò ablata fuit pixis oblationum et assignata thesaurariis. Hic in ultimis diebus suis paralysi percussus, sponte cessit, et in infirmaria multos transigens annos de sacrista annuatim dum vixit xl. ad percepit.

Cui successit *Simon de Luyton*, vir prudentissimus et circumspectus, qui modicam ibi faciens moram, ad altiora non immerito proventus, factus est prior sancti Edmundi. In ipso officio stans, fundi fecit campanam in choro, quæ dicitur Luyton. Post non multum verò temporis vocatus est ad abbatiam sancti Edmundi.

Huic successit *Richardus de Horninshe*, qui cum ibidem aliquanto tempore stetisset, abbate et priore et conventu hoc volentibus, sponte cessit vel invitatus, erat enim senio affectus, et vir agriculturæ et non libertatibus servandis deditus.

Cui successit *Richardus de Colecester*. Hujus tempore, pacificata lite inter comitem Richard. Gloverniæ et nos, concessum est eidem comiti pro bono pacis manerium de Manhall cum Bremge, terra apud Gasely ad elemosinarium pertinens, et manerium de Southwold spectans ad cellerarium. Hujus tempore consideratum fuit per conventum quod in ruinis ecclesiæ reparandis xijl. poneret per annum et non amplius, veruntamen ultra prædictas xijl. fecit novam aulam quæ dicitur Spane, ad recreationem conventus. Hic per duos annos habuit de convention omnia maneria cellerariæ firmario facienda plenas firmas. Sed conventus interim per annum respondebat illi de xxl. tunc verò temporis cellerarius fuit frater Willielmus de Becles.

Cui dictus sacrista in omnibus tanquam firmarius de hisce quæ ad coquinam et ad celerariam pertinet respondit, &c.

Huic successit *Simon de Kingston*, natus in comitatu

Cantabrigiæ. Qui prius cellerarii, postea verò camerarii functus est officio, qui sponte cedens vel invitatus nihil dignum memoria egit ibidem.

Cui successit *Willielmus de Luyton*, à cameraria ad officium assumptus memoratum. Hujus tempore concessum est regi medietas omnium bonorum temporalium et spirituum tam religiosorum quam prælatorum et ecclesiasticarum personarum, in subsidium guerræ suæ contra regem Franciæ. Hic primò cultum Dei in ecclesia et circa sanctum Edmundum, sanctum Botolphum aliaque sanctuaria in cereis et luminaribus diminuit, et plusquam dimidiavit. Quod sibi prosperum cecidisse non arbitror. Et quamvis in aliis honestus homo fuit et modestus, in hisce verò quæ conventui facere tenebatur, utpote pitantiis, misericordiis et hujusmodi, prærigidus fuit et austerus. Stetit per multos annos ante obitum suum, nec aliquid de hiis nisi pro voluntatis suæ arbitrio poterat extorqueri. Maneriorum tamen edificia, et redditus in villa utiliter reparavit et decenter ornavit. Moriens ferè nullam reliquit pecuniam, in magna tamen pecunia diversis creditoribus et maximè servientibus ecclesiæ tenebatur. Staura siquidem et instaurationa maneriorum maximè in bidentibus ampliavit.

Cui successit *Richardus de Brun* de comitatu Grantbrig, in villa de Brun oriundus.

NUM. XXXIII.

Jura Cellerarii.

[Ibid.]

ANTIQUE consuetudines celerarii quas vidimus tales fuerunt. Celerarius habebat messuagium et horrea sua juxta fontem Scurum, ubi solemniter curiam suam solebat tenere de latronibus et omnibus placitis et querelis, et ibi solebat ponere homines suos in plegios et irrollare et renovare singulis annis et inde lucrum capere, sicut præfectus faciebat ad Portmanatt. Quod messuagium cum orto adjacentem quem nunc infirmarius tenet, fuit mansio Beodrici, qui fuit antiquus dominus istius villæ, unde et villa dicta fuit Beodrisworth, cujus campi dominici nunc sunt in dominio cellerarii. Quod autem nunc vocatur Averland fuit terra rusticorum ejus. Erat autem summa tenementi ejus et suorum trecies triginta acræ terræ, quæ adhuc sunt campi istius villæ. Quorum servitia, cum villa fuit facta libera, dividebantur in duas partes. Sacrista sive præfectus

acciperet liberum censum videlicet de qualibet acra duos denarios: celerarius habebat araturas et alia servitia videlicet araturam unius rodæ pro qualibet acra sine cibo, quæ consuetudo adhuc observatur. Haberet et faldas, ubi omnes homines villæ, præter seneschaldum qui propriam faldam habet, tenentur ponere oves suas, quæ consuetudo adhuc observatur. Haberet et Averpeni, scilicet pro singulis triginta acris duos denarios, quæ consuetudo mutata fuit ante mortem Hugonis abbatis, Gilberto de Alveden existente cellerario. Solebant etiam homines villæ, jubente celerario, ire apud Laginheth et reportare averagium de angillis de Southreye, et sæpe vacui redire, et ita vexari sine aliquo emolumento celerarii, unde convenit inter eos, ut singulæ triginta acræ de cætero darent unum denarium per annum et homines remanerent domi. Terræ autem illæ nunc temporis devisæ sunt, quod vix scitur a quo ille census dari debet, ita quod vidi celerarium in uno anno capere inde xxvj. denarios, sed nunc non capit unum denarium.

Item celerarius solebat habere potestatem in viis ex villa, ita quod nulli licuit fodere cretam vel argillam sine licentia ejus. Solebat etiam summonere fullones villæ ut ei accommodarent pannum ad sal suum ducendum alioquin ipse prohiberet eis usum aquarum et caperet telas quas ibidem inveniret. Quæ consuetudines adhuc observantur. Item quicumque emerat à celerario bladum vel aliud solebat esse quietus de theoloneo ad portam villæ quando exiret, unde cellarius rem suam carius vendebat, quod adhuc observatur. Item solus cellarius debet vel solebat habere liberum taurum in campis hujus villæ et non alius. Item quando aliquis delegabit terram burgagii in elemosinam conventus, terra illa solebat de cætero esse quæta de Hadgonel* et maximè cellario propter dignitatem officii, quia secundus pater est in monasterio, vel propter reverentiam conventus, quia favorabilior debet esse conditio eorum qui victum nostrum procurant. Item cellarius liberè solebat capere omnia sterquilina ad suum opus in omni vico, nisi ante ostia eorum qui habebant Averland. Item celerarius in foro istius villæ tale privilegium solet habere, quod ipse vel emptores sui primam emptionem habebunt de omni cibo ad opus conventus, si abbas domi non fuerat. Emptores abbatibus vel celerarii qui prius veniunt in foro prius ement, sive isti sine illis sive illi sine istis: si autem hinc et inde præsentibus fuerint, deferendum est emptoribus abbatibus. Item tempore quo venduntur aleciæ ement emptores semper abbatibus centenarium de allec minus quam cæteri uno obolo, similiter celerarius et sui emptores, &c.

NUM. XXXIV.

Ista inquirenda sunt de hiis qui Administrationem habent in Monetaria, cum Responsis.

[MS. Harl. 1005, fol. 215.]

De monetario et hiis quæ pertinent ad eum	Pro aliis . . . dit et satisfacit.
Quo pacto administrat	Dat domino regi c. sol. sc. de novo.
Quoties per annum reddit proficuum	Omni die pro voluntate regis.
Quibus temporibus et cui reddit	Illo die quo fabricat, et cambiatori.
Qua libertate aliis precellit	Tenet judicium et justitiam de aliis.
Quæ potestas ejus circa operarios	Secundum delicta punire et amovere.
Qualiter punit delinquentes	Virga, depositione, carcere, bursa.
De eschambiatore	Qui secundus post monetarium.
De sumptibus suis	Ut melius et sumptu minori.
Si recipit xx. sol. minus vj ^d	Nunquam minus vj ^d . xx. sol.
Qualiter salvet se in vj ^d	Bene quia semper in xx. sol. lucrabitur j ^d .
De assaiatore	Poterit amoveri et deponi pro voluntate.
Quantum capit pro uno assay	j ^d . sed nunquam plus.
Si in xxxj. libris facit assay	In minori et majori.
Pondus xx ^d . quantum per numerum	ij ^d . et quod plus est a malo.
Pro qua quantitate vel minoritate debet iterum fundi	Argent bonit. super sumptibus monetar.
Si deceptus in accipiendo argentum	Distringend. pretia mercat.
Cujus erit dampnum vel proficuum	Recipientium et liberantium.
De custodibus, quo pacto	In centena xij ^d .
Quantum percipiunt in quirendo cuneum	Dimid. marc. de monetario.
Quantum pro ferro	vj. denar.
De operariis magistris	Semper sub virga monetarii.
De garcionibus eorundem	Semper in timore et tremore.
De consuetudinibus et libertatibus	Secundum libertates antiquas. H.

* In alio manuscripto *Haggonell*.

NUM. XXXV.

Nomina Villarum infra Libertatem Sancti Eadmundi.

[Harl. MS. 1005, fol. 118 b.]

In Hundr. de Rysebrig.

Clare.	Bradeleye Magna.
Stoke.	Culinge.
Poselingwrth.	Lidgate.
Chippeleye.	Vnesdene.
Hundene.	Denham.
Stradeshell.	Dalham.
Bernardestone.	Muletone.
Witekesho.	Kenteford.
Keditone.	Guysle.
Hauerele.	Wicham.
Withersfeld.	Denardestone.
Wrottinge Talewrthe.	Stanesfeld.
Wrottinge la Blunde.	Haukedune.
Trillawe Magna.	Depeden.
Trillawe Parva.	Chedeberg.
Bradeleye Parva.	

Summa villarum xxxj.

In Hundr. de Lacford.

Dunham.	Frekenham.
Brandone.	Heringewell.
Waunford.	Tudenham.
Lakingheth.	Cavenham.
Mildenhale.	Ikellingham.
Bertone.	Eluedene.
Wridelington.	Ereswelle.

Summa villarum xiiij^{or}.

In Hundr. de Blakebruny'.

Hopeton.	Aysfeud Parva.
Westone.	Walesham.
Theluetham.	Langham.
Hildercle.	Huntereston.
Rykinghal.	Eustone.
Wathlesfeld.	Bernham.
Hepewrth.	Fakenham Magna.
Berm'gham.	Fakenham Parva.
Conegeston.	Sapeston.
Gnateshale.	Hunegeton.
Ressewrthe.	Thorp.
Stanton.	Troston.
Berdewelle.	Liuermere.
Lxewrth.	Ameton.
Stowelangetot.	Ingham.
Nortone.	Culeford.
Elmeswelle.	Wridewell.
Aysfeld Magna.	Westowe.

Summa villarum xxxvj.

In Hundr. de Thedwardestr.

Falesham.	Wlpet.
Geddinge.	Totstok.
Stanefeld.	Thurston.
Welnetham Magna.	Bucham.
Welnetham Parva.	Pakenham.
Bradef. Monachorum.	Berton.
Bradef. de Seincler.	Tymewrth.
Bradef. Stockene.	Ametone.
Hegesete.	Fornham Sancti Martini.
Beketon.	Fornham Sanctæ Genovefæ.
Rathlesdene.	Rysebroch.
Drencheston.	

Summa villarum xxiiij^{or}.

In Hundr. de Thinghowe.

Cheuenton.	Saxham.
Ikewrth.	Barewe.
Horningesherth Magna.	Lacford.
Horningesherth Parva.	Hemegrave.

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Flemton.
Fornham Omnium Sanc-
torum.
Neweton.
Hanstede.
Wepstede.

Brockeleye.
Rede.
Haregrave.
Saxham Abbatis.
Westle.
Ryseby.

Summa villarum xix.

Balberg.
Lauselle.
Sumerton.
Hercherst.
Cauenedisch.
Alfleton.
Meleford.
Schimplinge.
Cokefeld.
Thorp.
Preston.
Aketon.
Lavenham.
Silbyr.
Cornherth Magna.
Cornherth Parva.

Neweton.
Waldingfeld Magna.
Waldingfeld Parva.
Stokes Atteneylond.
Oysiton.
Asingtone.
Boxford.
Grotene.
Illeye Monachorum.
Illeye Combusta.
Meldinge.
Stanstede.
Eadwardestone.
Pastede.
Bures.

Summa villarum xxx.

In dimid. Hundr. de Cosford.

Aldham.
Elmessete.
Nawelton.
Semere.
Watefeld.
Neddinge.
Chesewrth.
Kereseye.
Leleseye.

Hadleye.
Heccham.
Wachesham.
Leiham.
Brethenham.
Thorp. Una medietas
in Pabberg.
Ketelberston.
Bildeston.

Summa villarum xvij.

Summa omnium villarum in libertate viij^{xx}. et xj. villæ.
Sed ex hiis computatur Thorp bis, quia medietas est in
uno hundredo et alia medietas in alio, et in utraque compu-
tatur, et ita est summa in universo viij^{xx}. et x. villæ.

NUM. XXXVI.

Præsentatio Alani de Cove Monetarii; inter Recorda de termino Sancti Hillarii anno xij^r. r. r. Edw. II.

[MS. Harl. 638, fol. 12 b.]

MEMORANDUM quod die Lunæ proxima post festum sancti Mathiæ apostoli hoc anno videlicet xxv^{to}. die Febr. frater Ricardus abbas de sancto Edmundo misit Thes. et baronibus hic quandam literam patentem sigillo suo signatam in hæc verba: 'Viris venerabilibus et discretis dominis thes. et baronibus de scaccario domini regis frater Ricardus permissione divina abbas de sancto Edmundo salutem, reverentiam, et honorem. Quia Rogerum de Rede, nuper magistrum monetæ in cambio nostro de sancto Edmundo monetæ senio et debilitate confectum, ab illo officio duximus admovendum, vestræ discretionis reverentissimæ Alanum de Cove aurifabrum loco dicti Rogeri substituendum, per fratrem Willielmum de Stowe monachum nostrum et sacristam ecclesiæ nostræ præsentamus; vos humiliter et devote rogantes quatenus eundem Alanum ad officium seu magisterium monetæ in dicto cambio nostro monetand. admittere velitis gratiose. In cuius rei, &c.' Et super hoc prædictus frater Willielmus de Stowe ex parte dicti abbatis petiit instanter præfatum Alanum hic personaliter existentem et per præfatum abbatem ad officium magisterii monetæ prædictæ in cambio prædicto electum et per ipsum nunc præsentatum in curia ista ad idem officium admitti. Et quia scrutatis rotulis et memorandis de scaccario compertum est in memorandis de anno xxv^{to}. regis Edwardi patris regis nunc quod Johannes tunc abbas sancti Edmundi per sacristam ejusdem domus præsentavit unum monetarium et unum assayatorem pro cambio prædicto, qui sic præsentati admissi fuerunt et jur. &c. Et similiter compertum est in memorandis de anno regis nunc iij^o. inter

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recorda de termino Sanctæ Trinitatis quod Thomas tunc abbas de sancto Edmundo per Semanum de Hilderle et Petrum de Cloptone commonachos suos præsentavit quendam Rogerum ad intendendum officio monetarii in cambio sancti Edmundi qui ad officium illud admissus fuit et jur. præfati Thesaurarius et Barones admiserunt prædictum Alanum ad prædictum officium magisterii prædicti cambii exercendum. Et idem Alanus præstitit sacramentum de se fideliter habendo in omnibus quæ ad officium illud pertinent. &c.

NUM. XXXVII.

Copia cujusdam Indenturæ de Combustione Laterum voc. le Breke apud Cheyngton.

[E Registro Intrationum pen. Craven Ord arm. fol. 110 b.]

Hæc indentura facta inter dominum Willielmum Curteys abbatem exempti monasterii de sancto Edmundo ex una parte, et Johannem Arnold et Hermannum Remond brekebrennerys ex parte altera, testatur quod prædicti Johannes et Hermannus component ac bene et sufficienter comburent ad opus dicti domini abbatis tot lateres voc. le Breke quot bene et seisonabiliter componere et comburere poterunt, aura eos permittente, a festo Omnium Sanctorum proxime futuro post datam præsentium usque ad finem unius anni extunc proxime sequentem. Et prædictus dominus abbas inveniet argillam quam dicti Johannes et Hermannus fodient et sumptibus suis propriis facient cariari, excepto quod ad ejusdem argilli cariationem dictus dominus abbas inveniet unam carectam et ij. equos cum harnessiis pro eisdem una cum viij. whelbarwys vn' Jholwe.^a Ac insuper inveniet zabulum, focale, et stramen sufficiens, ac iiij. carect. arundinis cum pakthred sufficient. ac dictos zabulum, focale, stramen, et arundinem ad loca oportuna sumptibus suis propriis faciet cariari. Insuperque prædictus abbas inveniet prædictis Johanni et Hermannus per tempus antedictum unam cameram ad pernoctandum et salvo custodiend. instrumenta sua, equos, et alia eorum arti necessaria. Et prædicti Johannes et Hermannus habebunt de prædicto domino abbate pro compositione et sufficienti combustione cujuslibet millenæ bene et sufficienter combustæ ij^a. et duas togas cum ij. capuciis de liberatione valetorum ejusdem domini abbatis, et quamdiu placuerit eidem domino abbati dictum Johannem et Hermannum in suo servitio retinere ipsi sub conventionibus antedictis annuatim bene et fideliter eidem domino abbati deservient se ab ipsius domini abbatis servitio nullatenus distrahendo. Ad quæ omnia et singula ex parte dictorum Johannis et Hermannus bene et fideliter tenenda et perimplenda dicti Johannes et Hermannus fatentur se et utrumque eorundem per se et in solido teneri et firmiter obligari prædicto domino Willielmo abbati et successoribus suis in quadraginta libris legalis monetæ Angliæ solvendis eidem domino abbati vel successoribus suis si defecerint vel alter eorundem defecerit in præmissis vel in aliquo præmissorum. In cujus rei testimonium partibus præsentis indenturæ partes prædictæ sigilla sua alternatim apposuerunt. Dat. apud Sanctum Edmundum primo die mensis Aprilis anno regni regis Henrici sexti post conquestum Angliæ decimo octavo.

NUM. XXXVIII.

Copia cujusdam Literæ editæ super Collatione Regiminis Scholarum grammaticalium in Villa de Bury.

[Ibid. fol. 110.]

WILLIELMUS, permissione divina, abbas monasterii Sancti Edmundi de Bury ad Romanam ecclesiam nullo medio pertinentis dilecto nobis in Christo magistro Roberto Farceux scientia grammaticali artiumque facultate graduato salutem. Regimen et magisterium scholarum grammaticalium infra villam Sancti Edmundi de Bury prædictam nunc vacantium et ad nostram collacionem spectantium cum omnibus suis juribus et pertinentiis universis ac quandam xl^a. argenti de medietate ecclesiæ parochialis de Wethirden nostri patronatus per manus rectorum ejusdem annuatim persolvendam nobis et nostro monasterio debitum, actionemque nos-

tram quam ad dictam habemus pensionem necnon et xiiij^a. iiij^d. cum una roba per manus elemosinarii dicti nostri monasterii qui pro tempore fuerit, singulis annis tradend. pariter cum esculentis et poculentis tibi et uni clerico infra dicti nostri monasterii elemosinariam diutine ministrandis, et una camera tibi et dicto tuo clerico conveniente quamdiu dictas scolas in propria persona laudabiliter rexeris scolaresque causa doctrinæ inibi confluentes moribus et scientia debite informaveris sicuti boni doctoris sive magistri conditio et conscientia exigunt gratiose tibi quoad vixeris et nullibi promotus fueris concedimus per præsentem. Adjicientes insuper quod si te dictas scolas aliquo tempore irrationabili justo impedimento cessante, nostra absque licentia deserere teve in earum regimen remisse aut negligenter habere contingat, volumus extunc quod hæc nostra concessio omni suo robore careat et virtute. Ita quod nobis nostrisque successoribus liceat dictas scolas cui nobis placuerit libere conferre, præsentem nostram concessionem in aliquo non obstante. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras patentes super præmissis tibi fieri sigillumque nostrum eisdem fecimus communiri. Dat. apud monasterium nostrum prædictum xxiiij^{to}. die mensis Septembris anno regni regis Henrici sexti post Conquestum vicesimo tertio.

NUM. XXXIX.

Ordinatio Willielmi Curteys Abbatis pro Anniversario suo cum sonitu perpetuis futuris temporibus celebrando.

[Ibid. fol. 143 b.]

SANCTÆ matris ecclesiæ filiis universis præsentem litteras inspecturis Willielmus permissione divina abbas monasterii Sancti Edmundi de Bury, Norwic. dioc. ad Romanam ecclesiam nullo medio pertinentis salutem in Domino sempiternam. Quia Majestatis divinæ celsitudo inscrutabilis illorum merita condigno primo recompensat qui domus Dominicæ sic facultates amplificavit ut in ea Christo famulantium necessitatibus uberius valeat provideri. Memoria igitur cujuslibet tam præsentis quam futuri fore duximus concorditer commendandum, quod dominus Willielmus Curteys abbas, non obstante quod tempore quo stetit abbas monasterii antedicti in domorum reparatione ac aliorum diversorum emptione privilegiorumque papalium acquisitione summas expendidit notabiles, prout per percellas expensarum hujusmodi apparet evidenter, idem tamen abbas anno Domini millesimo cccc^{mo}. xliij^{to}. quoddam manerium in Fornham Omnium Sanctorum vocatum Alredys Maner. cum omnibus et singulis ad idem manerium rite pertinentibus de bonis abbatæ suæ fideliter perquisivit idemque manerium voluntate et assensu totius capituli sui monasterii antedicti portioni abbatis pro perpetuis futuris temporibus annexuit et univit. Et quia terrena in cœlestia et transitoria in eterna felici commercio nonnunquam commutantur, præfatus Willielmus abbas summo affectans desiderio quatinus inter confratres monasterii antedicti sui jugiter memoria haberi possit imperpetuum unanimi assensu et voluntate totius conventus sui monasterii antedicti pro perpetuis futurisque temporibus salubriter ordinavit quod de quatuor libris sexdecim solidis et octo denariis quos Cellerarius ejusdem loci annuatim abbati solebat persolvere, videlicet pro quatuor offic. Conventui appropriatis iiij^{li}. pro officio armigeri cellerarii x^s. et pro officio coci in aula vj^s. viij^d. prout in compot. cellerarii apparet satis clare, prior monasterii antedicti recipiat a cellerario ejusdem loci pro eo quod persæpe contingit abbatem pro negotiis regiis et aliis causis diversis a suo se absentare monasterio ij^s. viij^d. et quilibet ejusdem loci monachus et professus xvj^d. una cum pietancia vini ad valorem x^s. per eundem cellerarium in die anniversario prædicti abbatis cum magno sonitu solempniter celebranda fideliter ministranda. Et ne præfati abbatis successor occasione præmissorum in aliquo imposterum prægravetur non obstante quod valor dicti manerii deductis expensis ad summam iiij^{li}. et amplius se extendit, præfatus abbas ad instaurationem ejusdem manerii ccc^s. bidentium quorum valor ad summam iiij^{li}. x^s. communibus annis se extendit pro perpetuis futuris temporibus realiter assignavit suis successoribus perpetuo remansuris. Et ut hæc præsens ordinatio perpetuis futuris temporibus stabilis perseveret,

^a Sic.

de consensu totius capituli supradicti per modum statuti, ordinatum est et concordatum quod in die electionis cuiuslibet futuri abbatis ante omnem actum electionem illam concernentem omnes et singuli de conventu abbatiæ prædictæ, tactis sacrosantis Dei evangeliiis jurent se dictam ordinationem quantum ad eos aut eorum aliquem pertinet pro perpetuo fideliter servaturos et observaturos. Juret etiam et jurare teneatur ille quem in abbatem eligi contigerit statim postquam hujusmodi electioni consenserit in præsentia prioris et seniorum abbatiæ prædictæ tactis sacrosanctis Dei evangeliiis ad Ordinationem prædictam quantum ad se pertinet in omnibus fideliter faciendam, et pro suo tempore firmiter tenendam et observandam. In cujus rei testimonium uni parti hujus scripti indentati penes præfatum abbatem residenti sigillum commune monasterii antedicti est appensum: alteri vero parti ejusdem scripti indentati penes præfatum priorem et conventum remanere tam dictum sigillum commune monasterii prædicti quam sigillum ipsius abbatis similiter sunt appensa. Dat. in domo capitulari monasterii antedicti tercio decimo die Martii anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quadragésimo quinto.

NUM. XL.

Lit. Patentes pro Abbate de Bury Sancti Edmundi quod sit quietus de omnibus Subsidiis et Decimis per Clerum, Papam, aut per Communitatem Regi concessis vel concedendis pro annuo Redditu XL. Marcarum ad Scaccarium.

[Pat. 27 Hen. VI. p. 1, m. 4.]

REX omnibus ad quos, &c. salutem. Sciatis quod nos ad laudem et honorem Dei ac gloriosæ et intemeratæ Virginis Mariæ genetricis Domini nostri Jesu Christi, sanctique Edmundi regis et martyris invictissimi nostri, mentis interioris oculos dirigentes, quorum quidem Virginis gloriosæ et martyris prædicti. preces pro nobis penes altissimum effundi quamplurimum confidimus et speramus, volentesque dilectis nobis in Christo Willielmo Babington nunc abbati monasterii Sancti Edmundi de Bury et ejusdem loci conventui et successoribus suis nostram specialem gratiam et favorem benignissime impertiri de gratia nostra speciali, ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris concessimus pro nobis hæredibus et successoribus nostris præfatis abbati et conventui et successoribus suis imperpetuum, ac Sacristæ, Cellerario, Præcentori, Camerario, Thesaurario, Pitancario, Elemosinario, Infirmario, Hostellario interiori, Hostellario exteriori, Feretrariis, Vestiario, Subsacristæ, et Subcellerario ejusdem loci et eorum cuilibet et successoribus suis imperpetuum absque fine sue feodo inde ad opus nostrum capiendi seu levando, quod ipsi et eorum quilibet et successores sui imperpetuum sint exonerati et quieti de omnimodis auxiliis, subsidiis, contributionibus, tallagiis, et quotis quibuscunque quæ ab ipsis seu eorum aliquo, ratione terrarum, tenementorum, reddituum, possessionum, bonorum sive catallorum suorum vel eorum alicujus, tam eorum quæ nunc habent seu eorum aliquis habet, quam eorum quæ exnunc sunt habituri seu eorum aliquis est habiturus, per nos, hæredes vel successores nostros, aut ballivos seu ministros nostros, hæredum seu successorum nostrorum quoscunque ad opus nostrum, hæredum seu successorum nostrorum exigi deberent seu possent in futurum si præsens concessio nostra eis minime facta extitisset. Et quod quandocunque clerus regni nostri Angliæ aut Cantuariensis provinciæ per se aut Eboracensis provinciæ per se Decimam seu partem Decimæ aut aliam quotam quamcunque de bonis suis spiritualibus, ecclesiasticis pensionibus, porcionibus, seu eorum aliquo per se, sive de bonis suis spiritualibus et temporalibus, seu de temporalibus spiritualibus suis annexis, vel de personis suis, vel communitas ejusdem regni nostri Angliæ, vel communitas comitatum, aut cives civitatum vel burgenses burgorum ipsius regni nostri Angliæ aut Cantuariensis provinciæ per se aut Eboracensis provinciæ per se Decimam seu partem Decimæ aut aliam quotam quamcunque de bonis suis mobilibus et immobilibus, catallis, terris, tenementis, possessionibus, seu redditibus suis, aut de personis suis nobis, hæredibus, vel successoribus nostris qualitercunque concesserit vel concesserint, seu Nos, hæredes vel successores nostri Dominica nostra per Angliam fecerimus talliari, aut dominus Pontifex qui pro tempore fuerit Decimam seu aliquam partem inde seu

aliam quotam quamcunque clero regni nostri Angliæ prædicto, aut Cantuar. vel Ebor. provinciis prædictis imposuerit, et eam vel aliquam partem ejusdem, nobis, hæredibus aut successoribus nostris concesserit, nulla terr. tenementa, redditus, possessiones, bona, neque catalla ipsorum Abbatis et Conventus, nec successorum suorum, Sacristæ, Cellerarii, Præcentoris, Camerarii, Thesaurariorum, Pitanciarum, Elemosinarum, Infirmarii, Hostellarii interioris, Hostellarii exterioris, Feretrariorum, Vestiarii, Subsacristæ, et Subcellerarii et successorum suorum, nec alicujus ad opus nostrum, hæredum vel successorum nostrorum taxentur, nec aliquid de Decimis hujusmodi, sive de Quintisdecimis et Decimis, et Decimis illis vel earum aliqua vel partibus earundem, aut aliis auxiliis, subsidiis, contributionibus, tallagiis, seu quotis quibuscunque prædictis, de terris, tenementis, possessionibus, pensionibus, porcionibus, redditibus, bonis, seu catallis ipsorum Abbatis et Conventus et successorum suorum, Sacristæ, Cellerarii, Præcentoris, Camerarii, &c. et successorum suorum, nec alicujus eorundem quoquo modo ad opus nostrum, hæredum vel successorum nostrorum levetur, nec iidem abbas et conventus neque successores sui, Sacrista, Cellerarius, Præcentor, Camerarius, &c. et successores sui nec eorum aliquis, in terris, tenementis, possessionibus, pensionibus, portionibus, redditibus, bonis spiritualibus sive temporalibus nec catallis suis nec eorum alicujus hiis occasionibus distringantur, molestentur in aliquo seu graventur, distringatur, molestetur in aliquo seu gravetur, sed de Decimis hujusmodi, ac de Quintisdecimis et Decimis illis et earum qualibet et qualibet parte earundem, aut de aliis auxiliis subsidiis, contributionibus, tallagiis, et quotis quibuscunque sint quieti et exonerati et eorum quilibet sit exoneratus et quietus imperpetuum per præsentem; eo quod prædicti Abbas et Conventus et successores sui, vel Prior et Conventus ejusdem loci, vel eorum aliquis, partes vel pars hujusmodi concessionum aut eisdem concessionibus consentientes vel agentes fuerint vel fuerit non obstant. Ita quod prædicti Abbas et Conventus et successores sui, Sacrista, Cellerarius, Præcentor, Camerarius, &c. prædicti, et eorum successores solvant nobis, hæredibus et successoribus nostris, ad Scaccarium nostrum quadraginta marcas ad festa Paschæ et sancti Michaelis per æquales porciones annuatim quamdiu iidem Abbas et successores sui, Sacrista, Cellerarius, Præcentor, &c. et eorum successores fuerint quieti et exonerati de omnimodis auxiliis, subsidiis, contributionibus, tallagiis, et quotis quibuscunque quæ ab eis ratione terrarum, tenementorum, bonorum, sive catallorum suorum vel eorum alicujus exigi seu levari possent ad opus nostrum, hæredum vel successorum nostrorum, si præsens Concessio nostra eis minime facta extitisset; necnon de quibuscunque Decimis, et Quintisdecimis vel earum aliqua et de omni parte earundem nobis, hæredibus vel successoribus nostris, per Communitatem regni nostri Angliæ, vel Communitatem comitatum, cives civitatum, aut burgenses burgorum ipsius regni nostri Angliæ concessis sive concedendis, ac etiam de omnimodis decimis et qualibet parte decimæ, aut aliis quotis et contributionibus quibuscunque, nobis, hæredibus vel successoribus nostris, per clerus regni nostri Angliæ aut per clerus Cantuar. provinciæ per se, aut Ebor. provinciæ per se concessis sive concedendis. Ac etiam de omni eo quod hujusmodi dominus summus Pontifex clero prædicto imposuerit, et nobis, hæredibus vel successoribus nostris, concesserit in forma prædicta. Concessimus etiam ex uberiori gratia nostra eisdem Abbati et Conventui et successoribus suis Sacristæ, Cellerario, Præcentori, Camerario, &c. et successoribus suis, quod licet ipsi seu eorum aliquis eligantur, ordinentur, sive deputentur, eligatur, ordinetur, sive depute- tur per nos, hæredes vel successores nostros, aut alios quoscunque episcopos, archiepiscopos, sive metropolitanos, aut per quemcunque episcopum, archiepiscopum, sive metropolitanum ad colligenda aliqua auxilia, subsidia, contributiones, tallagia, decimas, partes decimarum, seu quotas quascunque per clerus regni nostri Angliæ, vel per clerus Cantuar. provinciæ per se, vel Ebor. provinciæ per se vel per summum pontificem hujusmodi clero imposita sive imponenda, et nobis, hæredibus vel successoribus nostris, concessa sive concedenda, decimas, quintasdecimas, seu eorum aliquam vel aliquam partem earundem, seu alias quotas quascunque per communitatem regni nostri Angliæ, vel per communitates comitatum, cives civitatum, et burgenses burgorum ejusdem regni nostri Angliæ nobis, hæredibus vel successoribus

nostris, concessas vel concedendas, iidem Abbas et Conventus et successores sui, Sacrista, Cellerarius, Præcentor, &c. et successores sui seu eorum aliquis officium collectoris seu collectorum prædictorum auxiliorum, subsidiorum, contributionum, tallagiorum, decimarum, seu alicujus partis decimæ, seu quotarum quarumcunque per clerum regni nostri Angliæ, vel per clerum Cantuar. provinciæ per se, vel Ebor. provinciæ per se vel per summum pontificem hujusmodi clero imposit. sive imponend. et nobis, hæredibus vel successoribus nostris, concess. vel concedend. aut. decimarum, quintarum-decimarum, seu earum alicujus vel alicujus partis earundem, seu quotarum quarumcunque per communitatem regni nostri Angliæ, vel per communitates comitatum, cives civitatum, et burgenses burgorum ejusdem regni nostri Angliæ, nobis, hæredibus vel successoribus nostris, concess. vel concedend. subire vel facere recusaverint vel recusaverit, ipsi tamen Abbas et Conventus, nec successores sui, Sacrista, Cellerarius, &c. nec successores sui neque eorum aliquis ea occasione finem, contemptum, forisfacturam, deperditum, vel dampnum aliquod in corporibus suis nec alicujus eorum, nec in bonis suis nec alicujus eorum incurrant vel incurrat quoquo modo sed quod præsens carta nostra per præfatum Abbatem et Conventum vel successores suos, Sacristam, Cellerarium, Præcentorem, &c. vel successores suos vel per aliquem eorum vel per quemcunque alium nomine ipsorum Abbatis et Conventus vel successorum suorum, Sacristæ, Cellerarii, Præcentoris, &c. vel alicujus eorundem coram quibuscunque justiciariis et ministris nostris, hæredum vel successorum nostrorum, in quocunque loco de Recordo per totum regnum nostrum Angliæ demonstrat. super demonstratione illa omnino valeat et allocetur eisdem Abbati et Conventui et eorum successoribus, Sacristæ, Cellerario, &c. et eorum successoribus absque aliquo Brevi seu Processu inde ulterius prosequend. vel proclamatione facienda. Concessimus insuper præfatis Abbati et Conventui et successoribus suis, Sacristæ, Cellerario, &c. et eorum successoribus per præsentibus absque fine vel feodo nobis vel hæredibus nostris ad opus nostrum qualitercunque solvend. sive capiend. quod ipsi Abbas et Conventus et successores sui, Sacrista, Cellerarius, &c. et successores sui tam de omnimodis decimis per clerum Cantuar. provinciæ per se, quam de omnimodis decimis per clerum Ebor. provinciæ per se et de qualibet parte earundem nobis ante hæc tempora concessis, erga nos, hæredes et successores nostros, imperpetuum sint quieti penitus et exonerati, ipsisque abbati et conventui et successoribus suis, sacristæ, cellerario, præcentori, &c. et successoribus suis decimas illas et quamlibet partem eorundem pro nobis, hæredibus et successoribus nostris, remittimus, pardonamus, et relaxamus per præsentibus; eo quod in præsentibus expressa mentio de valore concessionis nostræ prædictæ, nec de valore præmissorum per nos superius concessorum, nec de aliquibus donis et concessionibus per nos vel progenitores nostros eisdem abbati et conventui vel alicui prædecessorum suorum et successoribus suis sacristæ, cellerario, præcentori, &c. vel aliquibus aut alicui prædecessorum suorum et successoribus suis fact. non existat, aut aliquo statuto, ordinatione, restrictione, actu provisione, materia, causa, vel alia re quacunque in contrarium fact. non obstant. In cujus, &c. Teste rege, apud Westmonasterium, vicesimo octavo die Novembris.

NUM. XLI.

Exemplificatio cujusdam Decreti in Camera Stellata inter Abbatem et Conventum prædict. et Inhabitantes Burgi Sancti Edmundi, quod Inhabitantes non sunt Communitas incorporata, nec habent Commune Sigillum, et quod Abbas constituere potest Aldermannos et alios Officiarios infra Burgum prædictum ac etiam deponere ad libitum suum.

[Pat. 20 Edw. IV. p. 2, m. 26.]

REX omnibus ad quos, &c. salutem. Inspeximus tenorem cujusdam Actus inter cætera Memoranda Consilii nostri in officio privati sigilli nostri remanentis nobis in cancellariam nostram per Breve nostrum de privato sigillo nostro missum et in filiciis ejusdem cancellariæ nostræ resident. in hæc verba. "In Camera Stellata apud Westmonasterium quarto decimo die Februarii anno regni domini nostri regis Edwardi quarti decimo nono, præsentibus

dominis Lincoln. cancellario, Roffen. custode privati sigilli, Sar. et Elien. episcopis, necnon comite Essex thesaurario Angliæ, dominis de Ferrers, Dynham, Howard, Grey, Beauchamp, et Dacre baronibus, ac magistro Thoma Langton, et aliis in pleno consilio lectum fuit publice judicium sive decretum alias per eundem dominum nostrum regem pro parte Ricardi abbatis monasterii Sancti Edmundi de Bury contra et adversus Walterum Thurston, Willielmum Sygo, et alios homines inhabitantes villam de Bury Sancti Edmundi antedict. pronunciatum et declaratum sub eo qui sequitur tenore verborum. Memorandum quod Termino sancti Michaelis anno regni regis Edwardi quarti decimo octavo, quadam petitione coram domino rege et consilio suo apud Westmonasterium per Ricardum abbatem monasterii Sancti Edmundi de Bury versus Walterum Thurston, Willielmum Sygo, Willielmum Clinton, et alios homines inhabitantes villam sive oppidum de Bury Sancti Edmundi exhibita, ac responsionibus et replicatione in hac parte rite factis et habitis coram dicto domino Rege de dicto Consilio suo lectis et auditis; idem dominus rex ob lites, differentias, et quæstiones in eisdem petitione, responsionibus et replicatione contentas, pendentes inter Abbatem et homines antedictos indecise cum omni æquitate et justitia sedand. et terminand. Et ut super inde maturius et consultius utrique partium prædictarum justitiam ministrare valeret, mandavit venerabilibus in Christo patribus Thomæ Lincoln. cancellario suo Angliæ, Johanni Roffen. custodi privati sigilli, episcopis, ac carissimo consanguineo suo Antonio comiti Ryvers, dilectisque et fidelibus consiliariis suis magistro Johanni Moreton Elien. electo, custodi rotulorum Cancellariæ suæ, Johanni Howard de Howard militi, et Thomæ Mountgomeri militi, quod ipsi advocatis sibi Justiciariis de utroque banco et aliis legis peritis de consilio ipsius domini regis, partes prædictas ad certos dies et loca ad hoc magis accommoda venire facerint et convocarent, ac materiam Petitionis, responsionum, et replicationis prædictarum in singulis suis articulis audirent et diligenter examinarent, ac omnia et singula sic per eos audita et examinata compertamque per eos super eisdem articulis veritatem eidem domino Regi plene et expresse referrent et certificarent, ut exinde ipsas lites recto tramite et æqua lance terminare possit; vigore de autoritate cujus Mandati Regis, postea videl. sexto die Novembris ultimo præterito iidem episcopi, comes, Johannes Moreton, Johannes Howard, et Thomas, convocatis sibi dictis justiciariis de utroque Banco, ac aliis de consilio dicti domini regis peritis in quadam camera vocata le Chequer Chamber partibus prædictis tunc ibidem evocatis et personaliter comparentibus eum suis hinc inde consiliariis et peritis in jure petitionem, responsiones, et replicationem prædictas publice et distincte legi fecerunt, ipsisque partibus et earum utrique injunxerunt et terminum ad hoc peremptorie dederunt, ut sua jura et munimenta atque omnia et singula probationum genera si quæ haberent dictas lites et quæstiones concernentia coram eis ederent et exhiberent; quo termino adveniente prædictus abbas pro parte sua diversas Cartas et literas patentes diversorum progenitorum dicti domini regis quondam regum Angliæ et per ipsum dominum regem confirmatas, necnon diversa Recorda inactitata Placitorum, Processuum, Recognitionum, et Judiciorum in Curiis dictorum progenitorum suorum de recordo remanen. protulit, edidit, et exhibuit, libertates, franchises, quietantias, jurisdictiones, et immunitates per ipsum Abbatem in dictis petitione et replicatione allegatis plene, liquide, et inevitabiliter probantia et concludentia, dicti vero homines inhabitantes villam de Bury Sancti Edmundi nichil tunc pro eorum jure allegat. exhibuerunt, neque exhibere posse aut valere publice tunc ibidem assuerunt; allegarunt tamen præscriptam consuetudinem qua Aldermannus dictæ villæ de Bury possit Constabularios ac Custodes Mercati et Vigiliarium ejusdem villæ deputare et ordinare, quam quidem Consuetudinem sic præscriptam aut aliquem continuum usum in ea parte minime probarunt. Quibus quidem Cartis, literis patentibus, et cæteris Munimentis et juribus dicti abbatis, sic, ut præmittitur, exhibitis, una cum cæteris probationibus pro parte ejusdem abbatis factis et habitis, lectis, visis sæpius, auditisque utriusque partis rationibus compertum est et liquide et evidenter constabat eisdem episcopis, comiti, Johanni Moreton, Johanni Howard, Thomæ Mountgomery et omnibus Justiciariis utriusque banci, tunc ibidem præ-

sentibus, quod Abbas dicti Monasterii est dominus totius villæ de Bury. Et quod nullus Aldermannus, Constabularii, Janitores, Custodes Mercati aut Nundinarum, nec aliqui alii officarii fuerunt nec esse debent in eadem villa nisi ex mandato, voluntate, et permissione dicti abbatis; et quod ad prædictum abbatem jure suo et Ecclesiæ suæ prædictæ pertinet et pertinere debet hujusmodi Aldermannum, Constabularium, Janitores, Custodes Mercati et Nundinarum, et omnes alios Officiarios ad sui libitum et voluntatem ponere et deponere, et sic omnibus temporibus retroactis de jure consuetudinario ponere et deponere consuevit et debet eosdem. Et quod idem aldermannus se non intromittat de negotio aut re aliqua Officium Ballivorum tangente; et quod nihil occuparet nec sibi appropriaret de hiis quæ ad abbatem aut ecclesiam prædictam pertinent; et quod homines inhabitantes villam prædictam unionem Communitatis, nec Communitatem incorporatam, neque Commune Sigillum habent, habuerunt, nec habere debent, neque fuerunt aut sunt libertatis, juris, aut domini capaces tanquam una Communitas incorporata, cum de se non habuerunt nec habent caput neque capitaneum præter Abbatem Dominum suum; ac iidem homines inhabitantes villam prædictam alias exclusi fuerunt ab exceptione præscriptionis temporis et usus in ea parte cum omnibus quæ ratione aldermanriæ asseruerunt se præscripsisse et usos fuisse; quodque etiam idem Abbas et prædecessores sui habuerunt et habere debent infra Burgum prædictum per ballivos, justiciarios, et ministros suos omnimoda placita coronæ, et omnimoda alia placita, seditionibus quæ majestatem et personam regiam tangunt tantummodo exceptis, ac omnia quæ ad conservationem pacis pertinent faciend. Et quod iidem Walterus, Willielmus Sygo, et alii hujusmodi usurpationes, riotas, routas, insultas, et conventiculas illicitas fecerunt et perpetraverunt in dicti domini regis contemptum et populi terrorem atque animæ eorum periculum, aliisque perniciosissimum exemplum, necnon ipsius Abbatis ac libertatum, franchisesiarum, quietantiarum, et immunitatum monasterii prædicti læsionem et dispendium gravissima et contra pacem dicti domini regis. Quæ omnia et singula cum sic fierent et agerentur, iidem episcopi, comes, Johannes Morton, Johannes Howard, et Thomas Mountgomery eidem domino regi in pleno consilio suo apud Westmonasterium quarto decimo die Novembris dicto anno decimo octavo ejusdem domini regis distincte et aperte retulerunt et certificarent, unde super hujusmodi relatione et certificatione idem dominus Rex omnibus et singulis præmissis, ut præmittitur, exhibitis, aliisque probationibus in hac parte factis debite et mature consideratis, habitaque superinde plena et diligenti deliberatione de avasamento et assensu totius consilii sui, omniumque Justiciariorum utriusque Banci eidem die, anno, et loco statuit, ordinavit et decrevit quod nullus Aldermannus, Constabularii, Janitores, Custodes Mercati aut Nundinarum, Vigiliarum sive Excubiarum, nec aliqui Officiarii sint nec esse debent in eadem villa nisi ex voluntate, ordinatione, seu permissione dicti abbatis. Et quod idem abbas et successores sui jure suo et ecclesiæ suæ prædictæ constituent, ordinent, et faciant Aldermannum, Constabularios, Janitores, Custodes Mercati et Nundinarum, Vigiliarum et Excubiarum infra Burgum prædictum ipsosque pro libito et voluntate suis de cætero ponere et deponere et alios constituere, ordinare, et facere possint et valeant, et quod idem Aldermannus modernus aut Aldermannus futurus nullos Constabularios, Janitores portarum, Custodes Mercati aut Nundinarum, Vigiliarum aut Excubiarum infra Burgum prædictum de Bury de cætero constituat aut faciat, nec constituere, ordinare, aut facere quovismodo possit aut valeat, nec se de post intromittat de negotio aut re aliqua officium ballivorum tangente. nec aliquid occupabit, nec sibi appropriabit de hiis quæ ad abbatem aut ecclesiam prædictam pertinent; et quod homines inhabitantes villam prædictam unionem Communitatis, nec Communitatem incorporatam, nec Commune Sigillum habentes nullo modo contra prædictum Abbatem de aut in præmissorum aliquo sive alia re aliqua, ratione Aldermanriæ prædictæ aut alias quomodocunque præscribere potuerunt aut valuerunt, nec de cætero præscribere possint aut valeant cum non sint libertatis, juris, aut domini capaces tanquam una Communitas incorporata, nec habeant Caput neque Capitaneum infra Villam prædictam præter Abbatem dominum suum; et quod idem abbas et

successores sui habeant infra Burgum prædictum per Justiciarios, Ballivos, et Ministros suos omnimoda Placita Coronæ et omnia alia Placita, (seditionibus majestatem et personam dicti domini Regis tangentibus tantummodo exceptis) ac omnia alia quæ ad conversationem pacis ibidem pertinent faciend. Quodque etiam idem abbas et successores sui prædicti habeant et teneant infra Burgum prædictum omnia et singula jura, libertates, franchisesias, jurisdictiones, quietantias, et immunitates adeo libere, quiete; et integre, sicut ea melius, liberius, et quietius habuerunt et tenuerunt temporibus dictorum nobilium progenitorum dicti domini regis prout Cartæ, litteræ, recorda, et processus prædicta rationabiliter testantur; et quod iidem Walterus, Willielmus, et omnes alii homines inhabitantes villam prædictam nunc et in futurum præcludantur ab hujusmodi præscriptione, ratione, aut colore Officii Aldermanriæ, necnon ab usu ordinationis et constitutionis Constabularium, Custodum Mercati et Nundinarum, Excubiarum, et Vigiliarum, et omnium aliorum quæ ratione dicti Officii Aldermanriæ in dictis responsionibus suis asseruerunt se præscripsisse et usos fuisse, præscribereve potuisse aut posse; et quod iidem Willielmus Sygo et Willielmus Clinton pro riotis, routis, et aliis transgressionibus et offensis prædictis committantur Carceri sive Prisonæ dicti domini Regis de Flete salvo ibidem custodiendi quousque finem dicto domino Regi, dictoque Abbati satisfactionem congruam fecerint pro præmissis; et pro eo quod idem Walterus Thurston pro hujusmodi riotis, routis, conventiculis illicitis, insultibus, et aliis transgressionibus et offensis prædictis alias infra villam de Bury prædictam per Ballivos et Ministros prædicti Abbatis, suis exigentibus meritis legitime incarceratus et imprisonatus fuit et securitatem pro fine eidem Abbati in ea parte debitam invenit, prædictum dominum regem consideratum est, quod idem Walterus dimittatur de consilio prædicto quietus sine die, et juxta considerationem prædictam idem Walterus dimissus est de consilio prædicto quietus sine die." Nos autem tenorem actus prædicti ad requisitionem dilecti nobis in Christo Thomæ nunc Abbatis monasterii nostri prædicti diximus exemplificandam per præsentis. In cujus, &c. Teste Rege apud Westmonasterium vicesimo sexto die Aprilis.

Per Breve de privato Sigillo, et de Dat. &c.

NUM. XLII.

Carta de dimissione Manerii de Haberdon, A. D. 1533.

[Madox, Formul. Anglic. p. 151, ex autogr.]

Hæc indentura testatur quod nos Johannes permissione divinâ abbas monasterii Sancti Edmundi de Bury, ex assensu et voluntate prioris et ejusdem loci conventus, tradidimus et ad firmam dimisimus Roberto Wryght glaser et Johanni Anable peuterer de Bury prædicta Manerium nostrum de Haberdon cum pertinentiis, pertinens ad officium Sacristæ dicti nostri monasterii, cum quatuor acris terræ in le Vynefeld, quondam Margeriæ Howton, jacentes juxta Nomannes medewe, cum omnibus aliis terris, pratis, pasturis, et omnibus aliis pertinentiis Manerio prædicto pertinentibus, exceptis zabulo et lapidibus in Haberdon. Clos prædicta: habendum et tenendum prædictum Manerium, cum dictis quatuor acris terræ et omnibus suis pertinentiis, exceptis præexceptis, præfatis Roberto Wryght et Johanni Anable, executoribus et assignatis suis, a festo sancti Michaelis archangeli proximò futuro post datum præsentium usque ad finem et terminum viginti annorum extunc proximò et immediate sequentium, et plenarie completorum: reddendo inde annuatim dicto abbati et successoribus suis, ad usum officii Sacristæ dicti monasterii qui pro tempore fuerit, durante termino prædicto, quinque libras et quatuor solidos legalis monetæ Angliæ, ad duos anni terminos, videlicet ad festa Paschæ et sancti Michaelis archangeli, æquis portionibus. Et dicti Robertus Wryght et Johannes Anable, executores et assignati sui, *invenient seu inveniri facient unum* ALBUM TAURUM, omni anno eorum termini prædicti, *totiens quotiens contigerit aliquam mulierem generosam, vel aliquas alias mulieres, ex dero-tione sive voto per ipsas facto, venire ad FERETRUM gloriosi regis et martyris SANCTI EDMUNDI, ad OBLATIONES dicti ALBI TAURI faciendas.* Et dicti Robertus Wryght

et Johannes Anable, executores et assignati sui, invenient sufficiens stramen, lutum, et lapides, ad omnes muros tam luteos quam lapideos, ad domos dicti manerii sufficienter emendandas et reparandas, tocians quociens hujusmodi reparatio ibidem fienda contigerit, sumptibus eorum propriis et expensis, durante termino prædicto. Et non licebit præfatis Roberto Wryght et Johanni Anable, executoribus et assignatis suis, prædictum manerium nec aliquam inde magnam partem alicui alii ad firmam dimittere, sine licentiâ dicti abbatis aut successorum suorum, vel sacristæ dicti monasterii qui pro tempore fuerit, prius petita et optenta, &c. In cujus rei testimonium, uni parti istius indenturæ penes præfatos abbatem, priorem et conventum remanenti, prædicti Robertus et Johannes sigilla sua apposuerunt; alteri vero parti ejusdem indenturæ, penes præfatos Robertum et Johannem remanenti, nos prædicti abbas, prior, et conventus sigillum commune capituli ad causas fecimus apponi. Datum in domo nostra capitulari xxvij^o. die Aprilis, anno regni Henrici viijⁱ. xxv. et anno Domini millesimo d. xxxiii.

NUM. XLIII.

Concessio Pensionis annuatim solvendæ T. Cromwell et Gregorio filio ejus per Abbatem et Conventum Sancti Edmundi.

[MS. Harl. 308, fol. 89.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus ad quos hoc præsens scriptum pervenerit Johannes permissione divina abbas monasterii de Bury Sancti Edmundi et ejusdem loci conventus, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Sciatis nos præfatos abbatem et conventum unanimi assensu et consensu nostris, pro plurimis beneficiis nobis per egregium virum Thomam Crumwell arm. primarium secretarium domini Henrici octavi, Dei gratia Angliæ et Franciæ regis, fidei defensoris, et domini Hiberniæ, ac in terra supremi capitis Anglicanæ ecclesiæ impensis, dedisse et concessisse, ac per præsentem dare et concedere eidem Thomæ, ac Gregorio Crumwell armigero filio et hæredi apparenti ejusdem, unum annualem redditum sive annuitatem decem librarum sterling. habendum et annuatim percipiendum dictum annualem redditum sive annuitatem decem librarum eisdem Thomæ et Gregorio, et eorum utrique, ad terminum vitæ dictorum Thomæ et Gregorii et utriusque eorum diutius viventium, de et in manerio nostro de Harlowe cum pertinentiis in comitatu Essex, ad festa Paschæ et sancti Michaelis archangeli æquis portionibus annuatim, ad opus et usum dictorum Thomæ et Gregorii et utriusque eorum diutius viventium solvendum. Et si contingat dictam annuitatem sive annualem redditum decem librarum a retro fore in parte vel in toto post aliquod festum solutionis indeque solvi debeat insolut. quod tunc bene licebit præfatis Thomæ et Gregorio et utrique eorum et assign. suis in prædictum manerium de Harlowe cum pertin. et in quemlibet inde parcell. intrare et distringere pro dicto annuali redditu decem librarum et arreragiis ejusdem tocians quotiens a retro fore contigerit, &c. In cujus rei testimonium huic præsentis scripto nostro sigillum nostrum commune apposimus. Dat. in domo nostra capitulari infra monasterium supradictum xxvj. die Nov. anno regni Henrici octavi xxvij^o.

NUM. XLIV.

John Ap Rice's Letter to Lord Cromwell, giving account of the Misrule of Bury Abbey.

[MS. Cotton. Cleop. E. iv. fol. 120 b.]

PLEASE it your mastership, ffor asmoche as I suppose ye shall have sute made unto you touching Burie er we retorne, I thought convenient to advertise you of our proceedings ther; and also of the compertes of the same. As for thabbot, we founde nothing suspect as touching his lyving; but it was detected that he laye moche foorth in his granges, that he delited moche in playing at dice and cardes, and therein spent moche money, and in buylding for his pleasure. He did not preche openly. Also that he converted divers fermes into copie holdes, whereof poore men doth complayne. Also he semeth to be addict to the

mayntenyng of such superstitious ceremonies as hathe ben used heretofore. As touching the covent, we coulde geate litle or no comperts amonge theym, although we did use moche diligence in our examinacion; and therby, with some other arguments gethered of their examinacions, I fermely bilieve and suppose that they had confedered and compacted bfore oure comyng that they shulde disclose nothyng. And yet it is confessed and proved, that there was here such frequence of women comyn and reassortyng to this monasterie as to no place more. Amongest the reliques we founde moche vanitie and superstition, as the coles that St. Laurence was tosted withal, the paring of St. Edmund's naylls, St. Tho. of Cant. pennekynff and his bootes, and divers skulls for the hedache, peces of the Holie Crosse, able to make a hole crosse: of other reliques for rayne, and certaine other superstitious usages for avoydings of wedes growing in corne, with such other. Here departe of theym that be under age upon an eight, and of them that be above age upon a five, wolde departe yf they might; and they be of the best sorte in the house and of the best lernyng and ingenient. The hole number of the covent bfore we came was lx. sayyng one, beside iij. that were at Oxforde. Of Elie I have written to youre mastership by my felowe Richard a Lee. And thus Almighty God have you in his tuition. From Burie vth. Nov.

Your servaunte moste bounden

JOHN AP RICE.

NUM. XLV.

Report of King Henry the Eighth's Commissioners of the Treasure found at St. Edmund's Bury.

[Ibid. fol. 229 b.]

PLEASITH it your lordship to be advertised that wee have been at Saynt Edmonds-Bury where we found a riche Shryne, which was very comberous to deface. Wee have takyn in the seyd Monasterye in golde and sylver mmmmm. marks and above, over and besyds aswell a rich crosse with emeredds, as also dyvers and sundry stones of great value; and yet we have left the churche, abbot, and covent very well furnessed with plate of sylver necessary for the same. And for asmuche as we be creadably informed that there died of late ij. monks at Ely, whether they dyed of the sykenes or no we knowe not as yet and there hathe ben great death in the towne. Notwithstandyng we entende to make further serche herein, so that if we fynde not the mater to muche daungerous we wyll prosede. And els not vntyll your pleasure be knowyn therein. And this present day we departe from Bury towards Ely.

And we assure your lordship the abbot and convent be very well contented with every thyng that we have done there, as knoweth God woo preserve your lordshipp.

Your lordshipe moste bounden

JOHN WILLIAMS.

RICHARD POLLARD.

PHYLIP PARYS.

JOHN SMYTH.

NUM. XLVI.

[In a Book of Pensions in the Augmentation Office.]

MEMORAND' that the fourth day of Novembre in the xxxjth. yere of the reign of our sovereign lorde Kyng Henry the VIIIth. Sr. Richard Ryche knyght, chauncello^r. of the kyngs courte of Augmenta^{con}, Sr. Antony Wyngfelde knyght, Richard Sowthwell esquier, Will^m. Petre doctor of lawe, and other the kyngs commysioners namyd and appoyntid in the kynges commission for the dissolu^{con} of the monasterie of Seynt Edmuds Burye in the county of Suff. have appoyntid and assigned to the abbot and monkes of the same monastery, for terme of their lyves, theis yerly pen^{cons} hereafter folowyng:

Dompnus Jofies Melforde alias dict' Reve,

abbas D. marc.

Thoms Ryngstede alias dict' Denysse, sacre

theologie doctor, prior xxx^{li}.

Edūs Rowgham alias dict' Maltnard, seten	xx ^{li} .	Thoms Wyldenhall alias dict' Cole	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Willms Thastede alias dict' Garden	x ^{li} .	Oliverus Mylforde alias dict' Marche	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Thoms Gnatfall alias dict' Eldrede	xiiij ^{li} . vj ^s . viij ^d .	Thoms Disse alias dict' Ffenne	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Thoms Stoneham alias dict' Cooke	x ^{li} .	Johns Bradfelde alias dict' Wryght	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Simon Beredewell alias dict' Saffere, sup- prior	xiiij ^{li} . vj ^s . viij ^d .	Thoms Gyppisswiche alias dict' Dawes	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Radūs Norwige al ^s . dict' Glanfelde	viij ^{li} .	Ailotus Halstede alias dict' Holte	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Thoms Denston alias dict' Stoke, cham- berer	xiiij ^{li} . vj ^s . viij ^d .	Johns Ffowldon alias dict' Page	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Johns Westgate alias dict' Bower	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .	Robtus Honyngton alias dict' Howes	viij ^{li} .
Johns Cleydon alias dict' Helpbye	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .	Johns Hadley alias dict' Kyng	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Edūs Bury als dict' Ffennyng	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .	Robtus Nedhm alias dict' Bronyon	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Robtus Hilderley alias dict' Ffenne	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .	Johns Hicklynghm alias dict' Rede	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Johns Wolspott als dict' Bucknan	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .	Johns Wolfpett alias dict' Starre	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Thoms Sudbury alias dict' Halle	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .	Johns Barton alias dict' Hanyson	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Edūs Wetherden alias dict' Halley	x ^{li} .	Thoms Hegsett alias dict' Rowght	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Johns Cambryge alias dict' Langhm	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .	Thoms Harlowe alias dict' Byrde	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Johns Osmonde	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .	Johns Loppom alias dict' Saunderson	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Gregorius Illy alias dict' Moptide	viij ^{li} .	Rogerus Maldon	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Willms Elmyswell alias dict' Bockhill.	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .	Petrus Donwhyche alias dict' Kylborne	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Robtus Hegsett alias dict' Potkyn	viij ^{li} .	Ranulphus Werketon alias dict' Marshall	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Humfrus Attelborowe alias dict' Yonger	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .	Johns Walsyngham alias dict' Bekhm	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Johns Bury alias dict' Howys	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .		
Johns Lanehm alias dict' Hunt	viij ^{li} .		

RYCHARD RYCHE.
ANTHONY WYNGFELD.
JOHN AP RICE.

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 32 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

Com' Suff'	£.	s.	d.
Scit' Monaster' cum Terr' Dñic'			null
Burye Villa	3	3	6
- - - - -	4	10	6
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- - - - -	1	2	2
- - - - -	2	17	8
- - - - -	1	6	8
Bury Vill' p' Offic' nup' Thesaur'			
- - - - -	1	9	8
- - - - -	2	15	4
Burye Vill' p' Offic' nup' Cantar'	1	9	5
- - - - -	3	11	4
Burye Vill' p' Offic' nup' Sacriste	32	2	6½
- - - - -	3	12	8
- - - - -	8	10	0
- - - - -	5	12	4
Burye Coll' Firmar' pro Offic' nuper Sacrist'	24	15	2
- - - - -	16	1	6
Rectoria Btæ Mariæ Villæ de Burye			null
Rcōria Scti Jacobi Appli infra Vill' de Burye			null
Decanat' de Burye			null
Hospitalle Grañge extra Northgate de Burye	6	6	8
Burye Villa cum al' pro Officio nup' Hospitalaris	17	3	9
- - - - -	5	7	7
- - - - -	0	16	0
Burye Villa pro Offic' nuper Elemosinar'	28	3	4
Burye Vill' p' Offic' nup' Hostillar Feretr' lez Undercrofts et Cantator'	1	17	9
- - - - -	3	2	11
Burye Vill' p' Offic' nup' Pitand'	6	15	6
- - - - -	12	13	4
Burye Vill' p' Offic' nup' Infirmarij	4	7	11
- - - - -	11	7	6

Com' Suff'		£.	s.	d.
Llanmolde Rent inf ^a Vill' de Burye	Redd' Assis'	2	4	8½ q
Burye Coll' Añciamētor' p' Offic' nup' Sacristæ .	Pquis' Cur'	4	16	7
Hadgonell Rent in Villa Burye	Exit' Hadgonell Rent		nult	
Hencote jux' Burye	Firma	10	5	0
Risbye Gate ext ^a Vill' de Burye	Firma Graungæ	6	0	0
Maner' de Habberdon	Firma Scit' Maner'	5	4	0
Horniger Parva	Firma Scit' Maner'	14	0	0
Horningsherth Magna Coll' Redd'	Redd' Assis' lib' Ten'	1	17	1½
- - - - -	Redd' Assis' Cust' Ten'	21	7	6
- - - - -	Firma Terr'	7	4	8
- - - - -	Onus For'	1	6	8
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	3	9	7
Hornyngesherth Magna Mañium	Firma Scit' Man'	11	0	0
Mañia de Rysbye, Sextons als dict' Westleye Chevington, Hengraue, Fornhñe Omnium Sçor', Fornhñe Sçæ Genovefæ, et Fornhñ Sçi Mar- tini, ac Mancrium sive Messuag' voc' le Pry- orye in Fornhñe Sçæ Genovefæ, et Hengrave cum al'	Exit' Profic' et Revenc' Mañior' &c.		nult	
Babwell in Fornhñ	Profic' Mohi Aquatici		nult	
Manerium de Hordernes als Estgate Bernes . .	Firma Maner'	25	15	4
Manerium Grang' de Burye als Estgate Bernes .	Redd' Assis' lib' et Cust' Ten'	22	3	6½
- - - - -	Firma Terr' et Domor'	12	14	10
Manerium de Barton Magna	Firma Maner'	82	15	4
- - - - -	Curs' Faldag' cum Firm' Terr'	2	1	8
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	0	12	0
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
Manerium de Rowghñ	Firma Maner'	41	12	5½
- - - - -	Vendic' Boscor'		nult	
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	0	12	4
Manerium de Nawton	Firma Maner'	23	0	0
- - - - -	Vendic' Boscor'		nult	
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	0	9	0
Manerium de Groton	Firma Maner'	21	11	8
- - - - -	Vendic' Boscor'		nult	
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	0	4	0
Elmeswell cum Wolpett Coll' Redd'	Redd' Assis'	36	13	10½
- - - - -	Firma Terr'	11	13	8
- - - - -	Firma Mohi Ventrit'	0	13	4
- - - - -	Tolnet' Nundinar'	2	0	0
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Elmeswell Terr' Dñic'	Firma Terr' Dñic'	8	0	0
Elmeswell Wareña Cuñiclor'	Firma Warenne	3	0	0
Coldehall in Wollpette	Firma Mañij	2	13	4
- - - - -	Vendic' Boscor'		nult	
Melforde Maner'	Firma Mañij	11	4	0
Melforde Coll' Redd'	Redd' Assis'	94	3	3½
- - - - -	Novus Redd'	2	17	9
- - - - -	Firma Terr'	6	7	6
- - - - -	Agistament Pci	0	10	0
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	3	1	1
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
Mofin' de Wyffendalle in Melforde	Firma Mohi	10	0	0
Decimæ in Melforde	Firm' Decimar'	32	15	9½
Saxhñ Magna Maner'	Firm' Scit' Mañij	16	0	0
Saxhñ Mag' Coll' Redd'	Redd' Assis' cum al'	16	19	8½
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	0	0	3
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
Redgrave Coll' Redd'	Redd' Assis'	53	0	0
Inçrm Redd' Terr' in Worhñ et Redingefeld .	. . . . .	0	4	0
- - - - -	Novus Redd'	13	10	0
- - - - -	Firma Terr'		nult	
- - - - -	Opa Autumpn'	0	7	0
- - - - -	Agistament' Pci	2	0	0

Com' Suff'		£.	s.	d.
Inc̄rm Redd' Terr' in Worh̄m et Redingefeld	Perquis' Cur'	6	17	9
- - - - -	Vendicio Boscorum		nult	
Redgrave Manerium	Firma Scit' Maner'	6	0	0
Rekinghall Coll' Redd'	Reddus Assis' in Rekinghall, Fen-			
- - - - -	nyngham, Westthropp, Wyverston,			
- - - - -	Walsh̄m, Hylderley, et Wattysfeld	13	7	9½
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	4	2	11
Rykinghall Manerium	Firma Scit' Maner'	18	0	0
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
Soham Monachorum Manerium	Firm' Scit' Maner'	6	0	0
Coll' Redd'	Redd' Assis'	12	14	4
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Palgrave Coll' Redd'	Redd' Assis'	22	0	6½
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	6	18	6
Culfforde Manerium	Firma Maner'	22	0	0
Brokeford Hall in Thwayte	Firm' Scit' Mafij	6	0	0
- - - - -	Firma Terr'		nult	
Thwayte Coll' Redd'	Redd' Assis'	13	11	11
- - - - -	Firma Terr'	1	0	0
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	3	2	10
Wykeh̄m, Thorneh̄m, et Stoke	Redd' Assis'	5	7	2½
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Cokkefeld Manerium	Firma Mafij	17	0	0
Coll' Redd'	Reddus Assis'	29	3	5½
- - - - -	Firma Molini Ventrit'	0	6	8
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	9	18	3
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
Chepinghall Manerium	Firma Maner'	24	0	0
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Semer Manerium	Firma Scit' Maner'	20	0	0
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Barton Parva Manerium	Redd' Assis'	2	5	5
- - - - -	Firma Terr'	8	2	9½
- - - - -	Firma Maner'	8	10	0
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Beccles Manerium	Redd' Assis'	15	8	1½
- - - - -	Firma Terr'	7	3	8
- - - - -	Firma Stall	5	4	2
- - - - -	Tolnet' Nund'	0	11	0
- - - - -	Re ^{ta} For ^{ca}	0	5	2
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	3	9	5
Hinderley et Rowgh̄m Coll' Redd'	Redd' Assis'	18	0	8
- - - - -	Redd' Mobilis	0	0	4
- - - - -	Decime Garbarum	0	8	0
- - - - -	Firma Moli	0	6	0
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	1	1	6
Hinderley Manerium	Firma Scit' Maner'	13	13	4
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
Wattlefelde Manerium	Firma Maner'	11	0	0
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc' et Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Heringeswell Manerium	Firm' Mafij	21	0	0
- - - - -	Cursus Faldagij	2	0	0
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	0	11	3
Brokeforde Coll' Redd'	Redd' Assis'	10	14	9½
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	7	9	0
Myldenhall Dominum	Redd' Assis' Lib' et Cust' Ten', et ad			
- - - - -	Vol'	109	11	3½
- - - - -	Firma Domorum		nult	
- - - - -	Firma Terrar'		nult	
- - - - -	Firma Pratorum		nult	
- - - - -	Firma Rector'	17	16	0
- - - - -	Firma Warren' Cuniculorum	5	0	0

Com' Suff'		£.	s.	d.
Myldenhall Dominium	Fenum Decimal'	1	6	8
- - - - -	Tolnet' Nundinar'	1	10	0
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	4	19	9
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'	nult		
Myldenhall Manerium sive Graungia	Firma Maner'	42	0	0
Molendina Aquatica de Myldenhall	Firma Mol'	18	0	0
Aspall in Myldenhall	Firma omn' Redd' Assis'	10	0	0
Pakenham Manerium	Firma Maner'	56	11	0
- - - - -	Pastura Ovium	0	10	0
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'	nult		
- - - - -	Perquis' Curiar'	3	19	11
Manerium de Pakenham vulgo voc' The Treasurer's Manor	Firm' Maner'	28	0	0
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'	nult		
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	1	0	1½
Nova Aula in Pakenhām	Firm' Maner' voc' Malkinhall	10	0	0
Motin' de Pakenhām	Firm' Moti Aquatici	4	13	4
Hundreda de Thedwardstre	Firma Hundrede	19	8	4
Hundreda de Blackebo'ne	Redd' Assis'	14	19	4½
- - - - -	Firma Terr'	0	10	9
- - - - -	Exit' viridis Ceræ	nult		
- - - - -	Turn' Sen ^u	nult		
- - - - -	Redd' Mobilis	4	14	6½ di' q
- - - - -	Bona Felonum	nult		
- - - - -	Extrahur'	nult		
Hundred' de Rackeforde	Redd' Assis'	4	2	0½
- - - - -	Exit' virid' Ceræ	nult		
- - - - -	Turn' Sen ^u	nult		
Hundred' de Babbre	Redd' Assis'	6	11	8½
- - - - -	Redd' Mobil'	0	18	8½
- - - - -	Turn' Sen ^u	0	0	9
- - - - -	Exit' virid' Ceræ	nult		
Thing Hundred'	Redd' Assis'	6	13	4
- - - - -	Exit' viridis Ceræ	nult		
- - - - -	Turn' Sen ^u	nult		
- - - - -	Extrahure cum al'	nult		
Rysbrydge Hundred'	Redd' Assis'	2	10	0
- - - - -	Exit' viridis Ceræ	nult		
- - - - -	Turn' Sen ^u	0	0	6
- - - - -	Extrahur' cum Bonis Felon' et al'	nult		
Cofforde Hundred'	Profic' Hundred'	3	19	1
- - - - -	Redd' Mobilis cum Finibus Letar'	1	3	0
- - - - -	Exit' virid' Ceræ, Turn' Sen ^u . Extrahur', &c.	nult		
Thurston Rectoria	Firma Rectoria	8	6	8
Cunston Manerium	Firma Mafij	44	0	0
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	nult		
Chellesworthe Manerium	Firm' tocus Mafij	26	0	0
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	nult		
Manerium de Old Haw: le Hoo in Rowghm	Firma Mafij	20	10	0
- - - - -	Pastura Ovium	3	16	0
- - - - -	Firma Boscor'	0	8	0
Burye Coll' Penc' et Porcionum	Arrerag'	16	11	8
- - - - -	Penc' Eccliaē Scti Lawrenc' inf ^a Norwic', Pva Horniger, Monast' de Ey' in Suff', Colleg' voc' le Chappell in le Feld juxta Civ' Norwic' Rector' de Rowghm, Rector' de Wolpette	30	13	4
- - - - -	Porciones Decimarum de Soh̄m Monachor', in Worlingworth, de Rector' de Elmeswell, de Rector' de Nowton, Rector' de Culford, in Horningsherthe, &c. &c.	32	12	0
Burye Coll' Redd' in Pria				
Tostoke	Redd' Terr' et Tentor'	0	7	8

Com' Suff'

		£.	s.	d.
Sohm juxta Insulam Elien'	Firma Piscar' cum Teñt' et Terr'	0	13	4
Villa Cantabr'	Redd' Terr' Teñt' ac Messuag'	1	2	2
Gnatsall	Firm' Terr' et Teñt'	0	5	0
Kentforde	Firm' Terr' et Teñt'	0	5	8
Wanflete	Firm' Terr' et Teñt'	1	0	0
Bumpsted	Redd' Terr' et Teñt'	0	9	2
Walsinghām	Redd' Terr' et Teñt'	0	10	0
Flempton	Redd' Mol' et Pti	0	8	0
Halsted	Redd' lib' exeunt' de Maffio in Halsted	2	4	2
Stowe Langetowe	Redd' Terr'	0	5	0
Risbye	Redd' Terr'	0	1	0
Illington	Redd' Terr'	0	1	0
Ruddehām	Redd' Terr' et Teñt'	1	0	0
Frenc et Dysse	Redd' Terr' et Teñt'	0	2	6
Thurlo Pva	Redd' Terr'	0	13	4
Hadleye	Exit' Tolnet'	0	10	0
Bungey	Redd' exeunt' de nup' Priorat' Monial'			
	de Bungey	0	2	0
Rowghām	Firm' Terr'	2	0	0
Pakenhām	Firm' Terr'	0	13	6
Frekenhām	Redd' viijl. Ceræ Pci	0	2	0
Nowton	Firm' Terr'	0	6	8
Mendeham	Firm' Terr' et Messuag'	0	12	2
Barton	Firm' Terr'	0	10	0
Watfelde	Firm' Terr' et Teñt'	1	0	0
Wolpette	Firm' Teñt'	0	2	0
Chelmysforde	Redd' Assis' Teñtor'	0	10	0
Melforde	Firm' Terr'	0	6	8
Hornynghesherth Magna	Firm' Terr' et Teñt'	1	10	4
Tynmouthe	Firm' Terr'	2	0	0
Russebroke	Firm' Terr'	0	1	8
Shrophām	Redd' Terr'	0	4	8
Hergrave et Thevington	Firm' Terr' et Teñt'	0	16	0
Lyvermer Magna	Firm' Terr'	0	6	8
Elmeswell	Firm' et Redd' Terr'	0	5	0
Ingehām Manerium	Exit' et Profic' Manij		nult	
Heggessette Manerium	Exit' Maner'		nult	
Iklinghām et Worlingworthe Maner'	Exit' et Profic' Man'		nult	
Whepsted Manerium et Overcag' Hall	Exit' et Profic'		nult	
Elveden Manerium	Exit' et Profic' Maner'		nult	
Westowe Manerium cum Molendinis	Exit' et Profic' Maner' &c.		nult	
Maneria de Bradfeld Monachorum et Staunton, ac unum Tenementum voc' Sextens in Weltham				
Parva	Exit' et Profic' Maner' &c.		nult	
Downham Manerium	Exit' et Profic' Maner'		nult	
Clopton Halle Manerium	Exit' Profic' &c. Maner'		nult	
Thorpe Manerium	Firma Maner'	21	0	0
-	Perquis' Cur'	1	4	3
Tytteshall Coll' Redd'	Redd' Assis' lib' et Cust' Tenen'	27	7	6½
-	Firma Terr'	0	13	4
-	Perquis' Cur'	15	9	6
Titteshall Manerium	Firma Scit' Maner'	15	0	0
Runton Manerium	Firma Maner'	45	0	0
-	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Tylney Manerium	Firma Maner'	20	0	0
Sowthrey Manerium	Firma Maner'	8	0	0

Com' Norff'

Estebradenham Maner' cum Huntynghfelde Hall	Firma Maner'	70	0	0
-	Firma Moli—Warda Maritag' &c.		nult	
Broke Manerium	Firma Scit' Maner'	46	0	0
-	Perquis' Cur'	0	8	7
Castre Manerium	Firma Scit' Maner'	16	0	0
-	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Aylleshām Coll' Redd'	Redd' Assis' tam lib' quam Cust' Ten'	18	16	0
-	Perquis' Cur'	4	11	1

		£.	s.	d.
Com' Norff'				
	Aylleshm Manerium	Vendic' Bosc'	null	
	- - - - -	Firma Scit Maner'	5	6 8
Com' Essex'				
	Wrabnasse Manerium	Firma Maner'	6	13 4
	Staplefforde Abbote Manerium	Firma Scit' Maner'	20	0 0
	Harlowburye Manerium cum Rector'	Firma Mafij unacum uno Molo Aquat' et Rector'	75	0 0
	- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	null	
	- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'	9	0 0
	Steple Bumpsted	Firma Terr'	1	6 8
Com' Hertff'				
	Teddenhowe Bury Manerium	Firma Scit' Mafij	12	0 0
	- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc' et Perquis' Cur'	null	
	Wroketon Manerium	Firm' tocius Maner'	32	10 6
	- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	null	

*** ARMS of ST. EDMUNDSBURY ABBEY. The Arms given in the initial letter of the English Account of this abbey^a are those assigned to it by Bishop Tanner. In Reyner, p. 214, and in Fuller, Ch. Hist. book vi. p. 322, the Arms are three Crowns without Arrows. The same coat has been already mentioned as occurring in Lydgate's Life of St. Edmund, presented to King Henry the Sixth:^b and so the abbey at first bore them. In the Procession Roll to parliament in the time of King Henry the Eighth, copied in Mr. Cole's manuscripts, the same Coat occurs impaling the private shield of abbat Bunting.^c

Bishop Tanner, in the Notitia Monastica, however, asserts, from Blomefield, that for above a hundred years before the Dissolution the abbey constantly bore three Crowns, or Coronets, with Arrows. According to Blomefield, they so occur in a window of old Buckenham church in Norfolk.^d Turner adds, "In Rice's Suffolk Collections, MS., there is another Coat ascribed to this abbey, which, perhaps, might be the Arms or Seal of one of the greater obedientiaries; viz. *Azure*, three pair of keys adorsed in triangle *Or*."^e

That the monastery of St. Edmund, however, like other abbeys, sometimes varied the bearings of its shield, there is good reason to believe.

Upon the church of Beccles, in Suffolk, which the abbat and convent were patrons of, and the structure of which is supposed to be at least as old as Richard the Second's time, many single Crowns, pierced with Arrows, occur.^f And on the steeple of Great St. Mary's church in Cambridge, and on the outside of the cornice of the south aisle, on stone shields, the same Arms of a single Coronet pierced with three Arrows occur. The abbey of St. Edmundsbury having been a benefactor to the building of that church.^g In the ceiling of the Nave of Wood-Ditton church in Cambridgeshire is the Coat of Bury Abbey still differently given; viz. Three Coronets pierced with two Arrows in saltier.

What is called the Shield of St. Edmund the King and Martyr occurs in other churches dedicated to that saint, which were not connected with Bury abbey: and still with variation.

On the font of Downham church in Norfolk dedicated to St. Edmund (but which belonged to Ramsey abbey) is a shield with two Arrows in saltier and a Crown over them.^h

On a wooden screen in the church of Emneth, in Norfolk, belonging to the bishoprick of Ely, also dedicated to St. Edmund, is carved on a shield the single Crown, or Coronet, pierced with three Arrows, points downwards.ⁱ

^a See the present Volume, p. 98.

^b See p. 104.

^c MS. Cole, vol. xviii. p. 218.

^d Hist. Norf. fol. edit. vol. i. p. 267.

^e Tann. Notit. Monast. edit. Nasm. p. xxxiii.

^f Ibid.

^g MS. Cole, vol. ix. p. 51.

^h Blomef. fol. edit. vol. iv. p. 94.

ⁱ MS. Cole, vol. xx. p. 27. See also Blomef. vol. iv. p. 522.

Cathedral and Benedictine Priory of Coventry,

IN

WARWICKSHIRE.



IR William Dugdale having himself written of the Priory of St. Mary Coventry in his *History of Warwickshire*, it would be improper were we not to make his Account at least the ground-work of that which is now to be laid before the reader.

A convent of Nuns is said to have existed here early in the eleventh century, under the government of St. Osburg, which was destroyed

by the Danes in the year 1016.^a Of this foundation our notices are extremely scanty. Leland ascribes it to Canute both in his *Itinerary* and his *Collectanea*, but probably without sufficient authority.^b

ST. MARY'S COVENTRY^c was a priory for Benedictine monks, founded, according to the best authorities, in 1043, by LEOFRIC earl of Mercia and his lady Godiva.^d The church was dedicated by Edsi archbishop of Canterbury on the fourth of the nones of October that year, and was furnished with an abbat and twenty-four monks.

Godiva is said to have given all her treasure to this monastery; and to have sent for skilful goldsmiths, who, with all the gold and silver which she had, made crosses, images of saints, and other curious ornaments for its decoration.^e Hoveden speaks of the wealth so bestowed as far exceeding that of any contemporary monastery in

England.^f William of Malmesbury adds further, that it was enriched and beautified with so much gold and silver that the walls seemed too narrow to contain it; insomuch that Robert de Limesi, bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, in the time of King William Rufus, scraped from one beam, which supported the shrines, five hundred marks of silver. Here also was kept the celebrated relic, the Arm of St. Augustine bishop of Hippo, placed in a silver shrine, with an inscription indicating that Archbishop Egelnoth, returning from Rome to Pavia, had purchased it for a hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold.^g

Earl Leofric died on the 2d of the kalends of September, 1057.^h but the date of Godiva's death has not been preserved. William of Malmesbury says they were buried in the two porches of their church. Godiva, when at the point of death, gave a rich chain or collar, set with precious stones, directing it to be placed about the neck of the image of the Virgin Mary, and enjoining that those who came for devotion to the church should say as many prayers as there were gems in the chain.ⁱ

The original endowment of the Monastery by Earl Leofric, beside a moiety of the town of Coventry, consisted of the vills of Honington, Newenham, Chaddleshunt, Ichenton, Olloufton, Sutham, Greenesburgh, Burtinbury, Merston upon Avon, Herdwike, Wasperton, Chesterton, Sutham, Ruyton, and a moiety of the vill of Sowe; Merston in Gloucestershire; Salewarpe in Worcestershire; Eaton on the Dee in Cheshire; Kyldesby and Wynwyke in Northamptonshire; Burbagh, Barwell, Scraftofte, and Pakington, in Leicestershire.^k

^a See Num. I.

^b Ibid. See also Sim. Dunelm. Script. X. Twysd. col. 189. Matt. Westm. edit. 1601, p. 216. Brompton, Script. X. Twysd. col. 948, says, "in propria villa de Bromlegh pridie kal. Decembr."

^c See Num. I.

^d See Num. II. The story of the freedom of Coventry, as procured by the Lady Godiva, is known to every one. The following are the particulars detailed by Matthew of Westminster under the year 1057, edit. 1601, p. 216. "Hæc autem comitissa religiose villam Coventrensem a gravi servitute ac turpi liberare affectans, sæpius comitem virum suum magnis precibus rogavit, ut Sanctæ Trinitatis, sanctæque genitricis Dei intuitu, villam a prædicta absolveret servitute. Cumque Comes illam increparet, quod rem sibi damnosam inaniter postularet, prohibuit constanter, ne ipsum super hac de re cætero conveniret. Illa contrario, pertinacia muliebri ducta, virum indesinenter de petitione præmissa exasperans, tale responsum extorsit ab eo. 'Ascende' (inquit) 'equum tuum nuda, et transi per mercatum Villæ, ab initio usque ad finem, populo congregato, et cum redieris, quod postulas, impetrabis.' Cui Comitissa respondens ait: 'Et si hoc facere voluero, licentiam mihi dabis?' Ad quam comes 'dabo' inquit. Tunc Godiva comitissa, Deo dilecta, die quadam, ut prædictum est, nuda equum ascendens, crines capitis et tricas dissolvens, corpus suum totum, præter crura candidissima inde velavit, et itinere completo, a nemine visa, ad virum gaudens hoc pro miraculo habentem, reversa est. Comes vero Leofricus, Coventrensem a præfata servitute liberans civitatem, charitatem suam inde factam sigilli sui munimine roboravit." Compare also Chron. Joh. Brompton, Script. X. Twysd. col. 949. Hen. de Knyghton, ibid. col. 2333.

In memory of this fact, says Dugdale, Hist. Warw. p. 86, the pictures of Earl Leofric and his lady were set up in a south window of

^a Dugd. Hist. Warw. edit. 1656, p. 85, & Chron. MS. Joh. Rous, in Bibl. Cotton.

^b Lel. Itin. edit. Oxf. 1769, vol. iv. p. 124; Collect. edit. 1770, tom. i. p. 50. So Cressy, in his Ch. Hist. p. 957. "In the same place King Canutus had before built a church, and little monastery for religious virgins, which were either removed or translated to some other place, and now Benedictine monks put in their rooms."

^c Although usually spoken of as dedicated to St. Mary, it is named in Earl Leofric's charter as consecrated to God, the Virgin Mary, St. Peter, St. Osburg the virgin, and All Saints. A charter of Geoffrey the son of Robert de Stokes, "de quadam cultura in Offechirch," (see the Append. of Instruments, Num. XII.) says,—"*pro amore Dei et beatæ Mariæ, et pro amore beati Petri apostoli, et Pauli, et sancti Benedicti, et Omnium Sanctorum in quorum honore fundata est ecclesia de Coventre.*"

^d Pope Alexander's bull of confirmation, Bishop Tanner observes, bears date this year; and so doth the recital of Leofric's deed of foundation, in Cart. 51 Hen. III. n. 8. This is also the year assigned in Dugdale's *Warwickshire*, p. 157, edit. 1730. But the third Volume of the former edition of the *Monasticon*, p. i. p. 217, and Lel. Collect. vol. i. p. 416, place it in 1044. And in Leland, Collect. vol. iii. p. 72, it is said to have been founded A. D. 1051.

^e "ELFGARUS Comes Coventrense cœnobium construxit, et magnis redditibus ad victum monachorum inibi consistentium largiter ditavit. GODIOVA vero religiosa comitissa omnem thesaurum suum eidem ecclesiæ contulit, et accersitis aurifabris quicquid in auro et argento habuit, ad construendum sacros textus et cruces, ac imagines sanctorum, aliæque mirifica ecclesiæ ornamenta devote distribuit." Order. Vit. Hist. Normann. Script. edit. 1619, p. 511.

^f See the original passage of the historian, App. Num. I.

The charter by which these were granted was first confirmed by King Edward the Confessor, who added these privileges,—that the land so given should be free from taxes for setting forth soldiers, or the building of bridges or castles, and also from all payments to the king, bishop, or any other person.^a A bull of Pope Alexander the Third, which accompanied this Charter, added that the monastery should not be subject to any diocesan bishop, nor judiciary power, of what order or dignity soever; and that the monks here should have liberty to elect their abbat from among themselves, or from any other congregation.^b

Another confirmation of Leofric's charter, granted by King William the Conqueror, with a fine impression of his seal appendant, is still preserved in Warwickshire among the family muniments of Sir Simon Archer, Baronet.^c A second charter of the Conqueror, confirming the privileges of the place, is preserved among the Harleian charters in the British Museum.^d

The following are the lands recorded as the endowment of the monastery in King William the Conqueror's Survey. In *Gloucestershire*, ten hides at Merestone; in *Worcestershire*, a hide at Salewarpe; in *Northamptonshire*, three hides and a virgate at Winewiche, two hides and a half appertaining to Winewich in Essebi, two hides in Chidesbi, and two hides at Eddone. In *Leicestershire*, a hide and the fourth part of another hide at Burbece, three carucates in Mersitone, four carucates in Barewelle, one in Stapleton, twelve carucates in Scrapentot, eight carucates and a half in Pachintone, and one in Cherchebi. In *Warwickshire*, half a hide in Filvnger, eight hides in Raneberge, six in Svrland, two in Derbingerie, three hides in Bilveie, three virgates in Condene, four hides in Sucham, three hides and a half in Sowa, four hides in Vlchetone, five hides in Icetone, one hide and a virgate in Edburberie, fifteen hides in Herdewiche, five hides in Hvnitone, five in Cedeleshunte, one hide and a half in Cestreton, five hides in Wasmertone, five in Neweham, and three hides in Radewei. Aluin the sheriff is stated to have given Cliptone in the same county, with the consent of King Edward, to the monastery; but it had been invaded and taken from the monastery by Earl Aubrey.^e

Shortly after the Norman Conquest, says Sir William Dugdale, there was one Peter consecrated Bishop of this diocese, meaning Lichfield (then including Chester as well as Coventry and Lichfield), in whose time Lanfranc archbishop of Canterbury held a Synod at London, wherein it was decreed that episcopal seats should not remain in petty towns: by virtue whereof this was removed from Lichfield to Chester.^f To which Peter, who died and was

buried at Chester, succeeded Robert de Limesy; which Robert, upon the death of Lewinus, or Leofwinus, abbat of Coventry, obtained from the king the custody of this monastery, and, by the authority of a bull from Pope Paschal the First, removed his see from Chester hither.^g Hereupon the bishop settling at Coventry, and having the government of this monastery, the name of abbat became thenceforth utterly suppress and extinct, in regard that the episcopal dignity therein overtook it: so that the succeeding Priors (for so they were called who had the rule) were but as substitutes to the bishops, in whom the abbacy virtually was.^h But this bishop, Sir William Dugdale observes, was neither a friend to the monastery nor to the monks; for besides scraping so much silver from one beam, as has been already intimated, he suffered the buildings to decay for want of repairs, and pillaged the church of many rich ornaments; and as for the monks, he kept them to poor and miserable commons, not regarding their regular living, nor any thing that might advance learning among them, to the end, that being thus brought low, and in ignorance, their thoughts should not soar so high as to consider the redress of these his so great injuries.ⁱ

Of the other bishops who successively resided here at Coventry (this being their cathedral as well as Lichfield) Sir William Dugdale recites the names. These were, *Robert de Peche, Roger de Clinton, Walter Durdent, Richard Peche, and Gerard de Puella*; all of whom, in their several times, successively, styled themselves "*Coventriæ episcopi*" only, and had their palace at the north-east corner of St. Michael's church-yard, very near to the monastery. The History of these Bishops will be reserved for the Account of Lichfield cathedral.

In the seventh year of King Stephen, A. D. 1143, the times being then turbulent, Robert Marmion, whose seat was the castle of Tamworth, and himself a great adversary of the earl of Chester, possessed himself of the monastery of Coventry, turned out the monks, and fortified the church, with the buildings belonging to it, making deep trenches in the fields adjacent, which he so covered that they could not be seen, to the end that they might be an impediment to any approaching enemy. While sallying out upon the earl of Chester's forces, he fell with his horse into one of these trenches himself, was surprised by a common souldier, and killed.^k

In the 15th of Stephen the monks of Coventry granted unto those of Daventry, in Northamptonshire, the church of Ashby, with three yard-lands thereto belonging, and the church of Haddon, with two yard-lands, excepting the

Trinity church in Coventry, about the time of King Richard II. The earl holding a charter in his right hand, on which was written,

*I Ricke for the love of thee.
Doe make Coventre tol-free.*

Dugdale says, exclusive of Earl Leofric's foundation and endowment of this monastery of his proper patrimony, he was a great benefactor to other religious houses, more especially of Leominster in Herefordshire, Wenlock in Shropshire, St. Werburgh's and St. John's in Chester, and Worcester and Evesham in Worcestershire; to all of which he gave divers rich ornaments. To the abbey of Burton upon Trent in Staffordshire he granted a large part of Austrey in the county of Warwick. Compare also Joh. Brompt. col. 949. Henr. Knyghton, col. 2334.

The joint benefaction of Earl Leofric and his countess to the monastery of St. Mary's Stow, near Lincoln, has been already noticed in the present Volume, p. 1.

^a See Num. III.

^b See Num. IV.

^c See Num. VI.

^d App. Num. VII.

^e See Num. VIII.

^f Dugd. Warw. edit. 1656, p. 100, ex rot. pervetusto penes Dec. et Cap. Lichf. A quarto manuscript in Mr. Sharp's Collection at Coventry, which will be hereafter described, says, "Anno m.lxxv. In hoc anno per consilium quod Lanfrancus archiepiscopus tenuit Londoniis translata fuit sedes episcopalis de Lich. ad Cestriam episcopo Petro tunc pontificatum agente."

^g Dugd. ut supr.

^h Ibid. p. 101.

ⁱ Ibid. Compare the extract from Will. of Malmesb. Script. post Bedam, fol. 73. Mr. Sharp's manuscript, just quoted, speaks of Robert de Limesy's translation of the see as taking place in 1104 by the authority of Pope Paschal the Second. "Anno m.c.iiiij." In hoc anno translata fuit sedes episcopalis per Robertum de Limesie episcopum

tempore et auctoritate Paschalis papæ ij. de Cestria ad Coventr. sc. xiiij. kal. Maii."

The Bodleian manuscript quoted by Hearne in his History of Glastonbury, App. 293, 294, has the following:

"De Roberto de Limesi.

"Hæ sunt terræ quas Robertus episcopus de Limesi ejecit cum ecclesiis. Roberto de Flamville dedit Barewelle. Burbeche. q; duas hidas Binthingebi. q; propriam mansionem in Coventre. q; hospitium et croftam in Willenhale. Walton. Pachentun. Turstano archiepiscopo. Winewich. Roberto episcopo Lincoln. Kildesbi. Noel cum filia sua. Greneberge. et domos Coventr. Humfrido Hasting. hida et dimid. cum Caldecote. Galfrido ij. virgatas et dimid. et xij. acras de dominio. Offechurche. Matri Ricardi filii episcopi duas virgatas in Franken, et Radulpho et Osberno virgatum in Waspertune. Radulpho de la Mare. Fillingeale cum filia sua dedit. Alias etiam terras hinc et inde dividens, cuncta proprio egit arbitrio. Quingentas etiam marcas abraisit de trabe una et tabula, quæ fronti altaris præminebat." Hearne, Hist. Glaston. App. pp. 293, 294.

^k Dugd. ut supr. who quotes Anonym. Abingd. in Bibl. Bodl. vol. i. fol. 30 a. Mat. Paris, edit. 1684, p. 67, says, "Anno Domini m.c.xliij. Robertus Marmimi [sc. Marmion] vir bellicosus, qui monachos Coventrenses a suo monasterio expulerat, et de ecclesia illa castellum fecerat, dum contra hostes decertaret, inter prædones suos, ante ipsum monasterium, solus peremptus est, et excommunicatus morte depascitur sempiterna." Brompton adds a miracle on this occasion. Having noticed the death of Geoffrey de Mandeville at Ramsey abbey, he says, "Simile quoque scelus exercuerat in ecclesia Coventrensi quidam perversus Robertus Marmion, vir strenuus et bellicosus, qui inter suorum cuneos coram ipso monasterio solus interfectus est, et excommunicatus obiit. Dum autem ECCLESIA illa pro CASTELLO teneretur, à parietibus ecclesie et claustris adjacentis, SANGUIS multis videntibus ebullivit, et hoc Henricus de Huntynghdon in suis testatur Croniciis se vidiisse." Script. X. Twysd. col. 1033.

tithes and such other benefits which were due to the church of Winwyk, of which these were originally members; in consideration whereof, the monks of Daventry were to pay yearly to this monastery one pound of incense before the feast of the Nativity. This was in the time of prior Laurence. Shortly after, it appears, there was an agreement made between the two houses, that, if any monk of Coventry should be, by the consent of his prior and convent, sent to Daventry, out of their great affection for that house he should be freely received, and reside there in the same regular way as if he were one of the same convent until he should be recalled by the prior of Coventry; and, in case he departed this life during his abode there, all solemnities were to be performed for him as for a monk of Daventry: and the like were the monks of Coventry to perform for those of Daventry who should be sent thither. And if any of either convent happened to die elsewhere, one priest of each monastery, his death being known, was to celebrate three masses for him; his service, with Placebo and Dirige, to be also performed in the convent, with the corrody belonging to a monk for that day, and his name registered in the Martyrology. And when any prior of either monastery died, a Trental was to be sung in the other convent, over and above the services before recited. And moreover, every year, a mass of the Holy Ghost was to be celebrated, as well for the living in each monastery as for the dead: and lastly, in all things both spiritual and temporal, where each could assist the other, they were bound effectually to afford their aid.^a

About this time, also, Ranulph, or Ralph de Gernon, earl of Chester, gave the monks of Coventry liberty to have two carts going to and fro twice every day, except festivals, into his woods about Coventry, to fetch thence whatsoever they might need, in order to the repair of their buildings, fuel for their fire, or as bundles for their hedges.^b And being fully assured that the chapel of St. Michael in Coventry, and all the rest within the town and without, with the tithes, oblations, and rights to them belonging, situated within his fee, did justly belong to them, he made them his charter of recognition, and confirmed them to this monastery for the health of his soul, as also for the souls of his father and mother and all his progenitors.^c After which, in the twelfth of Henry II., upon return of the certificates touching knights' fees, the prior of this house signified that he had seven and a third part, with two fifths and a tenth "de veteri feoffamento," and as much in demesne as countervailed ten knights' fees.^d

In the 29th of Hen. II. there was an exchange of land made between the monks of Coventry and Hugh Keviliok, the succeeding earl, for licence whereof they gave twenty marks to the king.^e About which time the said earl granted to them a free and ample charter, as well of protection as confirmation of their possessions;^f forbidding all his tenants from hindering their market, or meddling therein without the consent of the monks. And that posterity might not be ignorant which were the metes and boundaries betwixt both their fees, that is to say, of the Prior's part and Earl's part, he by the same charter fully described them, including the lands of the monastery within these following limits; viz. beginning at St. Michael's church-yard, and from thence directly to the Broadgate of his own castle, leaving the houses of William de Repyndon and William the son of Forthwy (tenants to the monastery) on the north part, and the earl's fee on the south; and so passing down to the river of Smythesford, and from thence ascending the brook to the mill of Gerard le Vinter of Hull and Radeford to Coundon, and so coasting aside between the grounds of Robert Scot of Aileward-siche near Blakemore, the lands of R. Beaufiz and Anketil Locard being on the one part, and the earl's wood called Haselwood on the other part; and thence by the brook of

Endemere to the high-way leading from the midst of Har-nall near to Stoke, as far as the gibbet, and thence descending by Bisseleis to the brook called Goseford; and so along that brook and the ditch, hard to the land of William Hakun, and thence to the walls of the said monastery.^g

To this Hugh succeeded Ranulph, surnamed Blundevill, in the earldom of Chester, who ratified to the monks of Coventry the recognition and confirmation made by Earl Ranulph, his grandfather, of the chapel of St. Michael, with Ansty, Shilton, Wykin, Bilney, Whitley, Pinley, Stoke, Stichall, Eccleshall, Folkeshull, Karesley, Whabereley, Sponne, and Bisseleie, within his fee; in all which he solemnly invested them on the feast-day of St. Abdon and Sennes, in the month of July, 3 Rich. I. by his gold ring, which, with his said charter, he offered upon the altar. Upon which chapel of St. Michael he likewise conferred the tithe of all his lands and possessions in Coventry, under the penalty of a curse upon his officers, servants, and heirs, in case they should not make due payment of them accordingly. And, besides this, he gave to the monks, in exchange for one of the two carts which Earl Ranulph, his grandfather, had granted to them, to have going to and fro in his woods for necessary housebote, firebote, and heybote, two hundred and eighty acres of land, being part of his wood and waste in Eccleshale and Kersley, according to twenty-five feet the perch; the metes and bounds of which are set forth in the charter: which waste he gave them liberty to enclose, reduce into tillage, or otherwise to use to their best advantage.^h

In reciting the misfortunes which befell the monks of Coventry about this time, we shall quote Sir William Dugdale's own words:

"Hugh Novant, a Norman by birth, having been brought up to learning in the university of Oxford, and consecrated bishop of this diocese (of Coventry and Lichfield) towards the latter end of Henry the Second's reign; at the same time that he had the bishoprick conferred upon him by the king had also a grant of the Priory in such sort as Roger de Clinton his predecessor enjoyed it; viz. in demesne with the barony, wherein he received homage of the freeholders, and found the monks all necessaries according to his own pleasure: but during the life of the said King Henry he did not possess what was so granted him. Whereupon he came to King Richard the First, his son and successor, and purchased a Confirmation of his father's grant: and besides all this he [Bishop Novant] obtained a render of the house by Moyses, the then Prior at Reading, in the presence of Baldwin archbishop of Canterbury, the bishops of London and Rochester, and many other persons of note. After which the said bishop, holding a Synod in the church of this monastery, wherein some things were agitated tending much to the prejudice of the monks, as it should seem, though the particulars are not recorded, he so much incens'd the monks that they rush'd in upon him, and with a cross of that church broke his head; whereupon complaint being presently made to William bishop of Ely, chancellor of England, and at that time not only the Pope's legate, but governor of the realm in the absence of King Richard, then on his journey to the Holy Land, that the monks had shed his blood even before the altar;ⁱ he forthwith decreed that they should be expelled, and secular canons plac'd in their room;^k which judgment the proud bishop soon put in execution; and by strong hand turning them out, did, to justify himself therein, forthwith dispatch letters to Rome, whereunto he had got the hands of other bishops, signifying, that the monks of Coventry had deserted their rule, and were contaminated with secular pollutions;^l thereupon petitioning his holiness that he might have the free disposal of that monastery. Unto which letters the pope gave no present answer, expecting to have heard what the monks could say for themselves: but, they,

^a Dugd. Hist. Warw. p. 101, & Registro de Daventry, foll. 110 b, 111.

^b Ibid. Cart. 22 Edw. III. n. 6, per Inspex.

^c Ibid. & Reg. Prior. de Cov. fol. 76 b.

^d "Prior de Covintria habet de veteri feffamento fefatos vij. militas, et tertiam partem. j. militis, et duas quintas partes militis, et decimam partem militis, et super dominium ejus quantum sufficit ad perficiendum x. militea." Lib. Nig. Scacc. edit. Lond. 1774, tom. i. p. 204.

^e Dugd. ut supr. Rot. Pip. 29 Hen. II.

^f Cart. 22 Edw. III. n. 6, per Inspex. ut supr.

^g Dugd. Warw. p. 101, from Cart. 22 Edw. III.

^h Dugd. ut supr. Cart. 22 Edw. II.

ⁱ Plac. apud Westm. xv. Mich. 6 Ric. I.

^k Anon. Evesh. MS. in Bibl. Bodl. fol. 31 a.

^l Ibid. fol. 31 b.

being much impoverished by the bishop's oppressions (for he was then a potent man, having the custody of the counties of Warr. and Leic. committed to his charge for several years of King Rich. reign,^a) were not able to send to Rome in their own defence; so that the bishop had his desires fulfilled, the poor monks being scattered up and down to seek their fortune in the world. In which banished condition they continued during the whole life of that bishop, who lying upon his death-bed at Bec in Normandy, in the last year of King Richard's reign, became so sensible of his great iniquities, and in particular of the injuries done to these monks, that he deplored the same with abundant sighs and teares; earnestly desiring that prayers and intercessions should be made unto God for him. And not then knowing how to make other satisfaction than to end his dayes in their habit, with great mourning besought the abbat of Bec, that for the love of God, and shame of the Devil, he would vouchsafe to grant him the habit of a monk, to the end that he might have them to be his patrons in the world to come, whom he had so persecuted in this. Which being accordingly fulfilled, he disposed all his gold and silver, jewels and plate to Houses of Religion, and unto the poor; and by way of satisfaction for his manifold transgressions condemned himself to the pains of purgatory 'usque in idem Judicii cruciandus,' and so died.^b

"At which time there was resident in the court of Rome, one Thomas, a monk of Coventry, who being expelled with the rest, was studious to obtain a restitution of this monastery to its former condition; and therefore waited all opportunities, though through want he was often forced to beg his bread: and when news was brought of the bishop's death, being then in good hopes to be heard, he exhibited his petition to Pope Innocent the Third (then newly created and sitting with his cardinals in the Consistory), which so soon as his holiness had read, in an angry mood he bad the monk withdraw, telling him that other petitions to the same purpose had been exhibited to Clement and Celestine his predecessors, but rejected, and therefore his expectations were vain. Unto which the monk with bitter tears replied, 'Holy father! my petition is just and altogether honest, and therefore my expectation is not vain; for I expect your death, as I have done your predecessors; for there shall one succeed you who will hear my petition to purpose.' But the pope, taking notice of these expressions from the poor monk, and much wondering at them, said to the cardinals, 'Hear ye not what this Devil hath spoken? scilicet I expect your death as I have done your predecessors;' immediately turned to him and said, 'Brother, by Saint Peter, thou shalt not here expect my death, for thy petition is granted;' and forthwith before he went to dinner directed his letters mandatory to Hubert archbishop of Canterbury, that, upon sight of them, he should presently go to the church of Coventry, and thence put forth the clerks, and reinvest the monks: which the said archbishop did accordingly 15 cal. Feb. 1198. (ult. Ric. I.) And because Moyses the prior was dead in the time of their banishment, he constituted in his stead one Joybert a Norman; who for his eminent wisdom in worldly affairs, had the government also of Daventry, Wenloc, and Bermundsey committed to him. Which Joybert was no sooner entred upon his charge, but he speedily, with the consent of the monks, elected Geoffrey Muschamp archdeacon of Cliveland to be bishop as being a man from whom they expected nothing but fair regard."^c

Such, indeed, is the testimony of Matthew Paris: the Annals of Burton, however, and Hoveden, ascribe the

mandate for the reinstatement of the monks to Pope Celestine III. the immediate predecessor of Innocent.^d

"The monks," Sir William Dugdale continues, "thus re-established, took into consideration the conveniences of their house, and all other securities that might tend to their advantage, as appears by what I shall instance: for in 5 Joh. they procured an alteration of the market, but how the record expresses not; in consideration whereof they gave a Fine of five marks to the king.^e And the next ensuing year did they obtain the king's special letters of protection for themselves, their tenants, and all their possessions:^f as also such a privilege, that they should not be impleaded for any of their lands except before the king himself, or his chief justice, for which they gave two pal-freys.^g The like charter of protection had they 11 Hen. III.^h and, besides, another of sundry privileges, viz. sok, sak, tol, theam, infangenthef, hamsocne, forstal, blodwithe, flithwithe, wardwite, and mundbriche: and that they and all their tenants, except those which held by knights' service more than half a knight's fee, should be quit of murder, robbery, suit to the county or hundred-courts, aid to the sheriff, view of frank-pledge, and repair of the king's castles or pooles.ⁱ In consideration of which favours they paid to the king a fine of sixty marks;^k towards the raising whereof they had aid of the Coventry burghers.^l In the same year they had a grant of a yearly fair to last for three days beginning on the day of St. Leodegarus the martyr, which falls out Oct. 2d.^m And in 16 Hen. III. did Gefrey, the then prior, purchase of Gerard de Allespath half a hide of land in Old Fillongley to the use of this monastery."ⁿ

"Touching such extraordinary charges whereunto they were subject in this king's time, I find, that in 13 Hen. III. they gave a fine to be exempt from sending souldiers in person for the expedition then beyond sea; and to have power for levying scutage of their tenants for ten knights' fees, which they held of the king in capite; viz. three marks, "pro quolibet scuto," towards that service.^o As also in 18 Hen. III. a fine of twenty five marks, that they might not send soldiers to the king's army in Wales.^p In 20 Hen. III. they answered xx. marks for eight knights' fees, "de veteri feoffamento," upon collection of the aid for marrying of Isabel the king's sister to the Roman emperor.^q In 26th, fifteen marks by way of aid, upon the king's transference into Gascoyne.^r In 29 Hen. III. 10l. for ten knights' fees, upon the aid for marriage of the king's eldest daughter.^s Towards their better support of which burthens they had the king's letters of recommendation to all their tenants, for the receiving aid from them; which bear date in Octob. 33d of his reign.^t

"But it seems, that these taxes fell thus heavy upon them, before they had in any reasonable measure recovered themselves out of the low condition wherein they had been cast by the oppression of Hugh Novant the bishop before-mentioned: for I find that in the time of prior Roger (who died about the 32d of this king's reign) there being a great league of friendship betwixt the monks of this monastery and the canons of Derley in Derbyshire, these of Coventry represented their miserable condition unto those of Derley, not only with very lamentable expressions, but with tears; protesting, that their wants were so great, that the whole convent was like to be dispersed, except they had present succour, and therefore humbly besought the canons of Derley that they would vouchsafe to receive some of them into their monastery there to have subsistence for a while: "quousque oriens ex alto; miseratio altissimi, nostro felicius illuxerit occidenti," are their words. Of which great

^a Rot. P. de an. 2, 4, & 5, R. I.

^b Mat. Par. edit. 1684, p. 161. Chr. MS. H. Knighton in Bibl. Cotton. fol. 50 b.

^c Mat. Par. edit. 1684, pp. 161, 162.

^d Annal. Burton. p. 254. See the extract from Hoved. in the Append. Num. I. Compare also Num. IX.

^e Rot. P. 5 Joh.

^f Cart. 6 Joh. m. 4, p. 41.

^g Rot. F. 6 Joh. m. 4.

^h Cart. 11 Hen. III. m. 28.

ⁱ Ibid. m. 31. See the Append. of Instruments to the present Account, Num. X.

^k Rot. P. 11 H. III.

^l Claus. 11 Hen. III. m. 13.

^m Ibid. m. 19.

ⁿ F. levat. xv. Joh. B. 16 Hen. III.

^o Claus. 13 Hen. III. m. 3.

^p Rot. P. 18 Hen. III.

^q The Annals of Dunstable, p. 230, speak of a contest between the bishop and monks of Coventry in 1236 respecting visitation. "Anno gratiæ MCCXXXVI. A. Coventrensis episcopus obtinuit contra priorem et conventum Coventrenses visitationem faciendam jure communi, et condemnati ei monachi coram papa in expensis, in octoginta marciis."

^r Testa de Nevil.

^s Rot. P. 29 Hen. III.

^t Pat. 33 Hen. III. m. 3.

good will, that had been for a long time before, betwixt these two religious houses, I find this testimony, that by way of mutual curtesies, the monks of Coventry used to send unto them of Derley needles and soap; and they of Derley to these, saddles and riding-furniture.^a

"But, after this, they received, as well from the king as others, divers great favours and benefits for the advantage of their monastery: for in 34 Hen. III. it was, that they obtained in fee-farme from Roger de Montalt and Cecily his wife all their interest in the manor of Coventry, with the advowson of the church of St. Michael, and the chapels thereunto belonging; excepting the capital seat called Cheylesmore, and the park, with the House of Friars Minors, and the homage and services of their freeholders.^b And in 41 Hen. III. had they the king's charter of free-warren in all their demesne lands of Coventry, Cundulme, Sow, Wylenhall, Frankton, Merston, and Herdwyk, Sutham, Oleton, Offechurch, Wasperton, Hongton, and Packwood, with divers other places in this county and Leicester-shire.^c As also in 44 Hen. III. an appropriation of St. Michael's church before mentioned, with all the chapels thereunto belonging: viz. Ansty, Shulton, Wykin, Stoke, Bilney, Sow, Stichall, Folkeshull, and Sponne; and of Trinity church, with its chappels; the chapel of St. John, with the hospital; the churches of Corley and Allespath, the church of Herdwyke, and its chapels, with archidiaconal jurisdiction there: the church of Packwood, with archidiaconal jurisdiction also; and likewise the whole tithes arising in their demesne lands wheresoever.^d In 46 Hen. III. the like appropriation for Offechurch.^e And in 51 Hen. III. a confirmation of their foundation charter by Earl Leofric, with the bull of Pope Alexander the First: as also a further grant of freedom from doing suit to the county or hundred courts, and to the sheriff's turn. And that they should have a coroner within the town of Coventry that might answer before the justices itinerant for whatsoever concerned that office: and, moreover, a merchant's gild, with all privileges thereto belonging; and that they, their tenants, nor their goods should be distreyned for any debt not properly their own, or for which they were sureties.^f

"And after this, ere long, suffering great losses by reason of such excursions as young Montfort and his fellow rebels in Kenilworth-castle, or the king's army, during the six months siege thereof, did make; had they the king's letters patent, recommending their wants to all their tenants, and desiring them that they would so contribute to their relief, as that they might expect recompence at God's hand, and thanks from him.^g And in 5 Edw. I. licence to enclose certain waste grounds near Coventry which (inter alia) were granted to them in fee farm by Roger de Montalt and Cecily his wife.^h So that the state wherein this monastery stood, about those times, was thus represented by a special inquisitionⁱ taken shortly after; viz. that, consisting of Black-monks, it had therein a Cathedral-Church; and that the prior and his convent, together with the chapter of Lichfield did elect the bishop, these having the first voice. That the prior, here, was also lord of this town, a moiety whereof, with the whole barony, he held of the king in capite, by the service of two knights fees in the army: and had a weekly mercate on the Friday: and a faire every year, enduring eight days, with a coroner, and free-warren in all his demesne lands: which moiety he held as freely as Earl Leofric did the same of King Edward the Confessor. And that he the said prior with his tenants, being privileged of murder,^k had gallows, pillory, tumbrell, assize of bread and beer; as also fealty of his burghers, and appearances at his court twice in the year: for all which the charters of King Henry III. and divers other his progenitors were then exhibited.

"And, moreover, that he held the other moiety, called

the Earl's part; with the out-wood wherein the inhabitants claimed Common of pasture for all manner of cattle, and other commoning in the woods belonging the the abbey of Stoneley, of the heirs of Roger de Montalt, by the service of cx. marks per annum, according as in the fine levied betwixt the said Roger and Cecily his wife, and the said prior and convent is more at large contained: which heirs held it of the king as of the fee of Chester. In which half the said prior had, once in the year, a fair lasting six days, about the feast of the Holy Trinity; with gallows, pillory, tumbrell, assize of bread and beer, and fealty of all the burghers; as also two appearances yearly at his court. By which inquisition likewise appeareth, that the whole town was then exempt from toll, excepting for horses, whereof the burghers were only freed; but that the said burghers had toll of horses for their own tenants there inhabiting: and that the same prior had three mills here, with the ponds thereto belonging; and two pools in demesne. All which immunities and privileges were in 13 Edw. I. pleaded by the monks; who then likewise manifested, that they had time out of mind enjoyed two great courts every year in this place; and weyfs: and that the Prior's bailiff used ever to go along with the king's bailiff to execute all such precepts as concerned the crown; as also, that the town of Coventry answered for xij. having free-warren, infangthef, assize of bread and beer, mercate, and fair, with all things belonging thereto; pillory, tumbrell, and a coroner of their own: and that they were quit of murder, robbery, suit to the county or hundred courts, and to the sheriff, &c.^l

"Touching the mercate they had here, it was kept in that part of the town called the Prior's half, as it seems; where it still continues, that being the place peculiar thereunto: for in Edward the Second's time, upon a suit commenced by the Prior against one William Graumpe and others, for selling divers wares in Erle-street every week upon the Friday in their houses and shops; who pleaded that they did so by vertue of the charter anciently granted to them from the earl of Chester; in which was contained that they should enjoy as ample liberties as the burgesses of Lincoln; and added, that the said earl, in his time, had a fair in that street, and so likewise his heirs, till such time as the beforementioned Roger de Montalt and Cecily his wife demised that street to the predecessors of the said Prior; judgement was given for the prior with lx^u. damages; and command that they should not sell their commodities any where upon the Friday, but in the Prior's part.^m But in Edw. III. time, after the possession of Cheylesmore came to the hands of Queen Isabel, there grew some dispute touching the extent of the Prior's part; so that, by an indenture tripartite, bearing date 29 Edw. III. made betwixt the said queen with the mayor and commonalty on the one part, and the prior and convent on the other, the division betwixt their said parts was by metes and bounds there described in manner following; viz. beginning at the stones or pillars near the cross of St. John Bapt. hospital, including northwards all Bishop-street; and so all along towards the common-quarry, near the garden of Richard Buckmore: and thence strait on, taking in all St. Nicholas street, even to the high-way leading unto Radford; and so through the midst of Radford to Broad Oak towards the east; and thence to Whittemore, environing that manor; and so to Blakemore, and Cuenetford; and thence turning aside by a little brook running from Endemere towards Coventry into Swanneswell-pool; and from that pool by a hedge and ditch of the priory, near to the gate called Derngate, to Erlesmylne; and thence on the back side of Erles-orchard, including the bishop's palace, and so to the wall of the priory-well yard, and along by the gate of the monastery to the corner of Trinity church-yard, where the butchers use to be; and from that corner directly along by the west gate of the Priory, and

^a MS. penes S. Roper ar.

^b Cart. 22 Edw. III. n. 6, per Inspex. F. levat. 3 Sept. Mich. 34 Hen. III.

^c Cart. 41 Hen. III. m. 4. See the Append. of Instrum. Num. XI.

^d Reg. R. Molend. m. 4.

^e Ibid. m. 11.

^f Cart. 51 Hen. III. m. 8.

^g Pat. 51 Hen. III. m. 28.

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^h Pat. 5 Edw. I. m. 20.

ⁱ Inq. per H. Nott. &c. 7 Edw. I. in Scacc. penes Rememb. Regis.

^k i. e. from being fined for murder committed within his liberty.

^l Rot. de Quo. Warr. penes Camer. Scacc. See Append. Num. XVII. Another pleading of the 15th Edw. I. will be found, Num. XVIII.

^m Plac. de T. Hill. temp. Edw. II. rot. 152.

the guest-stable wall to the running river; and so thwarting the brook, excluding St. John's hospital and the bake-house belonging thereto unto the cross or pillars before-mentioned. So that whatsoever is included within those bounds was the prior's part, and all the rest the earl's part.

"Divers other covenants are contained in the said tripartite indenture, whereof the Friday-market for cattle and timber, is one of the principal, which was agreed to be kept in Bishop street, and Cook street, as it had wont to be; but that the said prior and his successors should take no toll, except for horses only; and that the sale of all other vendible commodities whatsoever, in this town, should be by the ordering of the mayor and commonalty, and their successors for ever."^a

An enumeration of the several lands, messuages, &c. purchased by the prior and convent within the precincts of Coventry, as well as in their other lordships, from the passing of the statute of mortmain to the 31st of Edw. III. will be found in the Appendix of Instruments.^b

"The next thing," says Sir William Dugdale, "that, in order of time I meet with, which may be reckoned worthy of note in relation to this monastery is, that the clergy and people of the archdeaconry of Coventry did in anno 1410 (12 Hen. IV.) make a humble representation to John Keterich bishop of this diocese, that the memory of the holy virgin St. Osburg (unto whom this monastery was specially dedicated) grew famous for many miracles in those days; for as much as divers weak and infirm people, which came to her tomb, situate in the priory-church, and there and elsewhere imploring her prayers and merits, had been restored to bodily health and soundness: and therefore did petition the same bishop, that her birth-day might be solemnized, and the said Virgin revered in hymnes and psalmes, with other devout suffrages. Whereupon the bishop caused a synod of the clergy of the archdeaconry to be convened in the said church the 13 of Octob. in the same year; wherein it was determined that her said birth-day should be solemnized and kept, as a double festival throughout the whole archdeaconry every year for ever, and in as complete a manner as the feast of their churches dedication."^c

In the fatal Survey of 26 Hen. VIII. the forerunner of the Dissolution, the yearly revenue of St. Mary Coventry was certified to be 731*l.* 19*s.* 5*d.*; out of which, the fee-farm rent to the crown reserved by Roger de Montalt, with all other pensions and annual payments, amounting to 249*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.* being deducted, the clear remainder was 499*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.* per annum. Amongst these deductions, Dugdale informs us, 14*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.* per annum was reckoned for bread, beer, and two messes of meat daily: viz. as much as would suffice for two monks, and allowed to the poor of St. John's hospital within the city, upon the first foundation thereof; and 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* in money, bread, wine, and other victuals, distributed to poor people on Maundy Thursday, yearly, at the washing of their feet: also 12*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* for the yearly maintenance of poor scholars in the said mo-

nastery; and 26*s.* 8*d.* to keep the anniversary of Earl Leofric the founder, and of the Countess Godiva his wife. At the time of which Survey, Henry Marquis of Dorset was high-steward, and had 4*l.* per annum pension; and William Gevyns receiver general, who had 10*l.* per annum annuity.^d The valuation of this monastery, as given by Bishop Tanner from the Liber Regis, stands at 538*l.* 4*s.*

ABBATS OF COVENTRY.

LEOFWINUS was made the first abbat, A. D. 1043:^e from which office, ten years afterwards, A. D. 1053, he was promoted to the bishoprick of Lichfield.^f He died in 1066.^g After Leofwinus,

LEOFRIC, nephew of Earl Leofric the founder, is stated to have held this and three other abbeys in commendam with his great abbacy of Peterborough.^h Another

LEOFWINUS, called also LEWINUS, the last abbat, occurs as present at the Synod of London, A. D. 1075. Sir William Dugdale makes no mention of him. Wharton says, he died some time before 1095.ⁱ

PRIORS OF COVENTRY.

A memorandum in a folio Register, which will be hereafter described, belonging to Mr. Sharp of Coventry, gives the following List of Priors successors to Leofwin:

BURWYNGUS;
HERWEY;
LEOSTANUS;
OWYNE;
STANULPHUS;^k
RICARDUS.^l

The next prior was

LAURENCE. He occurs in the years 1144, 1149, and 1162.^m He died upon the 4th of the kalends of February, A. D. 1179.ⁿ After a vacancy of four years,

MOSES, or MOYSES, chaplain to Richard archbishop of Canterbury, was elected prior about the middle of the year 1183.^o Upon the ejection of the monks by Bishop Hugh de Novant in 1190, abbat Moyes appears to have gone into exile. He died at Rome on the 17th of the kalends of August, 1198.^p

JOYBERT, or JORBERT, who has been already noticed, a Norman, was the successor to Moyes. He had previously held the priory of Wenlock. He was confirmed Prior of Coventry upon the restoration of the church to the monks, on the 15th of the kalends of February, 1198.^q In 1208, upon the death of Bishop Geoffrey Muschamp, during the interdict, prior Joybert was elected by the monks of Coventry to the see of Coventry and Lichfield; his election, however, as well as that of Walter de Gray by the monks of Lichfield, was annulled by Pandulph the Pope's legate, and Joybert still continued prior: not, however, without paying three hundred marks for the restoration of his barony, which King John had seized.^r

^a Ex. vet. Cod. MS. penes Tho. D. Leigh de Stonely.

^b Num. XIX.

^c Reg. Burgh, fol. 209 a.

^d Dugd. Hist. Warw. p. 105.

^e Ibid.

^f Ang. Sacr. tom. i. p. 463.

^g Ibid. tom. i. p. 433.

^h A. D. 1066. "In ea expeditione [sc. Williemi regis Conq.] fuit Leofricus abbas de Burh, qui in morbum incidens domum revertebatur, et statim postea mortuus est, in festo Omnium Sanctorum noctu: Deus honoret ejus animam. Ejus tempore fuit omnis lætitia, omniaque bona in Burh: erat is dilectus omnibus, adeo ut rex daret sancto Petro eique abbatiam in Byrtune, et eam de Coventre (quam comes Leofricus, qui fuit ejus avunculus, olim instituerat;) et eam de Crulande, et eam de Thorneie." Chron. Sax. edit. Gibs. pp. 172, 173. See also Hug. Candidi Hist. ap. Hist. Angl. Script. var. ed. Sparkes, p. 41.

ⁱ Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 463. It is probably to the second Leofwin that we are to ascribe the passage quoted in Hearne's History of Glastonbury, App. p. 293, from an ancient MS. in the Bodleian library at Oxford:

"De Leofwino:

"Hæ sunt terræ quas Leofwinus abbas distraxit cum ecclesiâ. Malgerio archidiacono Wintoniensi dedit Cestretune. Cuidam, vocabulo Urs, dedit Saleswerp. Cuidam Radulpho de Baleis dedit Lu-

mitiene, et dimidium Ruitune. Hugoni comiti pro villa quæ Kerile dicitur dedit Eaton super De."

^k Willis, Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 69, calls him STRENULPHUS.

^l "Memorandum quod ecclesia Coventr. fundata erat tempore Leofwyni abbatis a. Domini m. c. xliij. Et inter prædictum Leofwynum et priorem Laurentium hij sex priores fuerunt per ordinem: videlicet, Burwyngus, Herwey, Leostanus, Owyne, Stanulphus, et Ricardus. Prior Laurencius erat prior anno Domini mcli. ut patet per concordiam factam per Eugenium papam et Walterum episcopum Coventr. et priorem Laurentium." fol. 25.

^m Angl. Sacr. ut supr. See also the former edition of the Monasticon, tom. iii. pp. 220, 223, 235.

ⁿ Dugd. Warw. p. 105, from Chron. MS. Galfr. Pr. de Coventre. Wharton quotes the Obituar. S. August. Cant.

^o Angl. Sacr. ut supr.

^p Ibid. ex fide Obituarii Cantuariensis. See also Dugd. Warw. ut supr. from Chron. MS. Galfr. Pr. de Cov.

^q Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 463.

^r "Galfrido episcopo defuncto, monachi Coventrenses per seipso tempore interdicti elegerunt Josbertum Priorem suum in Episcopum Coventrensem; decretumque suum ad Stephanum Cant. archiepiscopum in transmarinis agentem transmiserunt. Quod audiens rex Johannes, portum maris prohibuit: Priorem de baronia suâ dissolvit; quam etiam postea intervenientibus trecentis marcis recuperavit. De-

Abbat Joybert died on the 18th of the kalends of July, 1216.^a

GALFRIDUS, or GEOFFREY, was elected prior on the 16th of the kalends of August following.^b In 1223, upon the death of Bishop William Cornhull, he also was elected by his monks to the bishoprick, but the chapter of Lichfield refusing to join in the election, it was set aside.^c A Chronicle of Coventry, written by him, is quoted by Sir William Dugdale. According to the Annals of Tewkesbury, abbat Geoffrey died in 1236.^d But it was probably somewhat earlier, as on Sept. 19th, 1235, the royal assent was given to the election of

ROGER DE WATTON, or DE WOOTTON, to whom the temporalities of the priory were restored on April the 28th following.^e A licence for a fresh election, upon the cession of abbat Roger, was granted May 21st, 1248,^f when

WILLIAM DE BRITHWATON was elected prior. A licence was granted for a fresh election, upon his cession, upon May 9th, 1279: upon the 19th of which month

THOMAS DE PAVY received the royal assent as prior.^g

HENRY DE LEYCESTRE received the royal assent as prior on Feb. 2d, and had the temporalities of the monastery restored to him on Feb. 11th, 1292.^h

WILLIAM IRREYS, a monk of Coventry, according to the Patent Rolls, received the royal assent to his election as prior on March 7th, and had the temporalities restored May 4th, 1322.ⁱ Dugdale and Wharton, however, speak of HENRY Irreys as Prior: and the latter states that while in that office, in 1321, he was elected by his monks to the bishoprick of the diocese, but was opposed by the chapter of Lichfield, and finally superseded by the pope's provision in the person of Roger de Norburg.^k Upon the death of prior Irreys, a licence for a fresh election was issued, in which he is again called William, on August 1st, 1349.^l On the tenth of the same month

WILLIAM DE DUNSTAPLE received the royal assent, and had the temporalities on the 1st of September following.^m Upon his death,

WILLIAM DE GRENEBURGH was chosen prior. The

royal assent to his election was given July 13th, and the temporalities restored July 27th, 1361.ⁿ

JAMES DE HORTON was chosen prior upon the death of Greneburgh. He received the temporalities Oct. 7th, 1390.^o Upon his death,

ROGER COTON, or COTTON, was elected. He received the royal assent July 9th, and the temporalities Aug. 17th, 1396.^p A licence for a fresh election, upon the resignation of prior Coton, was issued April 23d; and on the 19th of May, 1399, the temporalities of the monastery were restored to

RICHARD CROSBY.^q His portrait is preserved in a window in St. Mary's hall at Coventry.

RICHARD NOTYNGHAM was chosen prior upon the death of Crosby, and had the temporalities restored May 17th, 1437.^r He died on the 4th of the nones of March, 1453.^s

JOHN SHOTTESWELLE, subprior, was elected on the death of Notyngham. He received the temporalities March 21st, 1453.^t Dugdale appears never to have met with his name. Wharton notices him in the Anglia Sacra "ex Registro Kempe."

THOMAS DERAM, or DERHAM, succeeded upon Shotteswell's death. He received the temporalities of the priory Nov. 5th, 1460.^u Dugdale says he died April 14th, 21 Edw. IV. A.D. 1481.^v

RICHARD SHAW received the temporalities, as prior, June 4th, 1481.^w He occurs as a member of the Corpus Christi Gild in Coventry in 1487 and 1489. He was succeeded by

WILLIAM POLLESWORTH, who had the temporalities March 26th, 1500.^x He also was a member of the Corpus Christi Gild.

JOHN IMPYNGTON was elected prior in 1516; in the month of October in which year he became a member both of the Corpus Christi and Trinity Gilds in Coventry. Mr. Sharp conjectures that he either died or resigned soon after: as

JOHN WEBB, prior of Coventry, appears in the Trinity

inde electione de prædicto Josberto Priore pendente, Canonici Lichfeldenses ad mandatum domini regis per se elegerunt Walterum de Gray in episcopum. Unde et utraque electio, scil. de Josberto priore et de Waltero de Gray, per Pandulfum legatum annullata est, archiepiscopo Cant. tunc in transmarinis agente." Ibid. pp. 436, 437.

^a Mat. Par. Dugd. Warw. p. 105.

^b Angl. Sac. tom. i. p. 464. The royal assent was given to the election on July 7th. See Pat. 18 Joh. m. 5, n. 55.

^c Angl. Sac. tom. i. pp. 437, 464.

^d Ibid. p. 464.

^e Pat. 19 Hen. III. See MS. Harl. 6957, pp. 67, 69.

^f Wharton places the death of prior Roger de Watton in this year.

Angl. Sac. ut supr.

^g Pat. 8 Edw. I. m. 19.

^h Pat. 22 Edw. I.

ⁱ Pat. 16 Edw. II. p. 1.

^j Angl. Sac. tom. i. p. 443. HENRY prior of Coventry certainly occurs, in Instruments copied among Mr. Sharp's papers, in the 16th and 18th of Edw. II. Willis makes them distinct priors. He calls the first HENRY JERREYS, and says WILLIAM IRREYS was elected prior in 1341. Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 71.

In certain pleas before the king of the 18th Edw. II. rot. 24. MS. Hale in Biblioth. Lincoln. Hospit. we read,

"By writt of certiorari directed to the coroner of the king's household to certifie an appeale made before him by one Ro. le Mareschall of Leicester he certifies the same, which is to this effect.

"Robert le Mareschall of Leicester hath acknowledged before Simon Croy coroner of the king's household that in vigil. Omnium Sanctorum 17 Edw. II. he was inhabiting with John de Nottingham who pretended to be a necromancer at Coventre and that Richard le Leconer and several others of Coventry came to him the Wednesday next before St. Nicholas 17 Edw. II. complaining that they could not live for the hardships they endured from the PRIOR OF COVENTRY by the maintenance of our lord the king, Sir H. Spencer E. of Winton and Sir Hugh his son in destruction of them and of the town of Coventry, and if they would undertake to kill the K. and the others there named by negromancy, they would give him 20*l.* and his subsistence in any Religious house in England; and to him the said Robert 15*l.*; of which they paid eleven marks to the said John, and 4*l.* to him the said Robert, as also brought them 7*lb.* of wax and two ells of canvas of which they made seven images, one of the king, a second for the Earl of Winchester, a third for his son, a fourth for the PRIOR, a fifth for the *Celarer*, sixth for Nicholas Crumpe steward to the Prior, and the seventh for one Richard Sowe; and how they began their necromancy the Munday after St. Nicholas in an old house half a mile out of Coventry under Shortley parke, and so continued till Saturday after the Ascension; and that the next day after Holy Rood day about midnight the

said John delivered him a feather sharpened at one end and comanded him to thrust it into the forehead of the image of Richard Sowe two inches deep, by which they would prove what might be done upon the others, and that he did so, and that the next morning the said John sent him to the house of the said Richard Sowe to see how he was who found him rosing and crying *Harrou*, without knowing any body, and so continued untill the Sunday before the Ascension, and then the said John took the feather out of the forehead of the image and put it into the heart, where it remained till the Wednesday following, on which day the said Richard dyed, which tryal upon the said Richard was made in the manner aforesaid by the assent of the aforesaid persons knowing of it.

"Some of these appear, and are tried and found not guilty.

"Et prædictus Robertus le Marescall probatur quibusdam certis de causis committitur prisonæ Marescall. in custodia Roberti de Dumbleton marescall. quousque curia regis super quibusdam articulis præmissa contingentibus plenius avisetur."

MS. Lansd. 290, pp. 553.

¹ Wharton says, "Obiit *Henricus* post annum 1342." Angl. Sac. tom. i. p. 464.

² Pat. 23 Edw. III. p. 2.

³ Pat. 35 Edw. III. p. 2. In Mr. Sharp's larger vellum manuscript, fol. 45 b, it is said,

"Prior iste de consensu capituli augmentavit portionem camere conventus plus cæteris prædecessoribus suis, qui statuit futuris temporibus inviolabiliter duraturis quod quilibet monachus sacerdos de conventu perciperet viginti solidos et singuli novicii tresdecim solidos et quatuor denarios pro camera sua annuatim, ubi in ante retroactis temporibus tantum xiiij. iiiij^{d.} perceperunt. Concessit etiam idem Wilhelmus quod procurator capituli videlicet pitantiarius qui pro tempore fuerit percipiet et habebit unum herietum cum acciderit de tenura quæ tenetur de officio pitantiarii ubicumque."

⁴ Pat. 14. Ric. II. p. 1.

⁵ Pat. 20 Ric. II. p. 1.

⁶ Pat. 22 Ric. II. p. 3.

⁷ Pat. 15 Hen. VI.

⁸ See Peck, *Desiderata Curiosa*, lib. vii. num. v. "De vita et morte reverendi admodum DD. Richardi Notingham, Coventriensis Prioris; sive Anteloquium Conventus Ecclesiæ Cathedralis ibidem in obitum ejusdem præsulis." The date of 8 July, 1453, in the title of this tract, as that of abbat Notingham's death, is erroneous; from the interior of this article his death appears to have happened as named in the text.

⁹ Pat. 31 Hen. VI. p. 1.

¹⁰ Pat. 1 Edw. IV. p. 3.

¹¹ Hist. Warw. p. 105. Probably from the Leet Book, p. 243, quoted by Mr. Sharp.

¹² Pat. 21 Edw. IV. p. 1.

¹³ MS. Lansd. 963, p. 55.

gild accompts in the month of August, 1517, and on the 4th of October, in the same year, in those of the Corpus Christi gild. His name occurs in the same accompts in 1528.^a In which year

THOMAS WYFFORD, or WEFORD, was elected prior.^b According to Wharton, he occurs as still prior in 1533 in the Register of Cranmer, archbishop of Canterbury.^c His death is alluded to in a letter from Bishop Latimer to Lord Cromwell given in the Note, written in 1538.^d

THOMAS CAMSWELL, CAMSELE, or KAMPSWELL, was the last prior. The temporalities of the monastery were restored to him March 21, 1538.^e Wood says, he had commenced B.D. at Oxford in 1531. On the 15th of January, 1539, with twelve monks, he surrendered the priory of St. Mary Coventry to the king;^f receiving for himself an adequate pension.^g

The prior of Coventry, though subordinate to the bishop of Coventry and Lichfield as his abbat,^h still had a

seat in parliament. Fuller says he "played at in and out, and declined his appearance there."ⁱ

The SITE of the priory was granted, by the king's letters patent, bearing date 28th July, 37 Hen. VIII., to John Combes, gent., and Richard Stansfield, and their heirs, with divers messuages, gardens, mills, &c. thereto belonging, to hold in free burgage.^k

Two REGISTERS of CHARTERS, with other manuscript materials relating to this priory, have been obligingly supplied to the Editors of the present Work by Thomas Sharp, Esq. of Coventry.

One Register forms a volume of considerable thickness, written upon a hundred and twenty-six leaves of vellum. Its contents will be found enumerated in the Note.^l The Instruments marked with an asterisk have been transcribed in the Appendix to this Account.

^a From papers communicated by Mr. Sharp.

^b Ibid. Mr. Sharp says, "In 1529 THOMAS ALYKOTE, prior of Coventry, was admitted into St. Mary's gild Lichfield. But either this was an alias, or there is some error in the name or title."

^c Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 464.

^d "Ryght honorable, salutem in Christo. Ande syr, when I was with your lordshyp laste, you were desyrows to kno where you might have good monks, I tellyd you of too with my lord of Westmyster. I colde natt then name them to you, butt now I can. The won is callyd Goorson, the other Clarke, both bacchellars of divinitie, well lernyd, of ryght jugment, and very honest men. The prior of Coventre, as I here say, ys dede, the matter ys sumwhatt entyred with the kyngs grace, and lyke to goo forward; yf you putt thertoo your helpynge hande I dowght natt butt my brother abbott of Westmyster as yll as he myght spare them yett wyll forgoo them, for such a parpas, butt much the rather yf he perceve your plesour therin. I wold have waytyd uppon your lordshype my self, as my dewty hade byn; but seurlly syre I doo whatt I can to able my self to stande in the pulpytt uppon Tewesday. I am in a faynt werynesse over all my boody, butt cheffly in the small of my backe, but I have a good nursahe, good mastresse Statham, wych saynge whatt casse I was in hath facyd me hoom to here owne howsse, and doth pypmur me upe with all dyligence, fore I fere a consumption; but ytt makyth lytell matter for me. Pray God preserve your lordshype longe in helth, to all such good purposes as God hath ordenyd you too.

In master Stathams howsse.

"viij. of November. H. LATYMER, Wigorn."
MS. Cotton. Cleop. E. iv. foll. 138, 139 b.

^e Willis, Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 72.

^f The following are the signatures to the Surrender remaining in the Augmentation Office:

Thomas Camswell, prior.	Robert Wyldy.
Wynfrid Cellar.	William Foster.
Richard Bernacumb, sub-prior.	Thomas Chambur.
William We'ter.	John Howlee.
John Reston.	Nicholas Bromyche.
Thomas Leeke.	William Buchere.
John Evans.	

^g The pensions granted on this occasion, according to Dugdale, were,

	£.	s.	d.
"Thomæ Camswell, priori ibid.	133	6	8
Ric. Barnacle, monacho ibid.	13	6	8
Tho. Wynter, monacho ibid.	6	13	4
Rob. Wyldy, monacho ibid.	6	6	8
Tho. Leke, monacho ibid.	6	0	0
Humfr. Colar, monacho ibid.	5	6	8
Joh. Ecculsal, monacho ibid.	5	6	8
Joh. Evans, monacho ibid.	5	6	8
Tho. Chamburs, monacho ibid.	6	13	4
Nich. Brenyth, monacho ibid.	5	6	8
Will. Foster, monacho ibid.	5	6	8

The fees, annuities, &c. still payable in the 2d and 3d of Phil. and Mary are thus enumerated upon Mr. Sharp's Roll, now deposited among the MSS. in the British Museum:

"COVENTR. nuper PRIORATUS. Feod. Willielmi Jenyns. rec. generalis omnium reddit. dicti nuper monasterii per annum xx^{li}. Johannis Maynard rec. generalis dicti nuper monasterii per annum x^{li}. Annuit. et Corrod. Hugonis Aston per annum xx^{li}. Johannis Holland per annum xl^{li}. Thomæ Kinge per annum iiij^{li}. Baldwini Portor per annum xx^{li}. Willielmi Wigeston per annum xl^{li}. Johannis Bambridge clerici per annum c^{li}. Roberti Haldesworthe per annum xl^{li}. Willielmi Neale per annum liij^{li}. Roberti Maddie per annum lx^{li}. Guidonis Speake per annum vj^{li}. iiij^{li}. Johannis Kyllett et uxoris ejus per annum liij^{li}. iiij^{li}. Johannis Jenyns per annum vj^{li}. Thomæ Hollies per annum xl^{li}. Johannis Hareford per annum lx^{li}. Thomæ Fysahe per annum xl^{li}. Georgii Ferreys per annum c^{li}. Johannis Knottesford per annum iiij^{li}. Penc. Thomæ Chambers per annum vj^{li}. xij^{li}. iiij^{li}. Willielmi Forster per annum cvj^{li}. viij^{li}."

^h See Reyn. de Antiq. Bened. in Anglia, Tract. i. pp. 212, 213; ii. 139.

ⁱ Ch. Hist. book vi. p. 299.

^k Dugd. Warw. p. 135. Pat. 37 Hen. VIII. p. 3.

^l 1. Carta Laurenc. de Burdingburi de dim. virgata terræ in eadem, fol. 1.

2. Carta Henr. de Rokeby de una virgata terræ in Bilney, ibid.

3. Quia clamantia Petronillæ de Rokeby de eadem terra, fol. 1 b.

4. Quia clamantia Hervæi de Sowe facta H. de Rokeby de eadem terra, ibid.

5. Carta de terra de Upton, ibid.

6. Item de ecclesia de Alspath, fol. 2.

7. Carta Ivonis de Alspath de eadem, ibid.

8. Confirmatio Ricardi episcopi de eadem ecclesia, ibid.

9. Institutio Edmundi archidiaconi Coventr. de ecclesia de Alspath, fol. 2 b.

10. Carta Willielmi prioris Coventr. de eadem ecclesia, ibid.

11. Item de ecclesia de Alspath, ibid.

12. De una acra terræ cum pertin. in Alspath super quam domus et grang. prioris et conventus edificantur, fol. 3.

13. Cirographum Gerardi de Alspath pro escambio terræ in eadem, fol. 3 b.

14. Provisio super ecclesia de Alspath, A. D. 1262, ibid.

15. De annua pensione xl^{li}. ecclesiæ de Lichf. debita pro anniversario domini W. de Mancestr. A. D. 1249, fol. 4.

16. Copia literæ ad denunciand. omnes detinentes decimas excommunicatos, fol. 4 b.

17. Cartæ de molendino et terris in Potteresmerston, foll. 5, 5 b, 6, 6 b, 7, 7 b, 8, 8 b.

18. Copia acquiet. abbatis Winchcombæ de xx^{li}. pro manerio de Drumerston, fol. 8 b.

19. Bundæ terrarum in Burtynbury, fol. 9.

20. Copia acquietantiæ quinque marcarum Manerii de Wynewyk, 4 Hen. IV. fol. 9.

21. Cartæ de redditu in Sowe, fol. 9 b, 10.

22. Cartæ de terr. in villa de Merston, fol. 10 b, 11, 11 b, 12.

23. Forma per quam ten. de priorat. dimittentur ad terminum vitæ, fol. 12 b.

24. Cartæ de Olufston, foll. 13, 13 b, 14, 14 b, 15, 15 b, 16.

25. Cartæ de terris in Offechirche, foll. 16 b, 17, 17 b, 18, 18 b, 19.

26. De redditu in Wasperton assignato anniversario Reginaldi quondam subprioris istius loci, fol. 20 b.

27. De piscaria de Wasperton assignata conventui per fratrem Henricum de Leyc. priorem, ibid.

28. Ten. dimiss. per indentur. fol. 21.

29. Cartæ de terris in le Beches, foll. 23, 23 b, 24.

30. Memorandum de fundatione ecclesiæ Coventr. fol. 25.

31. Cartæ de Bernecroft, fol. 26.

32. Cartæ de molendino de Radeforde, foll. 27, 27 b, 28 b, 39^o.

33. De molendino de Hulla, foll. 27 b, 28, 28 b, 39^o.

34. Cartæ de terris, &c. in Condelme, foll. 29, 29 b, 30, 30 b, 31, 32.

35. Cartæ de Radeforde, foll. 32 b, 33, 33 b, 34, 34 b, 35.

36. Indentura de lite mota inter priorem et conventum eccl. cath. B. Mariæ Coventren. et Johannem Hayly eorundem prioris et conventus tenentem ex parte una et Johannem Northwod magistrum gildæ S. Trin de Coventria, &c. pro quadam guttura in le Westorchard, 8 Hen. IV. fol. 37.

37. Bundæ rectoriæ de Allespade, fol. 38.

38. Ederwyk, fol. 39 b.

39. De dimidia virgata terræ in Bilney, ibid.

40. Cartæ de diversis terris et tenementis in Coventr. foll. 39^o b, 40, 40 b, 41, 41 b, 42, 42 b, 43, 44, 44 b, 45, 45 b, 46 b, 47, 47 b, 48, 50 b, 51, 51 b, 52, 53, 53 b, 54, 54 b, 55 b, 56, 56 b, 57, 57 b, 58, 58 b, 59, 59 b, 60, 60 b, 61, 61 b, 62, 64, 64 b, 65, 65 b, 66, 66 b, 67, 67 b, 68, 68 b, 69, 69 b, 70, 70 b, 71, 71 b, 72, 72 b, 73, 74, 74 b, 75, 81, 81 b, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 119, 121 b, 123 b, 124, 125, 126.

41. Informatio de decimis garbarum contra vicar. de Allespad, fol. 43.

42. Copia literæ Johannis episcopi, A. D. 1402, fol. 46.

43. Copia decreti visitationis episcopi, A. D. 1402, fol. 48 b.

44. Conventio prioris de Davent. de reddit. vj^{li}. et unius lib. incensi solvend. priori et conventui de Coventr. annuatim, fol. 55.

Mr. Sharp's second manuscript of charters forms a thin quarto volume of twenty-five leaves; * the first twenty having been taken from a manuscript of the "Statuta Antiqua et Nova," in the possession of Francis Douce, Esq., supposed formerly to have been the property either of the convent or of some monk of Coventry. The last five leaves consist of transcripts in Mr. Sharp's hand, chiefly of homages, from parts of Mr. Douce's manuscript which could not be separated from the rest without injury to the main contents of the volume.

A third manuscript relating to this monastery is preserved in the British Museum: MS. Lansd. 400, a small folio volume, apparently transcribed from some older book in the seventeenth century, written upon vellum. It is entitled "Rentale factum per fratrem Willielmum Haloughton monachum Coventr. anno regni regis Henrici quarti post Conquestum xij^{mo}. de omnibus reddit. pertinentibus priori et conventui Coventr. in Whytmore, Coundulne, Kernesley, Coreley, Ecclesale, Newlande, Wylnehale, Folxhull, Stoke, et Coventr."^b

45. Cartæ, &c. de Wynnewyk, foll. 62, 63 b, 76, 114 b.
46. De molendino quod vocatur Altedemulne, fol. 76 b.
47. Memorandum de redditibus exeunt de terris et ten. pertinent. ad gylas Coventr. debitis annuatim diversis officiar. ecclesiæ cath. be. Mar. Coventr. t. Ric. II. fol. 77.
48. Carta domini Edwardi tertii post conquestum Angliæ regis Angliæ et Franciæ facta domino Edwardo fil. suo primogenito duci Cornub. de honore ejusdem, fol. 79.
49. In rot. comp. de decimis, fol. 80 b.
50. De ten. in Keresley juxta Coventr. fol. 107 b.
51. Folkeshull juxta Coventr. ibid.
52. Harnale juxta Coventre, fol. 108.
53. Bynleya juxta Coventre, fol. 108 b.
54. Sowe, fol. 108 b, 126 b.
55. Wykyn juxta Coventre, fol. 110 b.
56. Chirchalford et Studde in parochia de Lalford prædicta, fol. 111.
57. Franketon super Donnesmoire, ibid.
58. Offechirch, ibid.
59. Oloughton, fol. 111 b.
60. Southam, fol. 112.
61. Grendeburgh, fol. 112 b.
62. Buryngbury, ibid.
63. Shuckeburgh, ibid.
64. Merston Prioris, fol. 113.
65. Herdewyk juxta Merston Prioris, ibid.
66. Upton, ibid.
67. Wasperton super Auen in com. Warr. ibid.
68. Wynwyk in com. Northampton. fol. 113 b.
69. Haddon in com. prædicto, ibid.
70. Drye Merston in com. Gloucester. ibid.
71. Alspath et Murtyden, ibid.
72. Ecclesia de Penna in com. Staff. fol. 114.
73. Potter Merston in com. Leycestr. ibid.
74. Terra Willielmi Neell capellani de Stowe, fol. 118.
75. De terris in Napton, ibid.
76. De mesuagio vocato Hastoksale in villa de Sowe, 14 Hen. IV. fol. 118 b.
77. Placita apud Coventr. coram. Johanne Michell maiore villæ de Coventr. Roberto Southam, et Willielmo Donyngton, ballivis ejusdem villæ, die Martis prox. post festum sancti Jacobi apostoli anno regni regis Henrici sexti post Conquestum duodecimo, fol. 122.
78. Carta de bundis terrarum prioris citra ecclesiam sancti Nicholai, A. D. 1373, fol. 125 b.
79. De ecclesia de Packwood, fol. 126 b.
- * The following are its more important contents :
 1. Placitum de manerio de Olophoton, 14 Edw. I.
 2. Placitum de quo waranto anno regni 13 Edw. I.
 3. Quomodo ecclesia de Coventre ære alieno erat oppressa.
 4. Vetustitudo ecclesiæ de Coventre.
 5. Carta Edwardi regis Confessoris dicti, A. D. m.xliij.
 6. Carta Leofrici comitis Cestriæ, A. D. m.xliij.
 7. Carta Edwardi I. regis de quadraginta acris terræ in Ulghton et quadraginta solidatis redditus in Coventr. anno regni xij^o.
 8. Carta ejusdem regis de terr. et reddit. in Coventre et Merston, anno regni xiv.
 9. Carta alia ejusdem regis de mesuagio juxta barrer. de Smethefeld in parochia Sancti Sepulchri London, anno regni xv^o.
 10. Carta Henrici III. regis de warennæ, anno regni xij^o.
 11. Notulæ quædam historice.
 12. Nomina episcoporum Lichf. Cestr. et Coventr. ad Alex. de Stanesby.
 13. Carta Edwardi I. regis de managio cum gardino et pertinentiis juxta barram de Smethefeld in parochia Sancti Sepulchri extra Neugate, anno regni xv^o.
 14. Inquisitio facta coram Waltero Hauteyn et Th. Cross vic. Midelex in festo S. Nicholai anno r. r. E. xv. de mesuagio cum gardino et pertinentiis juxta barram de Smethefeld ut supra.
 15. Placitum inter episcopum et priorem Coventr. de præbenda de Olufoton, t. Edw. I.
 16. Summa totius terræ arabilis circa Coventriam pertin. ad eccl. de Coventr.
 17. Placitum inter Fulconem de Lucy petentem et priorem de Coventr. tenentem de maneriis de Pacwud et Wasperton in itinere Warr. coram Gilberto de Preston, abbate de Croyland, et aliis, anno r. r. H. fil. J. lvj^o.
 18. Placitum inter priorem de Coventre et Ricardum de Stanton de quadraginta acris terræ in Prestkote, t. Hen. III.
 19. Placitum inter priorem de Coventre et Wiscardum de Alleale de communia pasturæ in Erleswode, t. Hen. III.
 20. Placitum de libertatibus in villa de Coventre, 53 Hen. III.

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21. Assisa capta apud Warr. die S. Matth. anno r. r. H. fil. reg. J. liij. super fossat. de nova terra in Alleale.
 22. Homagia priori de Coventre facta.
 23. De wardo de Keresleye.
 24. Serement de coroner de Coventr.
 25. Copia cujusdam mandati de visitando hospitali sancti Johannis Coventr. A. D. 1352.
 26. Carta Edwardi I. regis priori et conventui de ducentis quadraginta et sex acris vasti includendis infra manerium suum de Newelond, anno regni vj^o.
 27. Litera Henr. Linc. episcopi ad Hugonem de Walmeaford canonicum Linc. missa pro priore et conventu de Coventr. A. D. 1332.
 28. Carta Ranulphi comitis Cestriæ de libertatibus villæ de Coventre concessa.
 29. Carta Henrici II. regis burgensibus de Coventre concessa de liberis consuetudinibus quas Ranulphus comes Cestriæ eis concessit.
- Among original charters, mostly preserved in the Treasury of Coventry, the following are referred to, or abstracted, in Mr. Sharp's collections :
- Indenture between William [de Brightwalton] prior and the convent of Coventry and Sir Richard de Loges, knight, respecting claims made by each party in the village, territory, waste, and woods of Sowe.
- Compotus fratris Willielmi Crosseby de officio pitanciarum a festo sancti Michaelis archangeli anno regni regis Edwardi IV^o. post Conquestum xvij^o. usque idem festum anno ejusdem regis xix^o.
- Prior's rental, 18, 19 Edw. IV.
- The same, 21, 22 Hen. VII.
- Prior's courts held 4 Rich. II.
- Bull, or commission, of Pope Greg. IXth. A. D. 1234, to the prior of Coventry, to enquire into the complaint of Richard Attebrugge.
- Recognition of certain persons of Coventry in 1066. 3s. 4d. with Henry prior of Coventry, 16 Edw. II.

Extracts from the large White Register at Lichfield :

1. Submissio prioris et conventus Coventriæ super ecclesia sancti Michaelis Coventriæ, A. D. 1241, fol. 98.
2. Ordinatio pontificalis super ecclesia sancti Michaelis Coventr. A. D. 1242, ibid.
3. Appropriatio ecclesiæ sancti Michaelis Coventr. monasterio ejusdem loci, A. D. 1243, fol. 147.
4. Finis super advocacione ecclesiæ sancti Michaelis. Item de Ruthon et Bobenhull, A. D. 1248, fol. 178.
5. Ordinatio vicariæ sancti Michaelis de Coventre, A. D. 1249, fol. 274.
6. Donatio et institutio episcopi in ecclesia sancti Michaelis Coventr.

Instrument relating to Cellett's chantry, A. D. 1329.

Compositio prioris de Coventre de pannagio.

Among Peck's preparations for a Supplement to Dugdale, MS. Donat. Mus. Brit. 4936, fol. 143—146, are copies of the inquisitions relating to the property of the prior and convent of Coventry in Leicestershire; viz.

1. De terris prioris et conventus in Packwood ex dono Walteri de Tony, in Shackesburgh ex dono Alexandri filii Thomæ de Shackesburgh, et in Scraftoft [in com. Leic.] ex dono Johannis filii magistri Johannis de Scraftoft, 19 Edw. I. 1290. Ad quod dampnum. No. 68, Leic.
2. De terris prioris et conventus in Kereby in com. Leic. ex dono Roberti Pakeman, necnon in Scraftoft in eodem com. ex dono Thomæ de Leicestria, 27 Edw. I. 1299. Ib. No. 98, Leic.
3. De terris abbatissæ in Coventria ex dono Petri de Blecklege, necnon in Franckton ex dono Willielmi filii Edmundi att Hall, 30 Edw. I. 1302. Ib. No. 108, Leic.
4. De terris de cœnobio de Coventria apud Scraftoft in com. Leic. a Johanne le Meyster concessis, 31 Edw. I. 1303. Each. No. 136, Leic.
5. De terris prioris apud Coventriam, Stowe, Scraftoft, Potter's Merston, Bosworth, Packwood, and Steuchale, in com. Leic. et Warw. ex donatione Roberti Guildentre et aliorum, 19 Edw. II. 1324. Ad quod dampn. No. 179, Leic.

^b The following is a more minute account of the contents :

1. Manerium de Whytmore, pag. 1.
2. Metæ hamlettæ de Radford, p. 3.
3. Coundulne, p. 4.
4. Metæ, divisæ, et bundæ domini novi Coundulne, p. 15.
5. Metæ, divisæ, et bundæ totius parochiæ de Coundulne juxta Coventre, ibid.
6. Communis finis de Coundulne, cum operibus nativ. tenent. p. 16.
7. Rentale de Kernesley factum per fratrem Willielmum Haloughton die et anno, ut supra, ibid.

3 B

Leland makes no mention of any LIBRARY here: but in an Account of Payments in the 5th of Rich. II. there is one '*Custodi Librorum*.'

Hearne, in his Appendix to the History of Glastonbury, gives a List of Books, which appear to have been written for the use of this monastery by a monk of the name of John de Bruges, probably about the fourteenth century, from a manuscript in the Bodleian library at Oxford.^b

ARMS of St. Mary's Coventry. Fuller, in the margin of his Church History, book vi. p. 322, says, "St. Marye's in Coventry had no Armes in their Seale, as my good friend Mr. Dugdale informed me." Dugdale's observation was strictly correct; but not so Fuller's inference. The Arms were those ascribed to Earl Leofric, *Or.* an eagle displayed *Sa.* as given in the initial Letter to the present Account of the monastery. Dugdale has engraved them twice, as Earl Leofric's; once from a window in St. Michael's church in Coventry, and once from a window in Trinity church.^c A whole-length portrait of prior Richard Crosby, already mentioned, in one of the east windows of St. Mary's hall at Coventry, has the Arms of the priory beneath. A receipt of the treasurer of this priory, 37. Edw. III. has the eagle upon the Seal: and so has a receipt

by William Pollesworth, prior, dated in 1503, with the legend SIGILLUM OFFICII THESAURARIE, remaining in the Augmentation Office: and upon the Seal of the sacrist, 18 Hen. VI. are two shields of Arms, one Leofric's, the other of King Edward the Confessor. These two shields are likewise found upon a small round Seal, used in the 22d of Rich. II. by prior Roger, the legend of which is not recoverable.^d Tanner says, in the Notitia Monastica, that although Coventry was a parliamentary priory, he could not meet with the Arms.

The COMMON SEAL appendant to the Surrender of this priory, in the Augmentation Office, represents the Virgin Mary seated, with the infant Jesus in her lap; the legend on the obverse being SIGILLUM . COMMUNE . ECCLESIE . COVENTRE. A Counter-seal, on the reverse, represents the Ark floating on the waves; the legend, SIGILLUM . ELE . DE . COVENTRE.

Mr. Sharp has a drawing of an older Seal of the convent used in the time of prior Moyses; it represents a priory or cathedral church of considerable size. All that remains of the legend is SIGILLV IS . C

At the Dissolution, Dugdale informs us, the CHURCH of this MONASTERY,^e though a most beautiful cathedral,

8. Metæ, divisæ, et bundæ totius domini de Kernaley ac parochiæ ejusdem, quæ est parochia Sancti Michaelis Coventræ, p. 29.

9. Rentale factum de terra pertinen. glebæ ecclesiæ parochialis de Corley, et de terra in eadem pertin. capellæ beatæ Mariæ in eccl. cath. Coventr. cum metis et bundis totius parochiæ de Corley, et de rectoria ejusdem hamletti, quam Prior et conventus habent ex longa possessione, p. 30.

10. Rentale de Ecclesale et Newland fact. die et anno supradict. per fratrem W. Haloughton monachum, p. 33.

11. Metæ, bundæ, et divisæ totius parochiæ de Eccleshale, p. 54.

12. Rentale de Folxhull, p. 55.

13. Rentale de Henley in parochia de Folxhull, p. 69.

14. Metæ, bundæ, et divisæ parochiæ de Folxhull, p. 70.

15. Rentale de Stoke, p. 72.

16. Rentale de Biggyng, p. 73.

17. Extent. villæ de Willnhale, p. 76.

18. De communi pastura prioris Coventr. inter boscum de Wilnhale et Bylney, p. 82.

19. Copia bundarum franchises civitatis Coventr. p. 83.

20. Metæ et bundæ bosci forinseci de Bernett circa Coventree, p. 84.

21. Metæ bosci de Hasilwood qui discitur boscus intrinsecus, p. 85.

22. Carta regis Henrici tertii de libertatibus ecclesiæ Coventr. p. 86.

23. Copia brevis de quo warranto de itinere Johannis de Vallibus anno regni regis Edw. I. xiiij^{mo}, p. 87.

24. Pasturæ prioris et conventus Coventr. quæ tenere debent in separali omni tempore anni et quæ affirmantur per tripartitam inter Priorem et Conventum ac Communitatem villæ de Coventr. fact. anno regni regis Edw. III. post Conquestum xxix^o, p. 88.

25. Expositio vocabulorum antiquorum de lingua Saxonica contentorum in Cartis Regum de fundatione ecclesiæ Coventr. p. 89.

26. Carta fundatoris ecclesiæ Coventr. [i. e. Leofrici comitis Cestrie] p. 91.

27. Carta confirmationis sancti Edwardi regis et Confessoris ratificans donum cartæ predictæ, p. 92.

28. Bulla confirmationis Alexandri papæ, A. D. 1043, p. 94.

* See Mr. Sharp's larger Chartulary, fol. 77.

^b "Hii sunt libri, quos Johannes de Bruges monachus Coventr. scripsit ad opus Coventr. ecclesiæ: qui hos ab ecclesia sine consensu conventus alienaverit, anathema sit:

In primis Ymnarium in grossa littera:

Hamonem super Ysaïam:

Missale in Infirmario:

Missale ad Crucem:

Duo Missalia domni Prioris Rogeri, scilicet Collectas, cum Secretis, et Post-communione:

Unum Benedictionale, ad opus ejusdem Prioris, in grossa littera:

Alterum Benedictionale, ad opus Conventus:

Librum Cartarum:

Martyrologium, Regulam Sancti Benedicti, et Pastorale, in uno volumine:

Librum Cartarum:

Unum Gradale cum Tropario, et cum Processionali:

Psalterium domni Prioris Rogeri:

Palladium de Agricultura:

Librum Experimentorum, in quo ligatur Compotus Helpri:

Parvum Librum in quo continetur Compotus, et Compotus manualis, et Merlinus, et tertius Compotus:

Ordinale in Choro, quod cum magno labore composuit:

Tabulas in margine Martyrologii, in quibus continetur cotidiana ætas Lunæ:

Kalendarium mortuorum in eodem libro:

Kalendarium mortuorum super magnum Altare:

Tabulam responsoriorum corneam, quam fecit cum magno labore:

Capitulare in Conventu, in quo junguntur simul Capitula et Collectæ:

Item Capitulare domni Prioris Rogeri:

Librum domni Prioris Rogeri, in quo scribitur duodecima Lectio per Annum, cum Evangelio et Collecta in cappis, in albis, et in xii. lectionibus:

Librum Decretalium, cum capitulis decretorum, et cum aliis scriptis:

Psalterium, Placebo, Commendatio animarum, et Diurnale ad opus monachorum infirmorum:

Generationes Veteris et Novi Testamenti ante Scholasticam Hystoriam, et ante Psalterium domini Anselmi:

Pater Noster cum circulis et cum glosa, in magna pelle vitulina:

Ordinale super Missale magni Altaris:

Tabulas Compoti cum Kalendario ante Sententias Petri:

Item Tabulas Compoti ante Psalterium Roberti de Honingtona:

Item Librum de statu Ecclesiæ, quem Osbertus composuit:

Item Versus de laude beatæ Mariæ, cum Psalterio, et cum Collectoribus."

* Hist. Warw. edit. 1656, pp. 107, 111.

^d From information communicated by Mr. Sharp.

^e The following is Dugdale's Account of the "CHANTRIES in and adjoining to the PRIORY OF COVENTRY:

"Leicester's Chantry.

"This chantry was founded in the 2d Edw. III. as appears by the covenants (Northb. f. 27 a.) for ordination thereof made betwixt Henry the then Prior, and Robert de Leicester and William de Leicester, canons of Lichfield; whereby the said prior doth undertake for himself and his successors to find two secular priests to sing mass daily in that cathedral at the altar of the Holy Trinity, the blessed Virgin, K. Edward the Confessor, Edmund archbishop of Canterbury, and All Saints, standing in the body of the said church; for the good estate of the same church, and for the soul of the before specified Prior; as also for the souls of Henry and Letice, father and mother of the said Prior; Robert and William de Leicester above mentioned, Geoffrey and Elene their father and mother; and of their brethren and sisters. And likewise for the souls of Sir William de Berford, frere Hugh de Rothwell, Walter de Langton, and Roger Northbury then bishop of Coventry and Lichfield. But of this chantry, all that I find more is, that upon the Survey (MS. penes S. A. eq. aur. fol. 28 a.) taken in 26 Hen. VIII. it was certified, that Thomas Jackson and William Pawden were then the priests belonging thereto, each of which had a stipend of 4^l. per annum paid by the prior, and were removable at his pleasure.

"Copston's Chantry.

"This chantry adjoining to the wall of the priory (Ibid. fol. 31 b.) was founded by William Copston in 19 Edw. I. (Pat. 19 Edw. I. m. 14.) the revenue of it in 26 Hen. VIII. being xj^l. vij^s. ij^d. per annum, over and above reprises; and Anthony Molineux doctor of divinity then warden thereof. (MS. penes eundem S. A.) It seems, that, upon the dissolution of the monastery in 30 Hen. VIII. it was translated into St. Michael's church; for there I find it in 37 Hen. VIII. and of the clear yearly value of xj^l. vij^s. ij^d. ob. above all reprises. (Ex alio MS. penes eundem fol. 6 a.)

"The next particular whereof I come to speak, is, the two large and beautiful churches, dedicated, the one to S. Michael, the other to the Holy Trinity; both which heretofore stood within the same cemetery with the priory church.

and the mother church of the city, yet escaped not the rude hands of the destroyers, "but was pull'd in pieces

" ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.

"Of this, the first mention that I find, is in King Stephen's time; for then did Ranulph earl of Chester render it to the monks of Coventry, by the name of the chapel of St. Michael, being satisfied by the testimony of divers persons, as well clergy as laitie, that it was their right. Which act of this Earl Hugh his son and successor confirmed. Hereunto also did Earl Ranulph, the last of that name, give the tythe of his lands and rents in Coventry for the health of his soul, and of his ancestors souls; commanding all his officers upon pain of a grievous curse to make due payment of these accordingly. What colour of right the bishop had in the advowson thereof I find not: but it seems that a claim he made thereto; so that in 32 Hen. III. the Prior and he came to an agreement: (Fin. levat xv. Joh. B. 32 Hen. III.) whereupon the said Prior, to purchase the bishop's interest, parted with the perpetual patronage of the churches of Ruyton and Bobenhull, then selling them upon the cathedral of Lichfield, whereof since that time they had been prebends. By which Accord it was concluded, that after the diseases of each of those priests, then incumbents of the particular chapels belonging thereto, the monks should provide secular priests, and other fit ministers to serve in the said chapels, and to allow them competent maintenance. And, that to the vicarage of St. Michael should, by the bishop's official and the archdeacon, and two other discreet men on the Prior's part chosen and sworn, be assigned, out of the fruits of the said church, the value of xxiv. marks per annum. (Ex autogr. penes Dec. et Cap. Lich.)

"And moreover, that the Prior and Convent should pay, out of the fruits thereof to the archdeacon of Coventry, for his procurations, four marks. And because that the cathedral of Lichfield, had of ancient time used to have xxx. marks yearly out of the profits of this church, it was by the same agreement further concluded, that the same sum should be paid yearly thereto for the time to come, at the feasts of St. Michael and Easter, by even portions, out of the rectory of Southam, the patronage whereof belonged to the said monks. Which Accord bears date at Warwick 3 kal. Julij anno 1248, 32 Hen. III. But in 44 Hen. III. this church was appropriated to the monks; (Rot. R. Molend. penes. Regist. Cov. et Lich. episc. m. 4.) and in anno 1291, 19 Edw. I. with its chapels, valued at fifty marks; and the vicarage at eight marks and a half. (MS. in Scacc.)

"In 26 Hen. VIII. the vicarage was rated at 65l. 10s. 6d. per annum, out of which being then annually paid 2l. 15s. 4d. to the archdeacon of Coventry for procurations and synodals: to the Prior of Coventry for a yearly pension 100s. and to the dean and chapter of Lichfield, 33s. 4d. The clear value amounted to 56l. 0s. 10d.

" Merynton's Chantry.

"This was founded by Hugh de Merynton in 17 Edw. II. and consisted of two priests to sing mass daily for the health of his soul, and of Agnes his wife: as also for the souls of his ancestors and all the faithful deceased; being endowed with 8l. yearly rent, for that purpose: (Pat. 17 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 6.) yet in 26 Hen. VIII. the clear yearly value thereof amounted to no more than c. (MS. penes S. A. eq. aur. fol. 30 b.) but upon the Survey taken in 37 Hen. VIII. (ex alio MS. penes eundem.) it was found to be worth 7l. 9s. 4d. per annum over and above all reprises.

" Shepey's Chantry.

"This was founded by Laurence Shepey of Coventry in 4 Edw. III. and endowed with one mesuage and two shops, for the maintenance of a priest to sing mass daily, at the altar of St. Laurence within the same church; for the soul of the said Laurence, and of the souls of his father and mother, Maud his wife, Adam Stanydelf and Alice his wife, with all the faithful deceased. Whereunto in 11 Ric. II. John Shepey, dean of Lincoln, added the gift of one more mesuage for the maintenance of two priests to sing mass at the said altar for the soul of Laurence the founder, his grandfather, Jordan Shepey, his father, as also for the good estate of him the said dean, whilst he lived, and afterwards for the health of his soul, and the souls of all the faithful deceased. (Pat. 6 Ric. II. p. 2, m. 2. Ese. 11 Ric. II. n. 99.) In 37 Hen. VIII. the value thereof, certified at 59s. 7d. per annum was allowed by the last Prior of Coventry to the curate of Sow in augmentation of his salary; in regard that the small tythes of Sow, that were all he had for his maintenance, were then worth but six pounds per annum. (MS. penes S. A. eq. aur. fol. 7 a.)

"After this, viz. in 45 Edw. III. John de Burgh, priest, William Liberd, John de Pountfreit, Ranulph Palmer, and Thomas Yelvertoft, gave two mesuages with the appurtenances here in Coventry, for the maintenance of a priest to sing mass daily at the altar of the blessed Virgin within this church, for the souls of Henry Dilcock and Margery his wife, Robert de Watton and Maud his wife; and of William de Shepey and Alice his wife. (Pat. 45 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 32.)

" Haye's Chantry.

"This was founded in 12 Rich. II. by Henry del Hay of Coventry, girdler; and endowed with three mesuages lying here in Coventry, for the maintenance of one priest to sing mass daily at the altar of All Saints within this church; for the good estate of the said King Richard II. and of Queen Anne his consort: as also of him the said Henry, during their natural lives, and afterwards for the health of their souls.

(Pat. 12 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 16.) The revenue whereof in 37 Hen. VIII. being certified at 21s. 7d. per an. over and above reprises, was by the last Prior of Coventry given to the vicar of Folkeshull in augmentation of his living, whereof the value then extended to no more than 3l. 18s. 0d. per annum. (MS. penes S. A. eq. aur. fol. 7 a.)

" Preston's Chantry.

"This was founded by John Preston of Coventry in the 13th Hen. IV. for two priests to sing mass daily at the altars of the Holy Trinity, and the blessed Virgin, within this church, for the good estate of him the said John during this mortal life; and afterwards for the health of his soul; as also for the souls of his parents and benefactors, and all the faithful deceased, and endowed with six mesuages and one shop, with a chamber over it, situated here in Coventry. (Pat. 13 Hen. IV. p. 2, m. 26.) All which in 26 Hen. VIII. were valued at 5l. 9s. 0d. per an. over and above reprises: (MS. penes præfat. S. A. fol. 30 a.) but in 37 Hen. VIII. at no more than 4l. 6s. 11d. per annum. (Ex alio MS. penes eund. fol. 4 a.)

" Crosse's Chantry.

"In 13 Hen. IV. John Scarburgh, Philip Baron, Laurence Coke, and Thomas Henryes gave five mesuages and 4l. 6s. 6d. rent per annum lying here in Coventry, to the mayor and commonalty of this city, and their successors for ever, to find a certain priest to sing mass daily, at the altar of St. Katherine, within the said church, for the good estate of the same King Henry, during this life; and for his soul after his departure hence: as also for the soul of John Crosse late merchant of Coventry, and the souls of all the faithful deceased: but when this chantry was dissolved or altered, I find not.

" Pyseford's Chantry.

"This was founded by one William Pyseford, and endowed with lands, for to find one priest to sing mass daily within this church; and to maintain six poor men and their wives, such as had been honest house-holders, and were fallen to decay within the city; viz. 7d. ob. a week to every couple, to pray for the souls of the said William and his parents for ever: (MS. penes præfat. S. A. fol. 4 b.) howbeit, the certain time of its foundation I have not seen; but the lands and tenements thereunto belonging, being, by the Survey taken in 37 Hen. VIII. valued at 26l. 9s. 0d. per an. the priest had out of it 6l. yearly for his salary; the residue being for the maintenance of the before specified poor people, and discharge of other payments concerning the said lands and chantry.

" The Taylors and Shermans Chantry.

"Of this chantry's foundation I find nothing: but in the Survey of 26 Hen. VIII. it was certified to be of the clear yearly value of 2l. 16s. 6½d. per an. over and above all reprises. (MS. penes eundem S. A. fol. 30 b.)

" Tate's Chantry,

"Hereof, all that I have met with, is onely, that there was an yearly stipend of 106s. 8d. paid to a chantry-priest, singing mass daily in this church of St. Michael, by the company of dyers of the city of London. (Ex alio MS. penes eund. fol. 8 a.)

" Marler's Chantry.

"It doth not very clearly appear, that this chantry was in St. Michael's church: but in regard that there be circumstances which make it probable I have fix'd it so. It was founded by one Richard Marler, as his last will doth manifest; by which he assigned certain rents to be yearly received by the wardens of this city, for the time being, to find a priest to sing daily mass in a Chapel, built over the grave of him the said Richard, for the health of his soul and of all Christian souls; and to keep divine service in the quire; whose stipend was nine marks per annum. But the foundation of it is of no antiquity; for there were no more than two chantry-priests successively belonging thereto; viz. Henry Marler, and Richard Branker, which Richard was living in 37 Hen. VIII. (Ibid. fol. 6 a.)

" TRINITY CHURCH.

"Of this, the first mention I find, is of its appropriation to the priory in 44 Hen. III. (Rot. R. Molend. m. 4.) In an. 1291, 19 Edw. I. it was valued at xx. marks, and the vicarage at two marks: (MS. in Scacc.) but in 26 Hen. VIII. the said vicarage was rated at 33l. 1s. 6d. ob. per an. out of which issued a pension of c. to the prior; xvj. in procurations and synodals; and to the church-wardens, for a quit-rent, yearly, for the vicarage-house xx. so that the clear yearly value, deducting the reprises, amounted to 26l. 5s. 6d.

" Percy's Chantry.

"This being the antientest chantry of any that were founded in Trinity-church, was endowed in 23d Edw. III. by Nich. Percy, John

and reduced to rubbish.”^a The letter which was fruitlessly addressed by Bishop Lee to Lord Cromwell, with a view to its preservation, will be found in the Appendix of Instruments.^b

de Fylingley, and Henry Mollyng, with six mesuages, one shop, six acres of land, and 40s. rent, lying in Coventry, for the maintenance of one priest to sing mass daily at the altar of All Saints, for the good estate of the said Nicholas and Beatrice his wife; and of John Percy, priest, whilst they should live in this world; and for their souls after their departure hence: as also for the souls of John Percy and Peter Percy; and of the father and mother of the said Nicholas, with all the faithful deceased. (Pat. 23 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 1.) But afterwards there was another priest added thereto; towards whose maintenance in 9th Hen. IV. William Botoner, John Egeston the elder, and John Drye of Coventry, priest, gave one mesuage and twenty-four acres of land lying in this city. (Pat. 9 Hen. IV. p. 1, m. 29.) The value of all which was in 26 Hen. VIII. certified to be 10*l.* 10*s.* per annum, over and above reprises: (MS. penes præfat. S. A. fol. 31 b.) but upon the Survey taken in 37 Hen. VIII. 11*l.* 19*s.* 8*d.* (Ex alio MS. penes eund. fol. 5 b.)

“The Chantry of the Holy Cross.”

“This was founded in 30 Edw. III. by William de Davyntre, Henry Molling, Rob. le Spenser, Gilb. de Peek, Ric. de Fylyngley, John Luk, Ric. de Godesvowes, Ric. de Northampton, Geoffrey de Peek, John le Baxtere, Henry de Whitmore, Adam de Keresleye, and Ric. Teynton of Coventry, for two priests to sing mass daily at the altar of the Holy Cross, in this church, for the good estate of King Edw. the Third, and of Isabel queen of England his mother; Queen Philippa his consort, and of all their children. As also for the good estate of the said William, Henry, and the rest aforementioned: and likewise of all the brethren and sisters of the fraternity of the Holy Cross of Coventry, whilst they lived, and for their souls after their decease: and for the souls of all the said king’s progenitors; and of the ancestors of the said William de Davyntre, &c. For the maintenance of which two priests, they gave seven mesuages, fourteen shops, and six acres of land, lying in this city. (Pat. 30 III. p. 1, m. 6.)

“Lodyngton’s Chantry.”

“This was founded in 16 Ric. II. by William Haynton and John Bromcote, priests; for one priest to sing mass in this church, for the good estate of Alice the widow of Roger de Lodyngton, and for herself after her departure out of this world; and for the soul of the said Roger de Lodyngton, his father and mother, and of all the faithful deceased. (Pat. 16 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 4.) The clear revenue whereof in 37 Hen. VIII. being certified at 2*l.* 0*s.* 3*d.* per an. was allowed to the vicar of Ex-hall, in augmentation of his living; the small tythes belonging thereto extending to no more than 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* per ann.

“Corpus Christi Chantry.”

“All that I find of this chantry, is, that the prior of Coventry presented three priests unto it successively in Edw. III. time: but when it was founded, by whom, or how dissolved I cannot say. (North. fol. 40 a, et 48 a. Et. Stret. fol. 11 a.)

“Allesley’s Chantry.”

“This was founded by one Will. de Allesley in Edw. I. time; for one priest to sing mass, daily, at the altar of St. Thomas the Martyr, in a chapel near adjoining to the church-porch: (MS. penes præfat. S. A. fol. 5 b.) the clear yearly value of all the rents belonging thereto, over and above reprises, being in 26 Hen. VIII. certified at 4*l.* 17*s.* (Ex alio MS. penes eund. fol. 31 a.) but in 37 Hen. VIII. at 4*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* (Ex alio MS. penes eund. fol. 31 a.)

“Cellet’s Chantry.”

“This was founded by one William Cellet in Edw. III. time, for one priest to sing mass daily for the soul of the said William and his parents: (Ib. fol. 7 b.) but I find no more than one only priest presented to it by the prior of Coventry; scil. 4 cal. Oct. 1356. (Northb. fol. 60 a.) And, that in 37 Hen. VIII. the clear yearly value thereof being certified at 3*l.* 0*s.* 4*d.* ob. per an. was allowed by the last prior of Coventry to the vicar of Stoke, in augmentation of his living, then worth but 40*s.* per an.

“The dissolution of all which CHANTRIES was by Act of Parliament in 1 Edw. VI. as the printed statutes do manifest.”
Dugd. Hist. Warw. edit. 1656, p. 106—112.

The following additional Notes relating to Chantries in ST. MARY’S Church have been communicated by Mr. Sharp.

Poley’s Chantry.

Income, 19 Edw. IV. 7*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* (From the Accompt Roll of the pitancier, 18, 19 Edw. IV. in Mr. Sharp’s possession)

“Item solut. ebdom. missæ majoris pro speciali memoria habenda pro anima domini Thomæ Poley, Cuij. videlicet qualibet septimana ij.”

Willis, who visited the scattered remnants of this monastery some time before 1718, says,

“By the best conjectures I am capable of forming what a sort of a fabric this church was, I am apt to con-

“Item clerico dicenti ‘Placebo’ et ‘Dirige’ pro anima domini Thomæ Poley, vj. viij.”

Thomas Blaby, Roger Brewode, and Edward Wedon’s Chantry.

Income, 19 Edw. IV. 4*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* Weekly mass, as above, ciiij. annuity.

Preest’s Chantry.

Income, 6*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.* Payment as above, ciiij.

Wentebrige’s, Shirland’s, and Marshall’s Chantries.

Under the head “Solutio Cantariorum,” Roll 18 and 19 Edw. IV. occur charges of ciiij. “celebranti pro animabus Rogeri Wentebri et aliorum:” and ciiij. “celebranti pro animabus Almarici Shirland et Thomæ Merchall.” (Ibid. See also Mr. Sharp’s larger Regr. foll. 85, 85 b.)

Leicester’s Chantry.

“Item Thesaurisar. ecclesiæ cathedralis Coventriæ solvit annuatim offic. Pitanc. ij. ad festum Sancti Johannis pro uno tofto ibidem quod Robertus de Leycestr. perquisivit pro cantaria Henr. Leycestr. prioris licentia domini regis, et quem quidem redditum Robertus Parys dedit priori et capitulo per cartam suam ante statut.” (Accompt Roll, ut supr.)

Anniversaries.

Thomas Blaby’s, when twenty-six monks received 1*s.* each.
Hugh Rothwell’s, when the same number of monks received the same.

Prior Henry’s, when twenty-six monks received 1*s.* 6*d.* each.

Henry Stratton’s, when twenty-six monks received 10*d.* each.

Roger Wentebrige’s, when twenty-five monks received 1*s.* each.

William Grendeburgh’s, when twenty-four monks received 1*s.* each.

The above are from the Pitancier’s Roll already mentioned. Other Anniversaries occur in the larger of Mr. Sharp’s Registers; viz.

Laurence de Burdington’s, foll. 112, 112 b.

Simon de Frankton’s, fol. 90 b.

Roger Balaunce, foll. 113 b, 114.

Geoffrey de Willenhale’s, fol. 111 b.

William de Staunton’s, ibid.

Alexander’s, a monk of the church.

Reginald the sub-prior’s, foll. 20 b, 113 a.

Bishop Gerard Pucelle’s, foll. 16 b, 17.

Roll, continued:

Soluciones Conventus.

“Item solut. xvij. monachis et sacerdotibus ad term. sancti Andree apostoli xj. vj. viij. Item xvj. monachis et sacerdotibus per terminos Annunciationis, Nativitatis beatæ Mariæ, et sancti Michaelis archangeli, xxxij. Item sub-priori ultimo summam prædictam xxxj. viij.”

Summa xliij. xij. iiij.

Stipend. Famulor.

“Item, Willielmo Barbor pro custod. cameræ munitor. vj. viij. Item, eidem pro rasura conventus xij. iiij. Item, pro oblatione sua ad festa Natalis et Paschæ viij. Item, custod. voltæ aulæ per annum iiij. Item, custod. cameræ Ricardi Herbury per ann. xx. Item famulo pitancier. per ij. terminos xij. iiij. Item pro oblatione sua ad festa Natalis et Paschæ viij. Item Henrico Boteler [he was the city recorder] “pro feodo suo per annum, xij. iiij. Item Roberto Toppe-clyffe pro feodo suo per annum, x.”

“Custod. capellæ beatæ Mariæ,” occurs in the same Roll, and also “Item pro cera et cereis ad altare puerperii, ij. iiij.” In a similar Roll, 21 Hen. VII. under the head “Stipend. Famulorum,” occurs “Item, Capellæ Jhesu per annum manibus subprioris v.”

	£. s. d.
Rental, according to the Roll, 18 and 19 Edw. IV.	182 0 6½
Expences	162 18 9

Altars.

The altar of Holy Rood, or “Sanctæ Crucis,” occurs in numerous items of expenditure by the Trinity Guild, who seem to have supported it. St. Katherine’s occurs in a charter of Walter de Coventry in Mr. Sharp’s larger Register, foll. 23 b, 24, as well as in another instrument from Ranulph earl of Chester and Lincoln. Ibid. fol. 24 b.

The altar of the Virgin Mary occurs in an accompt of payments in the 5th of Richard II. with a lamp burning night and day before it. Ibid. fol. 77.

^a Dugd. ut supr.

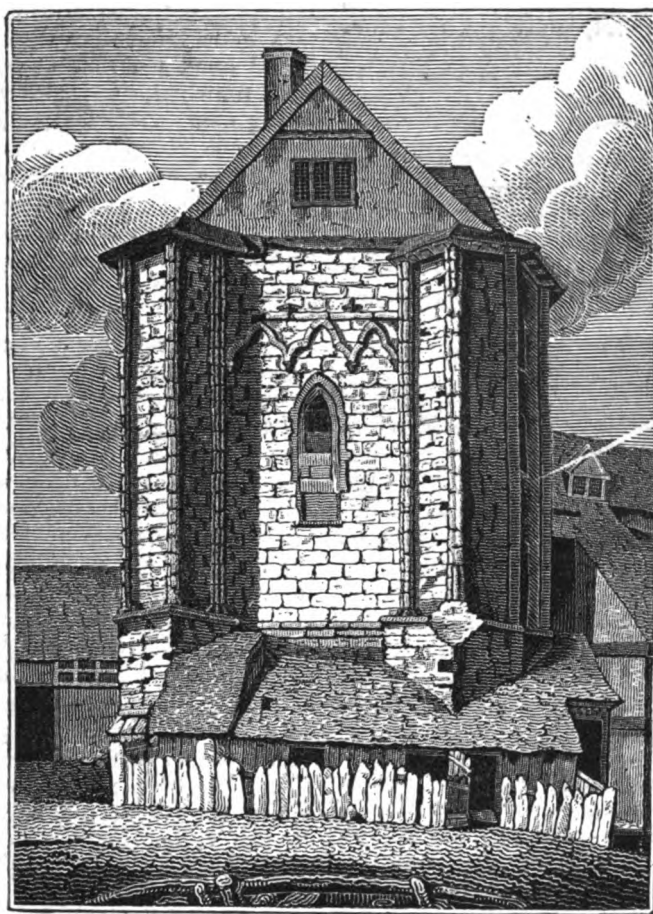
^b Num. XXIII.

clude it to have been very like the cathedral of Lichfield, tho' more sumptuously adorn'd; Dugdale telling us, that it was so enrich'd with silver and gold and precious stones, that the walls were too narrow to contain the treasure. Also by several circumstances of the emulation between the two churches, I am induc'd to imagine, that Lichfield was built in imitation of the model of this of Coventry; forasmuch as it had formerly three steeples, as Lichfield has at present, viz. one in the middle, and two at the west end. As we may judge from tradition, and the small remains extant of this heretofore flourishing monastery, which when in being stood in a close, call'd from the ruins, Hill close, on a descent between the church-yards of the Holy Trinity, and St. Michael's. At the entrance into this close, towards the west end, there was a large arch, which led to it out of the Oat-market; this lately fell down. Not far from hence is still standing the lower part of a great tower, or steeple, which heretofore was one of the steeples of the western front, 'tis now converted into a dwelling-house. On the south side next to the two churchyards, stood a lesser tower, demolish'd about twenty years since, probably made

use of for a prison. As to the church itself, all I can learn, is, that the foundations being about fifty years ago taken up, the site thereof was then turn'd into a bowling-alley, and afterwards into a garden, as 'tis at present, and that, in digging them up, abundance of carv'd and gilded stones were found. The place where the chief habitation of the monks was, is likewise turn'd into gardens, and in a great measure levell'd, insomuch that several apartments are suppos'd to be bury'd under ground, as appears by the door-cases, yet visible at the end of the buildings next the river.

"Here is still standing a mean house, known by the name of the Bishop's palace, where 'tis suppos'd the bishops formerly had an habitation, and that they continu'd possess'd thereof ever since this monastery was annex'd to their see, which was effected about the year 1095, by Robert de Limesey the 35th bishop of Lichfield."*

One small fragment only of the priory of St. Mary Coventry is still remaining; worked into a dwelling. The accompanying Wood-cut, representing it, has been copied from a private Plate, recently engraved.



* Willis, Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 69.

Cartae ad Coenobium Coventrense in agro Warwicensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

[Will. Malmesb. fol. 73.]

ERAT in Cestrensi diœcesi cœnobium, Coventria nomine, quod comes magnificentissimus Leofricus cum uxore Godiva, constituerat, tanto auri et argenti spectaculo, ut ipsi parietes ecclesiæ angusti viderentur thesaurorum receptaculis, miraculo porro magno visentium oculis. Hoc Robertus ejusdem provinciæ episcopus inhians non episcopallyter involavit, ex ipsis ecclesiæ gazis surripiebat unde datoris manum suppleret, unde papæ occupationes falleret, unde aviditati Romanorum irrideret, pluresque ibi annos moratus nihil probitatis exhibuit.

[Ibid. fol. 165 a.]

—Ex una enim trabe quingentas marcas argenti [Robertus] corasit, quæ scrinia sustentabat.—

Coventriæ habetur brachium magni Augustini theca inclusum argentea; cernunturque in cælatura hujusmodi literæ, “Hoc brachium S. Augustini, Egelnodus archiepiscopus rediens à Roma ad Papiam emit centum talentis argenti, et talento auri.—

[Ibid.]

In ambabus porticibus Coventriæ jacent ædificatores loci præcellentissimi conjuges, quorum maximè prædicatur fœmina: quæ cum thesauros vivens ibi totos congessisset, jamjamque moritura, circulum gemmarum quem filo insuerat, ut singularum contactu singulas orationes incipiens numerum non prætermitteret; hunc ergo gemmarum circulum collo imaginis sanctæ Mariæ appendi jussit. Sed quàm preciosarum putas gemmarum? profecto à gnaris centum marcis argenti estimantur.

[Rog. Hoved. fol. 254 b.]

EXCELLENTIS vir memoriæ, laudabilis comes Leofricus, Leofwini ducis filius, in propria villa quæ dicitur Bromleage ij. kal. Sept. in bona senectute decessit [anno mlvij.] et Coventriæ sepultus est honorificè; quod monasterium, inter cætera bona opera, quæ in sua vita gessit, ipse et uxor illius Dei cultrix, et sanctæ Mariæ semper virginis amatrix devota, nobilis comitissa Godiva, de suo patrimonio à fundamentis construxerunt, et id terris sufficienter locupletaverunt, ornamentis variis adeo ditaverunt, ut in nullo monasterio totius Angliæ, tanta copia auri, argenti, gemmarum, lapidumque pretiosarum inveniretur, quanta tunc temporis habebatur in illo.

[Ibid. fol. 405.]

ANNO mxcj. Hugo Coventrensis episcopus expulit monachos Coventrenses ab ecclesia cathedrali, et in ea instituit canonicos seculares.

[Ibid. fol. 440.]

ANNO mxcviiij. venit archiepiscopus Cantuariensis [Hubertus Walterus] ad Coventree et per mandatum Celestini summi pontificis introduxit monachos in ecclesiam ejusdem villæ cathedralem, quos Hugo de Nuvant ejusdem loci episcopus ab eadem ecclesia vi et armata manu expulserat.

[Johan. Tinmuth. Hist. aur. MS. in Bibl. Bodl. lib. xx. cap. 3.]

ANNO Domini mxc. Rege Ricardo in transmarinis demorante, Willielmus Heliensis episcopus, regni procurator, ac apostolicæ sedis, mediante pecunia, in Angliam legatus, clerum oppressit, plebem depressit, cum mille equis procedebat, monasteria contributionibus et hospitalitatibus gravabat, regni majores sibi affines faciebat, utramque sedem metropolitanam ad libitum suum prosternebat, appulsumque Galfridum regis fratrem Eborum electum, direptis rebus de monasterio sancti Martini extrahi, et turri regia trudi fecerat, apud Westmonasterium concilium celebravit, ubi complexus suus Hugo Novant episcopus Cestriæ querelam deposuit quod monachi Coventriæ sanguinem suum coram altari fudissent, unde decrevit Willielmus monachos de Coventre eliminandos fore, et clericos præbendarios instituendos, unde Hugo prædictus ad sedem apostolicam direxit responsales cum literis episcoporum attestantibus quod monachi de Coventre deserta Christi militia ad seculum essent relapsi; unde petiit liberam de ordinatione monasterii facultatem: antea enim monachos manu armata tanquam criminum enormium reos expulerat. Romanus verò pontifex sub cauta expectatione, si fortè aliquis ex parte monachorum adveniens in contrarium allegaret, per menses sex sententiam suspendit: sed sumptus inopia monachos retardans votum episcopi confirmavit. Monachi tandem vel serò venientes licet violenter expulsionis injuriam diutius deplorarent, prævalente tamen episcopi potentia, per annos plurimos latè dispersi monachi, rebus eorum ad clericorum præbendas redactis, prout poterant victitabant. Quamobrem de isto Hugone in extremis laborante tradit fama; quod cum neminem sibi penitentiam imponere volentem reperisset, dixisse fertur, ‘Et ego adjudico me pro male erratis meis poena purgatoria usque ad diem judicii cruciandum:’ sed et de quodam Coventriæ monacho tradunt, quod causam domus suæ instantè sed infructuose diutius in curia Romana agitabat, quod eum ad fores papales jugiter incumbentem papa egrediens sic alloqueretur: ‘Cur miser fores nostras sic indesinenter observas?’ ‘Pater,’ inquit, ‘expecto mortem vestram, nam te defuncto, bonus forsân succederet qui nobis obtritis justitiam exhiberet.’ In hoc verbo compunctus Pontifex, qui inde exulcerari putabatur, causam jussit ad plenum agitari.*

[Chron. MS. Sigeberti Gimblacen. in Bibl. Deuvesiana, fol. 159 b.]

ANNO mccccxiiij. post Pentecosten dedit rex episcopatum Elien. Nigello, &c. Cestrensem verò Rogero archidiacono Lincolnensi nepoti Gaufridi de Glingtona, decessor ejus fuerat Robertus cogn. Peccatum. Prædecessor verò Robertus Normannus de Limeseia. Hic secularibus intentus magis quàm divinis à rege Henrico Coventrense cœnobium optinuit, ibique capitalem cathedram Merciorum constituit. Habet itaque ille episcopatus usque hodie tres sedes Lycefeldensem, Cestrensem, Coventrensem.

NUM. II.

Carta Foundationis Monasterii beatæ Mariæ de Coventria.

[Ex Registro de Coventre in Scaccario, ex parte Rememoratoris Regis, fol. 75 a.]

Ego Leofricus comes, consilio et licentia regis Edwardi et Alexandri papæ qui mihi literas suas infra scriptas misit, cum sigillo et testimonio aliorum religiosorum virorum

* Vide Mathæi Parisiensis Historiam ad annum 1198, quem exhibet Clemens Reinerus, Apostolatus Benedictini in Anglia, tract. ii. sect. 6, memb. 3, p. 139.

tam laicorum quam clericorum, ecclesiam Coventrensem dedicari feci in honorem Dei et sanctæ Mariæ genitricis ejus, et sancti Petri apostoli, et sanctæ Osburgæ virginis et Omnium Sanctorum. Has igitur viginti quatuor villas una cum medietate villæ in qua fundata est ipsa ecclesia eidem ecclesiæ attribui ad servicium Dei et ad victum et vestitum abbatis et monachorum in eodem loco Deo servientium, videlicet, Honington, Newenham, Chaddeleshunt, Ichenton, Olloufton, Sutham, Greenesburgh, Buntingbury, Merston juxta Avonam, Herdwike, Wasperton, Chesterton, Sutham, Ruyton, dimidium Sow, Merston in Glocestriæ-schira, Salewarpe in Wigorniensis provincia, Eaton juxta aquam quæ dicitur De in Cestriæ provincia, Kyldesby et Wynwyke in Hamptonensi provincia, Burbagh, Barwell, Scraptofte, et Pakyngton in Leicestrensi provincia. Has autem villas cum medietate prædictæ villæ trado huic monasterio cum saca et socna et toloneo et cum themo, cum libertate et omnibus consuetudinibus ubique sicut eas à rege Edwardo melius unquam tenui.

Hujus ergo rei testes extiterunt, inprimis rex Edwardus, Eadsi archiepiscopus Cantuariensis, et Alredus episcopus Wigornensis, et Wolfyus episcopus Lichfeldensis, Manni abbas Eveshamensis, et Godwinus abbas Winchelcombensis, Alfricus abbas Pershoverensis, Godwinus comes, Araldus comes, Siwardus comes, Ordgarus Devenensis, Alwardus de Kinfarton, Wagene de Wotton, et multi alii primates in Anglia quorum hic nomina notare fastidiosum est. Cum hiis ergo omnibus rex Edwardus et ego libertatem huic monasterio dedimus, ita ut abbas ejusdem loci soli regi Anglorum sit subjectus, necnon et maledictionem Dei et omnium sanctorum in hæreditatem illis statuimus quicumque hoc monasterium libertate sua et donatione nostra privaverint, aut in aliud jus et ditionem contra legem Dei transmutaverint, quo statuto omnes una voce diximus Amen, Amen.

NUM. III.

Carta Confirmationis Sancti Edwardi Regis et Confessoris, ratificans donum Cartæ prædictæ.

[Ibid.]

PAX regnans largiflua Christi omnipotentis bonitas semper ab omnibus est laudanda omni que laude præferenda, qui nullo bonitatis termino valet concludi in seculorum secula, utpote quia idem Deus ipse sit suæ propriæ bonitatis bonitas, distribuens gratis non tantum dignis verum etiam indignis participium suæ bonitatis,* ut ipsi sua sufficientia et bonorum habundantia, illorum relevare et sustentare debeant inopiam, qui minus secularibus habundant negotiis, ut pro hoc major illis merces à Deo possit donari.^b Unde ego Edwardus Anglorum rex, omnibus post me futuris regibus, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, ducibus, omnibusque Christi fidelibus notum fieri volo, quod venerabilis dux Leofricus, divina inspirante gratia, monitisque gloriosi ac Deo dilecti summi pontificis Alexandri, monasterium sanctæ Dei genitricis Mariæ sanctique Petri et Omnium Sanctorum in villa quæ dicitur Coventre extruxit, largisque muneribus decoravit,^c atque subscripta maneria ad victuale subsidium abbatis et monachorum in eodem loco Deo perpetuè servientium largæ^d donatione et concessione ibidem contulit, videlicet medietatem ejusdem villæ in qua fundata est ipsa ecclesia, deinde Southam, &c.* Pro reverentia itaque et

honore sanctæ Dei genitricis Mariæ sanctique advocati mei apostoli Petri, do et concedo abbati Leofwino, et omnibus futuris, ibidem post eum assistentibus,^f in tota possessione monasterii, sakam et socnam et thelonium suum in terra et in aqua, in urbe et extra, et omnes leges et consuetudines tam plenè quam^g liberè sicut eas præfatus dux honorificentius et liberius de me tenuit.

Præcipio itaque ut omnia quæ ad ipsam ecclesiam pertinent sint omnino libera, terræ cultæ et incultæ, cum exitibus atque redditibus prædictorum. Necnon maneria, et ecclesias,^h cimiteria, decimas, redditus, et servicia debita, oblationes, luminaria, causarum discussiones, emendationes ecclesiasticas vel seculares, et quicquid illi loco collatum est subintegra immunitate concedimus et perpetuò firmamus.ⁱ Et ne quis præsentium vel magis futurorum ambiget quæ sit illa libertas quam amabiliter et firmiter concedo omnimodis, cuncta illius ecclesiæ possessio nullis sit unquam gravata oneribus, nec expeditionis nec pontis et arcis edificatione,^k furium apprehensione. Et ut omnia simul comprehendam, nil debet exolvi nec regi nec regis præposito vel episcopo vel ulli homini, sed omnia exolvantur^l jugiter quæ in ipsa ditione^m fuerint, ad supradictum sanctum locum secundum quod ordinaverint fratres ejusdem cœnobii. Ut autem cunctis hæc transgredientibus ad damnationem suam possintⁿ ostendi, literas summi pontificis papæ Alexandri quas ab eo suscepimus directas, tam posteris quam præsentibus hic manifestari curabimus.

NUM. IV.

Bulla domini Alexandri Papæ confirmans Chartam prædictam.

[Ibid.]

ALEXANDER episcopus servus servorum Dei, dilecto filio Edwardo regi Anglorum salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Scriptorum vestrorum eloquia incolumitatem vestram significantia læti suscepimus. Gratias itaque omnipotenti Deo retulimus qui cordis vestri sinceritatem ad omnia utilia sanctæ matris ecclesiæ compungit. Proinde juxta scripta vestra monasterio Sanctæ Mariæ de Coventria, ubi servorum Dei constituta est congregatio, à reverendæ memoriæ Leofrico duce nuper extracto, hujusmodi privilegia præsentis autoritatis nostræ indulgemus concedimus atque confirmamus; statuentes ut ipse locus rigis^o præceptis et privilegiis apostolicis fultus, per omnia tempora sine vexatione cujuscumque diocesani episcopi aut alicujus judiciaræ potestatis cujuscumque ordinis vel dignitatis sit, et^p semper, sicut præoptat et expetit benevolentia tua regalis futuro tempore permaneat. Fratres igitur ejusdem loci idoneos ex se vel ex qua voluerint congregatione abbates sive decanos sibi per successiones eligendi habeant potestatem, et ne impediatur autoritate apostolica prohibemus. Præterea quicquid illi loco contulerunt,^q vel collatum est, vel conferetur, divina et nostra autoritate roboramus. Necnon privilegia vestra ad honorem Dei pertinentia quæ ibi instituire volueris, gratanti effectum annuimus confirmamus, et confirmando imperpetuum stare decrevimus. Et infractores eorum æterna maledictione damnamus.

Acta anno Dominicæ incarnationis millesimo quadragésimo tercio.^r

^k edificamine, nec juris regalis fragimine, nec furis apprehensione. Ibid.

^l debita exsolvant. Ibid. ^m dominatione. Ibid.

ⁿ evidenter possit. Ibid. ^o regum. Ibid.

^p sed. Ibid. ^q contuleris. Ibid.

^r Anno incarnationis Dominicæ M^o.xliij. scripta est hæc singrapha hiis consentientibus gerarchis qui subter notati, videlicet.

✠ Ego Edwardus rex hanc meam liberatem regali stabilimento affirmavi. ✠ Ego Alfgyfa mater ejusdem regis assensum accommodavi. ✠ Ego Edith regina ejusdem collateralis regis ejusdem donationi regali consensi. ✠ Ego Eadfinus Dorobernensis ecclesiæ archiepiscopus adquevi. ✠ Ego Alfricus Eboracensis ecclesiæ archipræsul corroboraui. ✠ Ego Alfwodus Londoniensis episcopus subposui. ✠ Ego Aldredus Episcopus Wygorn. impressi. ✠ Ego Duduco episcopus Willensis adnotavi. ✠ Ego Wlfinus episcopus Lichefeld. consolidavi. ✠ Ego Athelstanus episcopus Herfordensis stabilivi. ✠ Ego Liuingus episcopus Cridiensis adposui. ✠ Ego Adnothus episcopus Dorcens. consensum præbui. ✠ Ego Writhwinus episcopus Scirber-

* suæ bonitatis. Est quippe rex regum et dominus dominantium, omniumque subsistentium visibilium atque invisibilium creator, et suæ creationis discretissimus dispositor, attingens a fine usque ad finem, suaviterque disponens omnem creaturam ut competit divinæ dominationi ejus. Nam quosdam libero arbitrio quibusdam præficit dignitate hujus seculi, et operibus diversis, quibus rursum mandat ut ipsi sua sufficientia, &c. MS. penes Tho. Sharp, arm.

^b ut pro hoc major posuit mercede ab eo donari. Ibid.

^c decoravit, adornavit. Ibid. ^d mea larga. Ibid.

^e Sutham, Greneburgam, Icketonam, Hunitonam, Neoyenham, Hultune, Chadelaunte, Herdewyk, Cestretune, Waspertune, Suoham, Wydingabirig juxta Auen, Merston, Item Merstuna in Glocestr. medietatem villæ de Lintune, Sowe, Salewarp, Eatuna juxta fluvium de Kildesbig, Winewitan, Burhbeca, Warwalle, Scrapetoft, Pakinton. Pro reverentia, &c. Ibid.

^f abbatibus. Ibid.

^g maneriorum ecclesiæ. Ibid.

^h confirmamus. Ibid.

ⁱ et tam. Ibid.

NUM. V.

Genealogia Fundatoris.

[Ad calcem Florentii Wigorn. MS. penes Archiep. Armachanum, an. 1649.]

1. LEOFRICUS comes Leicestriae, tempore Ethelbaldi regis Merciorum genuit filium nomine Algarum, et tunc comes Lincoln, dictus erat Egga.

2. Algarus primus, vel senior, tempore Offæ, Kenulfi, et Withlafi regum, genuit filium nomine Algarum, et mortuus sepultus est apud Croyland.

3. Algarus secundus, tempore Bernulfi et Burreddi regum Merciorum genuit Leofricum secundum, et occisus est à Danis Ungar et Ubba in Kesteven apud Strekingham; sepultus erat apud Croyland.

4. Leofricus secundus genuit Leofwinum, postea comitem tempore Alfredi et Edwardi primi, regum totius Angliæ.

5. Leofwinus comes Leicestriae genuit Leofricum postea comitem, et Edwinum occisum per Walenses, et Normannum occisum cum Edrico duce Merciorum per Cnutonem regem. Iste Leofwinus fuit in tempore Ethelstani, Edmundi, Edredi, et Edgari regum Angliæ.

6. Leofricus tertius, nobilis fundator multorum cœnobiorum, tempore Edwardi secundi, Ethelredi, Cnutonis, Haroldi, Hardicanuti, et Edwardi tertii regum Angliæ genuit Algarum postea comitem. Iste Leofricus jacet apud Coventream.

7. Algarus tertius, tempore regis Edwardi, sæpius exlegatur et toties strenuissimè cum rege reconciliatus, genuit Edwinum et Morcarum, postea comites, et filium nomine Luciam postea comitissam.

Edwinus comes Warwike, et Morcarus comes Eboracensis, ambo fratres dimicabant contra Willielmum Conquestorem, et tandem suorem insidiis occisi sunt; obtinuitque Lucia soror eorum terras paternas, quæ nupta est primò Yvoni Taylboys à qua nullam suscepit sobolem, tempore Willielmi Conquestoris et Willielmi Rufi.

Lucia comitissa, tempore Henrici primi nupta Rogero filio Geroldi Romara peperit filium nomine Willielmum postea comitem de terris paternis et Lincoln. comitatus; nupta etiam tertio viro, tempore regis Stephani, id est Ranulfo comiti Cestriae, peperit filium Ranulfum postea comitem Cestriae. Ista Lucia jacet apud Spalding.

Willielmus de Romara, frater Rogeri de Romara fundator de Revesby, genuit Willielmum de Romara qui ante patrem obiit, et sepultus est apud Revesby; pater etiam, in extremis factus monachus, jacet apud Revesby; post cujus obitum Willielmus de Romara filius Lucie comitissæ ex Rogero, de Rogero de Romara, obtinuit à rege Henrico secundo omnes terras quondam Willielmi de Romara patris sui, et fundavit monasterium de Cliva, et moriens sine sobole jacet apud Revesby; Ranulfusque comes Cestriae frater ejus obtinuit à rege Johanne omnes terras suas.

NUM. VI.

Carta Willielmi I. Regis.

[Ex autogr. pen. Dom. Sim. Archer, baron.]

WILLELMUS rex Anglorum Petro episcopo Cestrens. et Willelmo comiti fil. Osberni, et Hugoni comiti Cestrens. cæterisque comitibus ac baronibus, vicecomitibus, omnibusque fidelibus suis, Francis et Anglis, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et dedisse Deo et ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Coventrea et abbati Leofwino fratribusque ejusdem loci, ad victuale subsidium, omnes donationes terrarum aliarumque rerum omnium quas Leofricus comes pro salute animæ suæ ibidem contulit, cum saca et socna, toll et team, sic solutas et liberas sicut piæ memoriæ rex Æadwardus cognatus meus melius et plenius eisdem concessit, et per cartas suas confirmavit. His testibus, Odone Baioc. episcopo, Gosfrido episcopo de Constantiis, Roberto comite de Moreton. Rogerio comite de Mungumer. Henrico de Ferrariis. Valet.

nensis confirmavi. ✚ Ego Berhtwold episcopus Wiltuniensis conelusi. ✚ Ego Manni abbas. ✚ Ego Siward abbas. ✚ Ego Alfwinus abbas. ✚ Ego Godwinus abbas. ✚ Ego Alfstanus abbas. ✚ Ego Godwinus dux. ✚ Ego Haroldus dux. ✚ Ego Leofricus dux. ✚ Ego Siward dux. ✚ Ego Sweyn dux. ✚ Ego Tostig dux. ✚ Ego Radulphus

NUM. VII.

Carta Willielmi I. Regis de Libertatibus.

[Cart. Harl. Antiq. Mus. Brit. 43 C. 10.]

W. REX Anglorum omnibus vicecomitibus in quorum vicecomitatum abbas de Cofentreio terras habet salutem. Sciatis quod ego volo ut ipse omnia sua cum honore habeat et sace et socne in urbibus et extra sicut umquam melius habuit; et ego nolo ut aliquis de ejus socne se intromittat nisi cui voluerit ipse; et quod ego illum de omni opere castelli per totam abbatiam clamo quietum usque in sempiternum, et tibi præceptum audiat, sin autem reddat et rectum faciat.

NUM. VIII.

Prædia ad Ecclesiam S. Mariæ de Coventreo spectantia, tempore Willielmi Regis Conquestoris.

[Ex Libro Censuali vocato *Domesday Book*, in domo Capitulari Westmon. asservato.]

Glowec'scire, tom. i. fol. 166.

TERRA S. MARIE DE COVENTREV. In Celfleode Hvnd. Ecclesia S. Mariæ de Coventrev tenet MERESTONE. Ibi x. hidæ. In dominio sunt iii. car. et xv. villani et iii. bord. cum xii. car. Ibi vi. servi. et pratum de x. sol. Valuit viii. lib. modo c. sol.

Wirec'scire, ibid. fol. 174.

TERRA ECCLESIE DE COVENTREV. In Clent Hund. Ecclesia S. Mariæ de Couentreu tenet SALEWARPE. Ibi i. hida in WICH. Vrso tenet de abbate. et hæc terra est in parco. ejus. et ipse habet iiiii. burgenses et vi. salinas in WICH. Valuit xlv. sol. modo xxxv. solid.

Northant'scire, ibid. fol. 222 b.

TERRA ECCLESIE DE COVENTREV. In Gisleburg. Hund. et dim. Abbatia de Coventrev. tenet iii. hid. et unam virgatam terræ in WINEWICHE. Terra est vi. car. et dimid. Ibi sunt in dominio iii. car. et xvi. villani cum presbitero et v. bord. habent iii. car. Valet l. sol.

In ESSEBI tenet abbas ii. hid. et dim. et pertinet ad Wineuiche. Terra est v. car. Ibi sunt iiiii. villani et v. bord. cum ii. car. Valet x. sol.

In Alvratlev Hund. In CHIDESBI tenet abbas ii. hid. Terra est v. car. In dominio sunt ii. car. et iii. servi. et x. villani, et viii. bord. cum iii. car. Ibi viii. acr. prati. Valet l. sol.

In EDDONE tenet abbas ii. hid. Terra est iii. car. Ibi sunt iiiii. villani cum ii. bord. et iiiii. sochemannis habent iiiii. car. Val. xx. sol. Vna ex his hidis redd. socam in Wineuiche.

Ledecest'scire, ibid. fol. 231.

TERRA S. MARIE DE COVENTREV. In Gutlacistam Wap. Abbatia de Coventrev tenet BYRBECK. Ibi est i. hida. et iiiii. pars i. hidæ. Ibi sunt xxii. car. terræ et dimid. In dominio sunt ii. car. et xx. villani cum ii. bord. et ii. servis habent viii. car. Ibi pratum una quarent. long. et tantundem lat. Silva dim. leu. long. et iiiii. quarent. lat. Valuit ii. solid. quando abbas recepit modo iiiii. lib.

Ipsa abbatia tenet iii. car. terræ in MERSITONE. Terra est ii. car. Has habent ibi iii. sochemanni cum v. bord. Ibi viii. acr. prati. Valuit xii. den. Modo x. solid.

Ipsa abbatia tenet iiiii. car. terræ in BAREWELLE. In dominio est i. car. et xiiii. villani cum presbitero et iii. bord. habent ii. car. Ibi prati i. quarent. long. et tantundem lat. Silva i. leu. long. et iii. quarent. lat. Valet xxx. sol.

In ipsa villa sunt viii. sochemanni habentes v. car.

More. ✚ Ego Esgar. ✚ Ego Rodbord minister. ✚ Ego Hulfketel minister. ✚ Ego Godwine minister. ✚ Ego Frewine minister. ✚ Ego Leofric minister. ✚ Ego Moricere minister. ✚ Ego Alfgar minister. ✚ Ego Godric minister. ✚ Ego Leofric minister. ✚ Ego Siward minister. ✚ Ego Athelai minister. Ibid.

Ad hanc uillam pertinet i. car. terræ in STAPLESTONE. cuius pecunia hic est subscripta.

In Geretrev Wapent. Ipsa abbatia tenet SCRAPENTOR. Ibi sunt xii. car. terræ. In dominio sunt ii. car. et iii. servi. et vii. villani cum vi. sochemannis. et iii. bord. habent v. car. Ibi x. acr. prati. Valuit ii. solid. Modo xi. solid.

In Gosencote Wapent. Ipsa abbatia tenet viii. car. terræ et dim. in PACHINTONE. In dominio est i. car. et iii. villani cum presbitero et i. bord. et v. sochemannis habent iii. car. Ibi molinum de xii. den. et iii. acr. prati. Valet xx⁴. sol.

In CHEREBEI tenet Hugo i. car. terræ et dim. de abbate. Valet ii. solid.

Warwicscire, ibid. fol. 238 b.

TERRA ECCLESIA DE COVENTREV. In Coleshelle Hvnd. Abbatia de Coventrev ten. in FILVNGER dimid. hid. Terra est ii. car. Ibi sunt viii. villani et vi. bord. cum ii. car. Ibi siluæ quarta pars leuue. cum onerat. Val. x. sol. Tempore regis Edwardi. valebat x. solid. Modo xxx. solid.

In Meretone Hund. Ipsa æcclesia RANEBERGE. Ibi sunt viii. hidæ et una v. Terra est xviii. car. In dominio sunt ii. car. et xxvii. villani et xi. bord. et iii. servi cum xiiii. car. Ibi molin. de xvi. den. et xxxii. acr. prati. Tempore regis Edwardi valebat vi. lib. et post c. sol. Modo viii. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet SVRLAND. Ibi sunt vi. hidæ. Terra est xii. car. In dominio sunt ii. car. et iii. servi et xxvi. villani et ix. bord. cum viii. car. Ibi xl. acr. prati. Tempore regis Edwardi valebat vii. lib. et post iii. lib. Modo vi. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet DERBINGERIE. Ibi sunt ii. hidæ. Terra est iii. car. In dominio sunt ii. car. et iii. servi. et iii. villani et vi. bord. cum i. car. Ibi vi. acr. prati. Tempore regis Edwardi valebat xl. sol. et post xx. sol. Modo xxxv. sol.

In Stanleie Hund. Ipsa æcclesia tenet BILVEIE. Ibi sunt iii. hidæ. Terra est viii. car. In dominio est una car. et iii. servi. et x. villani et vi. bord. cum v. car. Ibi viii. acr. prati. Silva dimid. leuu. long. et una quarent lat. Tempore regis Edwardi et modo val. lx. solid. Hanc terram tenuit Aldgid uxor Grifin. Hanc. abb. emit ab O. filio Ricardi.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet in CONDONE iii. virg. terræ. Terra est ii. car. Ibi sunt iii. villani et vi. bord. cum ii. car. et i. servo. Silva iii. quarent. et iii. pertic. long. et iii. quarent. lat. Valuit et valet xx. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet in SVCHAM iii. hid. Terra est xii. car. In dominio sunt ii. car. et vii. servi et xx. villani et viii. bord. cum viii. car. Ibi ii. molini de iii. solid. et x. acr. prati. Silva i. leuu. long. et dim. leuu. lat. Hæc silva est in manu regis. Tempore regis Edwardi et modo val. c. sol. Cum recep. lx. sol.

Huic æcclesia dedit Aluuius vicecomes CLIPTONE concessu regis E. et filiorum suorum pro anima sua et testimonio comitatus. Comes Albericus hanc injuste invasit et æcclesiæ abstulit.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet in SOWA iii. hid. et dim. Terra est v. car. In dominio est una et iii. servi. et x. villani cum v. car. Ibi molinum de ii. solid. Silva dimid. leuu. long. et iii. quarent. lat. Tempore regis Edwardi valebat xl. solid. Modo lx. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet VLCHETONE iii. hid. Terra est viii. car. In dominio sunt ii. et vii. servi. et xii. villani et ii. bord. cum vi. car. Ibi i. acr. prati. Tempore regis Edwardi valebat iii. lib. et post xl. sol. modo c. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet ICETONE. Ibi v. hidæ. Terra est xvi. car. In dominio sunt ii. et vi. servi. et xxx. villani et vii. bord. cum xiii. car. Ibi l. acr. prati. Tempore regis Edwardi valebat x. lib. et post iii. lib. Modo xii. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet in EDBVRBERIE i. hid. et unam virgatam terræ. Terra est i. car. Vasta est per exercitum regis. Ibi ii. acr. prati. Valuit x. solid. Modo ii. solid.

In Honesberie Hund. Ipsa æcclesia tenet HERDE-

WICHE. Ibi sunt xv. hidæ. Terra est xvi. car. In dominio sunt ii. car. et iii. servi. et xliii. villani et ii. bord. cum xiii. car. Ibi xl. acr. prati. Tempore regis Edwardi valebat ix. lib. et post iii. lib. modo x. lib.

In Fexhole Hund. Ipsa æcclesia tenet HVNTONE. Ibi sunt v. hidæ. Terra est xvi. car. In dominio sunt iii. car. et xxxvi. villani et xiii. bord. et iii. servi cum x. car. Ibi iii. molini de liiii. solid. et iii. denar. et xl. acr. prati. Tempore regis Edwardi valebat x. lib. et post vii. lib. Modo x. lib.

In Tremelav Hund. Ipsa æcclesia tenet CEDELES-HVNT. Ibi sunt v. hidæ. Terra est xvi. car. In dominio sunt ii. car. et vi. servi. et xviii. villani et xii. bord. cum viii. car. Ibi xii. acr. prati. Tempore regis Edwardi valebat vi. lib. et post iii. lib. Modo vii. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet in CESTRETON i. hid. et dimid. Terra est iii. car. In dominio sunt ii. car. et iii. servi. et v. villani et ix. bord. cum ii. car. Ibi x. acr. prati. Tempore regis Edwardi valebat xl. sol. et post xx. sol. Modo l. sol.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet WASMERTONE. Ibi sunt v. hidæ. Terra est xi. car. In dominio est una et ii. servi. et xviii. villani et unus bord. cum vii. car. Ibi molinum de xx. sol. et iii. summ. salis et mille anguill. Ibi xxx. acr. prati. Silva dimid. leuu. long. et ii. quarent. lat. Tempore regis Edwardi valebat iii. lib. et post l. solid. Modo lxx. solid.

In Fernecvmbre Hund. Ipsa æcclesia tenet NEWHAM. Ibi sunt v. hidæ. Terra est xiiii. car. In dominio sunt ii. car. et iii. servi. et xv. villani, et v. bord. cum viii. car. Valuit et val. vi. lib.

In Honesberie Hund. Ipsa æcclesia tenet in RADWEI iii. hid. et Ermenfridus de abbate. Terra est vi. car. In dominio est una et iii. servi. et xiii. villani et vi. bord. habent v. car. et dimid. Ibi xvi. acr. prati. Valuit xx. solid. Modo l. solid.

NUM. IX.

Cælestini III. Papæ Literæ de Restitutione Monachorum Coventriæ, A. D. 1198.

[Annal. Monast. Burton, Rerum Anglic. Script. Vet. tom. i. p. 254.]

CÆLESTINUS episcopus, servus servorum, &c. dilectis filiis archiepiscopo Cantuariensi, episcopo Lincolniensi, et abbati de Sancto Edmundo, salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Sicut ea quæ a prædecessoribus nostris provida fuerint deliberatione statuta, nullatenus irritari volumus vel infringi; sic quæ per surreptionem ab eis obtenta sunt, in honestatis ecclesiasticæ detrimentum, corrigi volumus, et in statum redigi meliorem. Cum enim, sicut accepimus, imo sicut bene novimus, in Coventriæ ecclesia, fere a prima fidei Christianæ fundatione in Anglia, Ordo fuerit Monasticus institutus; et in tantum ea observantia servierunt regulari,* ut ab Apostolica Sede privilegiari, et inclytæ recordationis Regibus Angliæ dotari meruerunt et ditari; dolemus plurimum, quod venerabilis frater noster Cestrensis episcopus, occasione quarundam literarum quas a bonæ memoriæ papa Clemente prædecessore nostro, ad falsam suggestionem sine conniventia,^b nostra et fratrum nostrorum, sicut dicitur, et vix credere possumus, impetravit; dilectos filios nostros priorem et conventum de eodem monasterio violenter eiecit, et canonicos in eo instituit seculares. Cum igitur id in monasticæ religionis, et totius ecclesiasticæ disciplinæ redundet opprobrium; nec nostræ intentionis sit, quod dictus prædecessor noster tantæ irregularitati, nisi circumventus, auctoritatem præstiterit aut favorem; fraternitati vestræ per apostolica scripta mandamus, et in virtute obedientiæ districtè præcipimus, quatenus (prædictis literis, vel aliis privilegiis Confirmationis vel Indulgentiæ, nequaquam obstantibus), amotis ab eodem monasterio secularibus clericis, qui in eo fuerunt per supradictum episcopum instituti, sine alicujus quæstionis impedimento monasticum ibidem ordinem reformatis, monachos ejectos exinde reducentes^c in illud, et tales in eo instituentes personas qui beati Benedicti regulam observare debeant et desiderent. Memoratum vero episcopum, et universos detentores bonorum ejusdem ecclesiæ, ad eorum restitutionem per censuram

* f. regulares.

^b conscientia.

^c redeuntes *MS. ut et Hoved.*

ecclesiasticam, appellatione postposita,* compellatis. Volumus etiam nihilominus, et mandamus, ut donationes ejusdem episcopi, infeudationes, locationes, et alienationes possessionem ejusdem ecclesie ab eo tempore factas, nostra freti auctoritate cassatis; eos qui contravenire præsumserint, sublato appellationis obstaculo, censura canonica percellentes; illos qui manus violentas in prædictos monachos injecerunt, denunciatis excommunicatos, et cum literarum vestrarum testimonio veniant ad sedem apostolicam absolvendi. Datum, &c.

NUM. X.

Carta Regis Henrici III. de Libertatibus Ecclesie Coventr.

[MS. Lansd. Mus. Brit. 400, p. 86.]

HENRICUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, dux Normanniæ, Aquitanniæ, et comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopus, episcopus, abbatibus, prioribus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, præpositis, ministris, et omnibus ballivis ac fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis nos intuitu Dei et pro salute animæ nostræ et antecessorum et hæredum nostrorum concessisse, et hac carta nostra confirmasse Deo et ecclesie beatæ Mariæ Coventr. et Priori ejusdem loci et Monachis ibidem Deo servientibus omnes terras et tenuras suas cum soka et saca, tol et them, infangineth, hamsoken, forstall, blodwyte, flytwyte, wardewyte, et moundbrache, et quod ipsi et omnes terræ suæ et omnia maneria sua cum pertinent. et firmarii et alii homines sui præter illos qui tenent de eis per servitium militare plusquam feodum dimidii militis sint quieti imperpetuum de murthero, de latrocinio, de sect. shyrrarum et hundredorum, et de auxiliis vicecomitum, de visu franci plegii, de operibus castellorum, vivariorum, et stagnorum. Quare volumus et firmiter præcipimus quod prædicti prior et monachi habeant et teneant imperpetuum prædictas terras et tenuras suas bene et in pace, libere et quiete, integre, plenarie, et honorifice, cum omnibus libertatibus et quietantibus sicut prædictum est. Test. E. London. P. Wynton. J. Bathon. R. Sar. episcopis; Henr. de Burgo justic. nostro; Willielmo de Emeford, Ricardo de Argent seneschallis nostris; et aliis. Dat. per manum venerabilis patris Ricardi Cicestr. cancell. nostri apud Westm. quarto decimo die mensis Februarii anno regni nostri undecimo.

NUM. XI.

Carta de Warennæ.

[Cart. 41 Hen. III. m. 4, é Cod. MS. membr. in 4to. pen. Tho. Sharp arm. fol. 8.]

HENRICUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hybernæ, dux Normanniæ, Acquitanniæ, et comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopus, episcopus, abbatibus, prioribus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, præpositis, ministris, et omnibus ballivis ac fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse et hac carta nostra confirmasse dilectis nobis in Christo priori et conventui de Coventr. quod ipsi et eorum successores imperpetuum habeant liberam warennam in omnibus dominicis terris suis de Coventr. Condolme, Sowe, Wilnehale, Franketon, Merston, et Herdewike, Sutham, et Olefton, Offechirche, Wasperton, Honiton, Pacwode, Pakinton, Scrapetoft, Potteres Merston, Stude, et Bradele, dum tamen terræ illæ non sunt infra metas forestæ nostræ. Ita quod nullus intret terras illas ad fugandum in eis vel ad aliquid capiendum quod ad warennam pertineat sine licentia et voluntate ipsorum Prioris et Conventus vel successorum suorum super forisfacturam nostram decem librarum. Concessimus etiam eisdem Priori et Conventui quod ipsi et eorum successores imperpetuum habeant unum mercatum apud prædictum manerium suum de Pakinton singulis septimanis per diem Jovis, et quod habeant unam feriam apud prædictum manerium suum de Sutham singulis annis per tres dies duraturam, videlicet in vigilia, in die, et in crastino apostolorum Petri et Pauli nisi mercatum illud et feria illa sint ad nocumentum vicinorum mercatorum et vicinarum feriarum. Quare volumus et firmiter præcipimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris quod prædicti prior et conventus et

eorum successores imperpetuum habeant prædictam warennam nisi sit infra metas forestæ nostræ et prædictam mercatum et feriam cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad hujus mercatum et feriam pertinentibus nisi mercatum illud et feria illa sint ad nocumentum vicinorum mercatorum et vicinarum feriarum sicut prædictum est. Hiis testibus, Roberto Walraund, Hymberto Pugeys, Nicholao de Molis, fratre Johanne de Derlinton, Willielmo de Sancta Ermyna, Nicholao de Sancto Mauro, Waltero de Merton, Bartholomeo le Bigot, Willielmo Gernun, et aliis. Dat. per manum nostram apud Lichesfeld primo die Augusti anno regni nostri quadragesimo primo.

NUM. XII.

Carta Galfridi filii Roberti de Stokes facta Priori et Conventui de quadam Cultura in Offechirch.

[Chartul. Abb. Coventr. pen. T. Sharp. arm. fol. 16 b.]

OMNIBUS sanctæ matris ecclesie filiis præsens scriptum inspecturis, Galfridus filius Roberti de Stokes salutem in Domino. Noveritis me, misericordiæ et pietatis intuitu et pro salutæ animæ meæ, et pro salute corporis mei et corporis uxoris meæ, et animarum antecessorum meorum, et parvorum meorum, et successorum meorum, et omnium parentum meorum, et omnium fidelium defunctorum, dedisse et concessisse et præsentem carta mea confirmasse Deo et ecclesie sanctæ Mariæ de Coventre et priori et conventui ibidem Deo servientibus, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, quandam culturam quam habui in villa de Offechirch quæ scilicet vocatur la Benherche, habendam et tenendam prædictis priori et conventui et successoribus suis libere, quiete, bene, et in pace imperpetuum in purum et integrum dominicum suum, ita quod nec ego Galfridus nec hæredes mei, nec aliquis per nos, nec aliquid poterimus nec debemus in prædicta cultura exigere nec habere nec clamare imperpetuum. Et pro amore Dei et beatæ Mariæ, et pro amore beati Petri apostoli et Pauli, et sancti Benedicti, et Omnium Sanctorum, in quorum honore fundata est ecclesia de Coventre, ut me in fraternitatem vestram recipiatis, et ut mihi victum et vestitum in vita mea et habitum ante finem meum vestrum concedatis et inveniatis. Ut autem hæc mea donatio et concessio et confirmatio perpetua confirmatæ existant, præsentem cartam meam sigilli mei impressione roboravi, hiis testibus, abbate de Combe, priore de Kenellworth, abbate de Stanle, et aliis.

NUM. XIII.

De Ecclesia de Alspath.

[Ibid. fol. 2 b.]

OMNIBUS sacrosanctæ ecclesie filiis Ivo de Alspath salutem. Sciant tam posteri quam præsentibus quod ego recognosco ecclesiam de Alspath jure parochiæ pertinere ad monasterium de Coventre et ad monachos ibidem Deo servientes. Et concedo ut quicquid juris dominus alicujus feodi, sive in præsentatione sive in alio jure cænobio concedere potest, præfati monachi habeant in ecclesia prætaxata. Et ne aliquis in posterum hanc veritatem valeat perturbare, eam scripti mei et sigilli impressione communio. Et hæc facta pro salute animæ meæ et antecessorum meorum. Hiis testibus, Edmundo Co. archid. Ric. capellano, Ricardo et Ricardo cleric. archidiaconi, Liulfo de Coventr. Alur. clerico, Roberto nepote Yvonis, Ernasio de Coventr. Helia de Merston, Simone filio Liulfi, Willielmo de Estessia, Rondulpho nepote Yvonis, et aliis.

NUM. XIV.

Item de Ecclesia de Alspath.

[Ibid.]

NOTUM sit omnibus tam præsentibus quam futuris quod ego James le Bret concessi Deo et ecclesie sanctæ Mariæ Co. et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, pro salute animæ meæ et Aliciæ matris meæ, et animarum antecessorum et successorum meorum ecclesiam de Alspath, cum

* proposita. Hoved.

omnibus pertinentiis suis: habendum et tenendum in liberam et puram ac perpetuam elemosynam, et secundum tenorem cartæ Yvonis de Alspath avi mei eandem ipsis confirmavi, præsentationem vicariæ ejusdem libere et quiete ad ipsos tanquam ad veros patronos nomine matricis ecclesiæ Co. jure parochiali pertinere recognovi. Et si quid juris umquam in ecclesia illa habere clamavi, ipsam calumpniam et clamium pro salute mea et antecessorum et successorum meorum a me et hæredibus meis ecclesiæ Co. et ipsis imperpetuum penitus remisi et quietum clamavi. Et ne aliqua controversia a meis successoribus contra ecclesiam et monachos Co. de advocacione aut præsentatione prædictæ ecclesiæ futuris temporibus oriri possit, omnes scire volo quod tempore Yvonis avi mei data fuit ecclesia de Alspath Henrico filio Petri de Norhampton ad præsentationem Prioris Laurentii et monachorum Co. et iterum immediate magistro Adæ de Hulugton ad præsentationem Prioris Galfridi et monachorum Co. me hæc vidente. In cujus autem rei test. &c. Hiis testibus, &c.

NUM. XV.

De Redditu in Wasperton assignato Anniversario Reginaldi quondam Subprioris istius Loci.

[Ibid. fol. 20 b.]

SCIANT præsentis et futuri quod ego Willielmus de Shulton dedi, concessi, et hac præsentati carta mea confirmavi Willielmo de Lichefelt perpetuo vicario de Wasperton et hæredibus vel assignatis suis unum mesuagium cum octo acris terræ et dimid. acra prati cum suis pertinentiis in villa de Wasperton, illud scilicet mesuagium cum suis pertinentiis prædictis quod fuit quondam Roberti de Shulton, habendum et tenendum de domino priore de Coventre et ejusdem loci conventu et eorum successoribus prædicto Willielmo et hæredibus vel assignatis suis libere, quiete, bene, et in pace, reddendo inde annuatim supradictis priori et conventui et eorum successoribus, et præcipue procuratoribus capituli eorundem qui pro tempore fuerint et specialiter ad faciendum Anniversarium fratris Reginaldi dicti Medici de Coventre quondam subprioris loci ejusdem dimidiam marcam argenti ad duos anni terminos, videlicet ad festum beatæ Mariæ in Martio iij^a. et iij^{or}. den. et ad festum beati Michaelis iij^a. et quatuor den. et dominis feodi servitia inde debita et consueta pro me et hæredibus meis imperpetuum. Et ego dictus Willielmus et hæredes mei prædicto Willielmo et hæredibus suis vel suis assignatis totum prædictum tenementum cum suis pertinentiis in forma prædicta contra omnes homines warant. acquiet. et defendemus imperpetuum. In cujus rei testimonium præsentati scripto inter nos indentato sigilla nostra hinc inde sunt appensa. Hiis testibus Roberto de Stoke, Ad. de Fonte, Ad. le Fremo, Willielmo Carpenter. et aliis.

NUM. XVI.

De Piscaria de Wasperton assignata Conventui per fratrem Henricum de Leyc. Priorem.

[Ibid.]

Næ in posterum recedat a memoria quod subsequitur, hic inseritur; videlicet, quod dominus Henricus Prior hujus loci concessit pro se et pro successoribus suis conventui suo totam piscationem aquæ suæ de Wasperton tam de stagno molendini, quam de baiis pro libito dicti conventus quærendam et expedendam. Dat. Coventr. die Jovis in cæna Dominica anno gratiæ millesimo ccc^{mo}. sexto. Qui hanc concessionem violaverit vel violare præsumperit aut procuraverit, Anathema fiat. Amen.

NUM. XVII.

Copia brevis de Quo Warranto de Itinere Johannis de Valibus, anno regni Regis Edwardi Primi xij^a.

[MS. Lansd. Mus. Brit. 400, p. 87.]

PRIOR DE COVENTRE summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo warranto clamavit habere turnum vicecomitis, furcas, et emendas assisæ panis et cervisiæ

fractæ, weyf, liberam warennam, mercatum et nundinum, pillor. et tumberellum in maneriis suis de Coventre, Honynton, Wasperton, Packwod, Offchurche, Oloughton, Merston, Herdewyke, Sutham, Franckton, Olde Fylougley, et Sowe. Et de hoc quod clamavit habere proprium coronatorem in villa de Coventre, et respond. coram justiciariis in itinere per xij. Jurat. Et de hoc quod clamavit quod omnes sui tenentes sint liberi et quieti de communi amerciamiento et fine amerciamiento et de sectis shyrrarum, hundredorum, murdro, latrocinio, et auxilio vicecomitum. Et de hoc quod clamavit quod ballivus suus simul cum ballivo domini regis debet ire ad omnes districtiones et executiones faciendas pro debitis domini Regis et, al. simul distringere et executiones facere cum prædicto ballivo domini Regis in prædicta villa quæ ad coronam, &c. sine licentia, &c.

Et Prior venit et dicit quod Henricus rex pater domini regis nunc concessit et confirmavit ecclesiæ de Coventre et monachis ejusdem loci prædicta maneria de Coventre, Honynton, Wasperton, Packwod, Offchurch, Oloughton, Merston, Herdwyke, Sutham, Franckton, Olde Filougley, et Sowe, cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus prædictis per cartam prædicti domini Henrici regis quas eisdem monachis fecit, et quas iidem Prior et monachi modo proferunt et hoc idem testantur. Et dicunt quod a tempore confectionis prædictarum cartarum usi sunt libertatibus prædictis plene et sine aliqua interruptione temporis secundum tenorem cartarum prædictarum. Et quoad quasdam libertatum prædict. quæ non continentur in prædictis cartis, videlicet visum franci plegii, weyf, furcas, et emendas [assisæ] panis et cervisiæ fractæ dicunt quod clam. illas libertates a tempore quo non extat memoria. Et dicit [sc. Prior] quod ipse et prædecessores sui a prædicto tempore usi sunt libertate plene et integre, et sine aliqua temporis interruptione. Et hoc petit quod inquiretur per patriam, &c.

Et jurati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod prædicti Prior et monachi habent et habere debent in Coventre duas magnas curias per annum, et weyf, &c. et quod ballivus Prioris vadit cum ballivo domini regis ad omnes executiones faciendas quæ ad regem pertinent; et quod villa respond. per xij. et hoc ab antiquo, warennam, infangenthef, emendas assisæ panis et cervisiæ fractæ, mercatum, et feriam, et quæ ad ea pertinent, collistrigium, et tumberellum, et coronatorem de villa de Coventre. Et quieti sunt de murdro, latrocinio, sectis shyrrarum, hundredorum, et de auxilio vicecomitum per cartas domini Henrici regis patris regis nunc, et quieti de communi amerciamiento. Habent etiam in Sutham feriam et mercatum et quæ ad ea pertinent. Et habent furcas per cartam domini Henrici regis patris domini regis nunc quæ hoc idem testantur. Habent et in maneriis suis de Honynton, Wasperton, Packwod, Offchurch, Oloughton, Merston, Herdewyke, Sutham, Frankton, Sowe, et Oldefylougley in com. Warr. et visum franci plegii, et emendas assisæ panis et cervisiæ fractæ, et weyf, ab antiquo, &c. Et in eisdem maneriis habent warennam liberam, infangenthef, et sunt quieti de murdro, latrocinio, sectis shirarum et hundredorum, et de auxilio vicecomitum per cartam domini Henrici regis prædicti. Et sunt quieti de communi amerciamiento et fine, et hoc ab antiquo in Honynton, Wasperton, Packwod, Sutham et Offchurch. Et habent ibi furcas ab antiquo, a quo non extat memoria. Et ideo prior inde quietus, &c. Salvo, &c.

NUM. XVIII.

Plac. de Quo Warranto et Ragemann. coram Will. de Saham et aliis Justic. itineran. in Com. Glouc. in crast. clausi Paschæ anno regni Regis Edw. I. quintodecimo.

[Ex orig. in Domo Capitul. Westmon. asservata.]

PRIOR DE COVENTRE summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo warranto clamavit habere visum franci plegii et weif in manerio de Dryemerston quæ ad ipsum dominum regem et coronam suam pertinent sine licentia et voluntate ipsius domini regis vel prædecessorum suorum regum Angliæ, &c.

Et prior per attornatum suum venit et dicit quod tota villa de Driemerston est de feodo suo et clamavit habere prædictum visum bis per annum et sine ballivo domini

regis. Et nihil datus domino regi pro prædicto visu habendo, requisitus si habeat judicialia dicit quod habet ibidem furcas et tumberellum. Quæsitus etiam fuit ab eo si quatuor et præpositus veniant ad turnum vicecomitis dicit quod non. Et hoc idem testatum est per ballivum domini regis juratum hundredi de Kistesgate. Et dicit quod ipse et omnes prædecessores sui a tempore quo non extat memoria extiterunt in seisinâ de prædicto visu et weif. Et super seisinâ quam idem prior et prædecessores sui habuerunt dominus Henricus rex pater domini Ricardi regis per cartam suam concessit ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ de Coventrea quam profert et quæ testatur quod idem rex concessit priori de Coventr. et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus omnes terras et tenuras suas cum soka, saka, tol, et theam, infangenthef, hampsokne, forestal, blodewite, fithwite, wardwite, et mundbrith, et quod ipsi et omnes terræ suæ et omnia maneria sua cum pertinentiis, et firmarii et alii homines sui præter illos qui tenent de eis per servitium militare plusquam feodum dimidii militis sint quieti in perpetuum de murdro, latrocinio, sectis shiræ et hundred. et de auxilio vicecomitis et de visu franci plegii. Dat. per manum venerabilis patris R. Cicesterensis episcopi cancellarii regis apud Westm. xiiij°. die Februarii anno regni sui undecimo, unde dicit quod tam longinqua seisinâ sua et prædecessorum suorum a tam longinquo tempore et ratificata et confirmata per dominum regem Henricum ut prædictum est debet ei pro sufficere in hac parte, &c.

Et Willielmus Inge qui sequitur pro domino rege dicit quod prædictæ libertates de visu et weif sunt mere ad coronam domini regis spectantes contra quam coronam nulla longi temporis præscriptio locum tenere debet. Et licet in prædicta cartâ quam profert continetur quod prædictis prior et homines sui sint quieti de visu franci plegii, propter hoc non concessit idem rex ei quod haberet visum franci plegii, unde petit iudicium si ea quæ dicta sunt pro prædicto priore debeant ei pro waranto sufficere in hac parte, &c. Et super hoc datus est dies de audiendo iudicio coram thesaur. et baron. de scaccario apud Westmonasterium a die sancti Michaelis in unum mensem, &c. ad quem diem prior venit per attornatum suum, et datus est ei dies a die Paschæ in xv. dies, ad quem diem venit idem prior per attornatum suum, et datus est ei dies a die sancti Michaelis in xv. dies, &c. Deinde datus est ei dies a die Paschæ in xv. dies, &c. Deinde datus est ei dies in octab. sancti Michaelis. rot. 2.

NUM. XIX.

De Terris, &c. adquisitis, Statuto de Terris et Tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis, non obstante.

[Chartul. Abb. Coventr. pen. T. Sharp arm. fol. 114 b.]

MEMORANDUM quod anno Domini millesimo ccc^{mo}. lxxviiij°. et anno viij°. regis Edwardi filii regis Henrici iij. editum fuit illud Statutum de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis. Ita quod nullus deinceps terras et tenementa vel redditus daret, venderet, legaret, aut mutaret seu quovis titulo viris ecclesiasticis assignaret sine licentia regis et capitalium dominorum prout in eodem plenius continetur.

Post cujus Statuti publicationem idem rex per cartam suam sub dat. x°. die Aprilis anno regni sui xij°. dedit licentiam Thomæ fil. Gervasii de Walton et Johanni de Warwyk dare et assignare priori et conventui Coventr. xl. acras terræ in Oloughton, et xl. solidatas redditus in Coventr. cum pertinentiis quæ sunt de proprio feodo dictorum prioris et conventus.

Item idem rex per aliam cartam sub dat. x°. die Febr. anno regni sui xiiij°. dedit licentiam Johanni le Vynet quod ipse xxij. solidatas redditus cum pertinentiis in Coventr. Et Adæ Olyver quod ipse quatuor acras terræ, unum molendinum, et lx. et x. solidatas redditus cum pertinentiis in eadem villa. Et reginaldo le Crisp' quod ipse unum mesuagium et unam virgatam terræ cum pertinentiis in Merston juxta Herdewyk dare possit et assignare priori et conventui Coventr.

Item idem rex per aliam cartam sub dat. xvij°. die Augusti anno regni sui xvij°. dedit licentiam Rogero de

Monte Alto quod ipse remittere possit et relaxare imperpetuum quiet. clamare priori et conventui Coventr. et eorum successoribus xl. solid. redditus de quodam annuo redditu in quo iidem prior et conventus eidem tenentur pro terris et tenementis quæ de eodem tenent in villa de Coventr. et extra.

Item idem dominus rex per aliam cartam sub dat. xxvj°. die Augusti anno regni sui xvij°. dedit licentiam Roberto de Stoke quod ipse quatuor mesuagia quatuorviginti acras terræ, iijj^{ss}. acras prati, et xxiiij. solidatas redditus cum pertinentiis in Southam. Et Willielmo filio Ricardi de Stainton quod ipse decem solidatas redditus cum pertinentiis in Oloughton. Et Hugoni le Breton quod ipse unum mesuagium cum pertinentiis in Coventr. dare possit et assignare Priori et conventui de Coventr. tenendum et habendum.

Item, idem rex per aliam cartam suam sub dat. vj°. die Febr. anno regni sui xx°. dedit licentiam Waltero de Tany quod ipse unum mesuagium, xxx. acras terræ et iijj^{ss}. acras prati cum pertinentiis in Pacwode. Et Alexandro filio Thomæ de Shukkeburgh quod ipse tres solidatas redditus cum pertinentiis in Shukkeburgh. Et Johanni filio magistro^a Johannis de Scraftoft quod ipse unam virgatam terræ cum pertinentiis in Scraftoft dare possint et assignare priori et conventui.

Item, idem rex per aliam cartam sub dat. xiiij°. die Maij anno regni sui xxiiij°. dedit licentiam Ricardo de Bourton de Coventr. quod ipse duas virgatas terræ et vj. solidatas redditus cum pertinentiis in Merston juxta Herdewyk. Et Petro filio Galfridi de Blokkeley quod ipse quatuor acras terræ cum pertinentiis in Coventr. et Radeford juxta Coventr. dare possit et assignare priori et conventui Coventr.

Item, idem rex per aliam cartam sub dat. xiiij°. die Julii anno regni sui xxvij°. dedit licentiam Petro de Blockeley quod ipse sexaginta solidatas redditus cum pertinentiis in Coventr. Et Roberto Pakeman quod ipse xl. acras bosci cum pertin. in Kerby jam alienatas. Et Thomæ de Leyc. quod ipse medietatem unius mesuagii et tertiam partem unius virgatæ terræ cum pertinentiis in Scraftoft dare possint et assignare priori et conventui per finem factam cum rege coram thesaurario et baronibus suis de scaccario.

Item, idem rex per aliam cartam sub dat. vj°. die Novembr. anno regni sui xxxj°. dedit licentiam Petro de Blockeley quod ipse unum mesuagium et duas virgatas terræ cum pertinentiis in Sowe dare possit et assignare priori et conventui per finem factam cum rege coram W. Coventr. et Lich. episcopo thesaurario suo.

Item, idem rex per aliam cartam sub dat. x°. die Febr. anno regni sui xxxj. dedit licentiam Johanni Maister de Scraftoft quod ipse unum mesuagium et duas virgatas terræ cum pertinentiis in Scraftoft.

Item, idem rex per aliam cartam sub dat. xij°. die Martii anno regni sui xxxiiij°. dedit licentiam Petro de Blockeley quod ipse duo mesuagia et vij. acras terræ cum pertinentiis in Coventr. et Sowe. Et Willielmo fil. Edmundi atte Halle quod ipse unam acram prati cum pertinentiis in Franketon. Et Roberto Hoghel quod tres acras et unam rodam prati cum pertinentiis in Scraftoft dare possint et assignare priori et conventui Coventr. per finem quam prior de Coventre fecit cum rege ad scaccarium suum.

Item, idem rex per aliam cartam sub dat. vj°. die Aprilis anno regni sui xxxiiij. dedit licentiam Petro de Blockley quod ipse quatuor mesuagia, unam acram terræ, unam acram prati, et unam acram pasturæ cum pertinentiis in Coventr. et Wyke dare possit et assignare priori et conventui per finem quem prior Coventr. fecit cum rege in cancellaria sua.

Memorandum quod supradictæ decem acræ terræ sunt de tempore regis Edwardi filii regis Henrici tertii.

De tempore regis Edwardi secundi post Conquestum.

Memorandum quod rex Edwardus secundus post Conquestum per cartam suam sub dat. xx°. die Julii anno regni sui secundo dedit licentiam Roberto de Vnde clerico quod ipse unum mesuagium et sex acras terræ cum pertinentiis

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in Southam dare possit et assignare priori et conventui per finem quem prior fecit cum rege.

Item, idem rex per aliam cartam sub dat. vij^o. die Octobris anno regni sui vij^o. dedit licentiam priori et conventui Coventr. quod ipsi decem libratas terræ et redditus cum pertinentiis per annum juxta verum valorem eorundem de feodo suo proprio adquirere possint et tenere sibi et successoribus suis imperpetuum statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis edito non obstante, dum tamen per inquisitiones inde in forma debita, capiendas et in Cancellaria sua retornandas compertum sit, quod id fieri patet absque dampno vel præjudicio sui et alterius cujuscunque.

Item, idem rex per aliam cartam sub dat. xxvij^o. die Martii anno regni sui xix^o. dedit licentiam priori et conventui Coventr. quod ipsi xx^{li}. mercat. terrarum tenem. et reddituum cum pertinentiis de feodo suo proprio, &c. ut supra in præcedenti carta.

Memorandum quod prior et conventus Coventr. virtute prædictæ cartæ decem librarum xx^o. die Novembris anno regni dicti regis vij^o. adquisierunt terras et tenementa de Roberto Kelle videlicet tria mesuagia cum pertinentiis in Coventr. Et de Thoma Claybrook capellano duo mesuagia cum pertinentiis in eadem villa. Et de Willielmo Billesley vicario ecclesiæ sancti Michaelis Coventr. duo mesuagia cum pertinentiis in Coventr. Et de Roberto Leyc. tria mesuagia et tres partes unius virgatæ terræ cum pertinentiis in eisdem villis de Sowe et Merston juxta Herdewyk. Et de Johanne de Merston quatuor mesuagia et xliij^o. acras terræ cum pertinentiis [in] Oloughton. Quæ quidem mesuagia et terræ sunt de feodo ipsius prioris et valent per annum xxxix^o. sicut per inquisitionem Johannis Abill escaetoris regis factam et in cancellaria regis retornat. plenius est compertum, habend. et tenend. dictis priori et conventui et eorum successoribus in partem satisfactionis decem librarum terr. et tenem. et redditus prædictorum.

Item, iidem prior et conventus virtute dictæ cartæ x^{li}. de licentia ipsius regis per cartam suam sub dat. xxvij^o. die Januar. anno regni sui vij^o. adquisierunt terras et tenementa infrascript. videlicet de Roberto de Leyc. duo mes. xij. acr. terræ et dim. et unam acram bosci cum pertin. in Scraftoft et Radeford juxta Coventr. quæ sunt de feodo ipsius prioris et valent per annum ij^o. ij^d. sicut per J. Abell escaet. patet ut supra.

Item, iidem prior et conventus virtute dictæ cartæ x^{li}. xliij^o. die Maii anno regni dicti regis xj^o. adquisierunt terras et tenementa infrascript. videlicet de Roberto de Leyc. unum mes. lxvj. acr. terræ, unam acram prati, et decem denariatas redditus cum pertinentiis in Scrapetoft, Southam, et Pacwode, quæ sunt de feodo prioris in eodem. Mesuagium, terra, et pratum præter prædictum redditum valent per annum xvij^o. vj^d. per inquisitionem magistri Johannis Walwayn escaetoris regis in Cancellaria est retornat.

Item, iidem prior et conventus virtute dictæ cartæ x^{li}. per aliam cartam ejusdem regis sub dat. iiij^o. die Dec. anno regni sui xliij^o. adquisierunt terras et tenementa infrascript. videlicet de Roberto de Gyldent. unum mesuagium et decem solidatas et quatuor denariatas redditus cum pertinentiis in Coventr. Et de Roberto de Leyc. duo mesuagia j. acr. et j. rodam terræ et dimidiam cum pertinentiis in eadem villa, Southam, et Radeford juxta Coventr. Et de Willielmo vicario ecclesiæ sancti Laurentii in Seint Laurence lane, London, duo mesuagia cum pertinentiis in eadem villa de Southam et Oloughton quæ de prædictis priore et conventu immediate tenentur et valent per annum ij^o. vj^d. sicut per Ricardum de Rodeley escaetorem regis in cancellaria est retornat.

Item, iidem Ricardus prior et conventus virtute dictæ cartæ x. libratas per aliam cartam ejusdem regis sub dat. xliij^o. die Augusti anno regni sui xix^o. adquisierunt terras et tenementa infrascript. videlicet de Roberto de Gyldent. duo mesuag. cum pertin. in Coventr. Et de Roberto Scrapetoft j. mes. cum pertinentiis in eadem villa. Et de Willielmo Passenham medietatem unius rodæ prati cum pertinentiis in eadem villa. Et de Willielmo de Walleford unum mesuag. cum pertinentiis in eadem villa. Et de Roberto de Leyc. vij^{tem}. mesuag. j. toftum, xlvij. acr. et medietatem unius virgatæ et unius acrae terræ cum pertinentiis in eadem villa, et Sowe, Scrapetoft, et Potesmerston. Et

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de Willielmo de Leyc. canonico ecclesiæ sancti Cedda Lich. unum mesuagium cum pertinentiis in eadem villa de Coventre. Quæ quidem mesuag. toftum, terra, et pratum valent ultra servitium inde debitum per annum xxvij^o. iiij^d. sicut per inquisitionem Johannis de Bolyngbrok escaetoris regis in cancellaria retornat. est compertum.

Prædictæ viij. cartæ sunt de tempore regis Edwardi secundi.

De tempore regis Edwardi tertii post Conquæstum.

Memorandum quod dominus Edwardus tertius a Conquæstu dedit licentiam priori et conventui Coventr. per cartam suam sub dat. xij^o. die Dec. anno regni sui primo, quod ipsi terras, tenementa, et redditus cum pertinentiis ad valenc. xxx^o. libr. per annum de feodo suo proprio adquirere possent, statuto de terris et tenementis, &c. dum tamen, &c.

Item, idem rex per aliam cartam suam sub dat. xxv^o. die Novembris anno regni sui tertio mentionem faciens de prædictis xxx^{li}. de feodo Prioris et Conventus acquirend. et gratiam uberiores eisdem facere volens, in hac parte concessit quod ipsi prædictas xxx^{li}. terrarum, tenementorum, et reddituum per annum cum pertinentiis, tam de feodo suo proprio quam alieno, et ultra hoc decem libratas terrarum, tenementorum, et reddituum, scilicet tam de feodo suo proprio quam alieno extra terris, tenementis, et redditibus, quæ de ipso rege tenentur in capite adquirere possent.

Memorandum quod idem rex per cartam suam sub dat. xvij. die Martii anno regni sui quarto, dedit licentiam priori et conventui quod ipsi adquirere possent terras et tenementa infrascript. videlicet de Thoma de Poley persona ecclesiæ de Quenton, et de Thoma vicario de Offchirch tria mesuagia cum pertinentiis in Coventr. Et de Johanne de Shulton et Willielmo Passenham xx^{li}. solidat. redditus cum pertin. in Greneburgh. Et de Johanne de Shulton tria mesuagia et unam acram et dimid. in eadem villa de Coventr. Et de Roberto Scraftoft tria mesuagia in eadem et de Willielmo Passenham decem mesuagia, unum toftum, et iiij^o. et ij. acr. terr. et dim. quinque acras prati, et xxxij. solidatas et viij. denar. redditus cum pertinentiis in Ofchirch, Coventr. et Cobynton, quæ de præfat. priore tenentur. Quæ quidem ten. præter redditum prædictum valent per annum lvij^o. x^d. ob. sicut per inquisitionem factam per Simonem de Berford escaet. regis in cancellaria retornata est compertum, habend. et tenend. eisdem priori et conventui et successoribus suis in partem satisfactionis x. libr. per patrem dicti regis eisdem concessarum vij^o. die Octobris anno regni sui vij^o.

Item, iidem prior et conventus virtute cartæ regis Edwardi secundi de xx. marc. factæ eisdem iiij^o. die Octobris anno regni regis Edwardi III. post Conquæstum quinto adquisierunt terras et tenem. infrascript. videlicet de Johanne de Shulton tria mesuag. xxx. solidat. redditus, et medietatem unius virgatæ terræ cum pertinentiis in Sowe, Coventr. Ofchirch, et Southam. Et de Willielmo Passenham duo mesuagia, unum toftum, et unum molendinum, cum pertinentiis in eadem villa de Coventr. quæ quidem mesuagia, toftum, molendinum, terræ, et redditus de prædictis priore et conventu tenentur sicut per inquisitionem Willielmi Trussell escaetoris in cancellaria retornat. est compertum ad valorem iiij^{li}. per annum in partem satisfactionis xx. marcarum prædictarum.

Item, iidem prior et conventus virtute dictæ cartæ xx^{li}. marcarum prædictarum. xx^o. die Januarii anno regni regis Edwardi III. post Conquæstum vij^o. adquisierunt terras et tenementa infrascript. videlicet de Willielmo Passenham clerico quinque mesuag. xvij. acras terræ et dimid. unam acram, unam rodam et medietatem unius rodæ prati, lxij. solidatas et ix. denar. redditus, medietatem unius mes. et unius virgatæ terræ, et quartam partem unius mesuag. cum pertinentiis in Coventr. Cobynton, Merston juxta Herdewyk, et Radeford juxta Coventr. quæ de dictis priore et conventu tenentur, sicut per inquisitionem Willielmi Erneis escaetoris retornat. est compertum in valorem ciiij^o. ix^d. per annum in partem satisfactionis prædictarum xx. marcarum.

Item, iidem prior et conventus virtute prædictæ cartæ xx^{li}. marcarum xliij^o. die Octobris anno regni regis Ed-

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wardi tertii a Conquæstu xix^o. adquisierunt terras et tenementa infrascript. videlicet de Petro de Ruyton capellano unum mesuagium in Coventr. de Johanne de Haldenby clerico unum mesuagium et unum toftum cum pertinentiis in eadem villa de Roberto Hichecokes de Ofchirch capellano unum mesuagium, iij^{or}. tofta, unam virgatam et tres acras terræ, tres acras patri et dimid. et unam acram pasturæ cum pertin. in Ofchirch. Et de Willielmo de Passenham clerico unum mesuagium, unum toftum, tres acras terræ, et iij. rod. prati, et iij. solidas redditus cum pertinentiis in Honyton et Nether Shuckeburgh. Et homagia et servitia Johannis de Herdewyk, Johannis fil. Roberti Wybert, Willielmi de Caldecote, Willielmi Agas, Roberti le Mulward, Aliciæ le Mulward, Radulphi Rodeberch, Agathæ fil. Stephani, Thomæ Davy, Johannis Davy, Thomæ fil. Thomæ capellani et Ricardi fratris ejusdem Thomæ fratris Thomæ, Johannis fil. Willielmi Clene, Roberti le Hayward, Ricardi Kent de Napton, Thomæ le Straunge, Roberti le Mareschall de Merston, Simonis de Fleckenhoo, Johannis Clene de Shuckeburgh, Willielmi fil. Thomæ Flemmyng, Thomæ Tappe, Thomæ fil. Roberti Tappe, Willielmi de Lalleford, Roberti Sale, Johannis de Burdebury, Rogeri de Fuketon, Matill. Sare, Willielmi Benet, Thomæ fil. Henr. de Shuckeburgh, Willielmi le Taillor, Ricardi Chatr', Thomæ Adam, Rogeri de Somerayle, Thomæ Bunye, Johannis Cler, Thomæ Chatr', Roberti Hervy, et Petri Osbern tenentium ipsorum in Shuckeburgh, quæ de prædicto prior tenentur et valent per annum xx^s. sicut per inquisitionem Johannis de Wyndesore escaetoris in cancellaria retornat. est compertum, habend. et tenend. dictis priori et conventui et eorum successoribus in valore xxx^s. per annum in partem satisfactionis xx. marcarum prædictarum.

Item, iidem prior et conventus virtute prædictæ cartæ xxⁱⁱ. marcarum xvij^o. die Junii anno regni regis Edwardi tertii a Conquæstu xxij^o. adquisierunt terras et tenementa infrascript. videlicet de Willielmo Passenham, Hugone de Pacwode, et Johanne de Haldenby xxxv. mes. duo tofta, duo crofta, quater viginti acras terræ, quinque acras prati, unam acram bosci, duas acras prati, et xvij. solidas redditus cum pertinentiis in Radford, Coundulme, Ofchirche, Coventr. Scruptoft, Wasperton, Greneburgh, Shuckeburgh, Eccleshale, Keresley, et Merston juxta Catesby quæ de priore tenentur et valent per annum ultra servicia inde debita xlij^s. sicut per inquisitionem factam per Johannem de Wyndesore escaetorem in cancellaria retornat. est compertum, habend. et tenend. prædictis priori et conventui et eorum successoribus in valorem quinque marcarum per annum in partem satisfactionis xxⁱⁱ. marcarum prædictarum.

Item, iidem prior et conventus virtute prædictæ cartæ xxⁱⁱ. marcarum, vij^o. die Februarii anno regni regis Edwardi III. a Conquæstu xxv^o. adquisierunt terras et tenementa infrascript. videlicet de Willielmo Passenham et Johanne de Haldenby iij^{or}. mes. unum toftum, duo gardina, lxxij. acr. terræ et duas acras prati cum pertinentiis in Coventr. Southam, Oloughton, et Radeford quæ de dicto priore tenentur, et valent per annum ultra servicia inde debita xxij^s. iij^d. sicut per inquisitionem inde per Johannem de Wyndesore escaetorem in Cancellaria retornat. est compertum, habend. et tenend. prædictis priori et conventui et eorum successoribus in valorem xxvj^s. vij^o. per annum in partem satisfactionis prædictæ xxⁱⁱ. marcarum.

Memorandum quod iidem prior et conventus v^o. die Aprilis anno regni regis Edwardi III. a Conquæstu xxxvij^o. virtute cujusdam cartæ ejusdem regis xxx^{ta}. libr. per annum sub dat. xij^o. die Dec. anno regni sui primo concessæ prædictis priori et conventui adquisierunt terras et tenementa infrascript. videlicet de Ricardo de Blaby clerico xxij. mes. duo tofta, lxij. actas terræ, vij. acr. prati, et ij. acr. moræ cum pertinentiis in Coventr. Eccleshale, Cokynton, Coundulme, Spone, Whaburley, Sow, Bylney, Wylnhale, et Radeford juxta Coventr. quæ de præfatis priore et conventu tenentur et valent per annum ultra servicia inde debita lxxvij^s. sicut per inquisitionem factam per Johannem de Wyndesore escaetorem in cancellaria retornatum est compertum, habend. et tenend. sibi et successoribus suis in valorem c^s. per annum in partem satisfactionis prædictarum xxx. libr.

Item, iidem prior et conventus virtute duarum cartarum

de xl. li. dicti regis Edwardi tertii eisdem concessarum xxx^o. die Maii anno ejusdem regis xlij^o. adquisierunt terras et tenementa infrascript. videlicet de Willielmo Suet, Willielmo Blaby, et Willielmo Ofchirch xij. mesuag. duo tofta, unum croftum, cl. acr. terræ, xx. acr. prati, duas acras bosci, et tres solid. et xj. denar. redditus cum pertin. in Coventr. Radeford juxta Coventr. Coundulme, Eccleshale, Spone, Haruale, Greneburgh, Wylnhale, Sow, Wodend, et Merston, quæ de dicto rege tenentur, et valent per annum ultra servic. inde debita lxij^s. x^d. sicut per inquisitionem factam per Willielmum de Catesby escaetorem in cancellaria retornat. est compertum, habend. et tenend. dictis priori et conventui et eorum successoribus in valorem x. marcarum per annum in partem satisfactionis xlⁱⁱ. prædictarum.

Memorandum quod rex Edwardus tertius per cartam suam sub dat. apud Westm. xxvj^o. die Novembris anno regni sui Angliæ xxxj^o. regni vero Franciæ xvij^o. ad requisitionem Isabellæ reginæ matris suæ concessit et dedit licentiam priori et conventui Coventr. quod ipsi Advocaciones Ecclesiarum quarum taxæ ad cⁱⁱ. se extendunt vel etiam terræ, tenementa, et redditus ad eundem valorem annuum tam de feodo suo proprio quam alieno extra quæ de rege tenentur in capite sibi possit acquirere et imperpetuum possidere, &c. Statuto ad manum mortuam non obstante.

NUM. XX.

Pasturæ Prioris et Conventus Coventr. quæ tenere debent in separali omni tempore Anni, et quæ affirmantur per tripartitam inter Priorem et Conventum ac Communitatem Villæ de Coventr. factam anno regni Regis Edwardi III. post Conquæstum xxix^o.

[MS. Lansd. Mus. Brit. 400, p. 88.]

In primis, Manerium de Harnale cum campis, pratis, et grova adjacen. viz. Gosfordfeld cum grova et pratis adjacen. Erlesmedowe, Longfeld, Swannescrofte, Steplefeld, Spyttecrofte apud Mull stones, Harnale waste, Bisshoppes waste, Beches waste, Bechess et Dame Agnes feld.

Item, Manerium de Whitmore cum parco ejusdem, Scottesfeld, Blakemore, Bewys, Lokerdsfeld, Closelone cum mora de Whitmore et aliis campis, ibidem ab antiquo inclusis, Stoksfield, Sabynsfeld, Peckersfeld, et Wilkesfeld.

Item, le Conyng' le Celerers lesow cum campo adjacente juxta Dalbyes leasowe, le Wynstippe ex opposito Dalbies leasowe.

Item, Pratum ex opposito Sponbridge.

Item, Manerium de Newland cum prato et aliis campis ab antiquo ibidem inclusis, Calverhey cum prato adjacente et le Hall hylls.

Item, Manerium de Hawkesbury cum campis, viz. Fackley, Hoo, Sidenhale, Wyldemersclose, Boyes waste.

Item, in Coundulne, Foulersmore, Priours feld, Gefrey's feld, et omnes clausuras et tenuras quas tenentes dictorum Prioris et Conventus tenent in dictis maneriis, et in Coventre, Harnale, Radford, Coundulne, Kernesley, Ecclesale, Folxhull, Wykin, Henley, Stoke, Biggyng, Schortley, Pynley, Wilnehale, Whitley, Styvechale, Bernangle, Aynsty, et Caloughdon, quæ ab antiquo in separali tenebant.

NUM. XXI.

Loci à Pensionibus Immunitas asserta.

[Placita cor. Rege Hillar. an. 14 R. II. rot. 50, Warw.]

In placito inter regem et priorem ecclesiæ de Coventre de annua pensione uni clericorum regis, ratione novæ creationis ejusdem prioris, quousque, &c. Prior venit et defendit vim et injuriam, et quicquid est in contemptu domini regis, &c. non cognovit, ecclesiam suam beatæ Mariæ de Coventre fore ecclesiam cathedralem, nec ipsum priorem tenere aliquid de domino rege per baroniam, prout pro domino rege, in narratione sua, proponitur. Et dicit quod tenet prioratum prædictum ex fundatione cujusdam Leofrici quondam comitis Cestriæ, qui prioratum prædictum fundavit tempore sancti Edwardi, dudum regis Angliæ

progenitoris domini regis nunc, per chartam suam in hæc verba.

Anno Dominicæ incarnationis millesimo quadragesimo tertio, ego Leofricus comes Cestriæ, consilio et assensu regis, qui literas suas infrascriptas, sub sigillo misit, et testimonio aliorum religiosorum virorum, tam laicorum quam clericorum, ecclesiam Coventre dedicari feci, in honore Dei, et ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ genitricis ejus, et sancti Petri apostoli, et sanctæ Osburgæ virginis, et Omnium Sanctorum; has igitur viginti quatuor villas, eidem ecclesiæ attribui, ad servitium Dei, et ad victum et vestitum abbatis et monachorum in eodem loco Deo servientium, videlicet, Honyton, Newenham, Chadeleshunt, Ichenton, Ulston, Southam, Grenesburgh, Burthenburg, Merston juxta Avonam, Herdewik, Wasperton, Ceasterton, Sotham, Ruyton, dimidium Sowe, Merston in Gloucestriæ provincia, Salewarpe in Wigorniensis provincia, Eton juxta amnem qui dicitur Dee in Cestriæ provincia; Keldesbye, et Windwyk, in Hamptoniensi provincia, Borbach, Barewell, Scrapstofte, Pakinton et Potteresmerston in Leycestrensi provincia. Has autem terras dedi huic monasterio, cum soca, saca, cum telonio et theme, cum libertatibus, et omnibus consuetudinibus ubique, sicut à rege Edwardo melius unquam tenui. Cum hiis omnibus, rex Edwardus, et ego libertates huic monasterio dedimus, ita ut abbas ejusdem loci, soli regi Angliæ sit subjectus.

Ibidem recitatur charta ejusdem regis Edwardi, quas donationes et concessionem diversi alii reges confirmaverunt, et dicit quod postea, per processum temporis, nomen abbatiæ prædictæ divertebatur in nomen prioratus, eo quod Leofwinus adtunc abbas ibidem creatus fuit in episcopum Cestriæ, et ordinavit per assensum monachorum ibidem, quod abbatiæ prædicta extunc foret prioratus; et quod superiores ejusdem ecclesiæ forent priores successivè in perpetuum, et dicit quod de ipso Leofrico, quia obiit sine hærede de corpore suo descendente, advocatio ecclesiæ prædictæ, tempore Will. Conquest. Angliæ, cuidam Hugoni comiti Cestriæ, ut consanguineo, et hæredi ipsius Leofrici, viz. filio Erminildæ, sororis ejusdem Leofrici, et de ipso Hugone cuidam Richardo ut filio et hæredi, et de ipso Richardo cuidam Ranulpho ut consanguineo et hæredi, viz. filio Matildis, sororis prædicti Hugonis, et de ipso Ranulpho cuidam Ranulpho ut filio et hæredi, et de ipso Ranulpho filio Ranulphi, quia obiit sine hærede de corpore suo descendente advocatio prædicta simul cum comitatu Cestre et Huntingdone, et aliis diversis castris, maneriis, terris, et tenementis cum pertinentiis in Anglia et Wallia, quibusdam Matildæ, Mabillæ, Cecilæ, et Margeriæ, ut sororibus et hæredibus prædicti Ranulphi, inter quas proptia facta fuit, de prædictis comitatibus, advocacionibus, et castris, maneriis, terris et tenementis, cum pertinentiis supradictis. Et prædicta advocatio simul cum toto prædicto comitatu Cestriæ, cum pertinentiis, allocata fuit prædictæ Matildæ, pro parte sua, in allocationem diversorum aliorum castrorum, maneriorum, terrarum et tenementorum, cum pertinentiis, prædictis Mabillæ, Cecilæ, Margeriæ, seperatim allocatorum, et de ipsa Matilda descendebant prædicta advocatio simul cum prædicto comitatu Cestriæ, cum pertinentiis post proprietatem prædictam, cuidam Johanni Scott, ut filio et hæredi prædictæ Matildæ; qui quidem Johannes Scott advocacionem prædictam simul cum prædicto comitatu Cestriæ, cum pertinentiis, dedit Henrico quondam regi Angliæ, filio regis Johannis, et hæredibus suis imperpetuum, &c. Prædictus prior sine die.

NUM. XXII.

De Pasturis et Campis Prioratus.

[Ibid. fol. 71 b.]

De pasturis et campis nostris qui tenentur in separali et per tripartitam affirmantur. Isti sunt campi et clausuræ quos prior et conventus ab antiquo tenuerunt in separali.

In primis manerium de Harnale cum campis, pratis, et grava adjacentibus, videlicet Gosfordfeld cum grava et pratis adjacentibus, Erelesmedew, Longfeld, Swonnescroft, Stepulfeld, Spitulcroft, apud Milnstones, Harualewaste, Bysshopes wast, Bechewast, Beches, et Damagnesfeld.

Item manerium de Whitemore cum parco ejusdem, Scottesfeld, Blakemore, Bowye, Locardesfeld, Closeloue, cum mora de Whitemore et aliis campis ibidem ab antiquo inclusis.

Item le Conyngere, le Celerereslesew cum campo adjacentente juxta Dalbyslesewe, Lewynstrip, ex opposito Dalbieslesewe.

Item pratum ex opposito Spoubrygg.

Item manerium de Newelond cum parco et aliis campis ab antiquo ibidem inclusis. Calverheye cum prato adjacentente et le Halowe hill.

Item manerium de Haukesbury cum campis: videlicet Fakleye, Hoo, Sidenhale, Wyldmarclos, Boyswast.

Item Coudelme, Fowlesmore, Priowresfeld, Gofreyfeld, et omnes clausuras et tenuras quas tenentes dictorum prioris et conventus tenent in dictis maneriis, et in Coventre, Harnale, Radford, Coudelme, Keresleye, Eccleshale, Fowishall, Wykyn, Honoleye, Stoke, Byggyng, Shortlye, Pynley, Wykehalle, Whitleye, Stiuerhale, Bar . . . le Anstye, et Caladon, quæ ab antiquo in separali tenebantur.

NUM. XXIII.

Rowland Lee bishop of Coventry and Lichfield's Letter to Lord Cromwell.

[MS. Cotton. Cleop. E. iv. fol. 256 b.]

"RIGHT honorable my dewte rememberyd vnto your good lordschype it may plesse the same to caule unto your L. remembreans my seute mayd to your lordshipe for the cathedrall church of Couentre for the contynewans of the same, that apon alteracion it myght stonde: moweyd soo to doo for soe miche it is my principall see and hede church whereunto your L. dyd gyff me lowyng answeere of comfurthe. And nowe I am informd by the letters here in inclosseyd frome the mayre and aldremen of the citee that Doctor London repareys thether for the suppression of the same. My good lorde he hee me and the cite bothe in thys and that the church may stonde wherby I may kepe my name, and the cite have commodite and ease to theyre desyre wiche shall folew if by your goodnes it myght be browghte to a colege church as Liche. And soe that poyre cite shall haue a perpetuall comfurthe of the same as knowyth the Holy Trenite whoo presyrve your L. in honor to your hartys comfurth. At Wigmore xij^o. Januarii.

"Youre lordshyps most bownden

"ROLAND Co. et Lich.

"To my syngular good Lord Cromwell, Lord Privy Seale thyes delyver."

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 31 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

MONASTERIUM BEATÆ MARLÆ INFRA CIVITATEM COVENTR.

Com' Warr'		£.	s.	d.
Civit' Coventr', Greate Parke Street, &c. . . .	Redd' Assis'	3	18	10
- - - - -	Redd' Tenen' ad vol' Dñi	10	12	0
- - - - -	Firm'	16	0	0
The Greate Bochery Priory Gate, Bysshope Strete, et Crosse Chepynge, in Pochia Sçe Trinit' in Civ' pd'	Redd' Assis'	2	5	0
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad vol' Dñi	31	4	8
- - - - -	Firm'	5	13	0
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	0	14	2
Seynt Johns Bridge, &c.	Redd' Assis'	2	19	7½
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad vol' Dñi	12	4	4
- - - - -	Firm'	8	0	8
Gosford Strete infra Pochias Sçe Trinitat' et Sçi Michis	Redd' Assis'	0	16	8
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad vol' Dñi	21	0	4
- - - - -	Firm'	4	3	8
- - - - -	Firm' Molend'	11	6	8
Smytheford Strete in Pochia Sçi Michis	Redd' Assis'	2	9	0
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad vol' Dñi	12	4	8
- - - - -	Firm'	0	10	0
Wastorcharde, Seynt Nicholas Strete, et Harnall, in Pochia Sçe Trinit'	Redd' Assis'	0	13	4½
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad vol' Dñi	10	12	4
Precinct Monast' cum Camera Civ' Coventr' . .	Redd' Ten' ad vol' Dñi	8	1	4
- - - - -	Firm'	0	14	4
- - - - -	Firma Decimar' Garbar' et Herbag' circa Civi ^{tem} cum Penc' et Porc'	24	3	4
- - - - -	Recept' de Camia de Coventr' cum Firma Molend'	14	0	0
Terr' in Pochiis Sçe Trinit' et Sçi Michis . . .	Redd' Assis'	0	10	0
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad vol' Dñi	7	0	4
- - - - -	Firm'	26	15	0
Whitmore cum Radford in Pochia Sçe Trini- tatis	Redd' Ten' per copiam Cur'	0	5	0
Mañium de Whitmore cum Bechewast	Firm' Mañij	15	8	4
- - - - -	Firm'	11	1	4
- - - - -	Firm' Molend'	2	0	0
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'	nult		
Exhall et Newland infra Poch' Sçi Michis . .	Redd' Assis'	1	10	8½
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad vol' Dñi	6	12	2
- - - - -	Firm' Decimar'	2	13	4
Newland	Firm' Mañij	13	6	8
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'	nult		
Folxhull cum Bechewaste infra Pochiam Sçi Mi- chis	Redd' Ten' ad vol' Dñi	5	13	4
- - - - -	Firm' x ^{ar} Garbar'	2	13	4
- - - - -	Firm' Terr'	19	11	8
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'	nult		
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	nult		
Sowe Maner' infra Poch' Sçi Michis	Redd' Assis'	2	7	6
- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Ten'	4	5	4
Daloughton	Redd' Ten' ad vol' Dñi	9	2	8
- - - - -	Firm' Decimar'	8	6	0
- - - - -	Firm' Mañij	6	0	0
Hawkesbury, Attoxhall	Firm'	10	0	4
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'	nult		

Com' Warr'		£.	s.	d.
Hawkesbury, Attoxhall	Pquis' Cur'	0	2	3
- - - - -	Cōis Fin'	0	6	6
Keresley infra Pochiam S̄ci Michis	Redd' Assis'	1	5	2
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi	0	13	2
- - - - -	Firm' Terr' et Teñt'	3	13	8
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'	nult		
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	nult		
Counden infra Pochiam S̄ce Trinitatis cum Alvesley	Redd' Assis'	0	18	8
Coundon et Keresley et Ecclia de Alvesley	Decim' Firm'—Penc'	3	10	0
- - - - -	Firm'	13	1	4
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc' et Pquis' Cur'	nult		
Stoke Wyken, Byggynge, et Corley, infra Pochia' S̄ci Michis, et Bulkyngton	Redd' Assis'	1	10	0
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi	5	17	8
- - - - -	Firm' Decimar'	5	6	8
- - - - -	Firm' Mes' et Terr'	1	15	0
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'	nult		
Bynley, Shilton, et Anstye, infra Pochiam S̄ci Michis, et Alpath Pochia de se	Redd' Assis'	0	15	0
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi	0	18	10
Anstye, Shilton, et Bynley	Firm' Decim'	11	9	4
Bynley	Firm' Mes' et Terr'	0	18	0
Wynnall, infra Pochiam S̄ci Michis	Redd' Assis'	0	0	4
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi	1	16	0
- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Tenen'	4	1	4
- - - - -	Firm' Decim' Garbar'	2	0	0
- - - - -	Firm' Mes' et Terr'	9	9	0
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'	nult		
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	0	8	0
Oluston Pochia de se	Redd' Assis'	0	3	6
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' Custum'	12	15	0
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi	0	1	4
- - - - -	Firm' Terr' Dñical'	4	0	0
- - - - -	Firm' Mes' et Terr'	4	11	4
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'	nult		
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur' cum communi Fine	0	9	0
Grenbrughe, et Walcott, Willoughby, Wulscotts, in Pochia de Grenbrughe	Redd' Assis'	1	1	9
Com' Northm̄t' Westhaddon et Coldeasheby	Redd' Cust' Ten'	3	5	0
- - - - -	Firm' Mes' et Terr'	7	0	4
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc' et Pquis Cur'	nult		
Pochia de Frankton, Burtynge, Thurlaston, Cobbyngton	Redd' Assis'	0	7	6
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' Cust'	5	5	4
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi	6	10	10
- - - - -	Firm' Decim'	4	0	0
- - - - -	Firm' Mafij et Firm' in Frankton	5	0	0
- - - - -	Firm' Mes' et Terr' ibid	5	10	8
Pochia de Pakwood	Redd' Assis'	1	2	2
- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Ten'	17	2	7
- - - - -	Firm' Mes' et Terr'	5	10	0
- - - - -	Cōis Fin'	0	11	9
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'	nult		
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	0	1	6
Pochia de Wasperton, Heythecott in Wasperton } Com' Wigorn'	Redd' Assis'	0	8	8
Pochia de Drye Merston	Redd' Ten' Cust'	9	9	0
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi	2	3	8
- - - - -	Firm' Mafij et Terr' Dñic'	4	4	4
- - - - -	Firm' Decim' de Heythcotte	0	10	0
- - - - -	Firm' Mes' et Terr'	1	2	0
- - - - -	Cōis Finis	0	6	0
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'	nult		
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	0	3	10

Com' Wigorn'					£.	s.	d.
Parochia de Honyngton	Redd' Assis'				2	1	10
- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Ten'				19	18	6
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi				0	15	10
- - - - -	Firm' Rectorie				8	0	0
- - - - -	Firm' Mafij				16	0	0
- - - - -	Firm' Molend' Aquat'				3	5	4
- - - - -	Cōis Fin'				0	13	0
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'					nult	
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'				0	2	1
Merston in Poch' de Hardewyck	Redd' Assis'				1	14	3
- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Ten'				10	4	0
- - - - -	Firm' Decim'				16	13	4
- - - - -	Firm' Scit' Mafij				4	13	4
- - - - -	Firm' Mes' et Terr'				9	12	4
- - - - -	Cōis Fin'				0	19	0
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'					nult	
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'					nult	
Parochia de Hardewyck et Parochia de Shuckbo- rough	Redd' Assis'				1	2	4½
- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Ten'				4	2	0
- - - - -	Firm' Decim'				10	13	4
- - - - -	Firm' Mes' et Terr'				5	7	8
- - - - -	Cōis Fin'				0	11	8
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'					nult	
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'					nult	
Parochia de Redborne, Parochia de Napton, Pa- rochia de Lodbroke, Parochia de Wynwyk	Redd' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi				0	3	0
- - - - -	Pençō in Napton				2	1	8
- - - - -	Firma Terr' et Mes'				5	13	4
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'					nult	
Com' Northmp'							
Parochia de Ruyton, Parochia de Church Law- ford, Stichell in Parochia Sçe Trinit', Civ' Coventr'	Redd' Assis'				0	4	0
- - - - -	Firm' Terr' et Teñt'				1	10	0
- - - - -	Firm' Decim' in Stichall				4	0	0
Parochia de Offchurch	Redd' Assis'				0	9	8
- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Ten'				16	18	2
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi				0	5	0
- - - - -	Firm' Molend'				4	15	0
- - - - -	Firm' Rectorie				6	13	4
- - - - -	Firm' Scit' Mafij				13	6	8
- - - - -	Firm' Mes' et Terr'				2	0	8
- - - - -	Cōis Fin'				0	12	6
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'					nult	
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'				0	1	11
Baronia et Maner' de Sowthm̃e Parochia de se	Firm' Mafij				68	8	4
Com' Leic'							
Parochia de Pakyngton sup' le Hethe cum Snyb- ston	Redd' Assis'				0	10	10
- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Tenen'				2	4	8
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi				6	6	4
- - - - -	Firm' Rectorie cum Decim' de Snyb- ston				6	13	4
Mafium de Newhall	Firm' Mafij				3	13	4
- - - - -	Firm' molend' Aquatic' in Pakyngton				2	16	6
- - - - -	Firm' Terr' in Pakyngton				0	12	0
- - - - -	Cōis Fin'				3	6	8
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'					nult	
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'					nult	
Parochia de Scruptofte	Firm' Mafij				30	10	6½
Parochia de Pottersmerston	Firm' Mafij				13	6	8
Eccl' Coll' Novi Opis, Eccl' de Yardeley, cum multis aliis	Annual' Penc'				4	5	8

Destroyed Monastery of Peykirk,

IN

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.



T. Pega, the sister to St. Guthlac of Croyland, upon her brother's death, is said to have fixed her residence in a cell about four miles from his oratory, upon a spot of ground in Northamptonshire, which, from her, afterwards received the name of Peykirk, Pegel-kyrke, or Pegeland. She retired here, according to Bishop Tanner, about the year 714; according to other

authorities, somewhat later. After a continuance of two years and a quarter, she went to Rome, where she is stated to have died about the year 719.^a

The Cell, thus founded, after a time improved into a Monastery. Camden says, it was for Women;^b but the historical notices of it which have reached us, of an old date, uniformly speak of Monks.

The only charter of endowment to this monastery now extant, is one preserved in the Register of Peterborough called Swapham; copied by Bishop Patrick in the Appendix to Gunton's History. It is from King Edmund Atheling, but from which sovereign of this name does not appear.

In this charter, the church is called the new monastery of the Holy Trinity, the Mother of our Lord, and All Saints. The land bestowed was for the redemption of the soul of King Edmund, his wife's soul, and that of Siwerth, who had previously been the owner of the property, which is called "*exiguum munus ruricolæ*," a small estate, consisting of a manse and a half at Peykirk, and three perches in the vill of Walton. The estate to be held free of all services except those of the "*trinoda necessitas*."^c

Ingulphus informs us, that in 871, after the country had been depopulated by the Danes, Beorred king of the Mercians seized into his own hands, together with the lands of other religious houses in this quarter, those of which the monastery at Peykirk was possessed; retaining some himself, and bestowing others on the soldiers of his army.^d

For a considerable length of time, no further mention is made of Peykirk: that the monastery, however, flourished, cannot be doubted, since, in 1013, the manors of Glin-

ton, Northumburch, Makesey, Cotton, Badyngton, and Bernak, belonging to it, were laid waste by the Danes under Swein: BALDOC, the abbat, with his monks, escaping in the night, by water, to Croyland.^e

Upon Canute's accession, in 1017, the abbat and monks are related to have returned: but so struck was abbat Baldoc with concern at the devastation which he saw, that he died within a few days of grief.^f

His successor, as abbat, was WLGATUS.

In 1048, in the reign of Hardicnut, after a long and vexatious contest, the site of the monastery of Peykirk was adjudged to belong to the abbey of Burgh; when Wlgatus began to lay the foundation of a new convent in his manor of Northamburg, or Northburc, near the river Welland: where he not only began a church, but also such monastic buildings as were requisite for the reception of his monks.^g

The Monastery of Peykirk, however, no longer existing, the descendants of those who had bestowed lands upon it both claimed and recovered the different estates. Fernot, a knight, and lord of Bosworthe, claimed Northburc; Edmer, lord of Holbrok, claimed Makesey; Siward, earl of Northumberland, claimed Bernak; Hugolin, the king's treasurer, Helpston; and others claimed other manors. The king's justiciaries confirming the different claims, Wlgatus, with eighteen monks, were not only ejected from their first monastery, but left to wander about without certain support, till King Edward the Confessor, taking them under his protection, gave them shelter in his palace; and, till he could provide for them, allowed them the use of his chapel.

Soon after this, the death of Brichtmer abbat of Croyland being announced to the king, the pastoral staff of that abbey was conferred, by way of investiture, upon Wlgatus, who retired thither with the remnant of his monks.^h

Whether the decision with respect to the site of Peykirk was just or unjust, it is impossible at this period to decide. The abbats of Peterborough were certainly very jealous of any contest relating to it, even in the time of Edward the First, as will appear by the following quotation among Bishop Kennett's Collections from the White Book of Peterborough:ⁱ "*Memorandum, quod die Lunæ in vigilia S. Petri ad vincula anno regni Regis Edwardi xxix. et anno domini G. abbatis secundo dominus Griffinus rector*

^a An account of St. Pega will be found in the *Acta Sanctorum* of the Bollandists, Month of January, tom. i. p. 532. See also the Appendix of Instrum. to the present Account, Num. I. Ordericus Vitalis, lib. iv. makes the following mention of her:

"*Tunc temporis [i. e. sub S. Edwardo Confessore] Pegelandæ conobium erat, cui nobilis vir Wlfgeatus abbas præerat. Illic enim S. Pega soror S. Guthlaci diu Domino militaverat. Quæ postquam venerandus frater defunctus est, austeriori labore vitam suam pro amore Christi examinare satis conata est. Unde Romam adiit, sanctorum apostolorum limina supplex pro se suisque requisivit, ibique vi. idus Januarii gloriøsè vitam finivit. In ecclesiâ, quæ ibidem in honore ejus*

à fidelibus condita est, tumultata quiescit, multisque virtutibus his, qui fideliter eam deprecant, piè succurrens veneranda nitescit."

St. Pega's church at Rome, however, or even where it stood, is now unknown.

^b *Camd. Brit. edit. Gough, 1789, vol. i. p. 169.*

^c Gunton, *Hist. Peterb.* p. 344. See the App. of Instrum. to the present Account, Num. II.

^d See Num. III. from Ingulphus.

^e Compare Num IV.

^f *Ibid.*

^g See the extracts from Ingulphus, App. Num. V.

^h *Ibid.* ⁱ MS. Cotton. Vesp. E. xxii.

ecclesiæ de Psychirch præstitit sacramentum corporale de non resistendo seu insurgendo contra abbatem et conventum jura et libertates monasterii de Burgo, sed eas et ea pro posse promovebit in futurum, adversarios eorum pro posse compescendo."^a

In Domesday Book there is no mention of Peykirk. It was probably comprehended at that time in the account

of Glington, now a hamlet to it, and distant from it but a short mile.

On the erection of the bishoprick of Peterborough, Peykirk manor, which had continued with the monastery till it was dissolved, was given, in the 33d of Henry VIII, to the dean and chapter, who continue lords of it.^b

Cartae ad Peykirkense Coenobium in agro Northamptoniensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

De recessu Sanctæ Pegæ ab Insula de Croyland.

[Hist. Ingulphi, Rerum Anglic. Script. Vet. tom. i. p. 5, sub. an. 716.]

SANCTA vero PEGÆ, soror præfati sancti patris nostri Guthlaci cito post primi anni revolutionem ab obitu ejusdem, relicto prius ibidem in manibus Kenulphi abbatis flagello sancti Bartholomæi, et psalterio fratris sui, cum nonnullis aliis reliquiis, ad Cellam suam navigio remeavit, ab oratorio prænominati fratris sui per quator leucas in occidentali plaga distantem: ubi completo biennio, et tribus mensibus, in lugubri lamentatione, ad apostolorum Petri et Pauli limina in frigore et abstinencia multa peregre profecta est. Cumque civitatem Romanam ingrederetur, omnium signorum classicum repentinum personans, per spatium unius horæ, sanctitatis ejus meritum universis civibus indicavit; ubi divino servitio mancipata, in timore Domini dies suas demum complevit; ac ejus sacro corpore terræ illic inter multa alia Romana Sanctuaria commendato, spiritus ejus de præsentis vitæ labore ad æternam requiem ascendit.

NUM. II.

Edmundi Atheling Regis Carta de Peykirke et Waltun.

[Gunton, Hist. Peterb. App. p. 341.]

IN nomine almæ Trinitatis et individue Unitatis, Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti, quibus est una essentia, par Deitas et indivisa Majestas, communis apex, Trinitas in nomine, unitas in Deitate, æternus ante omnia sæcula. In fine sæculi homo factus ex Virgine, ut nos redimerit quos creavit. Ideoque necesse est ut in istis transitoriis ac fugitivis opibus adquiramus nobis in cælis manentem substantiam quam nec oculus vidit, nec auris audivit, nec mens percipere potuit humana. Cujus prædestinatione idcirco ego Edmundus Atheling rex pro amore Redemptoris nostri et propter nomen sanctum ejus qui dixit 'date et dabitur vobis,' ideoque nunc donabo Deo omnipotenti exiguum munus ruricolæ in loco qui ab incolis vocatur apud Pegcyrcan in perpetua hæreditate ad locum qui dicitur Novum Monasterium Sanctæ Trinitatis ac Genetricis Domini nostri atque omnium sanctorum pro redemptione animæ meæ et conjugis meæ et pro anima Siuerthi. Id est unam mansam et dimidiam in supradicta villa et tres perticas in villa quæ dicitur Wealtun. Ita habeant sicut Siuerthus habebat in vita, in longitudine et in latitudine, in magnis et in modicis rebus, campis, pascuis, pratis, silvis, theloneum aquarum, piscationem in paludibus. Sit autem prædictum rus liberum ab omni servili tributo sæculariumque servitiumque

exinanitum tribus exceptis, rata videlicet expeditione et pontis arcisve restauratione. Precipioque in nomine sancti Salvatoris tam vobis viventibus quam etiam qui Christianitatis nomine et individue agnitionis fide censeantur, ut hujus libertatis statuta ad irrita deducere quispiam minime præsumat. Quisquis autem benevola mente hanc nostram donationem et eleemosinam amplificare satagerit, in hoc præsentis sæculo vitæ illius prospera felicitas augeatur, et æternæ vitæ gaudia æterna succedant. Si quis igitur diabolica illectus pravitate et hoc donum in aliud quam quod constituimus pervertere molitus fuerit, maneat æternaliter retrusus inter flammivomas æstuantis gehennæ incorruptiones lugubræ sibi solium vendicans inter tres nefandissimos proditores, Christi, Judam, Annam, et Caiphan. Et in Sathanæ faucibus maneat deglutiendus omnium infernalium morsibus carnificum sine fine laceretur. Nisi hic digna satisfactione emendare curaverit quod contra nostrum decretum inique commisit.

NUM. III.

De Beorredi vi.

[Ibid. p. 25.]

BEORREDUS rex Merciorum hoc intermedio cum Britonibus occupatus, qui crebris irruptionibus occidentalem partem regni sui Mercie inquietabant, audiensque Danos plagam ejus orientalem plaga miserabili percussisse, venit Londonias; et contracto maximo exercitu, pertransiens per regni sui plagas^c orientales, totam Helyensem insulam fisco suo applicavit; procedensque in patriam Girviorum, omnes terras de Medeshamstedensi monasterio in manum suam cepit, scilicet quicquid inter Stanford, Huntyngdoun, et Wysebeck dicto monasterio dudum pertinuerat; remotiores vero terras sparsim per patriam jacentes stipendiariis militibus exercitus sui assignavit; id^d fecit de terris Monasterii sanctæ Pegæ de Peykirk, quasdam sibi retinuit, quasdam militibus suis dedit.

NUM. IV.

De Devastatione a Danis Swano duce.

[Hist. Ingulphi ut supr. p. 66.]

REX Swanus — irruens de Lyndseya, vicos cremat, rusticos eviscerat, religiosos omnes variis tormentis necat; tunc Baston et Langtoft flammis donat. Is erat annus Domini M.XIII. Tunc Monasterium Sanctæ PEGÆ, omniaque sua contigua maneri, sc. Glington, Northumburtham, Makesey, Etton, Badyngton, et Bernake, omni una vice combusta, tota familia cæsa, vel in captivitatem ducta:

^a See Bp. Kennett's Northamptonshire Collections, MS. Lansd. Brit. Mus. num. 1027, p. 184.

^b Compare Bridges, Hist. Northamptonshire, vol. ii. pp. 574, 575.
^c *al.* pagos. ^d *al.* Idem.

Abbas cum toto comitatu^a nocte fugiens, et navigio in Croylandiam veniens salvatus est.

[Ibid. p. 58.]

A. D. M. XVII. Incipiente rege Cnuto regnare, cum pax summa ubique proclamata per omnes provincias Angliæ refloresceret, venerabilis pater abbas Croylandiæ Godricus universos monachos hospites monasterii sui ad propria remisit. Reversus tunc ad Monasterium suum cum Conventu suo Abbas ecclesiæ Sanctæ Pegæ, statim in ipso introitu, cum omnia destructa cerneret, et combusta, in terram corruit, perlatusque per fratres suos ad proximam domunculam villæ suæ convicinæ, post quintum diem obiit, in ecclesiæque sua sepultus est. Defuncto itaque abbate Baldoco, successit Wlgatus, vir in mundialibus multum providus, et in spiritualibus valde religiosus. Qui contra abbatem Burgi Leofricum postea fortissime placitavit: sed regis curia nimium favente potentiori, et contra pauperem sententiantem, tandem sedem monasterii sui perdidit.

NUM. V.

De Judicio Curiae Regis.

[Ibid. p. 62.]

ANNO Domini M. XLVIII.—Illo in tempore (ut aliquantulum antea est præactum) venerabilis pater dominus Wlgatus abbas Pegelandiæ diutissimam calumniam passus ab abbatibus Burgi, Elfino,^b Arwino, et Leofrico, abbathis suæ sedem amittens, tandem succubuit, et (proh nefas) totum situm monasterii sui iudicio regalis curiæ perdidit. Tantum tunc potuit super justitiam pecunia, contra veritatem versutia, et in curia regis Hardecnuti, comitis Godwini potentia. Cumque prædictus abbas Wlgatus amisso situ monasterii sui, juxta proximi fluvii crepidinem, Weland nomine, in suo manerio magis vicino de Northburgt fundamenta novi monasterii jecisset, et illuc abbathiam suam transferre diserneret, ecclesiæque ac dormitorium cum cæteris claustralibus officinis, adjutus multorum fidelium elemosynis, reedificare non segniter insudaret; Fernotus miles, et dominus de Bosworthe, in dicto manerio de Northburt calumniam posuit, et dictum manerium de Northburt datum fuisse de progenitoribus ejus monasterio sanctæ Pegæ, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, ex abbatis propriis chirographis patenter ostendit: unde consequenter allegavit, quod cum Deo et sanctæ Pegæ abbas Wlgatus et monachi sui à modo ibidem non servirent, dictum manerium à modo non haberent. Acceptatum est hoc a regis justiciario, et confestim adjudicatum est dictum manerium de Northburgh cum omnibus suis pertinentiis, prædicto militi Fernoto, et tanquam jus suum hæreditarium, de monachis ecclesiæ sanctæ Pegæ alienatum perpetuo et sublatum. Quod cum per universum regnum citius fuit cognitum, sc. Abbatem de Peykirk prius amisso monasterio suo, et consequenter manerio ad monasterium quondam pertinente:^c similiter Edmerus miles et dominus de Holbrok calumniam movit contra eundem abbatem et monachos suos de manerio

suo de Makesey; et Horsyngus de Wathe calumniatus est, et pro manerio suo de Badyngton; et Siwardus comes de manerio suo de Bernak; et Hugolinus thesaurarius de manerio de Helpieston;^d et alii plures de aliis maneriis dicto monasterio dudum pertinentibus; et omnes eadem eatione in dicta causa contra monachos obtinuerunt; et tam de maneriis, quam de monasterio suo dictus abbas de Peykyrke et monachi sui nequiter ac crudeliter ejecti sunt: ut nunquam alicui veniat damnum solum. Cum itaque abbas Wlgatus et conventus suus, monachi scilicet XVIII. sic de monasterio destituti vagabundi et in proximo dispergendi in omnem ventum pro extrema miseria fluctuarent: misertus eorum piissimus rex Edwardus omnes in suam curiam suscepit, et usquequo pro eis provideret, suam capellam, ac aulam quotidie frequentare imperavit.

Vix egressus erat sermo ex ore Regis, et ecce, nuntiatur in aula ejus obitus Brichtmeri abbatis monasterii Croylandensis; cujus pastoralis baculus per Priorem monasterii ac duos alios fratres eum concomitantes, regi extitit præsentatus.—Recipiens ergo piissimus rex Edwardus baculum pastorem monasterii Croyland, in præsentia domini Gerardi prioris Croylandiæ, duorumque commonachorum suorum, qui cum ipso ad curiam venerant, et cæterorum monachorum Pegelandensium, quos sicut olim suos compatriotas et carissimos convicinos, monachi Croylandenses optime noverant, prædictum venerabilem patrem dominum Wlgatum abbatem de pastoralis regimine Croylandensis monasterii per ejus pastorem baculum investivit, et super hoc literam suam Croylandensi conventui direxit in his verbis:

Edwardus rex Anglorum subpriori et sancto conventui monasterii Croylandensis salutem. Misertus domini Wlgati quondam abbatis Pegelandiæ, qui non suo crimine, sed juris dictamine suum monasterium perdidit; misertus etiam vestri, qui non vestra violentia, sed mortis violentia vestrum patrem nuper perdidit; ambos una antidoto sanare contendendo, scilicet prædictum patrem Wlgatum vobis in prælatum præficiendo. Vos ergo sicut sancti viri benefacietis, si prædictum patrem vestrum, et pastorem, tot tribulationibus exercitatum et probatum, obedienter susceperitis, et commonachos suos, confratres vestros, secum ad vos committentes, si fraternæ caritatis amore benigne tractaveritis, ut simul ad cælum post præsentis vitæ cursum contendere valeatis, et ad sanctum chorum vestrorum patronorum, qui fratres fuerunt, pervenire possitis. Valet, orantes pro me, et pro toto regno meo Deum deprecamini die ac nocte.

[Annales de Peterborough in Bibl. Cotton. vide etiam Hist. Anglic. Script. var. edit. Sparkes, fol. Lond. 1723, p. 41.]

ANNO MXLVIII. Dominus Wlgatus abbas de Peykyrke, amissa sede abbathis suæ, cum omnibus maneriis dicto monasterio quondam pertinentibus, per iudicium curiæ regis Hardicnuti contra Kenulphum et Kinsium, abbates Burgi, ipsum monasterium de Peykyrke suam possessionem esse calumpniantes; defuncto Brichtmero abbate Croylandiæ, conventuique Croylandiæ adunati sunt monachi x . . .

^a al. conventu suo.

^b Elfino.

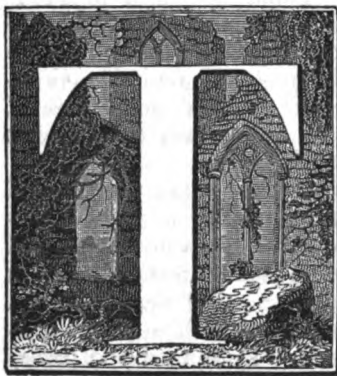
^c al. amisisse monasterium suum, et consequ. Manerium ad monasterium quondam pertinentem.

^d Helyeston.

Benedictine Priory of Spalding,

IN

LINCOLNSHIRE.



THOROLD, sheriff of Lincolnshire, also called Thorold of Bukenhale, the brother to the countess Godiva, according to the Annals of Peterborough, founded a cell at Spalding, in 1052, for a prior and five monks, whom, with the assistance of abbat Wlgatus, he selected from Croyland, leaving them still subject to that monastery as their parent abbey.^a The

chief endowment of this cell, then dedicated to St. Mary,^b appears to have been the manor of Spalding; beside which it had tithes in Tetenay, Alkeburg, Beltisford, and Scamelisby.^c

Lucia countess of Chester, the niece, and heiress to the property of Thorold de Bukenhale, married Yvo Tailboef, the nephew of King William the Con-

queror, who thus becoming the superior lord of Spalding and Holand, according to Tanner, about the year 1074, gave what had belonged to Croyland abbey, the Cell as it should seem having been previously abandoned,^d to the abbey of St. Nicholas of Angiers, the chief monastery of his Norman earldom. The charter of licence for this purpose from King William the Conqueror will be found in the Appendix of Instruments, together with the substance of a charter from Yvo Tailboys, dated in 1085, granting the church of Spalding, with a carucate of land: three monks of the monastery of St. Nicholas of Angiers being bound to officiate at Spalding constantly, and the number of monks to be subsequently augmented in proportion to the increase which might take place in the revenues of the Cell.^e

A second charter from Yvo Tailboys to the abbat and convent of Angiers grants the tithes of toll, salt, sea-fish, and the aqueduct and fishery of Westlade, in further augmentation of the monks' support: and Hugh de Braybeof, one of the witnesses, is also stated to have given to the monks of Spalding the tithe of Claquesby.^f

^a Thorold of Bukenhale's charter of foundation has been already printed in the Appendix to the Account of Croyland Abbey, vol. ii. p. 119, Num. XVIII. Ingulphus gives the particulars of the foundation as follows:

"Tunc inter familiares nostri monasterii, et benevolos amicos, erat præcipuus consiliarius quidam vicecomes Lincolnæ, dictus Thoroldus, quem multi adhuc superstites et regulares et sæculares viderunt et noverunt, de genere et cognatione illius vicedomini Thoroldi, qui quondam nostro cœnobio amicissimus dedit nobis manerium suum de Bokenhale cum omnibus pertinentiis ejus. Sic iste Thoroldus ductus super domum nostram dignissima pietate, in revelationem nostri monasterii et exonerationem, ad sustentationem sex monachorum, scilicet unius Prioris et quinque confratrum, competentisque familiæ satis, ut aestimabat, sufficientem, totum manerium suum de Spaldyng cum redditibus pertinentibus, et servitiis suis universis in perpetuam eleemosynam concessit, et inde chirographum suum fecit. Transmissisque sex monachis de monasterio nostro cum dicto Thoroldo, refectorium multum relevatum est. Ipse autem instituit ardentem de dicto manerio suam familiam amovere, deinde capellam suam honestiorem facere, et suam aulam in refectorium, cameramque in dormitorium, et in claustrum monachorum suum deambulatorium immutare. Insuper, jumenta manerii agriculturæ apta, aliaque coquinae, brachini, et pistrini vasa talibus officiis necessaria, ac utensilia monachis contulit universa."

Hist. Ingulphi, edit. Gale, p. 65.

^b It is sometimes spoken of as dedicated to St. Mary, and sometimes to St. Nicholas. A charter of Henry II. (MS. Cole, vol. xliii. p. 223) calls the church "*Ecclesia Sanctæ Mariæ et Sancti Nicolai* de Spalding."

^c Compare the Append. Numm. I. II.

^d Ingulphus, speaking of the injuries sustained from Yvo Tailboys by the monastery of Croyland, says,

"Contra vero monasterium nostrum, ac omnes Croylandenses diabolico instinctu tanto furore efferatus est, ut varia Croylandensium animalia in mariscis cum canibus suis insectans, longius effugaret, lacubus immergeret, nonnulla caudis, auribus mutilaret, et crebro spinis ac tibiis jumentorum confractis, penitus inutilia redderet. Dominum etiam Ulketulum prædecessorem meum tunc abbatem pro viribus destrueret jugiter incursans, et injurias deterreret, ac demum accusans deponeret, et depositum claustrum Glastoniæ, ne aliquo solatio frueretur suæ patriæ, procul et impiissime deputeret."—"In cellam quippe nostram, fratresque nostros, suos convivaneos, Priorem, et commonachos

in ejus januis commorantes, et tota die in ejus facie conversantes, tanta tyrannide debacchatur, ut jumentis eorum, tam bobus, quam equis multoties mutilatis, ovibus ac avibus quotidie imparcatis, porcis et porcellis innumeris percussis, perditis, et necatis etiam frequentissime, famuli Prioris in curia Comitum exactionibus importabilibus opprimerentur, gladiis et fustibus in compitis sæpius cæderentur, ac aliquoties occiderentur. Hinc PRIOR, et monachus post preces, et xenia, post innumera suis ministris donaria, post peracta omnia, que pati putabant necessaria, cum nihil valeret eorum industria, sed semper increveret tyranni nequitia, et ministrorum suorum ferrens malitia; assumptis secum sacris calicibus, libris, ac suis lectisterniis, RELICTA CELLA IN MANU DOMINI, excutientes pulverem pedum suorum in filios ignis æterni, AD SUUM MONASTERIUM CROYLANDIAM revertuntur. Transmittentes ergo quotidie deinceps ad capellam lig-neam SANCTÆ MARIE unum monachum de Croylandia, qui divina ibidem populo celebraret; laborem immensum et supra vires tædiosum arbitantes tam abbas Wulketulus, quam totus suus conventus, alternis diebus monachum denuo transmittendum communi consilio decreverunt. Ubi hoc aliquandiu agebatur, (prout apud omnes compatriotas nimis est cognitum et notorium) in festo sanctæ Lucie virginis summo mane exorta maxima tempestate, similiter et ledone in naviculam irruente, transmissus monachus dominus Manerius, venerabilis senex, et valde religiosus, apud Wodelode est submersus. Tanto namque infortunio turbati, et territi nimium omnes monachi monasterii Croylandiæ, DEINCEPS QUENQUAM TRANSMITTERE LONGO TEMPORE CESSAVERUNT. Yvo vero comes gaudens, quod Dominus etiam secum quasi videretur contra nostrum monasterium dimicare, Andegaviam mittit ad dominum Natalem abbatem sancti Nicolai, exorans, quatenus monachos dirigat; et cellam honestam ac sufficientem pro uno priore, et quinque monachis in sua villa de Spaldyng paratam et ædificatam, etiam terris et tenementis satis ditatam, spondet et promittit. Veniunt itaque Andegavenses monachi, et cellam nostram occupant, alienique coram nobis terras nostras devorant. Et domino Wulketulo abbate super hoc in curia regis calumniis movente, omnes Normanni mutuo federati, prædas et pressuras, cædes et cæteras injurias universas Yvonis Talbois contra Croylandenses justificant, et acceptant; et velut in corpore Behemoth squama squamæ conjuncta fuisset, veritatis omne spiraculum refutant."

Hist. Ingulphi, edit. Gale, pp. 71, 72.

^e Compare Numm. IV. V.

^f Num. VII.

Ingulphus, at the time he obtained from King William the Conqueror the confirmation of the liberties and privileges of Croyland abbey, attempted to recover the cell of Spalding, but without success.^a

The Countess Lucia, subsequent to the death of Ralph earl of Chester, her third and last husband, that is, after the year 1129, granted a fresh confirmation of the manor and liberties of Spalding to the monks of Angiers.^b

King John granted a charter in the first year of his reign, addressed jointly to the abbat of Angiers and the prior and convent of Spalding, confirming not only the possessions held by the cell in Lincolnshire, but generally all those, in Cheshire and elsewhere, the property of Angiers abbey.^c

Of the royal Grants and Confirmations preserved in the principal Register of Spalding, as relating to the subordinate priory alone, the following deserve particular notice, previous to the reign of Henry III.: a charter of William Rufus, "ut homines de Spalding juste reddant monachis de Spalding firmam suam et censum:"^d a charter of Henry the First, protecting the monks of Spalding in their fen property from the encroachments of the abbat of Croyland: one of Stephen, "quod prior et conventus sint quieti de theloneo et passagio:"^e and a renewed confirmation of general possessions, the original grant of which was made in 1189, but which has this remarkable termination; "Hujus erat tenor Cartæ nostræ in primo sigillo nostro, quodque aliquando perditum fuit, et dum capti fuimus in Almannia in aliena potestate constituti mutatum est; innovationis autem hujus hii sunt testes, Sampson abbas sancti Edmundi, &c. Dat. per manum Eliensis episcopi Eustachii cancellarii nostri apud Chaangn. xxiij. die Januarii anno regni nostri decimo."^f There is also a charter of King John, "de libertatibus forestæ."^g

The first charter of considerable extent confirmatory of other charters in the way of *Inspeximus* is that of 1269, 54 Hen. III., which recites no fewer than eight distinct grants; enumerating among the benefactors to the monastery Gilbert de Gaunt son of Gilbert earl of Lincoln, Baldwine de Wake, Adam de Hakebech, knight, Ralph de St. Laud, Geoffrey de Surflet, Geoffrey de Button, Alexander de St. Botolph, and John de Brencurt.^h

The same king had previously granted to the monks free warren in Spalding, Pinchbek, Weston, and Multon, in the twentieth year of his reign, A. D. 1235; and a market at Spalding on Fridays, in the 26th of his reign, A. D. 1241.ⁱ

The next charter of *Inspeximus* obtained by the prior and convent of Spalding was in the fourth of Edward the Third, A. D. 1330, in which no fewer than twenty-three Instruments are recited: the last of which is a charter from Henry de Lacy earl of Lincoln, "facta priori et conventui de Spalding pro custodia prioratus tempore vacationis," dated at Pontefract, July 17th, 1310, 3 Edw. II.^j

The Patent Roll of the 5th Edw. III. contains a royal charter to the prior and convent, of considerable length,

"de diversis possessionibus:"^m and in the 7th of that king a licence was obtained for fortifying and embattelling the monastery.ⁿ

Although the licences granted for the acquisition of territory to this monastery subsequent to the passing of the statute of Mortmain were many, the lands and tenements so acquired were neither extensive nor important. By a charter dated August 8th, 6th Edw. III., the prior and convent were allowed to add to their possessions lands to the value of twenty pounds a year:^o and in the 13th of Edw. III. they obtained twenty acres of land in Weston:^p but these were among the largest of such acquisitions: the greater part consisting of messuages, tenements, or parcels of land, for the most part adjoining the domain of the monastery, but small and insignificant.^q

In the 14th of Henry the Sixth another charter of confirmation was obtained, which, beside confirming the different possessions and liberties, recited the perambulation of bounds in regard to the property of the priory in the parts of Holland and Kesteven:^r two other charters of confirmation, of an ample kind, were also obtained in the first and second years of King Edward the Fourth.^s

Of papal bulls relating to the priory of Spalding, that of confirmation from Pope Alexander the Third in 1177 will be found in the Appendix of Instruments;^t with one from Pope Gregory the Ninth, in 1232, respecting the practice of the noviciates of Spalding going to Angiers to make their profession.^u Another bull of general confirmation of the possessions of Spalding was granted by Honorius the Fourth in 1287.^v A few other papal instruments occur, but chiefly relating to churches in the patronage of the monastery.^w From the time of the first union of Spalding with the abbey of Angiers to the middle of the thirteenth century, the abbats of that monastery appear to have had the complete rule of Spalding, nominating or removing the priors of the cell at their pleasure. Those who were recalled usually collected all they could from the goods of the priory, carried their gains abroad, and left the revenues of the house in a state of almost constant dilapidation. To remedy this defect, a Composition was entered into in 1232, in the time of prior Simon, between Hugh bishop of Lincoln and the Prior and convent of Spalding on the one part, and Ralph, earl of Chester and Lincoln and the Abbat and convent of Angiers on the other; when it was agreed that the priors should be no longer dative, but perpetual; that they should be elected by the convent of Spalding, and admitted and instituted by the bishop of Lincoln. In matters relating to the rule of the order, the priory to be still subject to the abbey of Angiers; but the abbat to have the presentation of four monks to the priory of Spalding.^x

Constantius, at that time abbat of Angiers, in the first instance became discontented with the composition which he had himself entered into. But the chief opposition to it was made by abbat James, his successor. After a struggle in the Papal Court which lasted many years, abbat James

^a "Cernens etiam tunc animum domini mei Regis, ac consiliario-
rum suorum penes meam parvitatem, inspirante Altissimo, tam benevo-
lum et faventem, chartas Thoroldi quondam vicecomitis, de Cella
dudum nostra de Spaldyng, quas etiam mecum Londonias tunc attule-
ram, palam prolatas coram domino meo Rege, ac universe concilio suo
proponerebam; et sufficienter allegato titulo juris nostri, RESTITUTIO-
NEM CELLÆ nostræ prædictæ ad nostrum Monasterium debita dili-
gentia postulabam. Cumque diutissime jus nostrum ad dictam Cellam
in Regis consilio ventiletur, et fere faventibus universis adjudicandam
nobis illam æstimarem; Regis consilium censebat transmittendum pro
Yvone Tailbois, eo quod in ejus dominio dicta Cella consistebat. Qui
citius adveniens, quum nostrum propositum intellexisset, ostendens co-
ram domino Rege in petitione mea ejectionem monachorum Gallico-
rum, quos suo regio scripto antea confirmaverat, et sibi semper fideles
permanerant, promotionemque monachorum Anglicorum sibi semper
mala imprecantium finaliter contineri, benevolentiam Regis à meo pro-
posito funditus immutavit; et universum negotium meum, Normannis
undique ac Andegavensibus suis assentatoribus, qui domino meo Regi
jugiter assistebant, multipliciter suffultus, et roboratus, totaliter im-
pedivit." Hist. Ingulphi, ut supr. p. 86.

^b See Num. VIII.

^c Compare Num. XIV.

^d MS. Cole, vol. xliii. p. 220.

^e Ibid. p. 221.

^f Ibid. p. 220.

^g Ibid. p. 228.

^h Ibid. p. 229.

ⁱ Ibid. p. 230-234.

^j Ibid. p. 234.

^k Ibid. See also p. 209.

^l Pat. 5 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 15.

^m See the Instrument in the Appendix Num. XXXIV.

ⁿ MS. Cole, vol. xliii. p. 260.

^o Ibid. p. 261.

^p Compare MS. Cole, vol. xliii. p. 252-270.

^q Pat. 14 Hen. VI. p. 2, m. 7.

^r Pat. 1 Edw. IV. p. 5, m. 25; 2 Edw. IV. p. 4, m. 20.

^s Num. XIII.

^t See Num. XVI.

^u MS. Cole, ut supr. p. 323.

^v Ibid. pp. 330, 331, 333, 335.

^w See the Composition, Num. XV. Compare also Note ^b in
pag. 209. By the ancient practice the abbat of Angiers could come at
pleasure to the cell of Spalding, and reside there with his monks and
his retinue as long as he chose. An Instrument during the priorate of
Herbert, who governed the cell of Spalding during the whole of King
Stephen's reign, begins, "Cunctis sanctæ ecclesiæ filiis tam presentibus
quam futuris notificetur quod Nigellus abbas sancti Nicholai Andega-
viæ, eodem anno ordinationis suæ in Abbatia, Christi providente ele-
mentia in Anglia apud Spalding venit, et ibi cum fratribus suis mona-
chis quantum voluit et placuit commoratus est in ejusdem ecclesiæ
sanctæ Mariæ et sancti Nicholai capitulo." This heavy tax was re-
lieved by the composition above referred to. The abbats of Angiers
were thenceforward to visit the cell, as is above stated, for matters re-
lating to the monastic Rule, but it was to be "cum familia moderata
et honesta." By the subsequent composition of 1242 the abbat was to
confine his retinue to fifteen horsemen, and his stay to the period of a
month; the whole expence of the visit during that time to be borne by
the convent of Spalding.

became a party to a second Composition, which was confirmed by Pope Innocent IV. in 1243. In this Deed the chief points of agreement named in the former composition were recognized and more fully explained; and partly in consequence of expences incurred in the suit, and partly to relieve the charges of the abbat in coming over to his visitations, it was determined that an annual pension of sixty marks, or forty pounds, should be paid to him by the prior and convent.*

It may not be irrelevant to remark here that the alien priories of England were anciently of two kinds. One consisted of such cells as transmitted all their revenues to the foreign head houses. The other, of such as had a prior of their own choosing, whence they were usually termed conventual priories: they managed their own estates for their own immediate benefit; and, after reserving certain privileges to the head house, paid it a stipulated sum only by way of acknowledgment, as was the case with Spalding priory. The cells to foreign houses of the first description were generally seized upon the breaking out of a war between England and France, and restored to them again upon the return of peace. Those of the second description had such privileges only as belonged to the foreign house suspended, and any revenue or annual acknowledgment due to it was paid into the Exchequer for the king's use; the privileges and the revenue being again restored upon the war ceasing. The advowsons of the cells of this latter description usually belonged to the descendants of the founder, who were termed patrons. Henry de Lacy earl of Lincoln's letter to King Edward the First,^b upon the seizure of Spalding priory as ALIEN in 1295, will be found in the Appendix of Instruments;^c with the subsequent enrolment for its liberation.^d In the eighteenth of Edward the Second the alien priories were again seized; when a commission issued for taking into the king's hands the priory of Spalding. The prior petitioned the king that the evidences of his house might be examined, as they would show that it was no farther subordinate to the abbey of Angiers than respected the payment of the annuity of forty pounds, and the reception and support of four monks nominated by the foreign abbat. A commission for this purpose accordingly issued, dated at Eltham, June 20th, 18 Edw. II., when it was found, by inquisition, that the priory of Spalding was in fact denizen, that it was of the patronage of Eubulo Lord Strange of Knocking, who had married Alice, daughter of Henry Lacy earl of Lincoln, and belonged in no respect to the abbey of Angiers as a demesne possession. The different instruments on this occasion are important in the History of Spalding.^e Tanner,^f Ducarel,^g and Mr. Gough^h all agree in stating that the priory of Spalding was not only made "prioratus indigena," i. e. naturalized, but even constituted into an ABBEY by King Edward the Fourth. They have not, however, produced a single document in proof of their averment; nor can any such, of the time of King Edward the Fourth, be found. The denization of this priory was evidently found by inquisition, as has been above stated, in the reign of

Edward the Second; and as to the change from a priory to an abbey, it need only to be stated that in the latest document of the monastery to the very time of its Suppression the PRIOR was never acknowledged, or even mentioned, by any other designation.

Bishop Tanner, however, in his account of this monastery, has committed an error of a more material kind. Speaking of it as an alien priory to Angiers, he says, "It was given 20 Hen. VI. to King's college in Cambridge, and 1 Edw. IV. to Sion abbey." The alien priories, it will be remembered, were all dissolved by act of parliament in the 2d Hen. V. and all their estates vested in the crown except some lands granted to the college of Fotheringay.ⁱ Upon an examination of the Patent Rolls in the Tower of London referred to by Bishop Tanner, it appears that certain lands in Spalding, belonging to the abbey of St. Nicholas of Angiers, were granted, in consequence of the general suppression of the alien priories and their possessions, by King Henry the Sixth, to St. Nicholas's college, as his foundation was then termed, in Cambridge.^k The patent of Edward the Fourth referred to, speaks of lands, tenements, annuities, &c., in Spalding and Pynchebek, granted to Syon abbey; some of which had belonged to the alien priory of Cosham in Wiltshire, and some to the abbey of St. Nicholas at Angiers.^l No mention whatever occurs in either of these patents of the priory of Spalding: so that the inference is irrefragable that the lands in question must have been possessions of an independent nature.

The priory of Spalding continued undiminished in its consequence and its revenues till the period of the General Dissolution. The prior together with the heads of most of the religious houses in England, was summoned by Simon de Montfort to the rebellious parliament of 1264.^m In the second year of Edward the Second the Prior was again summoned to parliament:ⁿ but no subsequent instance of a summons is to be found any where.

PRIORS of SPALDING.

The names of some of the earliest priors of Spalding, in all probability, are not now to be recovered. Till the time of abbat Simon de Hauteberge they were called "PRIORES DATIVI," as being of the gift or nomination of the abbots of Angiers; deputed rather to manage the property than the rule of the monastery, and removeable at pleasure.

HERBERTUS is the first prior upon record. He occurs in 1149, and again in 1156.^o He obtained for his priory the appropriation of the churches of Spalding, Pinchebek, Multon, and Hauteberg.^p

GAUFRIDUS, or GALFRID, was the next prior.^q

REGINALD was elected in 1176.^r

GARINUS, or GUARINUS, occurs in 1182.^s

JOLLANUS was prior in the time of Richard I. according to an instrument relating to the advowson of Pinchebek.^t

* See Num. XVIII.

^b Henry Lacy, earl of Lincoln, was patron, by being grandson to John Lacy, earl of Lincoln, whose wife, Margaret, was one of the two daughters and coheirs of Robert Lord Quincy, son and heir of Saer de Quincy, earl of Winchester; which Robert married Hawisa, the fourth sister and one of the coheirs of Ranulph Blundeville, earl of Chester and Lincoln, who was the immediate descendant of Lucia, countess of Chester. Compare Num. XI.

^c Num. XXIII.

^d Num. XXIV. The annual revenue of the priory of Spalding at this time appears to have amounted to the sum of 47*l.* 16*s.* 3*d.*

^e See Numm. XXV.—XXXI.

^f Notit. Mon.

^g Alien Priories, vol. ii. p. 66.

^h Additions to Camden in Linc. edit. 1789, vol. ii. p. 238.

ⁱ Ducarel, ut supr. vol. i. Pref. p. x. *; vol. ii. App. No. ix.

^k Pat. 20 Hen. VI. p. 4, m. 3.—"Omnia terras et tenementa nostra ac possessiones quæ quondam fuerunt abbatie sancti Nicolai Andeg. in Spaldyng."—15 Martij.

^l Pat. 1 Edw. IV. p. 5, m. 14. Pro Abbatisa et Conventu mon. S. Salvatoris ac S. M. Virginis et Brigittæ de Syon.—"omnia terras, tenementa, annuitates et possessiones quæcumque cum suis pertinentiis in Spaldyng et Pynchebek in com. Lincoln. parcell. prioratus de Cosham alienigen. necnon manerium, terras, ten. annuitates et possessiones

abbatis sancti Nicolai Andegaviæ alienigen. in Spalding et Pynchebek in com. Lincoln."

^m Rym. Fœd. tom. i. p. 803.

ⁿ Rot. Claus. 2 Edw. II. m. 11, dora.

^o Jordanus de Blosseville, sheriff of Lincolnshire, in this latter year (see Fuller's Worthies, p. 176) was witness to a Grant of this Prior's copied in Cole's MS. vol. xliii. p. 172.

^p Ibid. pp. 91, 328, 349.

^q Ibid. p. 179. It was in his time that Thomas de Multon gave to the priory the church of Weston, by offering his knife. See the App. Num. X.

^r "Reginaldus Prior impetravit a sede Apostolica confirmationem prioratus Spalding ut Monasticus Ordo ibi sit perpetuo. Item idem Reginaldus impetravit priori et monachis Spald. Confirmationem omnium possessionum suarum tam temporalium quam spiritualium a Sede Apostolica supradicta. Impetravit etiam eisdem religiosus Privilegium ne tenerentur solvere decimas de novalibus suis, nec de nutrimentis animalium suorum. Item quod liceret eis tempore interdicti generalis divina officia celebrare, et alia multa quæ enumerantur in bulla Alexandri pape." Ibid. p. 91. See the bull of Pope Alexander in the Appendix of Instruments to the present Account, Num. XIII.

^s Cole, ut supr. p. 179. See two deeds of this prior, ibid. p. 171, and another, p. 174. Compare also the Introd. to the Min. Books of the Spalding Society, Bibl. Top. Brit. num. xx. p. 2.

^t Ibid. p. 179.

JOHN, a Spaniard, called JOHANNES HISPANUS, also occurs in the time of King Richard the First.^a

NICHOLAS, in an ancient list of the priors, is expressly named as holding the rule of the monastery in the time of King John;^b though Willis speaks of him as prior in 1189.^c

RALPH, called by Willis RALPH MANSELL, also occurs as prior in the reign of King John.^d Upon his death, in 1229,

SIMON DE HAUTEBARGE became prior. In the Spalding Register he is called SIMON DE HAUT.^e Willis calls him SIMON DE HUNTON.^f He was first appointed by the abbat of Angiers, but was afterwards, in consequence of a Composition which has been already mentioned,^g confirmed by the bishop of Lincoln in perpetuity. He was, in fact, the last of the priors dative. He appears to have begun the rebuilding of the church of his monastery, adding a new cloister, dormitory, infirmary, prior's chamber, and guest-house. He died in 1252;^h or, according to the Register of Spalding, in 1253.ⁱ He was succeeded by

JOHN the Almoner. Of this prior the Spalding Register is lavish in its praises.^k The list of his purchases

and acquisitions for the benefit of his convent^l shows not only his own economy and industry, but explains how necessary an Act of Mortmain was, to put a stop, in some degree, to so unbounded a liberty as was once enjoyed by religious houses in acquiring property. He died at St. Denis, in France, on the 8th of the kalends of October, 1274.^m

WILLIAM DE LYTTLEPORT, cellarer of the House, was the next prior: he was chosen on the 5th of December following.ⁿ He appears to have received his sur-name from the place of his birth in the isle of Ely. The Spalding Register gives a particular account of the ceremony attending his election.^o How great a benefactor he was to his monastery may be seen in Robert de Boston's Chronicle, an extract from which will be hereafter given in a Note.

The rebuilding of the conventual church appears to have been completed in his time; many of the buildings around which had been greatly damaged by an overflow of the sea in 1288. He also rebuilt and procured the appropriation to his monastery of the church of Weston; and, with the convent, rebuilt for the parishioners the parochial church of Spalding.^p He died in 1293.^q

^a Two Deeds of this prior occur, MS. Cole, ut supr. pp. 172, 176.

^b Ibid. p. 179. See a Grant of his in the same volume, p. 171.

^c Mit. Ab. vol. ii. p. 122. See also Dugd. Hist. of Imb. pp. 211, 212.

^d Cole's MS. vol. xliii. p. 179. A grant from him of a croft in Spalding to William de Raleng, clerk, has this singular reservation,—"quousque illud redigatur in culturam, illi et hæredibus suis vel cuicumque dare vel assignare voluerit, exceptis viris religiosis et JUDEIS."

^e Ibid. p. 91.

^f Mit. Ab. ut supr.

^g See p. 207.

^h The following is the account of him given in the Chronicle of abbat John of Peterborough: "Anno MCCLII. Obiit Symon, prior Spaldyngie, qui licet a principio erat dativus, ad instantiam tamen et executionem sollicitam, ac tractatum diligentem, bonæ memoriæ, Hugonis Lincolnensis, episcopi secundi, et nobilis viri Ranulphi, comitis Cestrie et Lincolnie ejusdem loci patroni, cum Constantio abbate Andegavensi, mandatum sufficiens a Conventu Andegavensi componendi tunc habente, super nonnullis oppressionibus et gravaminibus dicti prioratus, ad amicabilem compositionem erat ductus. Qui quidem abbas Constantius et Symon prior, de consensu dictorum diocesanorum et patroni, sic composuerunt apud Bramptonem juxta Huntyngdone, ut ex tunc priores Spaldyngie per diocesanos instituerentur, ac immobiles permanentes, plenam administrationem in spiritualibus et temporalibus obtinerent. Per quam quidem compositionem, idem prior Symon confirmatus primo erat per dictum episcopum, et pro suo perpetuo institutus. Mortuo quoque memorato abbate Constantio, successit eidem quidam Jacobus; volens hujusmodi compositionem totaliter infirmare, ac etiam penitus ex toto cassare, venit ad Prioratum Spaldyngie, prædictumque Symonem priorem sic perpetuum, et alios dictæ domus ministros, contra eandem compositionem, voluit finaliter deposuisse. Super quo idem prior Symon, et suus conventus, prædictum Jacobum abbatem et suum conventum ad curiam papalem procurarunt evocari; ubi dicti Jacobus abbas, et conventus Andegavensis, coram domino Papa Innocentio IV. proposuerunt se et monasterium suum, per eosdem Symonem priorem, et conventum Spaldyngie, a subjectione prioratus sui in spiritualibus et temporalibus spoliatos, petentes a domino papa ad hujusmodi subjectionem se plene restitui. Qua lite in dicta curia per quindecim annos sic pendente, ac ipsi abbat et conventu extra omnimodam possessionem spiritualium et temporalium prioratus Spaldyngie, juxta eorum propriam assertionem judicialiter factam, extentibus; secundo compositum existerat inter partes; per quam compositionem eidem abbati et conventui nihil attribuitur temporale, nisi quædam annua præstatio quadraginta librarum, et mora quatuor monachorum: quæ quidem compositio, per dominum Papam facta, Lugduni confirmatur, de verbo in verbum totaliter recitata. Omnes vero priores Spaldyngie, ante tempus istius Symonis, primo electi et perpetui missi fuerant ab abbate Andegavensi, et ad ejus libitum, quando sibi placeret, amovebantur: omnes etiam decanos ecclesiæ instituit et amovit; qui cum sic amoti fuissent, quicquid de officiis suis colligere poterant, versus partes transmarinas asportabant, et in suos proprios usus expendebant. Erat autem iste prior Symon ex genere militari satis clarus, ecclesiamque suam a servitute gravissima liberavit, et jura quamplurima amissa recuperavit. Superborum rusticorum suorum adversus eum erigentium colla ita propria virtute calcavit, ut ex hoc liberi homines terrerentur. In omnibus hiis curiam prioratus ampliavit, domus edificavit, ecclesiam veterem in novam construxit, et claustrum novum, dormitorium, infirmariam, cameram suam, domus hospitum; et magna vasa ænea in brachia de novo emit: et in omnibus hiis semper fructuose abundavit, et gratia Dei cum illo erat. Erat autem inter omnes prælatos munificus. Ipse autem ad suum convivium in civitate Londoniensi regem invitavit, cum comitibus et baronibus; et, ut hoc obtineret, munera larga diversis magnatibus dedit: quapropter episcopus Lincolnie multum sibi erat infestus, et eum deposuisse voluit a sede sua. Multa quidem alia bona tempore suo fecit, quæ hic non sunt scripta: rexitque ecclesiam suam, vivens in mandatis Domini, annis viginti tribus; et obiit in senectute bona, pridie idus Martii: sepultusque est in ecclesia, quam ipse construxit in dextera parte ipsius aulæ: cui successit Johannes, domus ejusdem tunc elemosynarius, et in eadem villa natus et nutritus." Chron. Joh. ab. S. Petri de Burgo, ed. Sparkes, pp. 111, 112.

ⁱ See MS. Cole, vol. xliii. p. 92.

^j "Non est autem silendum qualiter se gessit in officio elemosynarii. Permissione prioris emit terras, edificavit domos et capellam, fecit ortum, plantavit vineam et pomaria, congregavit miseros, præbens eis necessaria alimenta. Et si sollertius se gessit in officio prædicto, sollertius se gessit in officio subsecuto. Emit boscum, emit terras, quas constituit ad anniversarium suum: statuit Pitanciarium, et multa alia bona fecit quæ non sunt scripta. Rexit autem domum suam bene et in pace, custodiens eam a lupis irruentibus. Et cum compleret annum xxj. incidit in animum ejus peregrinari apud Pontiniacum in Galliis. Peregrinatione peracta, ipsoque revertente apud Sanctum Dionisium vitam finivit octavo kalendarum Octobris. Fratres autem qui cum eo erant, deposuerunt sollerter corpus ejus in medium pannorum, et sic cis mare transtulerunt, ad Domum propriam portaverunt, ibique sepultus est cum honore in sinistra parte ecclesiæ ante altare. Vixit autem in prioratu xxij. annos." MS. Cole, vol. xliii. pp. 92, 93.

^k MS. Cole, vol. xliii. pp. 93—101.

^l Mr. Maurice Johnson, in his Introd. to the Minute Books of the Spalding Society, p. 6, says that in the 55th of Henry III. he was appointed one of the king's justices itinerant for the county of Essex.

^m Willis, Mit. Ab. vol. ii. p. 122.

ⁿ See Cole, ut supr. p. 101.

^o See Num. XXXII.

^p "Obiit Willielmus de Lyttelport, prior Spaldyngie, quæ statim post suam creationem, anno videlicet regni regis Edwardi, filii regis Henrici, sexto, de Radulpho abbate Croylandie petiit, ut jus ecclesiæ suæ de Spaldyngia, centum et decem acras bosci, et mille septingentas et sexaginta acras marisci, cum pertinentiis, in præcinctibus Croylandie, tanquam in parochiis de Multon, Weston, et Spaldyngia, de quibus quidam Wazinus, prior dativus, prædecessor suus, fuit sæsit; quem quidem numerum acrarum supradictum, per tractatum diligentem, et sui monasterii commodum immensum et quietem, pro quingentis et quinquaginta marcis, sterlingorum, et remissione et relaxatione unius mesuagii et unius carucatæ terræ in Spaldyngia, ac duodecim acras terræ cum pertinentiis in Wyberton, quas dictus abbas versus eundem Willielmum priorem petiit, tanquam jus ecclesiæ suæ de Croylandia, per quandam concordiam et finem inde levatum præfato abbati et suis successoribus, imperpetuum relaxavit: cum qua etiam pecunia ecclesiam suam conventualem ad Dei laudem mirifice inchoavit et construxit; donavitque fabricæ ejusdem ecclesiæ perficiendæ decimam lini et lanæ de Pyncebek, quas a domino Papa, sua propria industria, in augmentum portionis suæ prehabuit, impetravit. Donavit etiam fabricæ ejusdem ecclesiæ decimam lanæ de Weston. Postquam dictam ecclesiam de Weston, diu ante sua tempora appropriatam, et per crebram præsentationem suorum prædecessorum, in variis vacationibus ejusdem, negligentia et de jure perditam, ab Honorio papa anno suo secundo, hujusmodi appropriationis reformationem gratiose impetravit, et ejus corporalem possessionem, licet per episcopum Lincolnensem plurimum impeditus, prima vacatione ejusdem acceptavit, eam ex tunc pacifice et de jure justo occupando. Item decimam lanæ et lini de Spaldyngia, per priores Symonem et Johannem, ad eorum usum toto eorum tempore occupatam et detentam, officio sacristiæ, de quo ipsam, occasione litis et onerum sibi incumbentium, iidem priores abstulerunt, imperpetuum communi sui conventus assensu reassignavit; salvo tamen residuo, si quid esset, in dicto officio super compotum annuatim remanens, fabricæ dictæ ecclesiæ Conventuali indilate assignando. Item terras et teneamenta multa in Sutton, Spaldyng, Pyncebeck, Weston, et Quappelod, tempore suo perquisivit. Edificia formosa in curia prioratus, et muneris de Caldebeche, Novæ Aulæ, et Quappelode, propriis sumptibus edificavit. Jura multa per negligentiam prædecessorum diu amissa, ac

CLEMENT DE HATFIELD succeeded upon Lyttleport's death.^a His good deeds, in reference to his monastery, are also recorded in Robert de Boston's Chronicle. He appears to have contributed much toward the improvement of the different manors belonging to the monastery. King Edward II. paid Spalding priory a visit in his time, Oct. 24th, 1315. Prior Clement de Hatfield died on the 11th of the kalends of November, 1318.^b He was the Prior noticed in a former page as summoned to Parliament by K. Edward II.

WALTER DE HALTON was elected on the 5th of the kalends of January following. Cole has transcribed a laboured account of the proceedings at his election.^c

THOMAS DE NASSINGTON is said by Willis to have succeeded Halton. He died in 1335.^d

JOHN, whom Mr. Johnson calls JOHN ESTFIELD,^e occurs prior of Spalding in the latter part of the reign of King Edward the Third.^f And another

JOHN, according to Mr. Johnson surnamed DE MOULTON,^g in the time of Richard the Second.^h Willis says,

THOMAS occurs Prior in 1393.ⁱ

ROBERT DE HOLLAND occurs prior in 1424; in whose time the customs, rents, suits, and services of the tenants not only of the manor of Spalding but of all the manors belonging to the convent, were settled upon the footing on which they now stand.^k

WILLIAM DE PINCHBEK is spoken of by Mr. Johnson as the next prior.^l And then another

THOMAS succeeded, surnamed DE SPALDING. A fourth

THOMAS occurs as prior in 1472,^m and again in 1490.ⁿ Mr. Johnson says he was surnamed DE MOULTON.

etiam unum mesuagium, cum centum et septem acris terræ in curia de Bolynbroke, per priores dativos minus juste alienatas, recuperavit. Pietantiam conventus suis terris multis, redditibus, et tenementis variis augmentavit: sicque novemdecim annis in cura pastoralis gregem sibi commissum prudenter gubernavit, multisque aliis bonis pro ipsum interim perpetratis, et hic de facili seriatim non exprimendis, feliciter in Domino obdormivit octavo kalendarum Februarii, sepultusque est in medio chori coram gradibus magni altaris. Successit eidem Clemens." Chron. Angliæ per Rob. de Boston, ed Sparkes, p. 124.

The Spalding Register quoted by Cole, vol. xliii. p. 103, says,

"Et quia non inclinavit cor suum in avaritiam ad congregandas pecunias in thesauros absconditos testantur emptiones terrarum, ne alieni intrarent in finibus suis, præcipue Fulne."—"Testantur etiam ædificiones domorum in maneriis, videlicet, Quappelade, Caldeb', Novus Locus, curia Spalding, maxime autem ecclesia nova, quam de novo ædificavit, et ad eam consummandam singulis annis constituit decimam lini et lanæ provenientes de ecclesia de Pincebek, quas optinuit ecclesia Romana; et quod alii abstulerunt ipse restituit."—"Tamen non est sub silentio transeundum qualiter idem Prior Willielmus ecclesiæ de Weston appropriationem finalem per multa tempora per episcopum Linc. impeditam, Domui suæ Spalding effectualiter adquisivit. Necnon unum molendinum cum decem acris terræ de Hugone Cacheflaunc. Ac etiam varias terras, redditus, et tenementa de Willielmo Bretoun in Weston, Spalding, et Pincebek. Ac etiam quod idem Willielmus prior adquisivit taxationem vicariæ de Pincebek, per quam accrevit domui suæ linum et lanam, ac agnos decimæ ejusdem villæ; quam quidem decimam assignavit ad fabricam ecclesiæ conventus. Recuperavit etiam C. et vij. acr. cum mesuag. in curia de Bolingbroc, versus diversas personas, quas priores dativi, prædecessores sui alienaverunt minus juste."

WAZINUS, mentioned as one of the priors dativo of Spalding in the first of the above extracts, was probably GABINUS, mentioned in page . . .

^a His election was confirmed by the Bishop of Lincoln on the 3d of the ides of April, 1294. MS. Cole, vol. xliii. p. 162.

^b "Anno M.CCC.XVIII. Obiit Clemens de Hattefeld, prior Spaldingie. Vir iste bene a clementia Clemens est dictus, multipliciter morderatus, qui non solum capellam de Wykham non modice sumptuosam, verum etiam totum manerium sive mansum ibidem, prout ædificatum est, terris ac pasturis ditavit, arboresque in eo decenter plantavit: ac etiam manerium de Thornholm, cum fossatione et elevatione terrarum, tam ibidem quam apud Wykham, et alibi in diversis locis, firmavit. Construxit etiam horreum de Golwilw sumptuose, et novam cameram prioris in prioratu. Et licet tempore suo acquisitiones terrarum, tenementorum, et reddituum, propter statutum regni de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam minime devolvendis editum, difficiles forent atque graves: idem tamen Clemens prior terras et redditus apud Obthorp de Ranulpho Drynkedregges adquisivit, et sancti Botulphi, quas tempore suo de novo construxit. Ordinavit etiam certas minutiones per conventum ipsum dividendo in quatuor partes successivas, certum solatium tribus in ebdomada diebus eisdem curialiter assignando. Ordinavit insuper et alia per conventum utilia multipliciter et honesta, sicut trenchoria in refectorio, et alibi pro conventu, et alia commendanda tam in mensa pro comestione, quam post refectorem." Chron. Angl. per Rob. de Boston, edit. Sparkes, pp. 127, 128.

^c MS. Cole, vol. xliii. p. 211—217.

ROBERT is mentioned as prior by Willis in 1504.^o Willis speaks of

RICHARD NELSON as prior A. D. 1529.^p

THOMAS SPALDYNG, prior; Robert Pynchbek, sub-prior; John Boston senior, master of the chapel; and eighteen other monks, subscribed a recognition of King Henry the Eighth's supremacy on the last day of July, 1534. Willis, in his Mitred Abbies, vol. ii. p. 122, calls this prior THOMAS WHITE. He appears to have resigned his office for a small pension, which, as will be seen in the Note below, he continued to enjoy under the latter of his names, in 1553.

RICHARD ELSYN, *alias* PALMER, was the last prior of Spalding. He surrendered his monastery to the king Dec. 8th, 1539, 30th of Henry VIII. The pensions granted to the prior, sub-prior, and monks on this occasion will be found detailed in the Appendix of Instruments.^q

The yearly income of this monastery was rated, according to Dugdale, at 767l. 8s. 11d.; according to Speed, at 878l. 18s. 3d.^r

The site of the priory of Spalding was granted by King Edward the Sixth, in the third year of his reign, to Sir John Cheke, his tutor, "propter industriam in instituenda Adolescentia domini Regis."^s

Mr. Gough says, "Chaucer and his brother-in-law John of Gaunt were frequently at Spalding, and took a corrody on a visit to the Prior. Probably Chaucer alludes to it in his lost satire beginning

'In Lincolnshire fast by a spacious fenn
Stands a religious house, who doth it ken.'

^d Willis, Mit. Ab. vol. ii. App. p. 17.

^e Introd. to Min. Books of Spalding Society, in Bibl. Top. Brit. p. 11.

^f MS. Cole, ut supr. p. 179.

^g Introd. to Min. Books, ut supr.

^h Ibid.

ⁱ Mit. Ab. ut supr. p. 18.

^k Introd. to Min. Books, ut supr. Mr. Gough, from the same source, says, "The liberties of Spalding were confirmed for fines paid to John and Henry III. by John of Spain and Ralph Maunsell priors. The commons contain several thousand acres, and belong to ancient commonable messuages or tenements for all manner of cattle, asses, swine, goats, and geese sans number. They are Spalding, Pinchbeck, and Deeping fens lying undivided. All the towns whose lands lie next adjoining are intitled to this right, and some more distant, comprehended in this old distich:

Uffington, Tallyngton, Barham, and Stowe;
One house in Gretford, and ne're an ene moe.

But they can only put on their own respectively, though strays are not liable to be pounded or taken in drift by the fen reeves to prevent suits. The soil and game belong to the lords, though the tenants have right to the brorage (i. e. browsing) fodder, fishings, reed-gatherings, fowltakings, and other fen profits. The four fen reeves, two for Spalding and two for Penchebeck, are chosen by the homage, and approved and sworn by the steward, according to ancient agreement between the lord and tenants made in the time of Robert Holland prior of Spalding and lord of the manor 1422—3." Addit. to Camd. Brit. edit. 1789, vol. ii. p. 238.

^l Min. Books.

^m Ibid. vol. ii. p. 122.

ⁿ MS. Cole.

^o Mit. Ab. ut supr. p. 18.

^p Ibid.

^q The following fees, annuities, and pensions remained still payable in the 2d and 3d of Phil. and Mary:

"SPALDINGE nuper MONASTERIUM. Feod. Francisci Russell militis domini Russell capitalis seneschalli omnium possessionum dicti nuper monasterii fac. sibi et Johanni comiti Bedf. patri suo defuncto pro termino vitæ eorum sub sigillo conventuali ibidem concess. per annum c. Annuitt. Christopheri Clarke xl'. Ricardi Towenerowe xij'. iiij^d. Laurentii Waggestaffe xl'. Oliveri Leder et uxoris ejus x^s. Johannis Bellooe armigeri xl'. Ejusdem Johannis Bellooe xxx'. Johannis Wendonne et Alic. uxoris ejus liij'. iiij^d. Lucæ Langley xl'. Johannis Woode xx'. Cristopheri Smythe xl'. Georgii Saint Poole xx'. Georgii Forster xx'. Johannis Ayleworthe liij'. iiij^d. Johannis Bawde xl'. Henrici Foulks c'. Johannis Fennell alias Fanell x^s. Johannis Myllesente xl'. Johannis Trussyer xl'. Willielmi Rooper xl'. Henrici Slefforde xl'. Ricardi Ogle armigeri xx'. Johannis Broune xl'. Thomæ Kedbye xl'. Roberti Walpoole armigeri iiij^s. Ricardi Palmer nuper abbatis ibidem cxxxiij^s. vj^s. viij^d. Roberti Pynchebecke xij^s. Nicholai Multonne vj^s. xij^s. iiij^d. Milonis Okeham cvj^s. viij^d. Ambrosii Jerbye vj^s. Ricardi Gedneye vj^s. Johannis Newemanne lxxvj^s. viij^d. Leonardi Bostonne xl'. Johannis Freistone xl'. Thomæ White quondam prior ibidem xxxiiij^s. vj^s. viij^d.

^r See Tann. Notit. Mon.

^s See Strype's Life of Cheke, pp. 46, 86. Compare also Original. 3 Edw. VI. p. 4, rot. 63. Strype, however, p. 168, says it was resumed by Queen Mary, and other lands given to Sir Thomas Cheke in exchange for it.

"From the vellum register of the manor of Spalding by Sir Laurence Myntling, librarian and illuminator of the abbey," Mr. Gough adds, "it appears that eighty felons were hanged from 41 Henry III. to 16 Henry VII. on the prior's gallows. 'Baillivus de Spalding ducebat felonem de monasterio usque ad furcas pro executione facienda. Baillivus de Weston portabat scalam usque furcas pro executione facienda. Baillivus de Pyncebecke inveniet cordam ad suspendendum felonem. Baillivus de Multon faciebat executionem in suspensione felonis.'"^a

Leland, in his *Collectanea*, mentions but two works formerly in the library of Spalding priory:

1. "Adalberti Diaconi Liber ad Hermannum presbyterum."

2. "Exorcismus sive Baptisterium Alexandri Nечам."

Of the different *REGISTERS and other MANUSCRIPTS* relating to the foundation of this priory, the following are the more important. The titles given to them are chiefly those assigned by Bishop Tanner.^b

1. "Chronicon Prioratus de Spalding, ad A. D. 1419, cui præfixæ sunt Cartæ quàmplurimæ, MS. in Bibl. Caio-Gonvil. Cantab. C. 18."

2. "Liber Prioratus de Spalding, MS. in eadem Caio-Gonvil. Bibl. Moor. D. 117."

3. "Registrum penes Joannem Oldfield arm. A. D. 1659, nunc penes Mauritium Johnson."^c

^a Add. to Camden, edit. 1789, vol. ii. p. 238.

^b Tann. Notit. Mon. Linc. LXVIII.

^c Ibid. This seems to have been the manuscript which, in 1772, was borrowed from William Greaves Beauprè Bell, Esq. of Fulbourne, near Cambridge, by Mr. Cole of Milton; who describes it as a most noble Register of Spalding, containing about four hundred and forty-two leaves, in perfect preservation, being well secured by oaken covers, wrapped over with strong leather; written partly in a hand of the time of Edward the Third, and partly later.

The following is an abstract of the chief Instruments in Mr. Cole's Transcript, now MS. Cole, Brit. Mus. vol. xliii. p. 141, et seqq. The Instruments marked with an asterisk will be found in the Appendix.

1. De Inchoatione sive fundatione prioratus Spalding, p. 144.
2. Concessio regis Willielmi Conquestoris facta Ivoni Taliboy, primo marito Lucie comitissæ, quod ipse possit dare manerium de Spalding sancto Nicolayo Andeg. p. 145.
3. Donum Ivonis Taliboy factum ecclesiæ sancti Nicolai Andeg. de ecclesia de Spalding, cum una carucata terræ, p. 146.
4. Confirmatio regis Willielmi Conquestoris et Willielmi et Henrici filiorum suorum facta Deo et sancto Nicholao et monachis ejus de manerio de Spalding et aliis, ibid.
5. Carta Yvonis Taliboy, de decimis telonii, salinarum, et piscium marinarum, et de aquæ ductu de Westlade et multis aliis, p. 147.
6. Carta concessionis Lucie comitissæ de manerio ejusdem villæ, cum soka et saka, toll et team, et aliis libertatibus, ibid.
7. Confirmatio Willielmi de Romara fil. Lucie comitissæ de dono matris suæ, ibid.
8. Confirmatio Willielmi nepotis Willielmi de Romara de eodem dono, p. 148.
9. Confirmatio Ranulphi comitis monachis Spalding de eodem dono, ibid.
10. Carta domini regis facta priori de uno viculo includendo pro enlargemente Curie Prioratus, A. D. 1263, p. 148.
11. Concessio Willielmi filii Hugonis de Wik de includendo viculo prædicto, p. 149.
12. Excambium factum inter priorem et Will. fil. Radulfi de dimid. ac. et xxxvj. pertic. terræ juxta ripam Spalding, ibid.
13. Carta prioris facta Willielmo Coldehale de una placea juxta seweram quæ descendit de Halmer usque ripam pro quanda placea quindecim perticatarum in longitudine et trium perticatarum in latitudine super ripam inter prioratum et domum Simonis Cementarii, p. 150.
14. Carta prioris facta Radulpho fil. Sywati inter cæteros Articulos continens placeas sibi datas per priorem pro aliis placeis in nova curia prioratus, ibid.
15. Prima Compositio inter abbatem Andegaviæ et priorem Spalding, quod idem prior debeat eligi per Conventum Spalding et per episcopum institui, et plenam administrationem habere in spiritualibus et temporalibus, reservatis abbati visitatione et professione monachorum Andeg. facienda, p. 151.
16. Bulla Greg. IX. papæ impetrata per abbatem Andegaviæ contra priorem, super eo quod novicii Spalding non accedunt Andeg. pro professione sua, A. D. 1232, p. 152.
17. Bulla ejusdem impetrata per abbatem Andegaviæ contra priorem Spalding post primam compositionem, quod ipse veniat de termino in terminum Andeg. pro reformand. ibid.
18. Bulla ejusdem impetrata per Priorem super excommunicatione injuste lata in ipsum per Abbatem Andeg. pro eo quod Prior eidem non obedivit in præceptis suis contra dictam compositionem. Pontif. an. vj^{to}. p. 153.
19. Secunda compositio inter abbatem Andeg. et priorem Spalding, A. D. 1243, p. 157.
20. Acquietantia abbatis et conventus sancti Nicolai Andeg. de nongentis marcis receptis de priore et conventu Spalding ex causa compositionis initæ inter ipso sub lite in Romana curia olim mota inter eosdem, A. D. 1243, p. 161.
21. Acquietantia eorundem abbatis et conventus de ducentis marcis receptis de eisdem priore et conventu propter compositionem prædictam, A. D. 1245, ibid.
22. Confirmatio electionis prioris Walteri juxta clausulam in eadem compositione contenta, quæ incipit "Celebrata qui electione," &c. ab episcopo Linc. A. D. 1318, p. 162.
23. Confirmatio electionis prioris Clementis, A. D. 1294.
24. Interpretatio abbatis et conventus Andeg. super clausula generali contenta in compositione qua cavetur omnes donationes et concessionem per abbatem factas ratas manere debere, p. 162.
25. Finis inter priorem Spalding et Waltherum de Fulnee super

duabus bovatis terræ in Spalding et una bovata et sexta parte unius bovate terræ in Weston, 18 Hen. III. p. 163.

26. Carta Simonis prioris facta Waltero de Fulney de eisdem, p. 164.

27. Consimilis finis et ex consimili causa inter priorem Spalding pretentem et Simonem filium Joice tenentem, de duabus bovatis terræ in Spalding, ibid.

28. Consimilis finis inter priorem et Nigellum de Weston de duabus bovatis terræ in Weston, simul cum aliis duabus bovatis, ibid.

29. Carta prioris Simonis et conventus facta Roberto filio Ricardi fil. Ulphi de lxxij. acris terræ in Pincebek, p. 165.

30. Breve de recto in curia de Bolingbrok pro priore de Spalding de uno mesuagio centum et septem acris in Spalding, Pincebek, et Weston, contra Simonem filium Willielmi de Spalding, Nicholaum Bareth, et alios, ex consimili causa, 10 Edw. I. ibid.

31. Compositio inter priorem et Simonem filium Willielmi de Spalding super quadraginta acris petitis per priorem ab eodem per breve de recto in curia de Bolingbrok tenendis de priore per decem solidos ultra antiquum redditum, ex causa quia non habuit cartam nisi per priorem dativum, p. 166.

32. De alienatis per priores dativos, repetitis per priores perpetuos, pp. 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173.

33. De alienatis per priores et abbates ante compositionem, pp. 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179.

34. Brevia contra abbatem Andeg. super compositione, p. 180.

35. Litera prioris sanctæ Katerinæ extra Linc. collectoris decimæ, testimonialis, Bonorum pertinentium ad prioratum Spalding, p. 181.

36. Breve domini regis directum vicecom. Linc. de amovendo relig. alienigen. de locis juxta costeram maris: et de tradendo custodiam eorundem locorum Anglicis: et de trahendo naves et batellos et Attilum eorundem relig. alienig. ad terram, 23 Edw. I. p. 184.

37. Forma custodiæ quam custodes domorum relig. alienig. debent observare, p. 184.

38. Breve domini regis directum priori pro restitutione quatuor monachorum alienigen. in prioratu Spalding, 24 Edw. I. p. 187.

39. Litera domini Henrici de Lacy com. Linc. directa domino regi pro prioratu Spalding liberando postquam idem prioratus fuit seisis in manu regis tanquam subjectus regi Franciæ vel alicui Domui de potestate dicti regis, *Gallice*, ibid.

40. Inrotulatio pro liberatione prioratus Spalding, ne idem prioratus detineatur in manu regis tanquam domus subjecta regi Franciæ vel aliter de potestate et dominio dicti regis Franciæ, 24 Edw. I. p. 188.

41. Commissio domini Edwardi fil. Edwardi regis Angliæ facta magistro W. de Bayouse et E. de Askeby ad capiend. in manu regis Domos relig. alienig. et aliorum de potestate regis Franciæ, 18 Edw. II. ibid.

42. Forma quam custodes domorum relig. alienig. et secular. de potestate regis Franciæ servare debent in capiendo eas in manum regis ordinata per regem et consilium suum et custodibus transmissa, *Gallice*, p. 189.

43. Commissio facta ad seisandum prioratum Spalding in manu regis, 18 Edw. II. p. 190.

44. Inquisitio facta coram W. de Bayouse et E. de Askeby an prioratus Spalding sit cella sancti Nich. Andegaviæ, 18 Edw. II. p. 191.

45. Petitio prioris Spalding quod fiat sibi justitia per concilium domini regis, ne prioratus Spald. capiatur in manum domini regis propter evidencias quæ sequuntur, p. 191.

46. Commissio facta thesaurar. et baronibus de scaccario per dominum regem quod si eis per inquisitionem vel alio modo constare possit quod prioratus Spalding sit de advocacione E. Lestrangle et Alesie uxoris suæ &c. quod tunc permittant priorum pacem habere, 18 Edw. II. p. 192.

47. Commissio alia facta personis hic nominatis ad inquirendum si prioratus Spalding sit de advocacione E. Lestrangle et A. uxoris suæ, &c. et non de dominio et potestate regis Franciæ nec alicui domui de dominio regis Franciæ subjectus, 18 Edw. II. p. 193.

48. Inquisitio capta apud sanctum Botolphum de patronatu prioratus de Spalding, 19 Edw. II. p. 194.

49. Processus de advocacione prioratus, 19 Edw. II. pp. 194, 195.

50. Breve directum E. de Askeby ne distringat pro xl^{li}. solutis regi pro anno suo xvij^{to}. de pensione Abbatis Andeg. 19 Edw. II. p. 195.

51. Breve de supersedendo usque ad certum tempus, 19 Edw. II. ibid.

52. Processus de confiscatione pensionis abbatis Andegav. 18 Edw. II. p. 196.

4. 5. "Registra bina, cum cartis quamplurimis tam originalibus quam apographis ad hunc Prioratum

53. Prosecutio per abbatem contra priorem pro pensione xl^{li}. 17, 18 Edw. II. 2 Edw. III. pp. 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 204, 205.
54. De vocatione prioris Spalding ad capitulum provinciale monachorum, pp. 205, 206, 207.
55. De vacatione Prioratus, p. 209.
56. Carta Henrici comitis Linc. facta priori et conventui pro custodia prioratus tempore vacationis, 3 Edw. II. ibid.
57. Confirmatio Alesiae de Lacy super concessione patris sui Henr. de Lacy pro custodia prioratus tempore vacationis, 15 Edw. III. ibid.
58. De electione Walteri de Haltone in Priorem de Spalding, A. D. 1318, pp. 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217.
59. Peticio prioris et conventus Spalding facta domino regi quod thesaur. et baron. de scaccario regis possint procedere contra abbatem Andeg. et procuratorem suum super contemptu, non obstantibus brevibus contrariis per abbatem et procuratorem impetratis, p. 218.
60. Placitum inter dominum Ebulonem Lestraunge et Alesiam uxorem suam, ex parte una, et Subpriorem et Conventum Spald. ibid.
61. Litera ad sequestrand. bona prioratus Spalding propter reservationem primorum fructuum factam per dominum papam, p. 219.
- * 62. Terræ et tenementa quæ et quas Yvo Taillebois primus maritus Lucie comitis, qui venit cum Willielmo Conquestore, habuit in Spalding, Pync. Multon, et Weston, ibid.
63. Confirmatio Willielmi regis Angliæ de redditibus prioratus Spalding in com. Linc. p. 220.
64. Carta Stephani regis Angliæ, de terris, hominibus, ecclesiis, &c. prioratus, ibid.
65. Confirmatio Stephani regis quod prior et conventus sint quieti de teloneo et passagio, ibid.
66. Confirmatio Henrici II. regis de ecclesiis et decimis et aliis possessionibus, ibid.
67. Confirmatio Stephani regis de ecclesiis, terris, et decimis, et de possessionibus et libertatibus, ibid.
68. Confirmatio Henrici regis de boscis suis de Spalding et marisco, ibid.
69. Confirmatio Henrici regis de theloneo de Spalding et aliis consuetudinibus, ibid.
70. Confirmatio Henrici regis de placitis emendis, ibid.
71. Confirmatio Henrici regis de ecclesiis Scamelesbi, Mintingia, et Beltisford, ibid.
72. Confirmatio Henrici regis quod monachi Spalding de suis hominibus non placitentur injuste, p. 221.
73. Confirmatio Henrici regis de mariscis, domibus et edificiis, et pratis, ibid.
74. Confirmatio Henrici regis de hominibus, terris, et redditibus prior. de Spalding, ibid.
75. Alia confirmatio ejusdem regis de hominibus, terris, et redditibus, ibid.
76. Confirmatio prior. per Henricum regem de omnibus tenuris suis, ibid.
77. Confirmatio Henrici regis ut prior habeat omnes rectitudines suas bene et in pace, ibid.
78. Confirmatio Henrici regis de curiis suis et legibus et consuetudinibus et libertatibus, ibid.
79. Confirmatio Henrici regis quod prior sit quietus de teloneo, p. 222.
80. Confirmatio Henrici regis Angliæ de terra in wap. de Bolingbrok, ibid.
81. Confirmatio Henrici regis de quatuor bovatis terræ in Wilweton, ibid.
82. Confirmatio Henrici regis de omnibus placitis terræ de Wilington et de geldo, ibid.
83. Confirmatio Henrici regis de omnibus terris et tenementis et de omnibus libertatibus "sicut cartæ donatorum testantur," p. 223.
84. Confirmatio Ricardi regis de omnibus possessionibus; sc. in terris, homagiis, redditibus, ecclesiis, et decimis, cum diversis libertatibus, ibid.
85. Carta Ricardi regis et deforcione Spalding, Pincebeke, et marisc. 10 Ric. I.
86. Confirmatio Johannis regis de omnibus terris, tenementis, redditibus, homagiis, ecclesiis, decimis, et omnibus aliis rebus suis et libertatibus prioris et conventus Spalding, p. 229.
87. Confirmatio Johannis regis de libertatibus, anno regni xvj^o. ibid.
88. Carta ejusdem de libertatibus forestæ, ibid.
89. Confirmatio H. fil. Johannis regis de omnibus terris, possessionibus, &c. 11 Hen. III. ibid.
90. Carta Henrici III. regis de foresta, ibid.
91. Alia carta regis Henrici III. de confirmatione libertatum: anno regni liv^o. ibid.
92. Confirmatio Henrici III. regis de diversis cartis: anno regni liv^o. p. 230.
93. Confirmatio regis Edwardi III. de diversis libertatibus et donationibus factis priori et conventui Spald. et concessis per Reges et per Fundatores suos et alios: anno regni iij^o. p. 234.
94. Confirmatio de diversis possessionibus, 4 Edw. III. p. 238.
95. Irrotulatio eorum justiciariis itinerantibus apud Lincoln de libertatibus, 10 Edw. I. p. 240.
96. Allocatio de amerciamentis tenentium prioris et conventus, 22 Edw. I. p. 241.
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99. Cartæ de libertate visus franciplegii prioris Spalding, pp. 244, 245, 246, 247, 248.
100. Cartæ de libertate theolonii, pp. 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 255.
101. Quod Prior utatur nundinis suis et mercatis sibi concessis per Cartas Regis prioris datæ. non obstante carta ejusdem de libertate aliis concessa posterioris datæ, p. 253.
102. Quod prior Spald. utatur carta sua prioris datæ sibi per regem concessa pro pannagio, ibid.
103. De libertate emendæ assisæ panis et cervisiæ prioris et conventus, p. 255.
104. Compositio inter abbatem Croiland et priorem Spalding de judicio faciendo de pistoribus abbatibus in curia prioris, 17 Hen. III. p. 256.
105. Cirographum inter H. Abbatem Croiland et S. Priorem de Spald. de pistoribus Abbatibus pro judicio faciendo de eisdem, 18 Hen. III. ibid.
106. Quæta clamatio Ranulphi comitis de præhensione sua apud Spalding, p. 257.
107. Servitia sokemannorum prioris Spalding, ibid.
108. Cartæ de libertate concessa priori de acquirendis terris et tenementis, Statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis non obstante, pp. 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270.
109. De relevio et fidelitate domini de Multone, p. 271.
110. Libere Tenentes prioris in Spalding, et quantum quilibet tenet, et per quæ servicia, pp. 272, 273, 274, 275.
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116. De Tenentibus in Weston, pp. 289, 290, 291.
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126. De obstructione ripæ de Welle, p. 318.
127. De obstructione ripæ de Utwelle in com. Cantebri. p. 319.
128. Confirmatio Alexandri III. prioratus Spalding, et omnium possessionum suarum facta Reginaldo priori, suisque fratribus et eorum successoribus, et de diversis libertatibus eisdem concessis et privilegiis, A. D. 1177, p. 321.
129. Bulla Honorii iiii. approbatoria seu confirmatoria prioratus Spalding, et omnium quæ pertinent ad eundem, A. D. 1286, p. 323.
130. Pronunciatio Walteri Cantuariensis episcopi pro ecclesiis appropriatis, decimis, et pensionibus, priori et conventui Spalding, A. D. 1310, p. 327.
131. Cartæ de libertate appropriationis ecclesiarum de Spalding, Pyncebek, Multon, Weston, et Hauteberge, ibid. 328, 329, 330.
132. Bulla Alexandri III. papæ pro taxanda vicaria de Spalding, non obstante juramento vicarii, p. 331.
133. Cartæ de institutione et de appropriatione vicariæ de Spalding, pp. 333, 334.
134. Quod Capellani de Spalding veniant ad Processionem prioris et conventus, A. D. 1362, p. 336.
135. Assignatio lini et linæ sacristar. Spald. post appropriationem ecclesiæ, A. D. 1293, p. 337.
136. Assignatio portionum pro fabrica ecclesiæ conventualis post appropriationem ecclesiæ de Spalding, A. D. 1293, p. 337.
- * 137. Forma translationis ecclesiæ parochialis de Spalding, et constructionis ejusdem post appropriationem, p. 338.
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139. Cartæ aliæ de tangentibus ecclesiæ parochialis de Spalding, pp. 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348.
140. Cartæ de tangentibus ecclesiæ de Pincebek, pp. 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368.
141. De tangentibus appropriationem ecclesiæ de Multon, pp. 369, 370, 371, 373, 374, 375, 376.
142. Cartæ de ecclesia de Hauteberge, pp. 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384.
143. De ecclesia de Alkebarwe, p. 385.
144. De tangentibus appropriationem ecclesiæ de Weston, pp. 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396.

spectantibus, penes Mauricium Johnson de Spalding, gen.^a

6. MS. Harl. 742. A folio volume, upon vellum, containing what are termed the fourth and fifth parts, or portions, of the Register of Spalding: written in a large strong hand, apparently of the fourteenth century.^b

7. "Rentale abbatis et conventus de Croyland in com. Linc. de possessionibus suis 1 Edw. I. et anno Radulphi abbatis de Croyland xiii." A large and copious terrar, on vellum; large folio.^c

145. De ecclesia de Weston in Hoyland, pp. 397, 398, 399, 400, 401.
146. De ecclesia de Surflete, pp. 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415.
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151. Cartæ de ecclesia de Hardelithorp, pp. 425, 426, 427, 428, 429.
152. De ecclesiis de Beltisford, Scamelesby, et Minting, pp. 430, 431, 432.
153. De ecclesiis de Burton et de Lee, pp. 433, 434.
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- * Tann. Notit. Mon. ut supr. Compare Mr. Maurice Johnson's Introd. to the Min. Books of the Soc. of Spalding, Bibl. Top. Brit. No. xx. pp. 14, 16.
- ^b The contents, with, here and there, an additional remark, are given from the first leaf: viz.

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1. De divisione sive perambulatione inter comitatus Lincolniensem et Cantabrigiensem; et de divisione inter Spalding, &c. et inter Croyland: ac etiam de confinio inter Spalding et Pincebec ex una parte, et Kesteven ex alia parte, fol. 1.

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8. "Terrarium prioris et conventus de Spalding, cum dimiss. homag. releviis, fidelitat. merchett. leirwyt, et hujusmodi servitiis in villis de Spalding, Pynchebeck, Multon, Weston, Sutton, Stykeney, Holbech, Thurleby. et alibi, a die Lunæ prox. ante festum S. Georgii anno vj^{to}. Henrici IV. (A. D. 1405) et prioris Joh. IV. i^{mo}. usque ad xxvij^{um}. annum regni regis Henrici VIII. A. D. 1537." A large manuscript. in folio, on vellum.^d

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^c Introd. to Min. Books of the Soc. of Spalding, ut supr. p. 17.

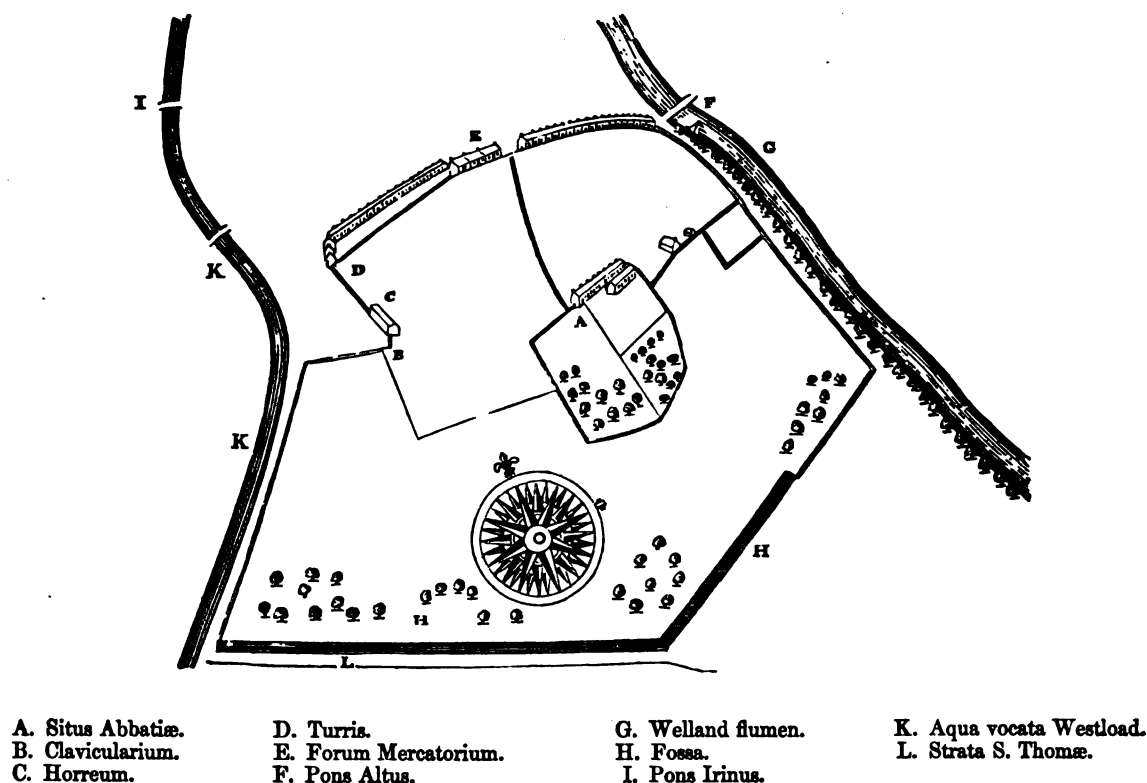
^d In addition to these, Mr. Maurice Johnson, Bibl. Top. Brit.

of the seal of this priory, appendant to the Recognition of King Henry the Eighth's supremacy,^a is still preserved in the chapter-house at Westminster. The area of one side represents the Virgin and Child: that of the other the figure of a bishop, presumed to be St. Nicholas, with his right hand uplifted, as in the act of giving benediction. Mr. Maurice Johnson, in a letter to Dr. Stukeley, conjectures that the entire reading of the inscription on the

first-mentioned side must have been S. PRIORIS & CAPITULI BEATÆ MARIE VIRGINIS; on the other, ET SANCTI NICHOLAI SPALDING.^b

Dugdale, in the former edition of the *Monasticon*, gave an engraved plan of the precinct of Spalding priory as it stood in his time. It is here given, in wood, upon a reduced scale.

AREÆ SPALDINGENSIS CŒNOBII ICHNOGRAPHIA.



In 1789 the REMAINS of *Spalding Priory* consisted of some cottages with gothic windows, and part of the church and gateway;^c but these have been since diminished.

Gough says, "Here were buried Ivo Tailbois, 1104, and his wife Lucia, 1141, and twenty six priors, besides benefactors of the families of Multon, Ayscough, Gayton, Lambart, Pinchbek, Aylwyn, Ross, Ogle, Lemoyne, Thur-

No. xx. p. 17, notices "Divers actings of Henry VIII's commissions on the Dissolution; entries, depositions, church warden's accounts, original letters, &c. touching the priory church, revenues, leases, vestments, vessels of plate, and other chattels, and of the chantries thereto belonging, which remain still in the Augmentation Office, and in the town-chests of Spalding, and in the record room at the town-hall there, whence it appears that the monastery church (there also called the abbey church) was sold by one Thomas Kedby, or Ketby, bailiff of the township of Spalding, by commissions and letters empowering him under the hand of Charles Brandon duke of Suffolk, master of the horse, and sometime archipræfectus curiæ to King Henry VIII. 25 April, 34 of that king, 1543, to the townsmen of Spalding for ; the bells and lead being in his grace's letter expressly excepted."

Both Bishop Tanner and Mr. Johnson quote a "Commissio ad privandum priorem de Spalding, ac ad procedendum ad electionem novi prioris," in bibl. Yelverton, vol. xxv. fol. 93, subsequently in the earl of Sussex's library. See Cat. MSS. Angl. et Hib. tom. ii. fol. 131.

Tanner supplies the following additional references to ancient Records:

"Pro priore et conventu de Spalding, cart. 4 Edw. II. MS. Dodsworth, vol. xxiv. fol. 16.

"Cart. antiq. 1 Joh. D. n. 6, de deafforestatione, &c. G. G. n. 21, P. P. n. 21.

"Cart. 1 Joh. p. 2, m. . n. 17, pro villis de Spalding et Pincebec, &c. Ibid. m. 12, n. 75, de eccl. de Weston, Pinchbeck, &c. Oblat. 3 Joh. m. 6.

"Cart. 11 Hen. III. m. 4 et 5, n. 43 et 44. Cart. 20 Hen. III. m. 7. Cart. 26 Hen. III. pro mercat. apud Spalding. Pat. 37 Hen. III. m. 28, pro viculo extra muros prioratus. Cart. 64 Hen. III.

"Pat. 2 Edw. I. m. 23, dorso, de ten. in Holbech. Pat. 4 Edw. I. m. 28, de mess. et terris in Oberton. Plac. in com. Linc. 9 Edw. I. Assis. rot. 28, 30, 50, et 52, et Quo waranto, rot. 13 et 17. Pat. 19 Edw. I. m. . Plac. apud Westm. 20 Edw. I. rot. 48. Plac. in com.

Northampt. 28 Edw. I. rot. 20, 21, de communa pasturæ in Peychurch.

"Pat. 1 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 6, in cedula, Pat. 6 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 21. licent. perquirendi xx^{li}. per annum in manum mortuam. Pat. 11 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 34, dorso. Pat. 12 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 22 vel 23. Pat. 13 Edw. II. m. 19, de terris in Weston. Pat. 15 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 9. Claus. 17 Edw. II. m. 42, confirm. compositionis cum abbate Andegavensi de solvenda annua pensione xl^{li}. Pat. 18 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 19, de mariscis in Spalding et Pinchbeck. Claus. 18 Edw. II. de terris in Surflete.

"Pat. 1 Edw. III. p. 3, m. 20. Pat. 4 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 34. Cart. 4 Edw. III. n. 95. Pat. 5 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 15 vel 16. Pat. 7 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 18 vel 19, pro prioratu kernellando. (See Num. XXXIV.) Pat. 9 Edw. III. p. 1, m. . Pat. 13 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 13 vel 14. Cart. 13 Edw. III. n. 12, pro mercat. et feria apud Pinchbeck. Pat. 15 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 30, pro ten. in Pinchbeck, Weston, Multon, &c. Ibid. p. 3, m. 11 vel 12, quod abbas non tenet per baroniam. Pat. 28 Edw. III. p. 3, m. 10, pro eccl. de Sibery approprianda.

"Pat. 4 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 3. Pat. 15 Ric. II. p. 2, m. 28. Claus. 18 Ric. II. m. 33, de libertat. et metis terrarum. Pat. 19 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 7, de mess. terris, et molend. in Spalding et Surflete, &c.

"Claus. 1 Hen. IV. p. 1, m. 34, de metis deafforestationis ibidem. Pat. 1 Hen. IV. p. 1, m. 9, de metis et divisis inter Spalding et Pinchbeck. Plac. in com. Linc. 10 Hen. IV. assis. rot. 99. Pat. 1 Hen. IV. p. 1, m. . pro deafforestatione villarum de Spalding et Pinchbeck.

"Pat. 4 Hen. VI. p. 2, m. 19 vel 21. Pat. 14 Hen. VI. p. 2, m. 7. Pat. 20 Hen. VI. p. 4, m. .

"Pat. 1 Edw. IV. p. 5, m. 35. Pat. 2 Edw. IV. p. 4, m. 14, &c. 29. Claus. 8 Edw. IV. m. 29.

"Pat. 1 Ric. III. p. 3, m. 22."

^a See pag. 210.

^b Reliquiæ Galeanæ, Bibl. Top. Brit. num. ii. p. 100.

^c Add. to Camden, edit. 1789, vol. ii. p. 237.

gan, Pecbrig, Kedby, Holland, Fulwy, &c. In the ruins of the priory was found an ivory or horn carving of a monk looking out from under a monument, supposed a design for the monument of prior Littleport; now in the possession of Col. Johnson. No relique of any saint was kept in this house."^a

"The prior's oven," he adds, "an old strong vaulted building at the corner of the beast market by the gore, was the prison, and over it an arched chamber where refractory monks were kept, and such as had benefit of clergy allowed

at the prior's claim; and over that a lofty tower with a bell knelled at executions, and on solemn occasions. It was built or improved in 1220 by prior Symon, and is the *turris* in the plan in the Monasticon. It is of brick and stone, very strong, the arch concentring, and ribbed with Bernak rag, as also the doorcase and foundation. But now only the lower vault remains, converted into a cooper's workshop."^b The priors had a chapel next their own lodge, within the Priory.^c

Cartae ad Spaldingense Coenobium in agro Lincolnensi, Cella primo Croylandensis, postea Sancti Nicholai Andegavensis, spectantes.

NUM. I.

[Annales de Peterborough, in Bibl. Cottoniana.]

ANNO mlij. Hoc tempore, Thoroldus vicecomes et frater germanus Godivæ comitissæ Leycestræ, assumptis secum de domino Wlgato abbate Croylandiæ vj. monachis, prioratum de Spaldyng inchoavit, terris et tenementis sufficientibus ad eorum sustentationem cum suo manerio in eorum cellam commutando liberè assignatis.

ANNO mlix. Wlfketulus, abbas Croylandiæ, instigante inclito comite Algaro, ad hospitalitatem, more monasteriali, in cella sua de Spaldyng adventantibus Christi fidelibus exhibendam, ligneam capellam suam ejusdem villæ, cum certis redditibus in eadem villa situatis, dedit monachis suis Spaldyngensibus; et dictus comes portionem eorundem in multis ampliavit.

ANNO mxxiiij. Edwinus et Morcarus, filii Algari, filii Leofrici comitis Leicestræ, sæpius capti, sed semper miseratione regis, et gratia suæ nobilitatis impune demissi, postremò, non vi nec dolo hostium, sed suorum perfidiâ trucidati, regem etiam ad lachrymas coegere, quorum sororem nomine Luciam cum omnibus terris eorum Yvoni Taylboys, tunc Andegavensi comiti, maritavit.

ANNO mxxiiij. Yvo Taylboys, comes Andegavensis, dominus Spaldyngæ et totius Hollandiæ, monachis sancti Nicholai Andegaviæ, Natale tunc abbate, cellam Spaldyng^d primo dedit. Iste Yvo, maritus Lucie comitissæ, decimas ac donationes quas Toraldus avunculus ejusdem Lucie, filix Algari comitis Leicestræ, monachis Spaldyngiæ dederat evidenter fecit confirmari; donavitque eisdem monachis decimam thelonei et salinarum de Spaldyng, et piscariam de Westlode cum uno piscatore, et decimam piscium quæ in toto ejus terra caperentur, ac decimam bestiarum suarum silvestrium ubicunque essent. Donavit etiam dictis monachis de Spaldyng decimas particulares in Totteneye, Alkebarowe, Normanby, Weltyford, et Bolyngbroke, et in quilibet earundem unum rusticum pro hujusmodi decimis colligendis. Et ad instanciam prædicti Yvonis Taylboys, Willielmus rex Angliæ Conquestor, Willielmus, et Henricus, reges et filii dicti Willielmi Conquestoris, confirmarunt monachis de Spaldyng manerium de Spaldyng cum omnibus appenditiis et pertinentiis suis quibuscunque, et omnia quæ in regno Angliæ tunc habebant.

NUM. II.

De Inchoatione sive Fundatione Spaldingensis Cœnobii.

[Ex Registro de Spalding, penès Joh. Oldfield arm. an. 1659.]

Ex cartis et munimentis, tangentibus fundationem sive inchoationem prioratus Spaldingensis, colligi potest, quod quidam Thoroldus, Lucie comitissæ antecessor, dedit beato Nicholao, et ecclesiæ, et monachis de Spalding, decimas in Tetenay, Alkebar, Normanby, Beltisford, et Scamelisby. Et tempore istius Thoroldi, habuerunt monachi Spaldingenses, boscum et mariscum, ut in carta regis Henrici primi patet. Cumque postmodum rex Willielmus adquisivisset regnum Angliæ per conquestum, mortuoque dicto Thoroldo; relicta sibi hærede Lucie prædictâ, et Yvo Talboys eandem Luciam duxerat in uxorem; cui Yvoni, dictus dominus rex dedit licentiam et concessit quod ipse manerium suum Spaldingense dare possit beato Nicholao civitatis Andegavensis; ita tamen, quod ecclesia Spaldingensis, in manerio suo sita, et servitores ejusdem, dictum manerium habeant, cum omnibus appendiciis suis, cum sokâ et sakâ, tol et them, et infangthef, et omnibus libertatibus et consuetudinibus suis, sicut aliquis antecessorum suorum illud melius habuit; ita tamen, quod habeat in vitâ dicti Yvonis, vel post mortem suam, prout voluerit. Dictus verò Yvo postmodum apud Gloucestriam, concessit Natali abbati S. Nicholai, et monachis Andegaviæ, ecclesiam de Spalding, cum unâ carucatâ terræ, et omnibus quæ ad ecclesiam pertinent; ita tamen, quod iidem monachi recognoscant hujusmodi donationem sibi factam ab eodem Yvone, tanquam primam donationem, excluso quodammodo dono facto prius per Thoroldum: cui tamen ecclesiæ Spaldingensi, et ipsius ministris, dicti abbas et monachi Andegavenses assignaverunt et concesserunt decimas, quas prædictus Thoroldus, et sui, S. Nicholao prius dederunt.

Dictus Yvo nichilominus, pro hujusmodi decimis custodiendis, de suis hominibus assignavit et donavit monachis Spaldingæ, in Teteney, unum rusticum, in Alkebar, unum rusticum, et Normanby; unum rusticum, et decimam telonii et salinarum suarum; et unam de piscariis suis, Westlode; et multa alia. Defuncto verò Yvone eadem domina Lucia successive sumpsit sibi alios viros; scilicet Rogerum filium Geroldi, et comitem Cestriæ Ranulphum. Mortuis quoque domino rege Willielmo et maritis dominæ Lucie

^a Add. to Camden, edit. 1789, vol. ii. p. 238.

^b Ibid.

^c Ibid. p. 239.

^d Spaldyngiæ. *Sparkes*, p. 49.

supradictis; ipsa, in viduitate suâ dunavit monachis Spaldingiae, manerium suum Spaldingiae, cum sokâ et sakâ, tol et them, et infangenethef, et omnibus aliis libertatibus; quod donum Willielmus de Romarâ, filius Luciae comitissae, et Willielmus nepos et hæres ejusdem Willielmi, et Ranulphus comes Cestriae et Linc. successores dictae Luciae confirmârunt.

Præfectis postmodum diversis prioribus temporalibus, successivè in prioratu Spaldingensi, per abbates Andegaviae, celariis, et sacristis, aliisque ministris variis dictae domus; ac ipsis, pro voluntate dictorum, abbatiam à suis officiariis depositis et amotis, ipsi in recessu suo ab eodem prioratu recedentes, et se ad partes alienigenas transferentes; quicquid de eisdem officiis colligere poterant, asportârunt, in dicti prioratus præjudicium non modicum et gravamen: super quo, bonae memoriae Hugo Lincolnensis episcopus secundus, dicti prioratus diocesanus, immo nobilis vir, dominus Ranulphus comes Cestriae et Lincolniae, ejusdem loci patronus, meritò condolentes, Constantium abbatem, tunc temporis Andegaviae; et Simonem, Spaldingiae, tunc priorem, super præmissis, ad compositionem amicabilem perduxerunt. Qui quidem abbas Constantius et Simon prior habentes à suis conventibus mandata sufficientia componendi super præmissis, de consensu eorundem diocesani et patroni, composuerunt ut priores de cætero Spaldingiae per diocesanum instituerentur, ac immobiles permanentes, plenam administrationem in spiritualibus et temporalibus optinerent. Mortuo verò abbate Constantio memorato, Jacobus ejusdem successor, dictam compositionem volens totaliter infirmare; veniens Spaldingiae, Simonem priorem, per episcopum, juxta compositionem præmissam institutum, ac alios dictae domus ministros, contra eandem compositionem voluit deposuisse. Cui dictus prior et ipsius conventus resistentes, per eundem abbatem et suum conventum procurabantur ad sedem apostolicam evocari. Dicti verò abbas et conventus suus, coram domino papâ, contra eosdem priorem et conventum suum proposuerunt, se et monasterium suum, per eosdem priorem et conventum à subjectione prioratus Spaldingiae in spiritualibus et temporalibus spoliatis, petentes per papam se restitui ad hujusmodi subjectionem; lite verò pendente prædictâ, ac ipsis abbate et suo conventu, extra omnimodam possessionem spiritualium et temporalium prioratus Spaldingiae, juxta assertionem suam propriam factam judicialiter existentibus, compositum secundo extitit inter partes, quam compositionem eisdem abbati et conventui nichil attribuitur temporale, nisi quaedam præstatio annua xl^{li}. et mora quatuor monachorum; quæ quidem compositio per sedem apostolicam confirmatur, de verbo ad verbum totaliter recitata.

NUM. III.

Terræ Yvonis Taylboys, mariti Luciae Comitissae, in Spalding, Pyncebek, Multon, et Weston.

[Domesd. tom. i. fol. 351 b.]

TERRA IVONIS TAILLGEBOSC.—“Man. in SPALDINGE. hab. Algar comes ix. car. terræ ad geld. Terra ad totidem car. Ibi habet Ivo IIII. car. in dominio, et XL. vill. et XXXIII. bord. habentes XIII. car. Ibi mercatum XL. solid. et VI. piscariae XXX. solid. et de salinis XX. sol. et silva alnorum VIII. solid. Tempore Regis Edwardi val. XXIII. lib. et II. sol. et VIII. den. Modo XXX. lib. Tailla XXX. lib.

In TITE III. car. terræ et II. bov. ad geld. Terra II. car. Berew. in Spallinge. Ibi IX. vill. et I. bord. habentes III. car. Ibi habet Ivo II. car. in dominio et æcclesiam.

In PICEBECH soca. X. car. terræ ad geld. Terra X. car. Ibi XXII. soch. et XVI. vill. et XII. bord. habentes IX.

car. et IIII. piscariae. I et D. anguill.

In WESTUNE et MALTUNE. Soca X. car. terræ et I. bov. ad geldum. Terra totidem c. et b. Ibi XXVI. soch. et XXXI. vill. et XX. bord. habentes XX. carucas.

In Waletone et Bodebi. II. car. terræ et II. bov. ad geldum. Terra III. carucarum. Soca in HUNBIA. Ibi

VII. sochem. et vill. et V. bord. habentes IIII. car. et I. molin. II. solid. W. . . . d. habet.”

NUM. IV.

Carta Regis Willielmi, Conquestoris dicti, Ivoni Taleboys concessa.

[Ex vet. Apographo penes Oldfeld armig. hodiernum Loci dominum, an. viz. 1648.]

WILLIELMUS rex Anglorum, R. Lincolnensi episcopo, et omnibus baronibus et fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis omnes quod ego concedo, quod Ivo Taleboys manerium quod vocatur Spaldings, donet sancto Nicholao, de civitate Andegavensi, ita scilicet quod ecclesia quæ in eodem manerio est, et servitores ejus, manerium habeant, cum omnibus appendiciis suis, cum saca, et soca, et toll, et theam, et infangthef, et omnibus aliis consuetudinibus, sicut aliquis antecessorum suorum meliùs illud habuerit; ita tamen ut habeant, post obitum ipsius Ivonis, vel ante obitum suum, si ipse Ivo voluerit. Testibus W. episcopo Dunelmensi, Roberto filio Hamonis, Willielmo cancellario, Eudone dapifero, et Rogero Bigoto, apud How.

NUM. V.

Donum Ivonis Taleboys, de Spalding cum una Carucata Terræ, Ecclesiae S. Nicholai Andegaviae collatis.

[Ibid.]

ANNO incarnationis Domini millesimo octogesimo quinto, concessit Ivo Taleboys ecclesiae sancti Nicholai Andegaviae, ecclesiam in villa sua quæ Spaldingia vocatur, cum una carucata terræ, et bobus et omnibus quæ ecclesiae pertinent, pro Willielmi regis, ac Matildæ reginæ uxoris suæ animabus, necnon pro sui ipsius, et conjugis suæ Luciae, et antecessorum Toraldi, scilicet uxoris ejus, requie: tali pacto, ut monachi sancti Nicholai, sub manu regis, ab Ivone hujus elemosinæ primam donationem recognoscant. In qua ecclesia tres monachi, electione abbatis, totiusque conventus, assiduè erunt, cui ecclesiae Spaldingi, abbate et monachis, decimas quas Toraldus, sui que homines dederant, beato Nicholao concesserunt. Si autem Domino largiente ecclesiae substantia copiosissimè multiplicata fuerit, monachorum numerus augmentetur, de cujus substantia, in unoquoque anno, fratribus cænobii sancti Nicholai Andegaviae, charitatem quam poterant reddent.

Hanc conventionem fecit Ivo cum Natali abbate, et monachis sancti Nicholai Andegaviae apud Gloucestriam, concedente Willielmo rege Anglorum, testimonio Remigii episcopi Lincolnensis, Willielmi episcopi Dunelmensis, Hugonis, Walderici et Normanni Crassi, Johannis militis ipsius abbatis, et Nigelli militis, Ivonis militis, Hormeri presbiteri. Post hæc dedit tholoneum Spaldingiae et salinas, et quandam aquam quæ vocatur Westelade, cum piscariis. Dedit etiam eis de suis propriis piscationibus in expensis fratrum, unoquoque anno duo millia anguillarum, et decimam piscium marinarum, qui in omni terra sua capientur, decimam pullorum equarum suarum silvestrium ubicunque fuerant. In Tatenaya unum rusticum, in Weldeford unum rusticum ad custodiendum decimas, ad lucernam monasterii, et dormitorii. Et pascua pecoribus monachorum, sicut suis propriis annuatim, et unam carucatam terræ in Obthorp, cum tribus rusticis, et carucatam boum cum seruo.

In dedicatione quoque ecclesiae sanctæ et gloriosissimæ Dei genetricis semper Virginis Mariæ Spallinguis, accrevit omnes decimas, quas tenebant cui . . . capellano^a de suo dominio, Laurentius, et Henricus [de suo dominio de Bulinbrok, et]^b cum omni quod adjecit. Ecclesiam quoque Hun . . . cum decima sua, et cum una carucata terræ. Testibus his, Thoma archiepiscopo Eboracensi, Remigio episcopo Lincolnensi, Roberto episcopo Herefordiensi, Guidone de Credone. Galfrido de Garham, Beringario de Thorneio,^c Hugone de Brenone, qui suam decimam Clasquebeye tribuit.

^a sui capellani. *MS. Cole.*

^b videlicet de Bolinebrok et Beldeford. *Ibid.*

^c Thoenio. *Ibid.*

NUM. VI.

Confirmatio Regis Willielmi Conquestoris, et Willielmi et Henrici filiorum suorum, facta Deo et Sancto Nicholao et Monachis ejus de Manerio de Spalding, et aliis.

[Ibid.]

WILLIELMUS rex Anglorum, Roberto episcopo Lincolniae, et omnibus baronibus et fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis omnes, quod ego concedo Deo, et sancto Nicholao, ac monachis ejus omnia quæ in regno meo adquisierunt, vel adquisituri sunt legaliter, et nominatim donum quod eis Ivo Taleboys dedit, scilicet, manerium vocatum Spalding cum omnibus ei pertinentiis, cum saca, et soca, et tol, et theam, et infangentheof, et in omnibus aliis consuetis suis et consuetudinibus; ita liberaliter, pacificè, et quietè sicut unquam aliquis ante eos meliùs, liberaliùs, et quietiùs illud habuit et tenuit. Similiter, et ego alius Willielmus filius suus Anglorum rex, post eum concedo omnia authorizo et confirmo Deo et sancto Nicholao et monachis ejus sicut ipse pater meus ante me concesserat, autorizaverat, et confirmaverat. Ego Henricus Dei gratia rex Anglorum concedo, authorizo, et confirmo Deo et sancto Nicholao et monachis omnia quæ in regno meo habent vel habituri sunt, sicut pater meus Willielmus rex, et frater meus Willielmus rex concesserunt, autorizaverunt, et confirmaverunt, et ubicunque in dominio meo aliquid habent tam in Anglia quam in Normannia, pro pace nostra, et salute, necnon requie animarum nostrarum, parentumque nostrorum, et omnium fidelium defunctorum. Testibus Roberto episcopo Lincolnensi, Willielmo episcopo Dunelmensi, Roberto filio Hamonis, Willielmo cancellario, Eudone dapifero, Reginaldo Bigoto, et aliis multis de curia regis.

NUM. VII.

Carta Ivonis Taliboyis facta Monachis de Spalding de decimis Telonii Salinarum et Piscium Marinorum, et de Aqueductu de Westlade, et multis aliis.

[Ibid.]

NOTUM sit omnibus tam futuris quàm præsentiis, quod ego Ivo Taleboys, post decessum Willielmi Anglorum regis, donavi Deo et sancto Nicholao, pro animabus ipsius regis Willielmi ac reginæ Matildæ uxoris ejus, ad augmentum victus monachorum sanctæ Mariæ de Spalding, decimam thelonii et salinarum de Spalding, et unum ductum aquæ, nomine Westlade, cum uno piscatore, et de suis propriis piscationibus, constituit unoquoque anno ad victum monachorum duo millia anguillarum, et decimam piscium marinorum, qui in tota terra sua capientur, ad lucernam monasterii et dormitorii monachorum, quinque solidos per annum de suo expleto de Spaldingia, decimam pullorum equarum suarum silvestrium, ubicunque erunt. De suis hominibus donavit ad custodiendum decimas monachorum in Tataneya, unum rusticum in Altobaro, unum rusticum in Bulinbrok, unum rusticum in Beltisford, unum rusticum in Normanbeia, unum rusticum in Spaldingia, unum bercheriam et pascua pecorum per totum, sicut suis propriis. Et quando ecclesia sanctæ Mariæ de Spalding dedicata est, decrevit ad victum monachorum omnes decimas, quas habuerunt sui capellani, Laurentius, et Henricus, de suo dominio de Bolingbroke, et de Beltisford, et de omni hoc quod eis adjacet, et etiam Hundington cum decima sua, et cum una carucata terræ. Hujus rei testes sunt Thomas archiepiscopus Eboracensis, Remigius, episcopus Lincolnensis, Robertus, episcopus Herefordiensis, Wido de Credona, Alfridus de Guarham, Berengarius de Thoeneye, Hugo de Braybeof, qui dedit monachis decimam Claquesbyæ.

NUM. VIII.

Carta Concessionis Lucie Comitissæ Monachis de Spalding, de Manerio ejusdem Villæ, cum Soka et Saka, Toll et Theam, et aliis Libertatibus.

[Ibid.]

IN nomine sanctæ et individue Trinitatis, notum sit omnibus, tam præsentiis, quàm futuris, quod ego Lucia

comitissa Cestriæ, concedo et dono ecclesiæ, et monachis sancti Nicholai de Spalding, manerium de Spalding cum socha et sacha, et toll et them, cum omnibus consuetudinibus suis, et libertatibus, cum quibus meliùs tenuit et liberaliùs, tempore Ivonis de Taleboys, et Rogeri filii Geraldii, et comitis Ranulfi, in elemosina animæ meæ, pro redemptione animæ patris mei, et matris meæ, et dominorum meorum et parentum meorum. Quare volo ut bene, et in pace teneant cum omnibus appendiciis suis. Teste priore Martino de Pontefracto, et Gilberto de Lacey, Richardo de Foliot, et aliis.

NUM. IX.

Confirmatio Ranulphi Comitis Monachis de eodem dono.

[MS. Cole, ut supr. p. 148.]

UNIVERSIS sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis, Ranulfus comes Cestr. et Linc. salutem. Noverit universitas vestra me divinæ pietatis intuitu et pro salute animæ meæ, et animarum antecessorum et successorum meorum concessisse et præsenti scripto confirmasse Deo et beatæ Mariæ et sancto Nicholao de Spalding, monachisque ibidem Deo servientibus, in liberam, puram, et perpetuam elemosinam illas donationes quas Lucia quondam comitissa Cestriæ fecit eis, scilicet ecclesiam et manerium de Spalding cum omnibus pertinentiis. Quare volo et concedo ut prædicti monachi hæc omnia teneant et habeant libere et pacifice cum omnibus dignitatibus et omnibus quæ ad illa pertinent ubicunque fuerint, in bosco, in plano, in foro et extra forum, in aquis, in pascuis, in mariscis, in piscariis, in theloniis, in ecclesiis, in decimis, et omnibus aliis rebus ad prædictum manerium et ecclesiam pertinentibus, sicut carta testatur quam habent de prædicta Lucia comitissa, et carta confirmationis Willielmi de Romara prædecessoris nostri quam inde habent. Testibus domino Waltero tunc abbate Cestr. domino Willielmo de Vernun tunc justic. Cestr. domino Radulfo de Bray, Petro sacerdote, Simone clerico, et aliis.

NUM. X.

Donum domini Thomæ de Multon de Ecclesia de Weston.

[Ex vet. apographo penes Oldfeld armig. hodiernum loci dominum, an. viz. 1648.]

THOMAS de Multon omnibus hominibus suis, Francis et Anglis, et omnibus ecclesiæ catholicæ fidelibus, salutem. Noscit universitas vestra me, in exequiis patris mei apud Spalding, capitulum sancti Nicholai ingressum, coram fratribus meis, et matre mea, et sororibus, et amicis meis, et hominum multitudine, tunc ibidem collocata, ecclesiam de Weston, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis Deo, et sanctæ Mariæ, et sancto Nicholao et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, pro anima patris mei, et pro animabus prædecessorum meorum in perpetuam elemosinam dedisse, et Galfrido priori, Nigelli prænominatæ ecclesiæ persona per manum commendasse. Postea inde egressus, ut quod sic verbo fuerat sancitum, opere cunctis pateret certificatum, eandem ecclesiam cum decimis, et elemosinis, terris, et omnibus eidem pertinentibus, super altare Dei, et sanctæ Mariæ, et sancti Nicholai, cultello meo proprio obtuli, qui super eodem altare oblati, in secretario repositi sunt. In cujus rei testimonium observandum, deinde in ecclesiam rediens, et in capitulum introiens fui frater et particeps beneficiorum totius ecclesiæ, his videntibus et audientibus, abbate Everard de Croyland, Galfrido priore, Richardo Lumbard, et aliis.

NUM. XI.

Hugonis primi Comitis Cestriæ et Lincolnæ, usque ad Aliciam Comitissam Lincolnæ anno regni Regis Edwardi Tertii, a Conquestu septimo, prosapia.

[Ibid.]

ANNO Domini m^{lxxxix}. venit dominus Anselmus abbas ecclesiæ Uticensis in Anglia, qui rogatu Hugonis primi comitis Cestriæ, Cestriam venit, ibique abbathiam, in honore sanctæ Werburgæ, fundavit, et monachis ibidem congregatis Richardum monachum Uticensem primum abbatem

instituit;^a quo facto, eodem anno, in reddito suo à Cestria archiepiscopus Cantuariensis factus est. Sexto kalendas Augusti obiit Hugo primus comes Cestriae, qui jacet in capitulo erga austrum extremum. Post cujus mortem Richardus filius ejus, puer septem annorum, comitatum suscepit, septimo kalendas Decembris, cum uxore sua, et multis aliis submersus est apud Warflet. Post quem successit Ranulfus de Meschines, nepos praedicti Hugonis comitis, qui moriens sexto kalendas Februarii, jacet erga austrum juxta Hugonem primum; post quem successit Ranulfus de Gernons filius ejus, qui moriens decimo sexto kalendas Januarii, jacet juxta patrem suum. Post hunc successit Hugo filius ejus, qui moriens secundo kalendas Julii, jacet juxta patrem suum. Post quem successit Ranulfus filius ejus, qui moriens vij. kal. Novemb. jacet juxta patrem suum. Post hunc successit Johannes de Scotia, nepos ejus, qui moriens septimo idus Junii, jacet juxta praedictum comitem. Idem verò Ranulfus habuit quatuor sorores, primogenita nomine Matilda, secunda Mabilia, tertia Agnes, quarta Hawisia. Matilda prima desponsata fuit comiti Davidi, et habuit filium Johannem, cognominatum de Scotia, qui fuit comes Cestriae, et habuit quatuor filias; Margareta prima nupta Alano de Sulweye,^b et habuit filiam Deruogillam, quae erat uxor Johannis Baylioll; Isabella secunda, nupta Roberto de Brus, et habuit filium, Robertum de Brus. Matilda tertia, moriebatur sine filiis; Alda quarta, nupta Henrico de Hastings, et habuit filium Henricum Hastings.

Mabilia secunda soror comitis Ranulfi desponsata fuit comiti de Arundell, et habuit quatuor filias, videlicet, Mabiliam nuptam Roberto Tateshall, et habuit filium Robertum de Tateshall. Nicholaa soror secunda nupta Rogero de Somerye, et habuit filium Radulfum, qui obiit ante patrem, et quatuor filias, videlicet, Margareta nupta Radulfo Basset juniore, Johanna, secunda, nupta Johanni de Estrang, Elizabetha, tertia, nupta Waltero de Suley, et Matilda, quarta, nupta Henrico de Erdington. Cecilia, tertia filia comitis Arundellae, nupta Rogero de Montealto. Isabella, quarta filia ejusdem comitis, nupta fuit Johanni filio Alani, et habuit filium Johannem. Agnes, tertia soror Ranulfi comitis, desponsata Willielmo Ferres seniori, et habuit filium Willielmum juniorem, qui fuit comes Derebeiae. Willielmus junior habuit filium Robertum. Havisia quarta soror Ranulfi comitis, desponsata fuit Roberto de Quincy, et habuit filiam Margaretam comitissam Lincolniae, quae nupta fuit Johanni de Laci constabulario Cestriae; ex qua idem Johannes genuit Edmundum, qui quidem Edmundus genuit Henricum Lacy comitem Lincolniae, et idem Edmundus obiit ante matrem suam. Dictus autem Henricus, ex filia comitis Sarum, genuit Edmundum qui obiit ante parentum suum, et filiam, Aleseiam nomine, quae nupta fuit domino Thomae comiti Lancastriae et Leicestriae, et post ejus mortem domino Ebuloni le Strange.

NUM. XII.

Donatio Decimarum de Lutton et Sutton per Pigotum fil. Colwani Monachis Spalding.

[MS. Cole, vol. xliii. p. 450.]

Ad notitiam tam praesentium quam futurorum Scripto tradi dignum duximus, quod Picotus filius Colwani Linc. cum uxore et quodam nepote nomine Ricardi, et quadam nepte nomine Cecilia, caeteraque familia sua, venit Spalding, in capitulum sanctae Mariae et sancti Nicolai, et petiit a domino abbate J. monachisque tunc praesentibus fraternitatem illorum, sibi et uxori suae, nepoti et nepti praedictis, necnon reliquae familiae, quam concessit ei dominus abbas J. assensu praedictorum fratrum. Accepta autem fraternitate, Pichotus dedit Deo et sanctae Mariae, et beato Nicholao, monachisque Spalding servientibus, in elemosinam, duas partes decimae suae de villa quae dicitur Suttona, et Luttona, et de omnibus rebus quas adquisierat, pro anima regis Henrici et animabus antecessorum suorum, et pro anima sui ipsius, ac uxoris suae, necnon omnium parentum suorum. In testimonium ibidem plicatum ponens cultellum super altare sanctae Mariae et Sancti Nicolai. Hiis praesentibus monachis, Gaufrido Nauecensi priore, Reginaldo

Calvo, Johanne Sancti Gregorii, Radulpho Scocardo, alio Johanne, Galfrido de Comleio, Ernulfo, Bernardo, Reginaldo Martel, Thoraldo, Willielmo Virico, Gilberto, et aliis pluribus. Et hiis non monachis, ipso Pichoto, uxore ejus Beatrice, Ricardo nepote ejus, Cecilia nepte ejus, Sampsono Hostiario, Reginaldo Huardo nepote Vicecomitis Osberti, Malfred et Hogo cum illo, Hodone capellano ipsius Pichoti, Godefrido de Barbavill, Milone et Nigello nepote ipsius, Hug. Nigro, ejus nepote Urnoio, et Juliano fil. Matthaei, et multis aliis, fere tota familia Pichoti. De Lutton, Suano et Normanno, ex parte nostra Abbate praebitero, Willielmo presbitero, Mainardo clerico, Petro, Haldano, Tengiso fratre ejus, Hesca, Michaelae famul. abbatis, et Pescard^c, Warnerio, Manna, Johanne Passaduc, Turburto coco, Stephano de Putalgiis, Widone nepote Gofridi prioris, Pagano fratre Widonis monachi de Thorneia, Pagano fratre Anselini, Huardo Fau^dii; Alii multis, brevitate gratia, praesenti non ascriptis cartulae. Acta sunt autem haec anno incarnationis Dominicae m^o.c^o.xi^o. mense Maii quarta x^a. die mensis; die Dominica hora tertia, regnante praedicto H. glorioso Anglorum rege.

NUM. XIII.

Confirmatio Alexandri III. Prioratus Spalding et omnium Possessionum suarum facta Reginaldo Priori, suisque Fratribus, et eorum Successoribus, et de diversis Libertatibus eisdem concessis et Privilegiis.

[Ibid. p. 321.]

ALEXANDER episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilectis filiis Reginaldo priori mon. sancti Nicolai de Spalding, ejusque fratribus, tam praesentibus quam futuris regularem vitam professis imperpetuum. Quotiens illud a nobis petitur quod Religioni et Honestati convenire dinoscitur, animo nos decet libenti concedere, et petentium desideriis congruum impertiri suffragium: ea propter dilecti in Domino filii vestris justis postulationibus clementer annuimus, et praefatum Monasterium in quo divino mancipati estis obsequio, sub beati Petri et nostra protectione suscipimus, et praesentis scripti privilegio communimus. In primis siquidem statuentes, ut Ordo monasticus, qui secundum Domini et beati Benedicti regulam in eodem loco noscitur institutus perpetuis ibidem temporibus inviolabiliter observetur. Praeterea quascunque possessiones, quaecunque bona idem monasterium in praesentia juste et canonice possidet, aut in futurum concessione Pontificum, largitione Regum vel Principum, oblatione fidelium, seu aliis justis modis praestante Domino poterit adipisci, firma vobis vestrisque successoribus et illibata permaneant; in quibus haec propriis duximus exprimenda vocabulis, Locum ipsum in quo praefatum monasterium situm est cum omnibus pertinentiis suis; ecclesiam de Weston cum omnibus pertinentiis suis; ecclesiam de Multon cum omnibus pertinentiis suis; ecclesiam de Holbech cum omnibus pertinentiis suis; ecclesiam de Pincebek cum omnibus pertinentiis suis; ecclesiam de Surflet cum omnibus pertinentiis suis; ecclesiam de Cibeseie cum omnibus pertinentiis suis; ecclesiam de Stikenei cum omnibus pertinentiis suis; ecclesiam de Bolingbroc cum omnibus pertinentiis suis; dimidiam partem ecclesiae de Estrekele; ecclesiam de Alkebarwe cum capella de Walcote ab ea pendente et aliis pertinentiis suis; ecclesiam de Lee cum omnibus pertinentiis suis; ecclesiam de Burton cum omnibus pertinentiis suis; ecclesiam beati Petri in Ludeford cum omnibus pertinentiis suis; ecclesiam de Beltisford cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. In Teteneia, totam decimam de dominio quae fuit Luciae comitissae; in Kauburne, duas partes decimarum de dominio quod fuit Hugonis de Tours; in Normanbi, totam decimam de dominio quod fuit Luciae comitissae; in Glenetham, totam decimam de dominio quod fuit Reinfredi de Breteville; in Donington, totam decimam de dominio quod fuit Luciae comitissae; in Steningod, totam decimam de dominio quod fuit Luciae comitissae; in Skamelisbi, totam decimam de dominio quod fuit Luciae comitissae; et in eadem villa unum molendinum de dono praefatae comitissae; in Edlington, duas partes decimarum de dominio quod fuit Luciae comitissae; in Langedon, duas partes decimarum de dominio Philippi de Kime;

^a De hoc quaedam supra in S. Werburg. Cestren. ex Malmesb. et aliis.

^b al. Sulleye.

in Claxeby, duas partes decimarum de dominio Willielmi de Brebof; in Wihum, totam decimam de dominio Walteri Varini; in Francton, duas partes decimarum de dominio quod fuit Lamberti de Multon; in Sutton et Lutton, duas partes omnium decimarum de dominio quod fuit Pikoti fil. Colswani Linc.; in Sutton, duas carucatas et duas bovatas terræ; in Surflet, tres bovatas terræ de feodo Helponis Alabaster; in Obthorp, unam carucatam terræ; in Leilthorp, unam carucatam terræ, et unam bovatom terræ de dominio terræ Gilberti de Gaunt; in Kistegar, unam bovatom terræ; in Alkebarwe, unam carucatam terræ de abbate de Burgo; in Walecote, unam bovatom terræ; in Ludeford, dimidiam carucatam terræ et dimidiam bovatom in wapentak de Bolingbroc; in Miningisbi, duas carucatas terræ; in Cibezeie, duas carucatas terræ, et unam bovatom, et quartam partem unius bovatom terræ. Sane de novallibus vestrorum quæ propriis manibus aut sumptibus colitis, de nutrimentis vestrorum animalium, nullus a vobis decimas præsumat exigere. Sepulturam quoque ipsius loci liberam esse decernimus, ut eorum devotioni et extremæ voluntati qui se illic sepeliri deliberaverint, nisi forte excommunicati vel interdicti sint, nullus obsistat: salva tamen iustitia illarum ecclesiarum a quibus mortuorum corpora assumuntur. In parochialibus autem ecclesiis quas tenetis, liceat vobis clericos eligere, et diocesano Episcopo præsentare, quibus, si ydonei fuerint, episcopus animarum curam committat ut de plebis quidem cura episcopo, vobis autem de temporalibus debeant respondere. Liceat præterea vobis, clericos vel laicos, liberos et absolutos, e seculo fugientes, ad conversionem vestram recipere, et eos absque ullius Contradictione in vestro collegio retinere. Præterea libertates et immunitates a regibus, principibus, et ecclesiarum prælatis monasterio vestro rationabiliter concessas, sicut in auctenticis scriptis ex inde factis continetur, et antiquas et rationabiles consuetudines ejusdem monasterii integras et illibatas præsentis decreto manere sancimus. Cum autem Generale Interdictum terræ fuerit, liceat vobis, clausis januis, exclusis excommunicatis et interdictis, non pulsatis campanis, suppressa voce, divina Officia celebrare. Decernimus ergo ut nulli omnino hominum liceat præfato monasterio temere perturbare, aut ejus possessiones auferre, vel allatas retinere, imminuere, seu quibuslibet vexationibus fatigare, sed illibata omnia et integra conserventur eorum pro quorum gubernatione et sustentatione concessa sunt, usibus omnimodis profutura: salva Sedi Apostolicæ auctoritate, et diocesani episcopi canonica iustitia. Si qua igitur in futurum ecclesiastica, secularisve persona hanc nostræ constitutionis paginam sciens contra eam temere venire temptaverit, secundo tertiove commonita, nisi presumptionem suam digna satisfactione correxerit, potestatis, honorisque sui dignitate careat, reamque se divino iudicio existere de perpetrata iniquitate cognoscat, et a sacratissimo corpore ac sanguine Dei et Domini Redemptoris nostri Jhesu Christi aliena fiat, atque in extremo examine districtæ ultioni subjaceat. Cunctis autem eidem loco sua jura servantibus sit Pax Domini nostri Jhesu Christi quatinus et hic fructum bonæ actionis percipiant, et apud districtum Judicem præmia æternæ pacis inveniant. Amen. Dat. Venet. in Rivo alto per manum Gratiani sanctæ Romanæ ecclesiæ Subdiaconi et Notarii, iij. non. Julij, indictione decima, incarnationis Dominicæ anno m^o.c^o.lxx^o.vii^o. Pontificis vero domini Alexandri papæ iij. Anno xvii^o. Present. xij. cardinalibus et subscribentibus Bullam prout liquet per inspectionem originalis.

NUM. XIV.

Carta concessa Abbathie Sancti Nicholai Andegavensis, et Priori de Spalding.

[Chartæ antiquæ lit. B. a. n. 5.]

JOHANNES Dei gratia rex Angliæ, &c. Sciatis nos concessisse, et hac præsentis carta nostra confirmasse abbati sancti Nicholai Andegavensis, et priori et monachis de Spalding ibidem Deo servantibus, omnes donationes, et concessiones rationabiles, terrarum et hominum eis factas, videlicet, prioratum de Spalding, cum omnibus pertinentiis

suis, tam in rebus ecclesiasticis, quàm in possessionibus secularibus in perpetuum. Ecclesiam scilicet de Weston, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et omnes possessiones terrarum, quas in eadem villa habent et possident, et ecclesiam de Muleton, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et omnes possessiones terrarum et hominum quas in eadem villa habent et possident; et terram quam habent in villa de Quapelade, videlicet, Wrangbenethrith; et omnes possessiones terrarum et hominum quas habent in villa de Sutton. Et ecclesiam de Pincebec, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et omnes homines, terras et possessiones quas in eadem villa habent; et ecclesiam de Surflet; cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et omnes terras, et decimas, et homines quas habent in Obbethorp et Wineluithorp, et manerium de Lentorp cum omnibus hominibus, et terris sibi adjacentibus, et ecclesiam de Sibetop, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et duodecim bovatas terræ in eadem villa cum omnibus hominibus et sectis eorum; et ecclesiam de Stikeneia cum omnibus pertinentiis suis; et ecclesiam de Bullingbroc cum hominibus, et toftis, et boscis, et omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis; et medietatem ecclesiæ de Estrecales, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et servitium duarum carucatarum terræ in villa de Midingesby, et ecclesiam de Hardelthorp, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Et ecclesiam de Lee, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis; et ecclesiam de Gaitburton cum omnibus pertinentiis suis; et medietatem ecclesiæ de Belchesford, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis; et in eadem villa omnes decimationes de dominico comitis Cestriæ; et in Scamelesby unum molendinum aquaticum; et in eadem villa omnes decimas de dominico comitis Cestriæ; et in Staninghoge,^b omnes decimas de dominico comitis Cestriæ; et in Dunington omnes decimas de dominico comitis Cestriæ; et in Threllew^c omnes decimas de dominico comitis Cestriæ; et in Estreby unum molendinum, cum uno tofto sibi adjacente; et in villa Norluanby omnes decimas de dominico, quod fuit Willielmi de Rumara, et unum hominem, cum una bovata terræ, et tota secta, et familia sua, in eadem villa, et decimas quas habent in villa de Elingthon de barona Willielmi de Rumara. Et terram quam habent in villa de Wyum. Et decimas quas habent in Clacksbey. Et decimas quas habent in Kaburne. Et manerium de Hanteberge, cum ecclesia ejusdem villæ. Et capellam de Walreote, et cum omnibus hominibus, et terris, et decimis sibi adjacentibus. Et manerium de Wilketon, cum omnibus hominibus, cum aliis pertinentiis, et herbergagium quod habent in Lincolnia juxta fossatum castelli, cum omnibus pertinentiis, et cum aliis omnibus possessionibus et libertatibus infra civitates, burga, et extra, in ecclesiis, in decimis, in hominibus, et terris, in redditibus, in servitiis, in mensuris, in pratis, in pasturis, in communiis, in stagnis et aquis, in vivariis, et piscariis, in molendinis, in salinis, in mariscis, in turbariis, in liberis introitibus, et exitibus, et in omnibus aliis rebus, sicut rationabiles cartæ donatorum, et concessorum suorum testantur, de possessionibus quas ipsi habent, vel quas in posterum rationabiliter acquirerent, de cujuscunque feodo sint.

Quare volumus et firmiter præcipimus, quod prædicti abbas, et prior, et monachi omnia prædicta habeant, et teneant, benè, et pacificè, integrè, et honorificè, in liberam, et puram, et perpetuam elemosinam, soluta et quieta, de omnibus geldis, et danegeldis, scutagiis, hidagiis, carrucagiis, schiris, exercitibus, sectis, et misericordiis, comitatibus, wapentakis, et hundredis, et tridingis, et de omni misericordia et communi assisa, et de pecunia quæ ad murtherum, et latrocinium pertinet, et auxiliis vicecomitum, et ballivorum suorum, et de omnibus ad eos pertinentibus, et de omnibus aliis auxiliis, et custodiis, et operationibus castellorum, murorum, wallorum, vivariorum, stagnorum, pontium, calcearium, et aliarum clausurarum, et de warpeni, et haverpeni, tethingpeni, hengwithe, flemenwite, blodwithe, leirwith, flemenfermth, fithwithe, grithbrich, forstall, hamsockn, hamfare, et francoplegio, et de borhnewing, et lastagio, et stallagio, et carriagio, et pannagio, et de omnibus occasionibus quæ ad nos pertinent; concedimus etiam eis quod ipsi abbas, et prior et monachi habeant libertatem curiæ suæ, de omnibus tenementis suis, cum soka, et saka, et toll, et theam, et infangenthef et utfangenthef. Quia

^a Rectius D. Tann. Notit. Mon.

^b vulgo, Stanigote juxta Louthe.

^c al. Thellisford.

volumus quod ipsi omnes res et possessiones suas ita liberè et quietè teneant, sicut aliqua ecclesia in tota terra nostra liberè et quietè tenet.

Et præcipimus quod prædicti abbas, et prior, et monachi liberi sint, et quieti de omni theoloneo, passagio, pontagio, et omni alia consuetudine, quæ ad nos pertinet, ubique in potestate nostra de omnibus rebus quas ad proprios usus emerint, vel venderint, vel per terram, vel per aquam ducere, vel portare fecerint. Et prohibemus ne de aliquo tenemento suo ponantur in placitum, aut respondeant, nisi coram nobis, vel coram capitali iusticiario nostro, vel per speciale mandatum nostrum, et quod nullus eos, aut res, aut possessiones, aut homines eorum, contra libertatem cartæ nostræ, gravet, aut inquietet, vexet, aut disturbet, super forisfacturam decem librarum, sicut carta regis, Richardi fratris nostri rationabiliter testatur. Testibus Willielmo marescallo, comite Penbrochiæ, Galfrido filio Petri, comite Essexiæ, Roberto de Turnham, Willielmo Briwer, Hugone Bardulfe, Hugone de Nevill, Simon de Pateshull. Data per manum Huberti Cantuariensis archiepiscopi cancellarii nostri, apud Fulleham xxi. die Aprilis regni nostri anno primo.*

NUM. XV.

Prima Compositio inter Abbatem Andegaviæ et Priorem Spaldingæ, quod idem Prior debeat eligi per Conventum Spalding, et per Episcopum institui, et plenam Administrationem habere in Spiritualibus et Temporalibus, reservatis Abbati Visitatione et Professione Monachorum Andeg. faciendæ.

[MS. Cole, vol. xliii. p. 151.]

Hæc est amicabile Compositio et pacis Reformatio realis et perpetua facta anno gratiæ millesimo ducentesimo xxxij.^o apud Brantun juxta Huntledun in ecclesia die Martis proxima post octab. Pentecostes inter dominum Linc. episcopum Hugonem secundum et Simonem priorem et conventum Spalding ex una parte, et nobilem virum Ran. comitem Cestr. et Linc. et Constantium abbatem et conventum monasterii sancti Nicholai Andegaviæ ex altera parte, sub hac forma, videlicet, quod salvo jure, plene et integre, imperpetuum prædicto nobili et successoribus suis, quantum ad patronum pertinet, et salvo jure episcopali in admissione et institutione prioris, et visitationis prioratus Spalding et aliis ad episcopum spectantibus, integre, plene, et perpetuo, prædicto episcopo Linc. et successoribus suis quo ad legem dioc. et jurisdictionis episcopalis, et salvo jure prædicto abbati et successoribus suis in hiis quæ spectant ad observantiam regularem et disciplinam monachalem in eodem prioratu, salvis etiam jure et possessione prioris Spalding qui nunc est, et succedentium sibi, ut toto tempore vitæ suæ postquam ab episcopo Linc. instituti fuerint, tanquam Priores immobiles in spiritualibus et temporalibus et beneficiis conferendis et præsentationibus ad illa, et receptione monachorum quo ad habitum, plenam habeant potestatem non amovendi absque causa canonica et probata. Cum autem dictum Prioratum Spalding vacare contigerit, petent idem abbas et successores sui et Conventus Spalding, vel procurator monachus ad hoc specialis ejusdem abbatis et successorum suorum, una cum conventu Spalding, ipso Abbate tempestive per conventum Spalding ad hoc vocato, apud monasterium sancti Nicholai Andegaviæ, a dicto Comite vel hæredibus suis licentiam Priorem eligendi. Qua petita eligent dicti Abbas et successores sui et conventus Spalding, vel procurator monachus ad hoc specialis dicti Abbatis et successorum suorum, nomine monasterii sancti Nicholai Andeg. et idem conventus Spalding, priorem, et electionem ipsam cum electo, petito assensu dicti comitis vel hæredum suorum continentibus, episcopo Linc. præsentabunt, quia per episcopum examinatis, ipse episcopus quod est suum circa electionem ipsam et electum exquiratur. Et cum per dictum episcopum fuerit Prior institutus, non amovebitur absque causa canonica, cognita et probata. Dictus autem Abbas et successores sui, cum opus fuerit, aut viderit expedire, ad dictum Prioratum causa visitationis faciendæ, pro hiis quæ sunt ordinis et regulæ tanquam Abbas habens professionem

monachorum dictæ Domus, et alia quæ pertinent ad regularem observantiam, in eadem venient cum familia moderata et honesta, prout convenit honestati Abbatis Monasterii memorati. Quod si in adventu suo, vel modo veniendi, vel moram ibidem, seu aliquis hujus onerosus extitit vel molestus, onus immoderatum in hujus per episcopum Linc. refrenabitur censura ecclesiastica atque corrigetur. Porro dictus abbas et successores sui monachos honestos, non tamen ultra quatuor de partibus transmarinis oriundos, ad domum Spalding pro mora ibidem faciendâ transmittere poterunt; plures alios illuc non missuri quamdiu dicti quatuor ibidem commorantur; qui cum venerint, vivant regulariter sub jugo disciplinæ, et prior Spalding cum conventu ejusdem, ita tamen quod cum necesse fuerit pro negotio ejusdem abbatis in Angliâ expediendo, petita prius licentia a priore Spalding, liceat eis ire et redire in expens. abbatis, scilicet, si alicui vel aliquibus ipsorum quatuor, vel abbas vel successores sui ad ministrationem negotiorum suorum committere voluerint: hoc et adjecto ut si tempore visitationis memoratæ præter prædictos quatuor dictus abbas vel successores sui aliquem vel aliquos ex causa rationabili vera et expressa in capitulo Spalding decreverint, amovendum vel amovendos, alius vel alii per ipsum abbatem et successores suo loco ejus vel eorum, subrogetur vel subrogentur: in ejus vel eorum tamen amotione, et alterius vel aliorum subrogatione, si proprio motu abbatis vel instigatione monachorum seu aliorum quærat color, vel causa confingatur, hujusmodi correctio et coercio in episcopi Linc. maneat potestate. Verum noviciorum, tempore hujus Compositionis et Pacis Reformationis, de dicto prioratu Spalding existentium, recepit idem Abbas apud Spalding hac vice professiones, salvo sibi jure in posterum et successoribus suis recipiendi eas in ecclesia sua Andegaviæ, nisi professuris gratiam facere voluerint, quod eorum professiones admittantur in Angliâ: ita tamen quod nec per istam, nec per aliam futuram gratiam recipiendi professiones ipsi Abbati vel successoribus suis prejudicium generetur imposterum, quin in dicto monasterio Andegaviæ novicii de Spalding professiones suas ipsi abbati faciant vel successoribus suis, cum ipsi abbates voluerint, ad quas Andegav. faciend. veniant bini in tertio vel in quarto conversionis suæ anno ad mandatum abbatis, liberi ituri et redituri, absque difficultate, impedimento, et contradictione abbatis vel monachorum Andeg. quando ipsi professi voluerint. In cujus testimonium huic Compositioni et pacis Reformationi signa dictorum episcopi, comitis, necnon Abbatis et Prioris habentium a Conventibus suis de componendo et pacificando Mandatum speciale, vice mutua sunt appensa. Est autem præsens Scriptum quadrupartitum, cujus una pars resedit penes dominum Linc. alia penes Comitem Cestr. tertia penes Abbatem et Conventum Andeg. quarta penes priorem et conventum Spalding, et unicuique tria sigilla apponuntur. Hiis testibus, &c.

NUM. XVI.

Bulla impetrata per Abbatem Andegaviæ contra Priorem, super eo quod Novicii Spalding non accedunt Andeg. pro Professione sua.

[Ibid. p. 152.]

GREGORIUS episcopus, servus servorum Dei, venerabili fratri Episcopo, et dilectis filiis priori et archidiacono Coventren. salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Exposita nobis dilecti filii abbatis monasterii sancti Nicholai Andegaviæ ordinis sancti Benedicti petitio continebat, quod cum novicii prioratus de Spalding Linc. dioc. ad ipsorum monasterium pertinentis, infra quadraginta dies elapso anno postquam recipiuntur ibidem, omni frivola occasione postposita, ad idem monasterium in manu sua professionem facturi personaliter accedere teneantur, iidem id efficere prætermittunt pro suæ arbitrio voluntatis, in ejus et monasterii memorati præjudicium, injuriam pariter et contemptum. Quocirca discretionis vestræ per Apostolica Scripta mandamus quatinus si est ita, Novicios antedictos ut ad monasterium memoratum ibidem in manu Abbatis præfati professionem facturi infra terminum antedictum accedant monitione præ-

* Vide plura infra in abbatiâ S. Nicholai Andegaven. inter cœnobîa Gallica.

missa per censuram ecclesiasticam, appellatione remota, sicut justum fuerit, compellatis. Testes autem qui fuerint nominati, si se gratia, odio, vel timore subtraxerint, per censuram eandem, cessante appellatione, cogatis veritati testimonium perhibere. Quod si non omnes hiis exequendis potueritis interesse, tu fr. episcopo cum eorum altero ea nihilominus exequaris. Dat. Reate, xv. kal. Octobr. pontificatus nostri anno quinto.

NUM. XVII.

Bulla impetrata per Abbatem Andegaviæ contra Priorem Spalding post Compositionem quod ipse veniat de termino in terminum Andeg. pro reformand.

[Ibid. p. 152.]

GREGORIUS episcopus, servus servorum Dei, venerabili fratri episcopo et dilectis filiis priori et archidiacono Coventren. salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Significanti dilectis filiis Abbate et Conventu Monasterii Sancti Nicolai Andeg. ordinis sancti Benedicti. Nos noveritis accepisse quod cum universi priores monasterio eidem subiecti, super statu suorum Prioratuum cum eis habituri tractatum, ut per eundem abbatem corrigantur et reformantur quæ corrigenda et reformanda fuerint in Prioratibus supradictis, apud Monasterium, certis sicut debent temporibus conveniant, memoratum, de Kirkeby et de Spalding prioribus Linc. et Coventren. dioc. Monasterio subiecti prædicto, in quorum Prioratibus multa interdum religioni et honestati contraria committuntur, quæ facile possent corrigi, si ad ejusdem Abbatis audientiam proferentur, ad jam dictum Monasterium temporibus quibus alii ad idem accedunt, prout tenentur, accedere negligunt, pro suæ arbitrio voluntatis: propter quod tam ipsi quam alii subditi eorundem tanto facilius ad illicita prolabuntur quanto minus corrigi pertimescunt. Quia vero hæc si vera sunt conniventibus oculis pertransire, nec volumus nec debemus. Discretionem vestræ per apostolica scripta mandamus, quatinus si est ita, priores præfatos ut apud monasterium de termino in terminum, sicut debent, conveniant supradictam, monitione præmissa, per censuram ecclesiasticam, appellatione remota, sicut justum fuerit, compellatis. Testes autem qui fuerint nominati, si se gratia, odio, vel timore subtraxerint, per censuram eandem, appellatione cessante, cogatis veritati testimonium perhibere. Quod si non omnes hiis exequendis potueritis interesse, tu frater Episcopo, cum eorum altero, ea nihilominus exequaris. Dat. Reate, xv. kal. Octobr. pontificatus nostri anno quinto.

NUM. XVIII.

Secunda Compositio inter Abbatem Andeg. et Priorem Spalding, quod idem Prior eligatur per Conventum Spalding, et habeat plenam Administrationem in Spiritualibus et Temporalibus reservatis Abbati, visitatione, professione Noviciorum Spalding ibidem faciendam, et mora iiij. Monachorum, una cum Pensione xl. Marcarum annuatim, quæ Compositio confirmata est per Sedem Apostolicam.

[Ibid. p. 157.]

INNOCENTIUS episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilectis filiis priori et conventui de Spalding, ordinis sancti Benedicti, Linc. dioc. salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Ea quæ judicio vel concordia terminantur firma debent et illibata persistere, et ne in recidivæ contentionis scrupulum relabantur, apostolico convenit præsidio communiri: ex parte siquidem vestra fuit propositum coram nobis, quod cum olim inter vos ex parte una, et abbatem et conventum sancti Nicolai Andeg. ordinis sancti Benedicti ex altera, super eo quod ipsi dicebant vos eos possessione subjectionis prioratus unde contra justitiam spoliasset, ac rebus aliis suborta fuisset materia quæstionis; tandem postquam fuit hinc inde diutius litigatum, de assensu et auctoritate diocesanorum utriusque partis, et capitulorum ipsorum, ac patronorum vestrorum, amicaliter inter partes compositio intercessit, prout in instrumento inde confecto, cujus tenorem de verbo ad verbum præsentibus inseri fecimus, plenius dinoscitur contineri, quam Apostolico roborari munimine petistis. Nos igitur vestris supplicationibus inclinati, com-

positionem ipsam sine pravitate provide facta, et ab utraque parte sponte receptam, et hactenus pacifice observatam, auctoritate apostolica confirmamus, et præsentis scripti patrocinio communimus. Tenor autem instrumenti prædicti talis est. Cum inter monasterium beati Nicolai Andeg. et una parte, et prioratum Spalding Linc. dioc. ex altera, coram domino Papa Quæstio verteretur super eo quod dictum monasterium beati Nicolai Andeg. se petebat plene restitui per procuratorem ad possessionem vel quasi subjectionis prioratus Spalding in temporalibus et spiritualibus, qua se dicebat per priorem et monachos dicti prioratus tempore spoliatum petebat enim tam sententiam canonicis quam sententiam abbatis usque ad satisfactionem condignam inviolabiliter observari, et eos ex officio domini papæ puniri qui hactenus eas non observaverant. Item petebat sibi restitui omnes expensas quas abbas et monachi incurrerant hactenus propter eos quas estimaverat mille marcas, salvis omnibus expensis usque ad finem negotii faciendam. Petebat similiter compositionem quæ dicebatur esse factam a Constantio quondam abbate cum redundaret in grave prejudicium monasterii beati Nicolai Andeg. et de jure stare non posset, cassam et irritam nunciari, et ad ipsam servandam Monasterium non teneri. Quæ omnia procurator prioris et conventus Spalding litem contestando, vera esse negavit, et petita fieri non debere respondit; qui postmodo in modum exceptionis proponens præfatam compositionem partem adversam in omnibus quæ in dicto prioratu, tam super petitorio, quam super possessorio posset petere in præfata compositione non comprehensis intendebat excludere. Tandem inspirante divina gratia post multos labores et multa litigia et graves expensas factas tam in curia Romana quam extra, de prudentium virorum consilio, partes non solum a lite prædicta volentes recedere, verum omnem disceptationis materiam in posterum amputare, quæ inter abbatem et conventum beati Nicolai Andegaviæ, nomine ipsius monasterii, et priorem et conventum Spalding, nomine prioratus, tam super petitorio quam super possessorio, simul vel separatim posset contingere, præfati abbas et conventus monasterii beati Nicolai Andeg. et prior et conventus Spalding ordinaverunt et amicaliter composuerunt sub forma infra scripta, quæ talis est. 'Hæc est amicalis Compositio et Pacis Reformatio realis et perpetua, Andeg. facta, anno gratiæ m^o.cc^o. quadragesimo secundo, in Palatio domini Episcopi, quarto non. Januarii, inter Jacobum Dei gratia abbatem Monasterii beati Nicolai Andeg. ejusdemque loci conventum, ex una parte, et Simonem venerabilem priorem Monasterii beate Mariæ et beati Nicolai Spalding, ejusdemque loci conventum ex altera, de consensu et auctoritate venerabilis patris Michaelis Dei gratia episcopi et capituli Andegaviensis, et consensu, necnon auctoritate venerabilis patris Roberti Dei gratia episcopi et capituli Linc. et nobilis comitis Walteri Marescalli ac nobilis comitissæ Margaretæ uxoris ejusdem comitis, præfati prioratus patronæ, videlicet quod salvo jure, plene et integre, imperpetuum prædictis comiti et comitissæ et successoribus suis, quantum ad patronatum pertinet, et salvo jure episcopali in admissione et institutione prioris et visitatione prioratus Spalding, et aliis ad episcopum spectantibus integre et plene et perpetuo Episcopo prædicto Linc. et successoribus suis quo ad legem diocesanam et jurisdictionem episcopalem, et salvo jure prædicto abbati et successoribus suis in hiis quæ spectant ad observantiam Regularum et disciplinam Monachalem in eodem prioratu, salvisque etiam jure et possessione prioris Spalding qui nunc est, et sibi succedentium, ut toto tempore vitæ suæ postquam ab episcopo Linc. fuerint instituti, tanquam priores immobiles in spiritualibus et temporalibus, et beneficiis conferendis, et præsentationibus ad illa, et reptionem monachorum quo ad habitum, plenam habeant potestatem, non ammovendi absque causa canonica, cognita, et approbata. Cum autem dictum prioratum vacare contigerit, conventus Spalding infra triduum a tempore vacationis mittat nuntium specialem ad abbatem sancti Nicolai Andegaviæ cum literis patentibus sigillo capituli Spalding sigillatis, continentibus vacationem dicti prioratus et vocationem abbatis qui pro tempore fuerit in ecclesia beati Nicolai Andeg. electionem in dicto prioratu una cum Conventu faciendam de priore. Qui abbas infra quadraginta dies a tempore susceptionis hujusmodi literarum per se vel per procuratorem ad hoc, cum literis sigillo ipsius Abbatis sigillatis, specialiter destinatum,

ad prioratum Spaldingiae accedat, ut iidem Abbas et Conventus Spaldingiae, vel procurator abbatis libere et canonice ad electionem ibidem procedant, petita prius per dictum abbatem, vel procuratorem ejus, et conventum Spalding, a patrono qui pro tempore fuerit, licentia eligendi. Si autem Abbas per se vel per procuratorem ejus infra praedictum terminum, vel non possit accedere, vel non velit, ad electionem praedictam, prout praedictum est evocatus, dicto termino elapso, praedictus Conventus Spalding eligendi sibi priorem liberam habeat facultatem. Ita tamen quod propter hujusmodi absentiam, ipsi abbati vel successoribus suis, quantum ad electiones futuras, nullum praedictum imposterum generetur. Si autem utramque ecclesiam eodem tempore vacare contigit, juxta praedictum modum facta denunciatione et vocatione conventus beati Nicholai Andegaviae, mittat procuratorem cum literis suo sigillo sigillatus, ad dictum prioratum infra praedictum terminum, ad faciendam circa electionem quod esset facturus. Procurator abbatis nullo ex hoc dicto conventui beati Nicholai Andegaviae jure adquisito, nisi solum temporibus vacationum, vel dicto prioratu Spalding propter hoc nullo praedictum generato, vel inposterum generando. Celebrata quoque electione in dicta ecclesia tanquam conventuali, dictus Abbas vel procurator ejus, vel procurator conventus beati Nicholai Andeg. tempore vacationis, et conventus Spalding electum in priorem et electionem ipsam, petito assensu Patroni qui pro tempore fuerit, cum literis assensum suum continentibus, si easdem dare voluerit, requisitus, episcopo Linc. praesentabunt, ut tunc circa electionem et electum quod suum fuerit exequatur. Et cum prior fuerit institutus per episcopum Linc. non amoveatur absque causa canonica, cognita, et probata. Item omnes priores qui pro tempore fuerint in prioratu Spalding promittent in ipsa sui institutione abbati qui pro tempore fuerit, vel ejus procuratori, vel procuratori conventus beati Nicholai Andegaviae tempore vacationis, nomine abbatis, secundum regulam beati Benedicti, obedientiam, reverentiam, et honorem, tanquam Abbati suo, salvo tenore praesentis compositionis. Dictus autem abbas et successores sui, cum opus fuerit, aut viderint expedire, ad minus de triennio in triennium, nisi fuerint legitime impediti, ad dictum prioratum causa visitationis faciendam pro hiis quae sunt ordinis et regulae, tanquam abbates habentes professiones noviciorum dictae domus, et alia quae pertinent ad observantiam regularem, venient cum quindecim equitibus moram ibidem facturi per mensem interpolatim vel continue, si voluerint, ad expensas omnimodas prioratus Spalding. Qui, quocienscunque ad praedictas causas advenierint, videlicet electionis vel visitationis ibidem faciendae, recipiantur cum processione sollempni: qui cum ibidem praedicto modo recepti fuerint, Noviciorum professiones ibidem infra mensem recipiant, si quae fuerint faciendae. Si vero abbas qui pro tempore fuerit infra praedictum terminum ad praedictum prioratum personaliter non accedat, committet cuicumque personae idoneae receptiones professionum Noviciorum, qui nomine abbatis dictas professiones recipiet. Et idem abbas, vel ille cui committet, omni tempore ibidem, et non alibi, Noviciorum professiones recipiet antedictas. Praeterea si in adventu abbatis, tempore visitationis, aliquis vel aliqui de conventu Spalding ammovendus vel ammovendi fuerint, per Abbatem in Capitulo, causa cognita, juxta regulam sancti Benedicti ammoveatur vel ammoveantur; restitutione tamen abbati reservata, si misericorditer agere velit circa motum ante poenitentiam peractam: et poenitentia peracta liceat priori eundem revocare: sed ante restitutionem vel revocationem amoto providebitur in omnibus per priorem. Si autem Prior Spalding non esset praesens in adventu abbatis, causa visitationis vel correctionis faciendae, expectabitur ab abbate ad expensas dicti prioratus per octo dies ad inchoandam visitationem et correctionem, et ex tunc sive praesens sive absens, dictus prior fuerit, libere poterit dictus abbas visitare et corrigere, nichilominus etiam habebit ex tunc mensem integrum ad inchoandam et perficiendam visitationem et moram ibidem faciendam si voluerit interpolatim vel continue dictis octo diebus non computatis in praedicto mense. Porro dictus abbas et successores sui de partibus transmarinis oriundos monachos quatuor et non plures de quacunque natione ad prioratum Spalding transmittere poterunt pro mora ibidem faciendam: qui cum venerint, recipiantur in capitulo et extra, et postquam recepti fuerint, tractentur et admittantur ad

omnia sicut caeteri claustrales ejusdem prioratus, et vivant regulariter sub jugo disciplinae et prioris de Spalding cum conventu ejusdem: et omnes vel aliquem vel aliquos de praedictis quatuor poterunt amovere, et loco deficientis vel deficientium, alium vel alios subrogare. Sane si alicui de praedictis quatuor administrationem negotiorum suorum in Anglia abbas qui pro tempore fuerit duxerit committendam, idem habeat duos equos emptos de pecunia abbatis, et duos garciones ad expensas omnimodas prioratus, quamdiu moram fecerint in dicto prioratu, qui cum exire voluerit pro negotiis dicti abbatis expediendis, denunciatione facta Priori, si praesens fuerit, vel ei tunc qui praerit conventui, si prior absens fuerit, liceat ei ire et redire ad expensas abbatis. Sed si alii de conventu Spalding, de consensu prioris, administrationem dictorum negotiorum abbas qui pro tempore fuerit, duxerit committendam, ille similiter duos equos habeat emptos de pecunia abbatis, et duos garciones, ad expensas omnimodas prioratus, quamdiu moram fecerint in dicto prioratu, qui cum exire voluerit, pro negotiis dicti abbatis expediendis, denunciatione facta priori, si praesens fuerit, vel ei qui praerit conventui, si prior absens fuerit, liceat ei ire et redire ad expensas abbatis. Verum quia in prioratu Spalding sunt privilegia et confirmationes super hiis habitae continentiae libertates rerum pertinentium tam ad dictum prioratum quam ad Monasterium beati Nicholai Andegaviae, quam ad homines ejusdem et res eorum utrique Monasterio, tam a regibus Angliae quam aliis quibuscunque concessa, exhibeantur in Anglia coram quibuscunque iudicibus ecclesiasticis seu secularibus, seu quibuscunque aliis personis, quotienscunque ab Abbate vel ejus procuratore, Conventus tempore vacationis, fuerint requisita per unum monachum ejusdem prioratus, cui prior et conventus Spalding ea propter exhibitionem faciendam duxerint committenda, ad expensas omnimodas prioratus. Omnes etiam donationes, et concessiones, et infeudationes, et confirmationes feudorum seu possessionum, seu quarumcunque rerum hactenus per abbatem et conventum factae, vel per abbatem solum, super quibus habuerint cartas, seu munimenta abbatis et conventus beati Nicholai Andegaviae, vel abbatis solum, vel de quarum amissione et tenore constare poterit, vel si alias ex praedictis causis homines eorum res aliquas tenuerint, etiam si cartas vel munimenta non habeant, et hoc constare possit, firmae et stabiles omnino permaneant: ita quod super rebus ex praedictis causis nullos aliquatenus molestent in foro ecclesiastico seu etiam saeculari. Item prior, qui pro tempore fuerit, et conventus Spalding, nec per se, nec per alios, Monasterium beati Nicholai Andegaviae de caetero molestent, nec controversiam aliquam moveant in foro ecclesiastico seu etiam saeculari super bonis proprie pertinentibus ad monasterium beati Nicholai Andegaviae, quaecunque possidet vel habeat idem monasterium in Anglia, sive aliquis nomine monasterii, videlicet in Prioratu de Kirkebi et maneriis de Wenge et de Wilgeton, cum eorum pertinentiis, et ecclesiis, redditibus, domibus, terris, possessionibus, et quibuscunque rebus seu juribus vel personis, quin idem monasterium de ipsis pacifice et quiete, sine contradictione, vel reclamacione prioris vel conventus Spalding, vel aliorum ipsorum nomine, possit disponere, ordinare, et facere pro voluntate sua, per se et suos, tamquam de rebus propriis. Verum pro bono pacis, et dampnis et expensis quae et quas sustinuerunt abbas et conventus beati Nicholai Andegaviae, occasione litis, necnon pro expensis quas facturus est abbas cum accesserit ad dictum Prioratum, propter causam visitationis, vel electionis, seu professionis suscipiendam, prior et conventus Spalding sexaginta marcas sterlingorum bonorum et legalium, annis singulis, abbati, vel ejus procuratori, litteras suas super solutione praedictae pecuniae recipienda deferenti, sigillo suo sigillatas, vel procuratori conventus. Si ecclesiam vacare contigerit, similiter litteras conventus suo Sigillo sigillatas deferenti, solvent integre et perfecte in octabis Nativitatis beati Johannis Baptistae, in praedicto prioratu Spaldingiae. Si vero, quod absit, contigerit quod Prior et Conventus Spaldingiae praedictam pecuniam dictis die et loco non solverint, dictus prior et conventus consenserunt, quod abbas per se, vel per alium posset eos excommunicare, et facere eos denunciari excommunicatos quosque eidem vel procuratori ejus vel procuratori conventus, tempore vacationis, super hoc, et dampnis et expensis, si quae vel quas fecerit, occasione dicti debiti non soluti, fuerit plenarie satisfactum. Hanc vero com-

positionem, bona fide et sine fraude in omnibus supradictis articulis et singulis firmiter observare, et eadem se contentum esse, et per se, vel per alium de cætero nullatenus, contraire, jurabit Prior Spalding qui pro tempore fuerit, in ipsa institutione episcopo Linc. vel ejus procuratori, abbate absente,* vel ejus procuratore, vel procuratore conventus beati Nicholai Andegaviæ tempore vacationis, et unus ex monachis conventus Spalding, a Priore et Conventu ad hoc specialiter electus, in animas singulorum eodem modo jurabit. Et hoc idem abbas qui pro tempore fuerit similiter jurabit in ipsa sui institutione Episcopo Andegaviæ, vel ejus procuratori, et nichilominus in suo primo adventu, postquam in Prioratu Spalding, sollempni processione receptus fuerit, similiter dictam Compositionem in omnibus supradictis articulis et singulis jurabit firmiter observare pro se et conventu suo beati Nicholai Andegaviæ, in animas singulorum, et eadem tam se quam conventum suum contentos esse, et per se, seu per alium vel per alios nullatenus contraire. Si autem dictus abbas vel procurator ejus, vel procurator conventus beati Nicholai Andegaviæ, si ecclesiam vacare contigerit, in ipsa institutione prioris, impeditus interesse non posset, nihilominus præsentem postea abbate, vel procuratore ejus, vel procuratore Conventus tempore vacationis, in adventu eorum, jurabunt dictus Prior per se, et Conventus per alium, prout superius est expressum, se servaturos dictam compositionem in perpetuum in omnibus et singulis articulis supradictis. Si vero abbas qui pro tempore fuerit, vel Prior qui pro tempore fuerit, non vellet jurare hanc Compositionem, sicut superius est expressum, concessit abbas, et tunc præsens consensit Episcopus Andegaviæ, ut censura ecclesiastica compelleretur per Episcopum Lincolnensem: et Prior et Conventus Spalding concesserunt, ut ad præstationem juramenti, prout superius est expressum, eadem censura compelleretur per Abbatem. Ad majorem autem firmitatem, et ad perpetuam rei gestæ memoriam, prædicti venerabiles patres, Dei gratia episcopi Robertus Linc. et Michael Andegav. et tam Linc. quam Andegav. capitula, necnon religiosus Jacobus abbas beati Nicholai Andegaviæ et conventus ejusdem monasterii, et nobilis Walterus comes mariscallus, et Margareta comitissa uxor ejus, prædicti Prioratus patroni, et ejusdem loci Simon prior et Conventus huic Compositioni et Pacis Reformationi Sigilla sua apposuerunt. Testibus infrascriptis, tam scolaribus quam aliis, tunc Andeg. existentibus, videlicet, magistro Eudone de Templo tunc officiali Andeg. domino Roberto Sorel, magistro Bern. Senen. canonico sancti Martini Andegaven. Stephano de Cenom. Galfrido Britone, et magistro Willelmo de Lichefelde canonico Londoniens. Philippo de Gildeford canonico Willenen. Johanne Cornubien. Willelmo de Dunton, Willelmo de Croyland, et dominis Hugone Bygod, Jukello de Saltfletby, Ricardo de London, Alexandro de Lychefelde, et Johanne de Pesinis, Willelmo de Roynge, Lodowico de Langatrone, Johanne de Bertrevile, et multis aliis. Nullo igitur omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostræ confirmationis infringere, vel ei ausu temerario contraire. Si quis autem hoc attemptare presumpserit, indignationem omnipotentis Dei, et beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum ejus se noverit incursurum. Dat. Lugdon. idus Julii Pontificatus nostri anno tertio.

NUM. XIX.

Libertas Prioris Spalding sive Privilegium Auctoritate Sedis Apostolicæ per Archiepiscopum Ebor. sibi indulgentiam habendi secum Altare.

[Ibid. p. 453.]

GODEFRIDUS miseratione divina Ebor. archiepiscopus, Angliæ primas, viro religioso domino Priori Mon. de Spalding, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Literas domini papæ recepimus in hac forma: 'Alexander episcopus, servus servorum Dei, venerabili fratri archiepiscopo Ebor. salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Sicut dilectus filius Prior Monasterii de Spalding, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti Linc. dioc. nobis exposuit, ipsum frequenter oportet, ad loca in quibus non sunt ecclesiæ, declinare: Nos itaque ipsius prioris supplicationibus inclinare,^b fraternitati tuæ

per apostolica scripta mandamus, quatenus eidem priori, qui, prout asseritur, sacerdos existit, ad offerendum Patri æterno hostiam salutarem propiciationem necessariam pro peccatis, licentiam habendi secum Altare portatile, in quo missarum solempnia celebret, et celebrari faciat, auctoritate nostra, concedas, si expedire videris, sine juris præjudicio alieni. Dat. Viterbii non. Octobr. Pont. nostri anno quarto. Quia igitur accepimus quod variis de causis expedit fieri quia potest absque præjudicio alicujus quod portatile habeatis, in quo cum ad loca in quibus non sunt ecclesiæ, vos declinare contigerit, possitis celebrare divina et facere celebrari, nos habendi altare hujusmodi ad divina officia in eo celebranda, sicut præmissum est, vobis auctoritate apostolica super hoc nobis tradita, liberam concedimus facultatem. Dat. apud Ottel. ij. kal. Januar. anno Domini mccc. lviij.

NUM. XX.

Carta Domini Regis facta Priori de uno Viculo includendo pro Elargatione Curie Prioratus.

[Ibid. p. 148.]

HENRICUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, dux Normanniæ, Aquitanniæ, et comes Andegaviæ, omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis ad quos præsentem litteram pervenerint salutem. Quia accepimus per inquisitionem quam per vicecomitem nostrum Linc. fieri fecimus quod non erit ad dampnum nostrum neque nocumentum transeuntium si concedamus priori et monachis de Spalding quod viculum suum extra murum prædicti Prioratus versus occidentem, qui se extendit in longitudine a porta ipsius prioratus usque ad molendinum ad ventum Willielmi filii Radulphi includere possint ad elargendam curiam suam, et aliam viam satis largam et amplam super propriam terram suam facere ad securitatem patriæ et transeuntium. Nos pro nobis et hæredibus nostris concessimus eisdem priori et monachis et successoribus suis quod prædictum Viculum extra murum prædictum prioratus includere possint, sicut prædictum est, et clausum tenere in perpetuum, dum tamen faciant aliam Viam satis sufficientem et largam super terram suam propriam extra domum elemosinariæ ejusdem prioratus, ad securitatem patriæ et commoditatem transeuntium. In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras eisdem Monachis fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Westm. xj. die Martii anno regni nostri quadragesimo septimo.

NUM. XXI.

Placita de Libertat. et Quo Waranto coram J. de Vallibus et Sociis suis Justic. itinerantibus apud Linc. in octab. Sanctæ Trinitatis anno regni Domini Regis Edwardi nono.

[Ex orig. in Domo Capitulari Westmon. asservato.]

Prior de Spalding venit hic coram justiciariis et clamat habere liberam warennam in omnibus dominicis terris suis in Pincebek, Sutton, et Weston, et Spalding per cartam domini Henrici regis patris domini regis nunc quam profert, et quæ hoc testatur, dat. &c. apud Merton vicesimo septimo die Januarii anno regni sui vicesimo. Clamat etiam furcas et infangenethef in manerio suo de Spalding quæ deserviunt omnibus aliis maneriis prædictis per cartam regis Ricardi quam profert, et quæ hoc testatur, dat. apud Rupem Turpi primo die Martii anno regni sui decimo. Clamat etiam wreckum maris, videlicet omnimodum wreckum, salvis tamen domino regi cauda et capite balenæ et cujuslibet piscis regalis, et hoc in omnibus dominicis terris suis infra prædicta maneria, et weyf in eisdem maneriis ab antiquo. Clamat etiam visum franci plegii in prædictis maneriis; et similiter in Sutton, Leyrthorp, et Hautebargh, et hoc de omnibus residentibus in feodis suis infra prædicta maneria per prædictam cartam regis Ricardi, &c. Clamat etiam unum mercatum in Spalding singulis septimanis per diem Veneris per cartam domini Henrici regis patris domini regis nunc quam profert, et quæ hoc idem testatur, dat. apud Portesmwe vj^{to}. die Maii anno regni sui xxvj^{to}. Clamat

* Sic in MS.

^b Sic.

etiam ibidem duas ferias singulis annis, unam scilicet incipientem in vigilia sancti Nicholai per xv. dies duraturam; et aliam incipientem in vigilia Sanctæ Crucis per viij. dies proximo sequentes duraturas: et unum mercatum ibidem singulis septimanis per diem Martis, et emendas assisæ panis et cervisiæ et omnia alia quæ ad mercatum et feriam pertinent ab antiquo: et emendas assisæ cervisiæ fractæ de omnibus ten. suis in prædictis villis ab antiquo. Clamat etiam esse quietus de sectis de com. wappent. et trithing de auxilio vic. visu franci plegii, murdro, communi amerciamiento, et habere omnia amerciamenta omnium hominum suorum ubicumque fuerint amerciati coram Justiciariis vel alibi per cartam domini Henrici regis patris domini regis nunc quam profert et quæ testatur quod idem Henricus rex concessit prædicto priori et monachis quod ipsi teneant omnia prædicta tenementa in prædictis villis bene, pacifice, &c. Profert etiam cartam regis Ricardi, et similiter cartam regis Johannis quæ testantur quod prædictus prior et successores sui sunt quieti de omnibus geldis, sectis, com. wappentach. et trithing. et de omni misericordia et de pecunia quæ ad murdrum pertinent, auxilio vic. et de omnibus aliis auxiliis, et de franco plegio, &c. Clamat etiam percipere quoddam theoloneum quod vocatur thurtol per totum annum in villa de Spaldingh. de omnibus mercatoribus extraneis, videlicet de quolibet sacco lanæ iiij^d. de quolibet dolio vini iiij^d. de qualibet carecta carcata de quibuscumque mercandis bonis iiij^d. et de vilioribus mercandis ij^d. de summagio equi carcato de bona mercand. exceptis busca, turba, tanno, carbone, et hujusmodi j. den. de portagio hominis de bona mercand. j. ob. et nichil de vili de qualibet nave veniente ibid. carcata cum bona mercand. j^d. et nichil de vili de harrac. pullanorum venient. a ponte de Surflet usque illum locum ubi Weland cadit in Salteneeye, ubique infra prædictum locum, videlicet de quolibet pullano non ferrato j. ob. et de pullano ferrato j^d. ab antiquo, &c.

Et Gilebertus de Thorneton qui sequitur pro domino rege dicit quod ipse non est seisisus de prædicta warennia sicut eam clamat; et si compertum fuerit quod ipse sit seisisus, dicit quod eam elargavit: et hoc petit quod inquiratur. Et quo ad furcas et infangenthes dicit similiter quod non est ill. usus sicut clamat, &c. Et quo ad wreckum maris, weyf, mercatum, et ferias, emend. assisæ cervis. et omnes alias libertates quas clamat ab antiquo dicit quod temporis præscriptio in hoc casu non potest esse sufficiens warrantum. Dicit etiam quod hujusmodi libertates mere spectant ad coronam domini regis, nec ab illa possunt recedere, nisi ex facto speciali. Et desicut prædictus prior non ostendit inde aliquod factum speciale, petit iudicium, &c. Et si Curia consideraverit quod possit vel debeat esse ei sufficiens warrantum dicit quod ipse non est usus eis sicut illas clamat. Et petit quod inquiratur. Et quo ad visum franci plegii et mercatum quæ clamat per cartas, dicit quod ipse non est usus ill. sicut eas clamat. Et petit similiter quod inquiratur pro domino rege, &c. Et Prior similiter. Ideo fiat inde jur. &c.

Juratores dicunt super sacramentum suum quo ad omnes libertates prædictas præterquam de misericordia percipienda de hominibus suis ubicumque amerciatis quod ipse usus est illis sine aliqua interruptione sicut illas clamat nec in aliquo illas excessit. Ideo quo ad hoc præsens inde sine die, &c.

Et quo ad misericordiam percipiend. de hominibus suis ubicumque amerciatis idem Gilbertus de Thorneton dicit quod licet prædicti reges per cartas suas concesserunt quod prædictus prior et omnes successores sui sint quieti de omnibus misericordationibus hujusmodi. Verba communia non possunt esse sufficiens warrantum clamandi hujusmodi libertatem desicut in eisdem nulla facta mentio specialis. Et petit iudicium pro ipso domino rege, &c.

Et Prior dicit quod ipse et omnes prædecessores sui a tempore quo prædictæ cartæ erant confectæ usi sunt capiend. amerciamenta omnium hominum suorum ubicumque. Et de hoc ponit se super record. rotul. de scaccario domini regis. Et Gilbertus similiter. Ideo scrutentur rotuli prædicti, &c.

Postea quæsitum est a prædicto Priore quæ tenementa perquisivit post ultimam confirmationem quam habet de domino Henrico rege patre domini regis nunc, dicit quod nulla perquisivit tenementa nisi tantum xxx. acr. terræ in Wyberton, Quappelade, et Holebeck, quæ nullo tempore

fuerunt geld. Et, quia nullam inde habet confirmationem, offert domino regi unam marcam, et recipitur habendo quousque, &c. rot. 6.

NUM. XXII.

Litera Prioris Sanctæ Katerinæ Collectoris Decimæ testimonialis, bonorum pertinentium ad Prioratum Spalding.

[MS. Cole, Mus. Brit. vol. xliii. p. 181.]

PATEAT universis per præsentem quod nos G. prior sanctæ Katerinæ extra Linc. collector Decimæ domino E. Dei gratia regi Angliæ illustri a sede apostolica concessæ, infrascripta Bona ad priorem et conventum Spalding spectantia in archidiaconatibus Linc. et Stowe, per dominos Linc. et Wint. episcopos, auctoritate mandati apostolici invenimus taxata, quorum bonorum particulas per diversa loca distinctas, penes nos habemus, prout in Rotulis manifeste apparet, quos a dictis episcopis recepimus ad levandum et colligendum decimas de eisdem aliis personis Ecclesiasticis ad opus domini regis, videlicet in Decanatis subscriptis.

Decanatus de Hoylandia. TEMPORALIA.

Prior de Spalding habet in Spalding de redd. theolon. nund. mercat. et cur. xl^{li}. quas solvit Abbati Andeg. Dec. iiij^{li}.

Item habet ibidem in terris, pratis, molend. redd. cur. et fructibus gregum et animalium, xlv^{li}. iiij^s. iiij^d. Dec. iiij^{li}. x^s. iiij^d.

Item habet ibidem ad pitanciam, v^{li}. Dec. x^s.

Item habet in Pinc. in terris, pratis, pastur. cur. redd. et sale, xxx^{li}. vij^s. ij^d. Dec. lx^s. vij^d. ob.

Item habet ibidem de redd. ad pitanciam monach. ix^s. xvij^s. vij^d. Dec. xix^s.

Item habet ibidem de fructibus Gregum et Animalium vj^{li}. xvij^s. vij^d. Dec. xiiij^s. ix^d. q.

Item habet in Weston in terris, pratis, molend. redd. et fruct. gregum et animalium, xxxiiij^{li}. x^s. Dec. lx^s. vij^d.

Item habet ibidem ad pitanc. monach. xj^{li}. Dec. xxij^s.

Item habet in Multon in terris, redd. et cur. xiv^{li}. v^s. Dec. xxvij^s. vj^d.

Item habet ibidem de redd. ad pitanc. iiij^{li}. Dec. vij^s.

Item habet in Quappelod et Holbech in terris, pratis, et pasturis, iiij^{li}. xvij^s. iiij^d. Dec. ix^s. x^d.

Item habet ibidem in terris et redd. ad pitanc. monach. lxxiiij^s. Dec. vij^s. iiij^d. ob. q.

Item habet in Sutton in terris, redd. et pratis, xij^{li}. v^s. Dec. xxiiij^s. vj^d.

Item habet ibidem de fructibus gregum et animalium lxj^s. Dec. vj^s. j^d. q.

Item habet ibidem de redd. et pitanc. monach. iiij^{li}. xix^s. Dec. ix^s. x^d. ob. q.

Item habet in Surflet, in terris, pratis, et redd. xl^{li}. Dec. iiij^s.

Item habet in Wyberton, in terris, pratis, et pasturis, lx^s. Dec. vj^s.

Item habet ibidem in terris, et redd. et pitanc. monach. xx^s. Dec. ij^s.

Elemosinar. de Spalding habet ibidem in Spald. Pinc. Weston, in terris, pratis, molend. redd. et fructibus gregum et animalium, xv^{li}. ij^s. vj^d. Dec. xxx^s. iiij^d.

Summa magna Hoyland, ccxlix^{li}. xiiij^s. Inde dec. xxiv^{li}. xix^s. iiij^d. ob.

Decanatus de Lufford.

Prior de Spalding habet in Evedon in annuo redditu vj^s. Dec. vij^d. q.

Item habet in Kyrkeby et Leylthorp in terris et reddit. iiij^{li}. xiiij^s. iiij^d. Dec. ix^s. iiij^d.

Summa magna Laylthorp, iiij^{li}. xix^s. iiij^d. Dec. ix^s. xj^d.

Decanatus de Beltislawe.

Prior de Spalding habet in Wicham et Edenham, in redd. et silvis ceduis lvj^s. vij^d. Dec. v^s. vij^d.

Decanatus de Nesso.

Prior de Spalding habet in Obthorp, in terris et redditibus xlj^s. Dec. iij^s. j^d. q.

Decanatus de Avelund.

Prior de Spalding habet in Repinghale et in Brunne, de annuo redditu xij^s. iij^d. Dec. xvj^d.

Decanatus Linc.

Prior de Spalding habet in villa Linc. de annuo redditu xxvj^s. viij. Dec. ij^s. viij^d.

Decanatus de Bolingbrok.

Prior de Spalding habet in Stikenay de annuo redditu xxij^s. Dec. ij^s. iij^d. ob.

Decanatus de Wraghowe.

Prior de Spalding habet in Scamelesby, de firma molend. vj^s. viij^d. Dec. viij^d.

Decanatus de Luteborw.

Prior de Spalding habet in Wyhum, in annuo redd. ij^s. Dec. ij^d. ob.

Decanatus de Gayrtre.

Prior de Spalding habet in Esterby, de molend. Ibidem habet in Beldesford, de redd. v^s. Dec. vj^d. Ibidem habet in Nonington, de redd. iij^s. Dec. iij^d. ob. Summa magna de Gairtre xiiij^s. viij^d. Inde Dec. xvij^d. ob.

Archid. Stowe.

Decanatus de Manlak.

Prior de Spalding habet in Alkebarwe in terr. et redd. vj^s. xvij^s. iij^d. Dec. xv^s. viij^d. ob. q.

Summa magna omnium TEMPORALIUM suprascriptorum cclxxj^{li}. xiiij^s. vij^d. Dec. xxvij^{li}. iij^s. iij^d. q.

SPIRITUALIA. *Decanatus Hoyland.*

Ecclesia de Spalding, taxatur ad octoginta marcas. Dec. viij. marcas . iij^{li}. vj^s. viij^d.

Ecclesia de Pinceb. c. marc. Dec. x. marc. lxvj^{li}. xiiij^s. iij^d.

Ecclesia de Multon, octog. marcas. Dec. octo marc. iij^{li}. vj^s. viij^d.

Ecclesia de Weston, quinquaginta quinque marc. Dec. v. marc. et dimid. xxxvj^{li}. xiiij^s. iij^d.

Pensio dicti prioris in ecclesia de Surflet vj. marc. Dec. viij^s.

Pensio ejusdem in vicaria de Multon vj. marc. Dec. viij^s.

Summa magna Hoyland, ccxvij^{li}. Inde Dec. xxj^{li}. xvj^s.

Decanatus de Avelund.

Portio ejusdem prioris in ecclesia de Repinghale j. marc. Sed Prior non percipit illam marcem, sed Abbas sancti Nicholai Andeg. cujus procurator mandat pro ea portione.

Decanatus de Gairtre.

Portio ejusdem in ecclesia de Beltesford xxv^s. Dec. ij^s. vj^d.

Portio sua in ecclesia de Staningod ij. marc. et dimid. Dec. iij^s. iij^d.

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Portio sua in ecclesia de Nonington iij. marc. Dec. v^s. iij^d.

Item pensio sua in dicta ecclesia de Beltesford, xv^s. Dec. xvij^d.

Summa magna de Gayrtre vj^{li}. vj^s. viij^d. Inde Dec. xij^s. viij^d.

Decanatus de Grimesby.

Portio sua in ecclesia de Teteneby, iij. marc. Dec. v^s. iij^d.

Decanatus de Luthorw.

Portio sua in ecclesia de Wyhum, j. marc. Dec. xvj^d.

Decanatus de Candeleshow.

Pensio sua in ecclesia de Ardelesthorp v. marc. Dec. dim. marc.

Decanatus de Bolingbrok.

Pensio sua in ecclesia de Sibecey vij. marc. Dec. ix^s. iij^d.

Pensio sua in ecclesia de Stikeney iij. marc. Dec. iij^s. Pensio sua in ecclesia de Esterkele ij. marc. Dec. ij^s. viij^d.

Pensio sua in ecclesia de Bolingbrok v. marc. Dec. dim. marc.

Summa magna de Bolingbrok xj^{li}. vj^s. viij^d. Dec. xxij^s. viij^d.

Archidiaconatus Stowe.

Decanatus de Lauric.

Pensio sua in ecclesia de Geytburton vj^s. Dec. vij^d. q.

Summa magna omnium SPIRITUALIUM suprascriptorum ccxliij^{li}. vj^s. Dec. xxiiij^{li}. vj^s. vij^d. q.

SUMMA TOTALIS omnium SUMMARUM, tam Temporalium quam Spiritualium, dxiv^{li}. xix^s. vij^d. Dec. lj^{li}. ix^s. xj^d. ob.

In cujus testimonium Nos supradictus prior sanctæ Katerinæ sigillum nostrum præsentibus duximus apponendum. Dat. in domo nostra sanctæ Katerinæ Linc. v. idus Februarii anno Domini m.cc°. nonagesimo quarto.

Memorandum quod omissa est in suprascriptis ecclesia de Hautbarg, quia ipsa fuit tempore Taxationis in manu Michaelis de Littelpport, cujus taxatio est l. marc. Dec. lxvj^s. viij^d.

Item omissa est in suprascriptis pensio ecclesiæ de Lee, quia dicitur quod non invenitur in registro episcopi, quæ pensio est vj^s.

Item porcio sua in ecclesia de Skamelisby, Ouncby, Normanby, et Glencham.

Item deficit Edelington, Wivilisthorp.

Memorandum quod in adquietanciis nostris fit mentio de temporalibus nostris in Luthhesk, de quo nihil hic tangitur.

NUM. XXIII.

Litera domini Henrici de Lacy Com. Linc. directa domino Regi pro Prioratu Spalding liberando postquam idem Prioratus fuit seisis in manu Regis tanquam subjectus Regi Franciæ, vel alicui Domui de potestate dicti Regis.

[Ibid. p. 187.]

“ A son tres chier honorable seynr. le son Count de Nichole luy aparile et desiraunt de feare sa volunte. Chere sire, come totes le Mesons de Religioun d’Engleterre qe furunt en garde de aliens, seyent pur vostre comandement, seysi en vostre meyn, et les aliens remuez pur akun priz qe purreint avenir pur eus, a vous et a votre realme: e le

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Priour et le Covent de Espaulding, qe sunt enterement fundez de mes auncestres, me eyent feat entendre, qe quarant liveres de Aport, qe il soleynt rendre al Abbe de Aungers, sunt seysi en vostre meyn, et tres moygnes alienes, qe soleynt ilokes estre demoraunt, seyent, pur vostre maundement, remuez de ilokes, issi qe m'e demort ne religious ne seculer alien pur quay damage ne perile purrent avenir a vous ne a vostre realme : e le priour et le covent sunt Engleys, et ount touz jours de eus meymes lour eleccioun, et demoert le priour touz jours nient remuable : e les teres e les rentes al avaunt diste meysoun apendaunz sunt auxi bien assignez a certeynes aumones feare a la jornee, come pur la sustenance de moignes : les queles aumones serreynt souztretes si la mesoun demorast en la garde de vos ministres ; ke serreit a damages des Almes de mes Auncestres, ke la dist meysoun funderent, et nul honor a may, vous pri si chèrement come jeo say et puis, ke totes les possessions de la Mesoun de Espaulding avantdist, au Priour et au Covent avauntidiz voillez fere deliverier, issi ke il puissent celes possessions aver, et de celes ordiner, si cum il ount feat a tute tens passe ; sauve a vous les quarant liveres del aport ke il soleynt rendre la outre : e ke mul alien ni vienge pur demorer si ne seyt per vostre especial maundement. E si en cestes choses ne vous pleyse ma tesmonance creere, voillez, si vous plest, pur ki ke vous plerra feare la chose enquire : kar jeo say certeynement, ke il nad en sa mesoun nule manere de persone forske Engleys. E vous face, sire, certeynement a saver, ke nul possessioun ke mes Auncestres me lesserent, ne vodray meuz saur' ne garder, ke jeo ne vodray les possessiouns ke il donerent en Aumone, et nomement de la priorie de Espaulding avaunt nome. Purqui jeo vous pri chèrement qe en cest choses voillez tel grace fere qe eus puissent sentir qe ma priere lour vayle. Chiere Sire, Dieu seyt gardeyn de vous touz jours."

NUM. XXIV.

Irrotulatio pro Liberatione Prioratus Spalding, ne idem Prioratus detineatur in Manu Regis tanquam Domus subjecta Regi Franciæ vel alii de potestate et dominio dicti Regis Franciæ.

[Ibid. p. 188.]

QUIA per literas Henrici de Lacy comitis Linc. domino regi missas, quas rex postmodum misit hic ad scaccarium, et quæ irrotulantur in rotulo hujus relig. anno xxiiij. Rex accepit, quod dictus prioratus Spalding, qui est de patronatu antecessorum dicti comitis et suo fundatus, in nullo regi Franciæ est subjectus, aut aliis de potestate ejusdem regis Franciæ existentibus aliquo modo astrictus nisi tantum in eo quod priores ejusdem prioratus qui pro tempore fuerunt, quadraginta li. abbati de Aungers, qui est de potestate regis Franciæ, occasione quorundam tractatum inter prædecessores prædictorum abbatis et prioris in curia Romana factorum, singulis annis reddere tenentur : et etiam ad sustentationem quatuor monachorum de Domo ipsius abbatis de Aungers per ipsum abbatem in Anglia ad dictum prioratum de Spalding destinandum ; per quod rex, nono die Decembris, prædicto anno xxiiij. per Breve suum quod irrotulatur ibidem mandavit Willelmo de Harton tunc Custodi Domorum relig. in com. prædicto, quod de terris et tenementis, bonis et catallis dicti prioris, quæ rex ob aliquas certas causas in manum suam capi fecit, in nullo se extunc intromitteret, sed exitus, si quos de eisdem terris et tenementis ad opus regis levaverit, eidem priori sine delatione restitueret. Ideo dictus prior exnunc de aliquo fine faciendo, vel hic ad scaccarium reddendo pro exitu dicti prioratus minime oneretur. Ita tamen quod idem prior dictas xl. libras quas præfato abbati de Aungers annuatim, ut prædicitur, reddere solebat, regi hic reddat ad scaccarium, quamdiu hujus possessiones alienigenarum in manu regis occasione guerræ inter regem et regem Franciæ jam initæ extiterint.

NUM. XXV.

Commissio facta ad seisandum Prioratum Spalding in manu Regis.

[Ibid. p. 190.]

EDWARDUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ,

et dux Aquitanniæ, dilectis sibi magistro Willielmo de Bayois et Eadmundo de Askeby, custodibus domorum relig. alienigenarum de potestate et dominio regis Franciæ in manu nostra existentium in comit. Linc. salutem. Cum nuper vobis mandaverimus quod omnes terras et tenementa tam religiosorum prædictorum quam aliarum personarum secularium de potestate et dominio prædictis quæ nuper per vos capi mandavimus in manum nostram per sacramentum proborum et legalium hominum de visnetis in quibus dicta tenementa existant, infra libertatem et extra extendi faceretis, quid videlicet et quantum valeant per annum in omnibus exitibus juxta verum valorem eorundem, salvis dominorum Feodi inde debitis et consuetis, et extentas illas distincte factas mitteretis ad scaccarium nostrum apud Westm. in crastino sancti Hillarii prox. præterito, sub sigillis vestris et sigillis eorum per quos dictæ inquisitiones factæ fuissent, ac de ecclesiis, præbendis, porcionibus, pensionibus, et aliis beneficiis quibuscumque, quæ tam religiosi prædicti quam aliæ personæ sæculares prædictæ habent in com. prædicto, et de vero valore eorundem per annum thesaurario et baronibus de dicto scaccario nostro constare faceretis ad diem prædictum : plurimum admiramur quod inter exteptas ad diem illum ad scaccarium nostrum per vos retornatas, nullam extentam de terris et tenementis ad prioratum de Spalding, quæ est Cella Abbatæ Sancti Nicholai Andeg. in Normannia, ut dicitur, misistis ibidem : et ex hoc suspicatur quod vos omisistis seisisre Domum prædictam in manum nostram. Et ideo vobis mandamus quod si ita est, tunc sine dilatione dictam domum in manum nostram seisiri et eam custodiri faciatis juxta vim et effectum literarum nostrarum patentium vobis nuper de domibus hujus relig. alienig. in manum nostram capiend. confectarum, et formæ per nos et concilium nostrum super eo ordinatæ, et vobis liberatæ, et omnes terras et tenementa ad dictam domum spectantia extendi faciatis per sacramentum proborum et legalium hominum locorum ubi dictæ terræ existunt, quid videlicet et quantum valeant per annum in omnibus exitibus, salvis servitiis dominorum inde debitis. Et quid inde feceritis thesaurario et baronibus de scaccario nostro apud Westm. a die Paschæ in xv. dies distincte et aperte constare faciatis, mittentes ibidem ad eundem diem extentas prædictas sub sigillis vestris et sigillis eorum per quos fact. fuerit et hoc breve. Teste W. Exon. episcopo thesaurario nostro, apud Westm. xvij. die Febr. anno regni nostri xviiij°.

Per ipsum Theaur.

NUM. XXVI.

Inquisitio facta coram W. de Bayouse et E. de Askeby an Prioratus Spalding sit Cella Sancti Nicholai Andegaviæ.

[Ibid. p. 191.]

INQUISITIO capta coram magistro W. de Bayouse et Edmundo de Askeby custodibus domorum relig. alienigenarum de potestate et dominio regis Franciæ in comitatu Linc. apud Spalding decimo octavo die Aprilis anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis Edwardi decimo octavo, per sacramentum Willielmi filii Johannis de Quappelade, Roberti filii Willielmi de eadem, Johannis Bolle de eadem, Willielmi Milis de eadem, Willielmi Belleward de Multon, Willielmi de Welle de eadem, Thomæ de Bernewell de Weston, Alani Berford de Spalding, Johannis de Bradhowe de eadem, Walteri Rawheved de eadem, Willielmi le Clerk de Pincebek, et Willielmi Blackwelle de Holbech, qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod prioratus Spalding non est Cella abbatæ sancti Nicholai Andegaviæ in Normannia, nec in aliquo dictæ abbatæ tanquam Cella subjectus nec astrictus potestati regis Franciæ, sed quod est omnino ad fidem et subjectionem domini regis Angliæ ; nisi quod dicti prior et conventus Spalding tenentur annuatim solvere abbati Andeg. quandam annuam pensionem quadraginta librarum argenti ad festum sancti Johannis Baptistæ vel infra octab. dicti festi, et ad sustentationem quatuor monachorum per dictum abbatem Andeg. ibidem mittendorum, et in dicto Prioratu commorantium, et hoc occasione quorundam Tractatum inter prædecessores prædictorum Abbatis et Prioris in Curia Romana compositorum sive factorum. In cujus rei testimonium Juratores sua sigilla apposuerunt. Datum apud Spalding die et anno supradictis.

NUM. XXVII.

Petitio Prioris Spalding quod fiat Justitia per Concilium Domini Regis, ne Prioratus Spalding capiatur in manum Domini Regis propter Evidentias quæ sequuntur.

[Ibid.]

THESAURARIO et baronibus de scaccario domini regis ex parte prioris et conventus de Spalding est ostensum, quod cum ipsi sint fundati per antecessores dominæ Alesie comitissæ Linc. nec aliquid tenent de abbate sancti Nicholai Andegaviæ, nec de alio de dominio et potestate regis Franciæ existente, nec in alio astricti nec subjecti, nisi tantum in quadam annua pensione xl. librarum dicto abbati infra octabas sancti Johannis Baptistæ apud Spalding singulis annis persolvendis, et in sustentatione quatuor Monachorum ibidem per dictum abbatem destinandorum, et hoc per quamdam Compositionem ab antiquo habitam in Curia Romana inter prædecessores abbatis et prioris qui nunc sunt, et auctoritate domini papæ confirmatam. Et dictus prior est per electionem canonicam et confirmationem diocessani episcopi perpetuus installatus, et de fide omnino domini Regis Angliæ: et omnes concessiones, donationes, et ecclesiarum appropriationes factæ sunt eisdem relig. Spalding, nulla mentione habita de abbate prædicto: et possessiones et omnia bona dicti prioratus sunt distincta et divisa a bonis dicti abbatis: et iidem prior et conventus agunt et conveniunt in omnibus cur.ª secularibus et ecclesiasticis sine abbate prædicto. Præmissis vero non obstantibus, quoddam Breve ad suggestionem quorundam suggerentium quod prioratus Spalding sit cella abbatiæ sancti Nicholai Andegaviæ, ut dicebatur, mandatum fuit magistro Willielmo de Baiocis et Edmundo de Askeby, quod si ita esset, tunc dictum Prioratum in manum regis caperent tamquam Cellam, et inde ulterius facerent juxta mandatum eisdem directum. Qui quidem inquisitionem inde ceperunt, per quam compertum est, quod dictus Prioratus non sit cella, nec alicui de dominio regis Franciæ subjectus, nisi in prædicta pensione et mora dictorum quatuor monachorum, ut prædictum est. Quare dicti prior et conventus petunt sibi justitiam fieri in hac parte; et præcipue cum alias tempore guerræ habitæ inter reges Angliæ et Franciæ dictus Prioratus in manu regis seisisus, extitit liberatus per breve domini regis quod irrotulatur in Rotulo Religiosorum Alienigenarum, anno regni Regis Edwardi nunc xxiiijº. per quod patet ut supra.

NUM. XXVIII.

Commissio facta Thesaurario et Baronibus de Scaccario per Dominum Regem quod si eis per Inquisitionem vel alio modo constare possit quod Prioratus Spalding sit de Advocatione E. Lestrangle et A. uxoris suæ, &c. quod tunc permittant Priorem pacem habere.

[Ibid. p. 192.]

EDWARDUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hybernæ, et dux Aquitanniæ, thesaurario et baronibus suis de scaccario salutem. Monstraverunt nobis Ebulo Lestrangle et Alesia uxor ejus quod licet prioratus de Spalding sit de advocatione ipsorum Ebulonis et Alesie tamquam pertinens ad Honorem de Bolingbrok, quem iidem Ebulo et Alesia tenent ad terminum vitæ ipsius Alesie ex concessione nostra; ita quod dictus Honor cum pertinentiis, et advocatio prædicta dilecto et fideli nostro Hugoni le Despenser fil. Hug. le Despenser comitis Wynton post mortem ipsius Alesie remaneant, juxta concessionem nostram prædictam, et non de dominio et potestate regis Franciæ, nec alicui Domui Relig. de Regno Franciæ subjectus. Custodes tamen Domorum religiosorum alienigenarum in comitatu Linc. in manu nostra existentium prætendentes Prioratum prædictum pro eo quod idem prior et aliqui prædecessorum suorum quandam annuam pensionem quadraginta librarum, et sustentationem quorundam monachorum per abbatem de Aungers qui pro tempore fuerit ibidem destinandorum, virtute cujusdam contractus inter aliquos prædecessorum prædictorum abbatis et prioris in curia Romana initi hactenus fecit abbatiæ de Aungers, quæ de dominio et potestate

dicti regis existit, subjectum esse Priorem prioratus illius, ad finem nobiscum pro exitibus prioratus illius faciendam a tempore quo hujusmodi domos religiosorum alienigenarum in manum nostram capi mandavimus; ac si prioratus prædictus dictæ abbatiæ, aut alteri Domui religiosæ de regno Franciæ subjectus fuisset, cum non sit, graviter distringunt et gravant, minus juste, in ipsius prioris dampnum non modicum et gravamen, et prædictorum Ebulonis et Alesie præjudicium, ac prædicti Hugonis exheredationis periculum manifestum: super quo nobis est supplicatum, ut super præmissis remedium congruum apponi faciamus. Nos volentes inde fieri quod est justum, vobis mandamus quod si per Inquisitionem aut alio modo legitimo vobis constare poterit prioratum prædictum esse de advocatione ipsorum Ebulonis et Alesie tanquam pertinentem ad Honorem prædictum ad totam vitam ipsius Alesie, et post ejus mortem de advocatione prædicti Hugonis, et non de dominio et potestate dicti regis Franciæ, nec alicui Domui religiosæ de regno Franciæ subjectum, tunc præfatum custodem ad hujus distractionibus et inquietationibus præfato priori, occasione prædicta faciend. desistere faciatis, ipsum Priorem super præmissis pacem habere permittatis: proviso, quod de prædictis quadraginta libris quas idem Prior præfato Abbati solvere consuevit, a tempore quo possessiones Religiosorum Alienigenarum capi fecimus in manum nostram, et exnunc quamdiu hujus possessiones in manu nostra remanere contigit, nobis ad idem scaccarium plene respondeatur. Teste meipso apud Eltham xx. die Junii anno regni nostri decimo octavo.

NUM. XXIX.

Commissio facta Personis hic nominatis ad inquirendum si Prioratus Spalding sit de Advocatione E. Lestrangle et A. uxoris suæ, &c. et non de Dominio et Potestate Regis Franciæ, nec alicui Domui de Dominio Regis Franciæ subjectus.

[Ibid. p. 193.]

EDWARDUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hibernæ, et dux Aquitanniæ, dilectis et fidelibus suis magistro Roberto de Ayleston baroni de scaccario suo, Roberto de Malberthorp, et Waltero de Freskeney, salutem. Monstraverunt nobis Ebulo Lestrangle et Alesia uxor ejus quod licet prioratus de Spalding sit de advocatione ipsorum Ebulonis et Alesie tamquam pertinens ad Honorem de Bolingbrok, quem iidem Ebulo et Alesia tenent ad terminum vitæ ipsius Alesie ex concessione nostra; ita quod dictus Honor cum pertinentiis et advocatione prædicta dilecto et fideli nostro Hugoni le Despenser fil. Hug. le Despenser comitis Wynton post mortem ipsius Alesie remaneant, &c. Nos igitur super præmissis volentes certiorari utrum videlicet dictus prioratus sit de advocatione prædictorum Ebulonis et Alesie tanquam pertinens ad Honorem prædictum ad totam vitam ipsius Alesie, et post ejus mortem de advocatione præfati Hugonis, et non de dominio et potestate dicti regis Franciæ, seu alicui Domui religiosæ de regno Franciæ subjectus, ut superius est suggestum, necne, assignavimus vos, vel duos vestrum, si vos omnes interesse non possitis, ad inquirendum per sacramentum proborum et legalium hominum de dicto comitatu Linc. per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit, et qui præfatos Ebulonem, Alesiam, et Hugonem, seu prædictum priorem, nulla affinitate vel alio modo attingant, super præmissis plenius veritatem. Et ideo vobis mandamus quod ad certos diem et locum quos vos vel duo vestrum ad hoc providerit, Inquisitionem illam capiatis, vel duo vestrum capiant, in forma prædicta, et eam distincte et aperte factam habeatis ad dictum scaccarium nostrum apud Westmonasterium a die sancti Michaelis in xv. dies, sub Sigillis vestris vel duorum vestrum, et sigillis eorum per quos factum fuerit et hoc Breve. Mandavimus enim Vicecomiti nostro comitatus prædicti quod ad certos diem et locum, quos vos vel duo vestrum ei scire faciatis, coram vobis vel duobus vestrum, tot et tales probos et legales homines de balliva sua, per quos rei veritas in præmissis melius sciri poterit et inquire. In cujus rei testimonium

ª sc. causis.

has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes, teste Willielmo de Norwyco apud Westmonasterium tertio die Julii, Anno regni nostri decimo octavo. Per breve de magno sigillo inter record. de Anno prædicto; et per Rotulum Memor. de Statu religiosorum alienigenarum de eodem anno, Trinitatis recorda.

NUM. XXX.

Inquisitio capta apud Sanctum Botulphum an Prioratus Spalding sit de Advocatione E. Lestrage et A. uxoris suæ, &c. et quod Rex Franciæ in nullo se intromittere debet de Advocatione illa, nec est de Dominio suo nec alicui Domui de potestate sua subjectus.

[Ibid. p. 194.]

INQUISITIO capta apud villam de sancto Botulpho coram Waltero de Friskeneye et Roberto de Malbithorp, die Mercurii prox. post Festum Exaltationis Sanctæ Crucis anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis Edwardi decimo nono, per sacramentum Ricardi de Welby de Multon, Radulphi de Flete, Willielmi de Tydde, Laurentii de Flete, Willielmi Stiward de Quapelade, Willielmi filii Johannis de eadem, Thomæ filii Willielmi de Holbech, Simonis de Capella, Alexandri filii Roberti de Holbech, Johannis filii Willielmi de Quapelada, Roberti Adelard de eadem, et Roberti filii Willielmi de eadem, qui dicunt per sacramentum suum quod prioratus de Spalding est de advocatione Ebulonis Lestrage et Alesie uxoris ejus ad terminum vite ipsius Alesie, ut de Honore de Bolingbrok, et post mortem ejusdem Alesie advocatio illa remanere debet Hugoni le Despenser fil. Hug. le Despenser comitis Wynton. per concessionem domini regis. Et quod dominus rex Franciæ in nullo se intromittere debeat de advocatione prædicta, nec est de ejus dominio seu potestate, nec est subjectus alicui Domui domorum relig. de potestate regis Franciæ nisi tantum quod prior et conventus prædictæ domus de Spalding tenentur annuatim solvere quamdam pensionem quadraginta librarum abbathiæ Andeg. ad festum Nativitatis sancti Johannis Baptistæ, vel infra octodies proximo sequentes, et quod tenentur sustentare iiij. monachos in Prioratu de Spalding divina celebrantes ibidem, mittend. per Abbatem de Aungers ad sumptus ejusdem abbatis in veniendo et redeundo. Et quod in nullo Prioratus ille prædicto abbati de Aungers, sive alicui domui relig. de regno Franciæ est subjectus quo ad temporalia. In cujus rei testimonium prædicti Juratores huic inquisitioni sigilla sua apposuerunt.

NUM. XXXI.

In Rotulo Memor. de Statu Relig. Alienigenarum de Anno xvij. regni Regis Edwardi fil. Regis Edwardi inter Recorda de Termino Sanctæ Trinitatis.

[Ibid.]

DOMINUS rex mandavit hic Breve suum de Magno Sigillo quod est inter commun. de hoc anno in hæc verba. Edwardus Dei gratia rex, &c. (ut in Num. XXVIII.) Et super hoc venit Walramus le Low ex parte dicti prioris et dicit quod cum idem prior sit indigena, et dictus prioratus suus sit de advocatione prædictorum Ebulonis et Alesie, tanquam pertinens ad dictum Honorem de Bolingbrok ad totam vitam ipsius Alesie, et post mortem ejusdem Alesie de advocatione Hugonis le Despenser; prædicti Custodes Domorum relig. in comitatu Linc. prætendentes eundem prioratum, occasione prædictæ pensionis xl. librarum annuarum ad dictam Abbatiam de Aungers et sustentationem dictorum monachorum hactenus factarum eidem abbathiæ esse subjectum, cum non sit, ipsum Priorem tanquam Alienigenam distringunt, molestant, et inquietant minus juste; super quo petiit remedium adhiberi; et quod barones certiorari volunt utrum idem prioratus sit de advocatione prædictorum Ebulonis et Alesie tanquam pertinens ad Honorem prædictam ad totam vitam ipsius Alesie et post ejus mortem de advocatione præfati Hugonis, et non de dominio et potestate dicti regis Franciæ, seu alicui Domui relig. de regno Franciæ subjectus, ut prædictum est necne concordatum est quod inquiratur inde. Et manda-

tum est per literas patentes regis magistro Roberto de Ayleston baroni de scaccario, Roberto de Malbithorp, et Waltero de Friskenaye quod ipsi, vel duo ipsorum si omnes, &c. diligenter inquirant super præmissis, et inquisitionem, &c. habeant, &c. in Quindena sancti Michaelis, &c. et interim mandetur Custodibus prædictis, quod ipsum priorem non distringant seu molestant occasione prædicta donec aliud, &c. Ad quem diem prædicti Robertus de Malbithorp et Walterus de Friskenaye miserunt hic Inquisitionem coram eis apud villam de sancto Botolpho die Mercurii prox. post festum exaltationis Sanctæ Crucis, anno xix. regis nunc super præmissis captam per sacramentum Ricardi de Welby et aliorum prout plenius patet in Inquisitione prædicta quæ est inter Inquis. return. ad Scaccarium dicto anno xix. in custodia Rememoratoris Regis, per quam compertum est quod 'Prioratus de Spalding est de advocatione Ebulonis Lestrage et Alesie uxoris ejus,' &c. (ut in Num. XXX.) Et prædictus Walramus venit hic ad eandem Quindenam sancti Michaelis ex parte dicti prioris, et petit quod visa Inquisitione prædicta remedium fiat super præmissis, &c. Et quæsitum est ab eodem Walramo, si sit attornatus prædicti prioris in hac parte? qui dicit quod non. Et quia videbatur thesaurario et baronibus quod non est procedendum ulterius in negotio prædicto antequam dictus prior venerit hic, &c. dictum est præfato Walramo quod premuniet eundem priorem quod sit hic ad Quindenam sancti Hillarii proximo futuro, vel citra, ad recipiendum super præmissis quod Curia, &c. si sibi viderit expedire. Et quod interim solvat hic prædictas xl. libras de termino Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ prox. præterito. Et concordatum est quod mandetur prædictis Custodibus quod de terris et tenementis, bonis seu catallis ad dictum Prioratum spectantibus interim se non intromittant, &c.

Ad quem diem prædictus Prior venit hic per prædictum Walramum attornatum suum ad hoc admissum, sicut continentur in Memorand. anni xix. Regis nunc inter attornat. de termino sancti Hillarii, et ostendit quandam Tall. de scaccario, xxvij. die Januarii dicto anno xix. levatam, per quam idem Prior solvit prædictas xl. libras. Et viso et examinato Processu prædicto, quia compertum est per inquisitionem prædictam quod prior et conventus de Spalding tenentur annuatim solvere quamdam pensionem xlii. abbatæ de Aungers ad festum Nat. &c. (ut supra.) Super quo curia vult plenius informari antequam ulterius, &c. Datus est dies eidem Priori per dictum attornatum suum in eodem statu quo nunc, videlicet a die Paschæ in tres septimanas. Et mandatum est custodi, &c. quod interim supersedeat, &c.

NUM. XXXII.

Forma Translationis Ecclesiæ parochialis Spalding et Constructionis ejusdem post Appropriationem.

[Ibid. p. 338.]

NOVERINT universi ad quos præsentis literæ pervenerint quod cum ecclesia parochialis de Spalding propter ipsius loci vitium aut operis defectum, adeo deficere inceperit, quod de casu ipsius proximo, seu ruina imminente admodum timeretur, adjacensque cimiterium, in quo parochiani de Spalding de speciali gratia et permissione prioris et conventus ejusdem loci quandoque sepeliebantur adeo strictum fuerit et insufficiens, quod cum quorundam mortuorum corpora ibidem sepeliri oporteret, aliorum cadavera plerumque contingeret exhumari; et ex hiis et aliis urgentibus causis, nedum super nova ipsius ecclesiæ constructione, sed et de ejus translatione, inter priorem et conventum de Spalding et parochianos ejusdem villæ frequentius tractatum extiterit: tandem de consilio amicorum communium, interveniente auctoritate venerabilis patris domini Linc. episcopi, loci diocesani, et consensu vicarii de Spalding, convenerunt in forma subscripta, videlicet, quod memorati prior et conventus construant dictis parochianis unam ecclesiam absque campanario ex altera parte aquæ versus orientem in magno cimiterio ubi quondam erat quædam capella quæ vocabatur capella beati Thomæ martyris prope vicum qui vocatur Chapelgate, de tignis scilicet lapidibus et cementis prædictæ parochialis ecclesiæ, quæ sita

erat infra septa eorum monasterii, et si quid ulterius defuerit ad ipsius ecclesie structuram perficiendam, ipsi prior et conventus supplebunt et perficient de suo, suisque propriis sumptibus et expensis. Quæ quidem ecclesia habebit in longitudine cum cruce, octies viginti pedes præter cancellum: ita scilicet quod corpus ecclesie continebit usque ad cancellum quinquies viginti pedes, et crux ex parte boreali continebit triginta pedes, et alios triginta ex parte australi, cum altitudine et latitudine ad modum ecclesie de Multon. Cooperiant etiam ipsam de petra, eamque fenestrabunt cum vitro, et ferramenta ad fenestras invenient, parietes dealbabit, corbellos decenter implebunt, et ipsam ecclesiam in omnibus perficient competenter. Cumque ipsa ecclesia constructa fuerit, memorati religiosi aut eorum successores, sine assensu et voluntate parochianorum, dictam ecclesiam nullatenus demoliri, vel ad alium locum transferri, sed arbores in illo cimiterio crescentes succidi facient, et remanebunt ad usus et commodum ipsius ecclesie et cancelli, et herbagium habebit Sacrista: ita tamen quod non immittat animalia quæ depascantur ibidem. In qua quidem ecclesia, de permissione prioris et conventus, erit baptisterium, ibique parochiani divina audient officia, et ecclesiastica suscipient sacramenta, ipsamque de cætero habebunt quasi ecclesiam suam parochialem, dependentem tamen in omnibus ab ecclesia conventuali dictorum prioris et conventus, tanquam a sua matrice ecclesia, sicut prius dependebat quando fundata erat infra septa supradicti monasterii, et quando baptisterium erat in ecclesia conventuali. Ita tamen quod prædictis priori et conventui, aut eorum successoribus aliquibus occasione præsentis facti seu consensus sui adhibiti, seu prætextu transmutationis ipsius ecclesie vel cæmisterii aut baptisterii de loco ad locum, nullum penitus prejudicium generetur in aliquibus quæ pertinent aut pertinere consueverunt ad monasterium supradictum. In cujus rei testimonium ipsi parochiani suas facient oblationes ad magnum altare conventualis ecclesie ad tria festa principalia per annum, prout hactenus facere consueverunt a tempore cujus non extat memoria, videlicet ad Natale Domini, ad festum Assumptionis beatæ Mariæ Virginis, et ad festum Omnium Sanctorum: sed in die Dominicæ resurrectionis ob reverentiam corporis Domini, quod ipsi eodem die in ecclesia prædicta sua percepturi sunt, ibidem suas facient oblationes. Item præfati prior et conventus dabunt dictis parochianis unam placeam terræ de dimidia acra prædicto cæmisterio contiguum ad augmentationem prædicti cæmisterii, videlicet ex parte boreali quindecim perticat. ex parte orientali xv. perticat. et ex parte australi quinquaginta perticat. ipsamque terram dictis parochianis warrantizabunt imperpetuum. Item dabunt eis dus campanas pretii viginti librarum sterlingorum. Et ipsi parochiani per se, vel per alios non pulsabunt ad dictam ecclesiam suam tali hora qua conventus quiescat in dormitorio, nisi in die et nocte Natalis Domini, vel pro igne aut inundatione vel aliquo alio gravi infortunio. Ad hæc dicti vero parochiani dabunt dictis priori et conventui centum libras sterlingorum, et totum residuum infra annum a die completi operis. Interim autem dum prædicta ecclesia constructur, dicti parochiani divina audient et ecclesiastica percipient sacramenta, in ecclesia conventuali, videlicet, in choro ubi monachi stare solebant; qui quidem locus, a memoratis priore et conventu ad hoc pro ipsis parochianis est interim specialiter deputatus. Et ad hæc omnia fideliter obsequenda, dictus prior pro se et suo conventu, et præfati parochiani expresse consenserunt et solempniter promiserunt, præstito super hoc hinc inde corporali sacramento, subicientes se jurisdictioni et coercitioni domini Linc. episcopi, qui pro tempore fuerit, ut ipsos absque Libelli vel Articuli datione, et sine strepitu judiciali compellat ad observationem præmissorum. In cujus rei testimonium huic scripto ad modum cirographi confecto sigilla utriusque partis alternatim sunt apposita: cujus una pars, signata sigillo dictorum prioris et conventus residet penes ipsos parochianos, et altera pars signata sigillo communitatis parochianorum Spalding, una cum sigillo memorati vicarii, penes prænomatos priorem et conventum. Hiis testibus, domino Thoma fil. Lamberti de Multon, domino Johanne de Bathon. domino Alexandro de Monteforti, domino Johanne de Hoiland, magistro Thoma vicario de Multon, domino Roberto decano Hoiland, Ricardo de Multon, et aliis.

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De Thrughtol quod Prior Spalding. clamat.

[MS. Cole, vol. xlv. p. 65, ex Chartul. de Croyland.]

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Pro centum piperis	iiij ^d .
Pro centum cumini	iiij ^d .
Pro tarke de alum	iiij ^d .
Pro uno sacco de alum	j ^d .
Pro j. wayo sepi	iiij ^d .
Pro j. wayo casei	iiij ^d .
Pro j. wayo butiri	iiij ^d .
Pro j. calo aceri s. stel	j ^d .
Pro j. tine de sope	iiij ^d .
Pro centum ferri	iiij ^d .
Pro carectata plumbi	iiij ^d .
Pro centum areæ	iiij ^d .
Pro j. fralle patellar.	j ^d .
Pro j. fraelle capell.	ob.
Pro cauda pavonis	ob.
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Pro x. agnis	j ^d .
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Pro uno bove	ob.
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Pro j. quarter. brasii	ob.
Pro j. quarter. fabarum	ob.
Pro j. quarter. frumenti	ob.
Pro j. quarter. siliginis	ob.
Pro j. quarter. ordeï	ob.
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Pro j. pakke lini	j ^d .
Pro j. parvo pakke lini	ob.
Pro j. turva lini	quarter.
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Pro j. torale	ob.
Pro j. chef. de fustayne	ob.
Pro j. king corei rubri	j ^d .
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Pro centum de tassell	iiij ^d .
Pro j. quarter. nucium	ob.
Pro j. pinnok de promute	iiij ^d .
Pro uno panno integro	j ^d .
Pro j. pakke veterum pannorum	ob.
Pro j. horsis pakke	j ^d .
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Pro uno dolio de tar	iiij ^d .
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Pro una correcta de Bord	j. bord.
Pro una correcta ferrata	j ^d .
Pro una correcta non ferrata	ob.
Pro qualibet correcta salis	ob.
Pro qualibet nave in Nundinis in qua vendunt cervisiam	xij ^d .

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*Carta Edwardi III. Regis de murando et kernellando
Prioratum Spalding.*

[MS. Cole, vol. xliii. p. 110.]

EDWARDUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, et dux Aquitanniæ, omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis ad quos præsentis literæ pervenerint, salutem. Sciatis quod ad requisitionem dilecti clerici nostri Henrici de Edenstowe, de gratia nostra speciali concessimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, dilectis nobis in Christo priori et conventui de Spalding, quod ipsi prioratum suum de Spalding muro de petra et calce firmare et kernellare, et prioratum illum sic firmatum et kernellatum tenere possint sibi et successoribus suis imperpetuum, sine occasione vel impedimento nostri vel hæredum nostrorum, justiciariorum, escaetorum, vicecomitum, aut aliorum ballivorum seu ministrorum nostrorum quorumcunque. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Pontem fractum ij°. Marci anno regni nostri septimo.

NUM. XXXV.

Quædam Ordinationes factæ tempore Clementis Prioris.

[Ibid. p. 106.]

INPRIMIS, cum unicus panis trencherius soli subpriori in die pro servicio suo in refectorio, vel ipsius locum ibidem tenenti hactenus deputabatur, Nos pro hujus defectu supplendo, non tam ad majoris honestatis causam, quam etiam ad elemosinæ nostræ augmentationem, intuitum mentis nostræ dirigentes, volumus et concedimus ipsis de nostra gratia speciali, tam pro nobis quam pro successoribus nostris quod præter prædictum unum panem trencherium pro servicio subprioris, vel ejus locum tenentis in Refectorio deputatum, sex alii consimiles panes trencherii pro servicio totius conventus ibidem de cætero singulis diebus ministrentur.

Item, cum in diebus ferialibus singulis confratribus et commonachis nostris edentibus in refectorio in secundo vel tertio ferculo similiter et in cæna, de quatuor tantummodo ovis, allecibus, et anguillis, aut flundriis, et similiter de aliis piscibus consimilibus in numero duntaxat quaternario hucusque ministrabatur ex consuetudine, Nos pro hujus defectibus supplendis, ex causa præmissa, volumus et concedimus de nostra gratia speciali, tam pro nobis quam pro successoribus nostris, ut quandocumque ipsis de hujus ovis, allecibus, vel aliis supradictis et similibus fuerint in Refectorio ministrand. in numero sexcennario ministretur eisdem.

Item, quia hactenus de consuetudine approbata in domo nostra est optentum, ut diviso conventu nostro in tres partes, una pars eorum die Dominica, alia pars die Martis, tertia die Jovis, singulis ebdomadis, gratia recreationis habendæ, comedat in infirmaria sive in alio loco, quo Prior duxerit illam partem convocandam, Nos amplio rem gratiam in ea parte eidem conventui nostro facere volentes, de ip-

sorum voluntate unanimi et assensu, statuimus et concedimus, tam pro nobis quam pro successoribus nostris, ut ubi hucusque prædictos tres dies tamen habuerunt causa recreandi, ex forma prænotata, habeant de cætero ex eadem causa quatuor dies in ebdomada, ex nostra gratia speciali, die videlicet Lunæ intermedio dictis tribus diebus coadjuncto; ita quod quilibet pars dicti conventus nostri taliter divisi in die pro sua vice circulariter occurrente beneficium recreationis percipiat suprascriptæ.

Item, quia tempore æstivo conventus noster ex consuetudine post prandium, et gratias dictas, gratia quieti habenda, non lotis manibus, ire solebat in dormitorium, Nos talem consuetudinem tanquam minus honestam censuimus improbandam: et quia tota regula sanctissimi patris et patroni nostri Benedicti est vicina moribus, et honestatis amica, de unanimi consensu et voluntate confratrum nostrorum et commonachorum nostrorum, ordinando statuimus, tam pro nobis quam pro successoribus nostris, ut de cætero singulis annis* temporibus post prandium habitum in refectorio, et gratias dictas in choro, redeant communiter ad Lavacrum, ut sic post lotionem manuum suarum cætera quæ de permissione Regulæ sibi concessa noverint honestius exequantur.

Ad hæc, cum subpriors hujus domus, de consuetudine ut intelligimus, in absentia prioris, suis confratribus et commonachis exeundi et redeundi licentiam dare consueverunt, ac processu temporis per quosdam Subpriors, qui se supra modum in hujus licenciis concedendis exhibebant difficiles, dicta consuetudo venit in desuetudine, et mansuetudo prænotata versa est in rigorem: Nos, ad frequentem querelam assiduamque instantiam et humiles preces nostri conventus se pius excitati memoratam consuetudinem quæ sub pallio desuetudinis jam latens et languens oppressa fere recessit ab usu detegere et renovare sensitivimus, de unanimi voluntate et assensu nostri capituli, statuentes tam pro nobis quam pro successoribus nostris, ut de cætero Subpriors omnes qui pro tempore fuerint, cum nos vel successores nostri Priores, extra Hoyland, vel apud Sutton abesse contigit, suis confratribus et commonachis, ex justis et legitimis causis, in hujus licentiis dandis et concedendis, ex suo officio, auctoritate præsentis statuti, liberam habeant facultatem: hoc semper adhibito moderamine, ut omnibus hiis, quibus hoc indulgeant, terminum competentem perfigant, infra quem nisi juste fuerint propediti, absque more dispendio ad suum monasterium revertantur.

Ad hæc, quia hactenus apud nos de consuetudine approbata est optentum, quod cuicumque monacho et confratri nostro Spalding infirmanti, et ea causa in infirmaria commoranti liceat aliquem socium quem voluerit de licentia Subprioris ejusdem loci qui pro tempore fuerit, sibi advocare causa secum comedendi, ac mutue caritatis et humanitatis solatium in ea parte sibi exhibendi, hujus consuetudinem approbantes, de dictorum fratrum nostrorum unanimi voluntate et assensu adjiciendo statuimus, tam pro nobis quam pro successoribus nostris, ut cum Infirmary dictæ Domus confratribus nostris infirmis in ipsa infirmaria existentibus, intra specialia ex suo officio habeat providere, ut idem infirmary eo prætextu præsens sit ac magis promptus et paratius ad ministrandum infirmis, liceat sibi in ipsa infirmaria concedere pro suæ libito voluntatis.

NUM. XXXVI.

*Taxationes Ecclesiarum et Vicariarum pertinentium Domui
de Spalding.*

[Ibid. fol. 349.]

ECCLESIA de Multon, lxxx. marc. Vicaria ejusdem cum pensione l. marc. Pens. in eadem vj. marc.

Ecclesia de Weston, lv. marc. Vicar. ejusdem xv. marc.

Ecclesia de Spalding, lxxx. marc. Vicar. ejusdem xxx. marc.

Ecclesia de Pyncebek, c. marc. Vicar. ejusdem xxx. marc. Pens. Prioris in eadem vj. marc.

Ecclesia de Cybbeseya, præter Pens. lxxij. marc. Pens. vij. marc.

* Sic.

Ecclesia de Surflet cum pens. xlix. marc. Pens. vj.
 marc.
 Ecclesia de Stikeneya cum pens. xxviij. marc. Pens.
 xl. solid.
 Ecclesia de Bolingbrok cum pens. x. marc. Pens. v.
 marc.
 Ecclesia de Esterkele cum pens. xxviij. marc. Pens.
 ij. marc.
 Ecclesia de Ardelesthorp cum pens. xv. marc. Pens.
 v. marc.
 Ecclesia de Beltisford cum pens xxxiv. marc. Pens.
 xv. sol.
 Ecclesia de Hautebarghe l. marc. Vicar. ejusdem viij.
 marc.
 Ecclesia de Lee cum pens. x. marc. Pens. vj.
 Ecclesia de Gayteburton cum xix. marc. Pens. vj.

NUM. XXXVII.

[In a Book of Pensions remaining in the Augmentation Office.]

Spaldyng in the Countye of Lyncoln.

HERAFTER ensuyth the names of the late pryor and monks there, wyth theyr pençons assygnyd by the kyng's comyssyons, to be payd unto theym yerly duryng theyr lyves, at ij. termes of the yere, that ys to sey: at the ffeasts of thanūcyaçon of o^r. Lady and Seynt Michell th^rarçan-gell, by evyn porçons, the ffyrst payment therof to begyn at the feast of th^ranūcyaçon of o^r. Lady next ensuyng the date herof. Whiche late pryory was surrendered to the kyng's use the viijth. daye of December in the xxxth. yere of the reygne of o^r soueygne lord Kyng Henry the viijth. Viz.

Richard Elsyn als Palmer, late pryor.	cxviiij ^{li} . vj ^s . viij ^d .
Robert Pynchebecke, late subpryor.	xij ^{li} .
John Beston	x ^{li} .
Thomas Swyneshedd	vij ^{li} .
John Spaldyng	vij ^{li} .
John Okehū	vij ^{li} .
Nicholas Molton	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^d . iiij ^d .
Richard Dawber	vj ^{li} .
John Hacsey	vj ^{li} .
Ambrosse Irby	vj ^{li} .
Richard Gedney	vj ^{li} .
Myles Okhū	cvj ^s . viij ^d .
John Newerke	cvj ^s . viij ^d .
John Newman	iiij ^{li} . vj ^s . viij ^d .
Leonerd Boston	xl ^s .
Thomas Ffryskeney	xl ^s .
John Ffreeston	xl ^s .
Hugh Ydeott	xxvj ^s . viij ^d .
Sū	ccxxx ^{li} . vj ^s . viij ^d .

PHYLIP PARYS.
 JO. TREGONWELL.
 JO. HUGHES.

NUM. XXVIII.

VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Return, 26 Hen. VIII. First Fruits Office)

PRIORATUS DE SPALDYNG.

Thoma Spaldyng existen' Priore ejusdem.

Temporalia.

	£.	s.	d.
Scit' Priorat' cum curtil' gardin' &c. in Spaldyng et Westonlathes	50	0	8
Reddit' assis' cum reddit' et firmis tenentium in diversis Villis, &c. viz.			
Spaldyng. Terr'	41	10	10½
Halmer. Grang'	53	16	10
Thornham. Grang'	4	13	4
Nova Aula. Grang'	13	16	8
Ambreylathes. Grang'	7	5	4
Sutton	32	11	4
Gannok	23	11	11
Pynchebek	50	0	6½
Pynchebeklathe Graves	52	11	8½
Molton cum Golwell et Goll	77	10	1½ di.
Weston cum Westonlaithes	76	4	9½ di.
Caldbyche	5	6	8
Wykeham	100	6	8
Wyberton	6	0	0
Awkborow	5	14	8
Wythom cum Obthorpe	4	18	0 ob. q.
Kyrkeby	5	14	8
Stykeney	0	6	8
Belteforth	0	5	6
Lincoln Civit'	0	3	4
Ludeforth	1	18	1½
Donyngton	0	6	4
Terr' assign' divers Officiar' Priorat' videlt Cowbytt, Spaldyng, Molton, et al' Vill.	125	8	6½
	740	2	9

Spiritualia.

Profic' proven' de diversis Rectorijs, viz.			
Spaldyng. Rectoria	25	9	10
Pynchebek. Rectoria	17	5	4
Molton. Rectoria	20	17	4
Weston	16	18	4
Sybsey. Rectoria	12	0	0
Aukborow. Rectoria	15	0	0
Cowbyt. Capella	1	11	4
Summa	109	2	2
Profic' de diversis Portionibus de Ecclesijs	9	15	4
De diversis Pensionibus de Ecclesijs	19	17	0

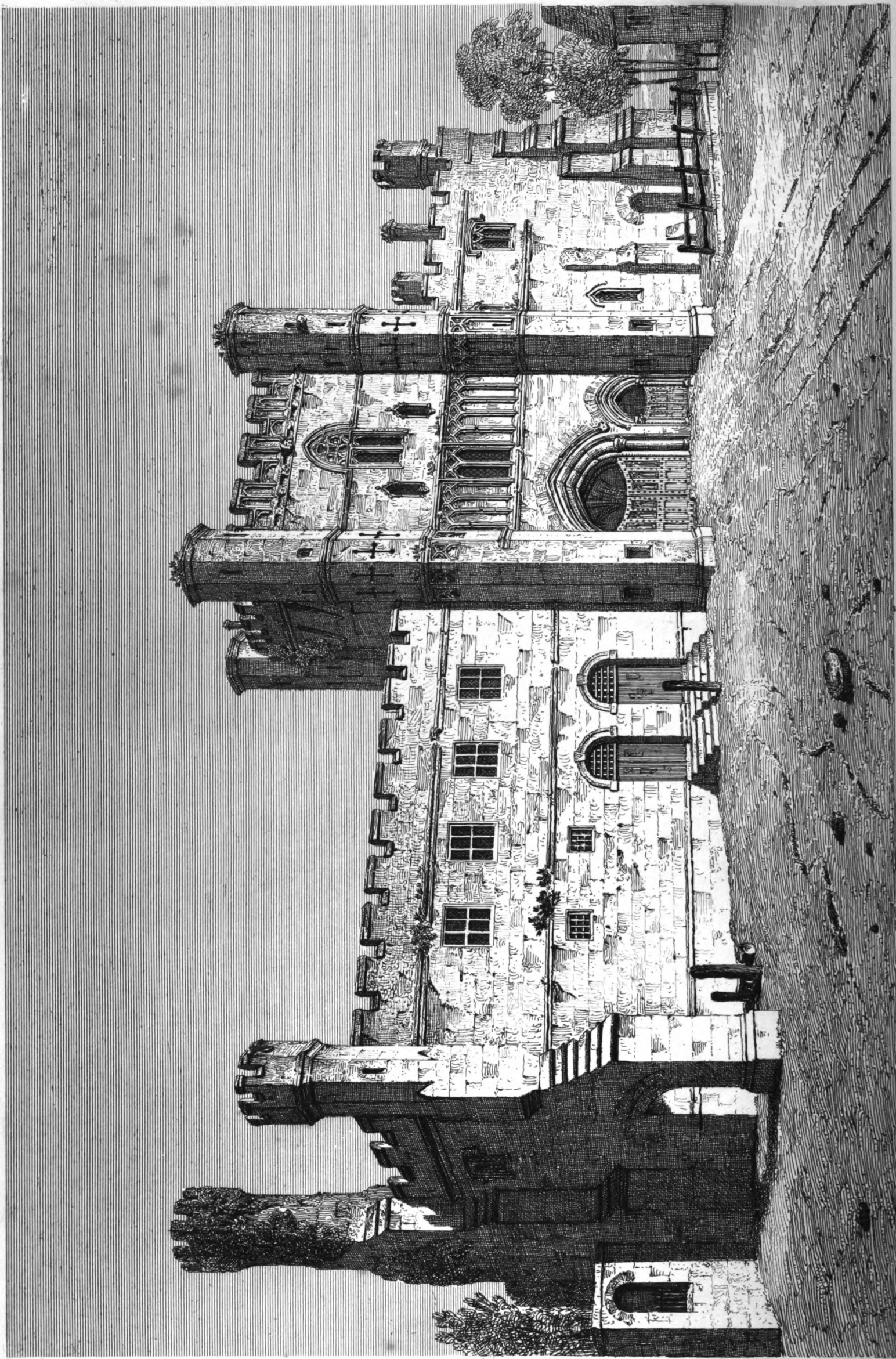
COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 34 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

PRIORATUS DE SPALDYNG.

Com' Linc'	£.	s.	d.
Scit' Monasterij, Rectoria de Spaldyng, Capell' de Cowbytte, Pochia de Pynchbeck	Firm' Terr' dñicaliu'	36	4 3
Whetecrofte, Spalding, Syneley, Sareslond, Shepe-medowe in Pynchbeck, Loggffisshe in Pynchbeck, Tylcoks, Bellysmore, Roods in Weston, Shallowecote, Barrett	Firm' terrar'	45	1 4

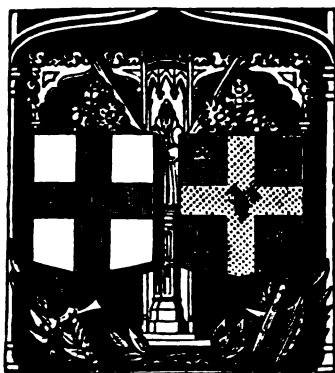
Com' Linc'		£.	s.	d.
Wykeñm	Firm' Graungior' cum al' firm' .	124	2	4½ qrt pars q.
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'			null
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'			null
Baltia de Spaldyng, Cowbytt	Redd' Assis' cum redd' p Cop' .	29	19	7½ di' q'
- - - - -	Firm' terrar' et teñtor'	52	3	11
- - - - -	Inq. Redd'	1	14	0
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	6	14	0
Baltia de Pynchebeck	Redd' Assie' cum redd' p Cop' .	74	4	3½ di' q'
Multon, Weston, Spaldyng, Holbeche	Firm' terrar'	50	5	1
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	18	7	2½
Officiu' Coll' Elimosinar'	Redd' Assis'	3	7	11½
- - - - -	Firm' terr'	3	19	2
Officiu' Cellerar'	Redd' ten' p Cop.	5	6	8
- - - - -	Firm' terr'	19	10	4
- - - - -	Exit' Tolneti, Mercati, et Nun- dinar', cum perquis' Cur' . .	1	16	3
Baltia de Weston	Redd' Assie cum redd' p Cop' et ad vol'	36	6	6½
- - - - -	Firm' terrar'	5	3	0
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	6	4	6½
P'pos' de Wikñm	Firm' terrar'	10	5	8
P'pos' de Weston, Holbech, Multon, Snaplod, Delgate	Firm' terrar'	39	7	9
P'pos' de Pynchebecke	Firm' terrar'	51	3	7
Officiu' Terr' Dñic', Spaldyng, Sherman Crosse, Pynchebecke, Penytoste, Multon, Weston, Wy- dyk, Cornmedowe, Shortemedowe, Dustokfeld, Barslowhe, Brownysbern, Bulvise, Bowette, Pursemedowe	Firm' terrar' et teñtor'	69	12	8
Weston, Multon, See Lathes, Pynchebeck	Firm' Spūaliu'	32	0	0
Baltia de Multon cum P'pos' de Golle, See Dyke, North Dyke, Northgate, Cobgate, Clapendyke, Randalldyke, Claptengate, Austendyke, Where- gate, Gollidyk, Garu'dyke, Dawsedyke, Whap- lode, Mekyll Medowes	Redd' Assis' cum redd' p Cop' Cur'	58	3	0 q' di'
- - - - -	Firm' terr'	11	3	5
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	6	15	5
Sutton cum membris, Parochia S̄ci Jacobi, Can- delm̄s Mole, the Common Fynne	Redd' Assis' cum redd' Nativ' .	14	9	9 q' d'
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'			null
P'pos' de Gaunock infra Poch' de Sutton	Firm' terr'	21	15	7
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	2	8	6
Baltia de Kyrkbylaythorpe	Redd' Assis'	2	8	5½
Barnack, Eveden, Weythm, Dobbynwood, Kyrke- ton, Obthorpe, Holmewood, Normanby, Burne, Pynchbecke, Gayteburton, Styckney, Lee	Firm' terr'	18	5	9
Rectoria de Sybsey, Frythe, et Erlescotte	Firm' Rector'	14	0	0
Vicar' de Multon, Surflet, Tetney, Rectoria de Styckney, Esterkeate, Bullingbrok, Ardelthorpe, Beltisford, Gayteburton, Lee, Donyngton, Ca- borne, Scamulsbye, Stanegate, Normanton, Glenth'me, Gonesbye, Gretheforthe, Brasyng- borowe	Pençoes et Porc'	26	8	4
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'			null
Maffiu' de Ciston cum Graung' voc' Gippell	Redd' Assis' cum redd' ad vol' .	13	9	5½
- - - - -	Firm' Maffij ad Firm' Grang' .	5	19	3
- - - - -	Firm' Rectorie	5	0	0
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	0	3	0



Abbey of Battle, or De Bello,

IN

SUSSEX.



THE circumstances attending the invasion of England by William duke of Normandy, afterwards King William the Conqueror, appertain so much to general history, that it seems unnecessary to repeat them here. It may suffice to say, that the decisive battle of Hastings was fought upon Oct. 14th, 1066; and that, in the following year, the Conqueror, in consequence of a vow made previous to the battle,^a began to build an Abbey upon the ground on which the victory was obtained, to the honour of the Holy Trinity and St. Martin.^b The high altar was fixed upon the spot where Harold and the royal standard fell.^c The Conqueror's first design was to have had a hundred and forty monks here; but provision appears to have been made for sixty only. The first inhabitants were brought from the monastery of Marmonstier in Normandy.^d

The charters granted to the monks of Battle by King William the Conqueror were numerous; although some of them were confirmations only. Of the thirteen contained in one of the Registers still remaining in Sir Godfrey Webster's possession, three will be found copied in the Appendix to the present Account.^e

The privileges of this monastery detailed in the largest charter, erroneously called "Carta prima," in the Battle Register,^f are great. It was not only to be exempt from episcopal jurisdiction,^g but was to enjoy its exemption in as ample a manner as the metropolitan church of Canterbury. It had the rights of free-warren in all its manors, treasure

trove, and even sanctuary. The circuit round the abbey also, called the Leuga, was freed from every kind of tax and service. The manor of Wi, with its appendant royalties, in Kent; the manors of Alsistone in Sussex, Limenesfeld in Surrey, Hov in Sussex, Craumareis in Oxfordshire, and Bristwoldinton in Berkshire; with the churches of Radinges, Culintun, and St. Olave in Exeter; formed the chief endowment.

Two of the Conqueror's charters relating to the general liberties of Battle went each by the name of "Humana Mens;" probably because it was declared in them that the church of Battle should be "libera et quieta in perpetuum ab omni exactione et omnibus quæcunque mens humana cogitare potest." Another liberates the church "ab omni theloneo." There is one "de Corredio Abbatis." Three relate to the liberties of the "Leuga." One to the market granted to the monastery:^h and one reciting the gift of the meadow of Bodeham.

The following is the statement of the abbey property as recorded in the Domesday Survey. The manor of Wi, in Kent, was rated at seven solins. The soc and sac of twenty-two hundreds appertained to it. In Sussex the abbey held Alsistone, which paid geld for forty-four hides and a half; four hides in the hundred of Totenore; six hides and a half, including Bocheham, in the abbat's own rape; and portions of land of a much smaller kind, which were let to the earl of Ow, the earl of Moretaine, and other tenants in Bece, Wasingate, Nirefeld, Penehest, Hov, Pilesham, Cedesfeld, Bollington, Croherst, Witinges, and Holintun. In Surrey, twenty-five hides at Limenesfeld. In Berkshire, the manor of Bristoldestone, which had been Harold's, in whose time it had been rated at ten hides; five "hagæ," or houses, in Wallingford; and the church of Redinges (now Reading), with an appendage of eight hides of land. In Devonshire, the church of Colitone, with

^a Knyghton says, "Nec prætereundum arbitror, quod prima nocte post ingressum Willielmi in terram Angliæ, dum jaceret in papilione, venit ad eum vox dicens, 'Willielme, Willielme, esto bonus homo quia in regni corona prævalebis, et rex Angliæ eris, et cum nostem deviceris fac construi ecclesiam in eodem loco in homine meo tot centenorum pedum in longitudine quot annorum numero semen sanguinis tui regni Angliæ gubernaculum possidebit et in Anglia regnabit.'"

^b In the generality of Instruments granted to the monastery, it is termed the abbey of St. Martin only. It was not many miles from Hastings: which, says Bishop Tanner, was probably the reason of Thomas Rudborne's saying that King William the Conqueror founded "Cenobium in honorem S. Martini apud Hastyng." Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 258. Malmesbury, however, had made the same mistake before him:—"Alterum monasterium Hastings ædificavit sancto Martino, quod cognominatur De Bello." Script. post Bedam. fol. 61 b.

^c Malmesbury says, only "Altare ecclesiæ est in loco ubi Haroldi pro patriæ charitate occisi cadaver exanime inventum est." Script. post Bedam, fol. 147. Mr. Gough, in his Additions to Camden, says, "The high altar stood on the spot where Harold's body and standard were found, which is just at the eastern white gate of the yard wall: the foundations were not long since removed, the site having served for a burying place for the catholics." Camd. edit. 1789. vol. i. p. 204.

^d The thought of building this monastery is said to have been first suggested, or rather, it should seem, encouraged, by William Faber, a monk of Marmonstier; though Leland, in his Collectanea, edit. 1770, tom. ii. p. 390, says, "Anno Domini 1085, suadente Remigio episcopo Dorcastrensi, qui prius fuit monachus de Fescamp, Gul. Magnus fundavit abbatiam de Bello."

^e See Numm. IX. X. XI.

^f From the circumstance of Maurice bishop of London being a witness to this charter it is evident that it could not have been granted before A. D. 1085, in which year he was promoted to the see. Compare Chron. Sax. edit. Gibson, p. 184.

^g Wilkins, in his Concilia, tom. i. p. 427—431, has printed the proceedings in the synod of Chichester, A. D. 1157, relating to this exemption. "Synodus Cicestrensis, in qua disceptationes variae sunt habitæ super eo, quod Willielmus senior regesque subsequentes, abbatem et abbatiam de Bello, in comitatu Sussexiæ, immunes esse regiis suis chartis concesserunt ab omni episcoporum subjectione, etiam Cicestrensis ecclesiæ, cui præ cæteris canonicam deberent reverentiam." Ex MS. Chron. Abb. de Bello, cit. Spelm. See also MS. Harl. Mus. Brit. 419, fol. 13.

^h See Num. XI.

a single hide; and the church of St. Olave in Exeter, with seven hides of land appended. In *Oxfordshire*, five hides at Cravmareis; these also had belonged to Harold. In *Essex*, one hide at Atahov, and one at Hersa.^a

King William the Conqueror, it appears, did not live to see his foundation at Battle completed. Although an abbat was appointed in 1076, the church of the monastery was not consecrated till 1094. King William Rufus was present at the ceremony of its consecration;^b and, by a charter granted upon that occasion, added the churches of Saforde, Exelingis, Trilaune, Middehala, Nortune, Eilesham, Mendlesham, Bramford, and Brantham, with their several appendages, to the endowment of the monastery. Walkeline bishop of Winchester, Ralph bishop of Chichester, Osmund bishop of Salisbury, John bishop of Bath, William bishop of Durham, Roger bishop of Coutance in Normandy, and Gundulf bishop of Rochester, were all present, with a numerous assemblage of temporal barons, at the consecration.^c

Beside this, and two charters confirming the general liberties of Battle abbey, King William Rufus granted to the monks, first, the manor, and, afterwards, the church of Bromham, in Wiltshire; a distinct charter, confirming the liberties of Wy; a third charter of general privilege, confirming treasure trove; and a charter relating to Bodeham.^d

The charters of Henry the First to Battle abbey were still more numerous than those of his predecessors. Exclusive of his general confirmations, the more important were the charters "pro excambio de Radinge"^e and "de curia habenda per omnia."^f

Other instruments from King Stephen, King Henry the Second, King Richard the First, and King John, are still extant.^g The charter of King John granting the custody of the temporalities and goods of the abbey to the monks upon the deaths of their abbats will be found in the Appendix.^h

King Henry the Third granted two charters to this monastery; one, of general confirmation, and one, "de Justiciariis habendis," in the year 1242.ⁱ

From King Edward the Second the monks of Battle received several charters. He granted them a market and fair at Havekherst; the advowson of the church of Hoton; a licence to acquire lands to the value of forty pounds per annum; and a remission of the fine usually made on the confirmation of a new abbat.^k

In the 12th of Edward the Third the abbat obtained a licence to fortify and embattle his monastery.

The charter of King Henry the Fourth, reciting and confirming the principal grants till his time, will be hereafter given.^l

Such are the more important of the Royal Charters to the abbey of Battle. The papal and episcopal instruments to this monastery were fewer in number.^m In the earlier period of the history of Battle they were either general confirmations of privileges, or grants of tithes. In the later period they related mostly to appropriations.ⁿ

It need hardly here be added that the abbats of Battle were mitred, and that they were regularly summoned to parliament till the Dissolution.

ABBATS of BATTLE.

King William the Conqueror, upon founding this abbey, designed one *Robert Blancard*, a monk of Marmonstier (whom he had brought with other monks of that place to England), to have been the first abbat; but he, going back to his monastery to make arrangements before entering upon his new office, was drowned in his return to England.

GAUSBERTUS, another monk of Marmonstier, was thereupon constituted abbat in 1076.^o He died on the 6th of the kalends of August, 1095.^p Bishop Kennett, in his MS. Diptycha, names *Walter* as the immediate successor of Gausbert, upon the authority of the Annals of Battle; but adds, "et statim obiit." Ordericus Vitalis, p. 505, and the Cotton Manuscript Domitian A. II. name

HENRY as his immediate successor. He was elected on the 3d of the ides of June, 1096. He had been previously prior of Christ Church, Canterbury.^q He died on the 14th of the kalends of July, 1102, and was buried in the chapter-house of his monastery.^r The custody of the abbey during the vacancy after Henry's death was first given to a chaplain of the king named *Vivian*, and afterwards to one *Geoffrey*, or *Gausfrid*, a monk of Carleph.^s

RALPH, a monk of Caen, who had accompanied Archbishop Lanfranc to England, and who had subsequently been prior of Rochester under Bishop Gundulph, was the immediate successor of abbat Henry. He was elected, in 1107, upon the feast of St. Peter ad vincula.^t He died at the age of eighty-four, after having held the rule of the monastery seventeen years and twenty days, on the 4th of the kalends of September, 1124.^u

WARNER, or WARNERIUS, a monk of Christ Church Canterbury, became the next abbat. He was installed on

^a Compare Num. XII.

^b "MXCIV. Tunc profectus est Rex Hæstingan ad candelarum festum; et dum ibi ventum secundum expectabat permisit consecrari illud monasterium apud Prælii locum." Chron. Sax. edit. Gibs. p. 220. See also Sim. Dunelm. Script. X. Twysd. col. 219. The Cotton MS. Domitian A. II. fol. 35, says the church was consecrated on the 3d of the ides of Feb. 1095. That a temporary church, however, existed here earlier may be supposed from a passage which will be hereafter quoted from the Cottonian manuscript Domitian A. II. relating to the consecration of abbat Gausbert.

^c See Num. XIII.

^d Hayley Collections, Sussex A. p. 101—104.

^e Num. XV.

^f Num. XVII.

^g Hayley Collections, Sussex A. p. 112—116.

^h Num. XVIII.

ⁱ Num. XIX.

^k Compare the Hayley Collections, ut supr. p. 123.

^l App. Num. XXII.

^m Hayley Collections, ut supr. pp. 124, 125, 286—297.

ⁿ Bishop Tanner says, "Vide in Registro episc. Cicestr. fol. 82 a. Appropriationem ecclesie de Iklesham ex donatione nobilis matrone Sibille de Iklesham fact. per Ranulphum episc. Ibid. fol. 82 b. Confirmationem Seffredi episc. Cicestr. omnium dignitat. consuetud. et libertat. eccl. S. Martini de Bello juxta tenorem cartarum R. Will. fundatoris et aliorum regum. Ibid. Concessionem Ric. II. factam abbati et convent. de Bello, de non præstatione decimarum majorum et minorum de dominiciis suis in maner. de Alciston cum suis pertinentiis A.D. 1249. Ibid. fol. 83 a. Ordinationem Ecclesie de Westfelde a Radulpho episc. Cicestr. Ibid. Ordinationem Vicarie in eccl. de Alciston fact. a Roberto episc. Cicestr. A.D. 1520. Ibid. Ordinationem Vicarie de Lullington fact. eodem tempore." Notit. Mon. Robert de Sotindon gave the monks the church of Ieileham in 1253. Mat. Par. edit. 1684, p. 751. The church of Saundford was appropriated to the monastery in 1319. Pat. 12 Edw. II. p. 1.

^o The "Liber de Situ Ecclesie Belli" MS. Cotton. Domit. A. II. says,

"Gausberto itaque electo, cum ad eum benedicendum episcopus Cicestrensis Stigandus nullatenus assentiret, nisi Cicestriam benedicendus adiret. Regem hac de causa providus abbas caute adivit, causam exposuit, quid agendum foret inquisivit. Quo cognito, indignatus Rex episcopo interminatus præcepit quatinus Abbatem in ecclesia S. Martini de Bello, omni remota calumnia, benediceret, eo etiam modo ut illic ipse vel suorum aliquis eodem die, ex consuetudine, nec hospitaretur, nec cibum quidem sumeret, in testimonium videlicet libertatis ejusdem ecclesie. Factum est igitur, et abbate Gausberto ante altare sancti Martini de Bello benedicto, atque in locum suum ab episcopo collocato, memoriale ad posterum transiit, Ecclesiam de Bello ab omni exactione et subjectione Episcoporum Cicestrie liberam esse, sicut dominicam Regis Capellam; nec in ea vel in omni possessione ejus quisquam aliquid calumniari possit, nisi gratis et caritative impendatur." MS. Cotton. Domit. A. II. fol. 23 b.

^p Ibid. fol. 36 b. Willis, Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 34, is mistaken when he presumes Gausbert to have died, and had RALPH for his successor, in 1089.

^q The Cotton manuscript just quoted, fol. 36 b, speaking of abbat Gausbert's death, says, "Monasterium igitur de Bello primo hoc modo patre orbatum, cum absque abbatis jure existere nequiret; memoratus hac de causa Willielmus magni principis Willielmi filius, a fratribus aditus, abbatis decessus intimatus, electionis propriæ auctoritas recitatus, eidem pastorem ecclesie juxta canonum statuta ex eadem congregatione substitui obnixè supplicatus: cumque pro voto regia suppeditasset responsio, induciarum interim dilatione eatenus obnubilata regie auctoritatis terrore ecclesieque reverentia, zeli conspiratio regis pluribus intentum occupat animum, atque a sponsionis proposito penitus avellit. Unde aliquanto evoluta tempore, rex assentantibus favens Ecclesie Christi Cantuarie priorem Henricum nomine, virum quidem religione, benignitate, mansuetudine, omnique moralitatis virtute ac litteratura summum eidem monasterio ex reverendissimi Anselmi archiepiscopi consilio abbatem delegavit."

^r Ibid. fol. 40.

^s Ibid. fol. 43.

^t Ibid.

^u Ibid. fol. 49.

the 8th of the kalends of May, 1124, and continued till 1138; in which year he resigned his abbacy, and retired to the monastery of St. Pancras at Lewes.^a

WALTER DE LUCY, brother to Richard de Lucy, a powerful baron of King Stephen's court, was elected abbat on the 6th of the ides of January, 1139.^b His controversy with the Bishop of Chichester respecting exemption from episcopal jurisdiction, in 1157, has been already alluded to.^c He died on the 11th of the kalends of July, 1171. Upon his death, the care of the abbey was committed, during a vacancy of four years, to Richard de Lucy, his brother.^d

ODO, prior of Canterbury, was promoted to the abbacy of Battle on the 6th of the ides of July, 1175. The circumstances of his election are worth notice, as they are detailed in the Cottonian manuscript.^e He died, according to Willis, in the year 1199.^f The Annals of the Church of Winchester say in the month of March, 1200.^g

JOHN OF DOVER, or DE DUVRA, succeeded to the abbacy very soon after Odo's death, on the kalends of May, 1200.^h King John stayed some time in this monastery at Easter in 1206.ⁱ Willis says, that upon John de Duvra's death, which happened on the 12th of the kalends of July, 1213, here was a vacancy for some small time; and then one

HUGH was elected, who was made the third bishop of Carlisle, A. D. 1218.^k I do not know, he adds, whether he held the abbacy in commendam with his bishoprick; but this is certain, that he died anno 1223, at an abbey in Burgundy, on his return from Rome, and that his successor in this abbey was

RICHARD, a monk of this place.^l From the Annals of Dunstaple, however, it should seem that Richard was elected abbat of Battle in 1218. He died on the 3d of the kalends of August, 1235.^m

RALPH DE COVENTRY, cellarer of Battle, was the next abbat. The royal assent was given to his election on Nov. 6th, 20 Hen. III.ⁿ

REGINALD, prior of Brecknock, was promoted to the abbacy Nov. 27th, 1261.^o

HENRY DE AYLESFORD had the temporalities of the monastery restored to him as abbat May 28th, 1281.^p Upon his death, in 1297,

JOHN DE THANET, or DE TANETO, was elected abbat: the temporalities were restored to him on January the 30th.^q He resigned in 1307.

JOHN DE WHATLINTON received the king's assent to

his election on March the 10th that year.^r Upon his death,

JOHN DE NORTBURN was elected abbat. He received the royal assent May 25th, 1311.^s He resigned in 1318, when

JOHN DE PEVENESE was elected: to whom the temporalities were restored on May 6th that year.^t In the Harleian MS. 6958, p. 267, he is called ROGER DE PEVENO. His death was notified to the king on Jan. 31, 1324, when

ALAN DE KETLYNG was elected abbat: to whom the temporalities of the monastery were restored on March 28th.^u Willis calls him *John de Retling*.^v Upon his death,

ROBERT DE BELLO was elected abbat. The temporalities were restored to him March 23d, 1351.^w He died in 1364. It is not clear whether the following passage in the Chronicle of Evesham relates to this abbat or to his successor. "Anno MCCCLXIV. Abbas de Bello eundo versus London cuidam damnato ad furcas in mariscalla domini regis obviatus ipsum *virtute libertatum suarum* a nece liberavit. Et quamvis rex et alii magnates factum graviter tulerint cartas tamen suas per Placitum habuit confirmatas."^x

HAMO DE OFFYNTON received benediction as abbat from Archbishop Islip on the 4th of the kalends of January, 1364.^y In 1375, he was appointed visitor of the monasteries of the Benedictine order in the dioceses of Canterbury and Rochester: and in 1377 defended Winchelsea against the French. Walsingham gives a particular account of his conduct on this occasion.^z Upon Hamo de Offinton's death,

JOHN CRANE was elected abbat. He received the royal assent to his election on March 20th, 1383, and had the temporalities of the monastery restored to him on the 1st of May following.^{aa} Neither Willis nor Stevens make any mention of this abbat. Upon his death,

JOHN LEDBURY was elected. He received the temporalities on March the 1st, 1398.^{ab}

WILLIAM MERSCH received the royal assent as abbat Jan. 16th, and had the temporalities restored on Feb. 1st, 1405.^{ac} He died in the early part of the year 1417.

THOMAS LODELOW, or LUDLOWE, who had been prior of the monastery, was elected his successor. He received the royal assent on May 11th, and had the temporalities on May the 30th, 1417.^{ad}

WILLIAM WALLER received the royal assent to his election June 20th, and had the temporalities restored to

^a MS. Cotton. Domit. A. II. fol. 53.

^b Ibid. fol. 53 b.

^c Compare also Prynne's Papal Usurpations, vol. i. p. 1207 et seqq. and MS. Cotton. Domit. A. II. fol. 56.

^d Ibid. fol. 104 b.

^e A. D. MC.LXXV. "Advenerat tunc forte illuc, [usque ad Wodestoch] pro negotiis ecclesie Cantuariensis nuper incendio dissipatae, vir eximie religionis Odo, ipsius ecclesie prior, cui præter cætera quibus pollebatur virtutum insignia, nomen celebre fecerat insignis eloquentia, qua cum esset doctus lege divina oportune noverat perferre nova et vetera. Hic quidem quum cartæ dignitatum ac libertatum Cantuariensis ecclesie in ipsius repentino incendio erant ex plurima parte absumptæ regem convenerat ut eas auctoritate regia innovaret. Visus rex postulanti velle satisfacere, spem sibi multam ponens promissionibus, in fine tamen effectu carentem. Credens sic promittenti vir simplicis ac recti animi, adjecerat postulare ut cartis ipsis formam cartarum monasterii sancti Martini de Bello dignaretur apponere. Rex petenti non tamen non contradixerat, quinimo ab obtemperandum tam devotum tamque promptum se exhibuerat ut mox Priori et Conventui de Bello literas transmitteret, sibi que cartas dignitatum ac libertatum monasterii deferri juberet. Venerat igitur usque Wodestoch prior ille venerabilis, spe maxima regis promissionis adductus. Prior vero et fratres sancti Martini de Bello hunc maximæ opinionis virum esse cognoscentes, communicato consilio, eligendum eum perficiendumque decreverunt." Ibid. fol. 110 b.

^f Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 35.

^g Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 304. Leland, in his Collectanea, makes the following mention of this abbat:

"Fuit Odo alias Woode, vir in primis eruditus, et familiarissimus non modo Joanni Sarisburiensi, verum etiam Thomæ Beketo archiepiscopo Cantuar. Ex priori ecclesie Christi Cantuar. factus est abbas Bellensis monasterii, ubi in parte inferiori ecclesie jacet in sepulchro Lydii sive nigri marmoris, non parvo post obitum tempore a populo pro sancto habitus. Abbas Bellensis monasterii narravit mihi Vitam Odonis apud se extare scriptum." Edit. Lond. 1770, tom. iv. p. 68.

^h MS. Cotton Nero D. II. fol. 234. Under the year MCC. the MS.

says, "Rex Johannes dedit quandam particulam de Sepulchro Domini ecclesie de Bello a fratre suo rege Ricardo cum aliis reliquiis delatam."

ⁱ "Ad Bellum veniens in curia monachorum hospitatus, et casulam decentem super magnum altare obtulit."

^k Mit. Ab. ut supr.

^l Ibid.

^m Annal. Teokesbur.

ⁿ Pat. 20 Hen. III. Compare MS. Harl. 6957, p. 69.

^o Pat. 45 Hen. III. m. 22.

^p Pat. 9 Edw. I. p. 1.

^q Pat. 26 Edw. I.

^r Pat. 1 Edw. II. p. 2.

^s Pat. 4 Edw. II. p. 2.

^t Pat. 11 Edw. II. p. 2.

^u Pat. 17 Edw. II. pp. 1, 2.

^v Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 35.

^w Pat. 25 Edw. III. p. 1.

^x MS. Cotton. Cleop. C. III.

^y Reg. Islip archiep. Cantuar.

^z "Post occupationem insule supradictæ [de Wight] Gallici galleas iterum repententes circuierunt oram maritimam usque dum pervenerunt ad objectum villæ de Winchelsea. Et cognoscentes abbatem de Bello ad illam convolasse causa custodiæ, missis nunciis, petunt ut illam redimat. Abbas vero negat se empturum, quod non perdiderat, quin potius denunciat, ut ab infestatione villæ desistant sub interminatione damni quod eis poterit provenire. Gallici ejus responso exasperati, petunt (si bellum velit) ut singuli ex utraque parte mittantur, vel certè plures qui spectante utroque exercitu congregiantur: sed nec hanc petitionem abbas admisit, dicens se religiosum virum esse, et non licere sibi hujus petitiones admittere, nec illuc belli causa, sed tuitiois et conservationis pacis patriæ advenisse. His auditis, Gallici æstantes animum abbatis suorumque defecisse: mox admotis instrumentis bellicis, scilicet missilibus quorum copia fruebantur, villam acriter infestabant, pugnantes a nona usque ad vespertum. Sed abbatis et eorum qui cum ipso erant laudabili probitate minime profecerunt. Interim dum pugnant ibidem mittunt partem navium ad villam de Hastings, quæ reperientes villam pene vacuum, combusserunt eam. Gallici vero videntes se nil prævalere apud Winchelsee recesserunt." Tho. Walsingh. Hist. Angl. edit. 1574, p. 198. Willis is wrong in dating this exploit in 1381. Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 36.

^{aa} Pat. 6 Ric. II. pp. 2, 3.

^{ab} Pat. 21 Ric. II. p. 2.

^{ac} Pat. 6 Hen. IV. p. 1.

^{ad} Pat. 6 Hen. V.

him on July the 1st, 1435, on Lodelowe's resignation.^a It was during the time of this abbat that Archbishop Kemp founded his college, within the lordship of the abbat and convent, at Wye in Kent.^b Willis says, abbat Waller died in the latter end of the year 1436, when

RICHARD DERTEMOUTH was elected abbat: the royal assent being given to his election May 3d, and the temporalities restored May 15th, 1437.^c

JOHN NEWTON was made abbat in 1463. The temporalities were restored to him on June 14th.^d

RICHARD TOBY, or TOVY, received the temporalities as abbat March 8th, 1490.^e He died Aug. 20th, 1503.

WILLIAM WESTFELD was elected abbat Sept. 25th, 1503. The temporalities were granted to him on July 3d, 1504.^f He had been previously prior of the cell of Brecknock.^g

LAURENCE CHAMPYON received the temporalities Dec. 8th, 1508.^h

JOHN HAMOND, the last abbat, was elected in 1529. Fuller and Burnet are by no means favourable to his memory. Fuller, upon the authority of Speed, represents him, with many of the monks of Battle, as laying under an infamous imputation:ⁱ but this is hardly reconcileable with the grant made to this abbat of a pension, at the Dissolution, of a hundred marks;^k particularly as the instrument which bestowed the pension stipulated that it should be vacated in case of the king preferring him. Nor is there any allusion to this charge in the letter of the visitors to Lord Cromwell, when the abbey was dissolved.^l

Abbat Hamond surrendered his monastery to the king May 27th, 30 Hen. VIII.^m

In the 26th of Henry the Eighth, this monastery was valued, according to Dugdale, at 880*l.* 14*s.* 7½*d.*: according to Speed, at 987*l.* 0*s.* 10½*d.*ⁿ

After the dissolution of the greater monasteries, King Henry the Eighth granted the site of Battle abbey, with the manor, by letters patent dated August 15th, in the 31st year of his reign, A. D. 1539, to Sir Anthony Browne.^o

Sir William Burrell preserves the following extract from the will of the Lord Hoo (MS. Coll. Armor. I. 7, fol. 61), relating to the foundation of a chantry at "St. Benyngnys" altar in the abbey-church, in the time of abbat Dermemouth:

"I Thomas Hoo kn^t. lord of Hoo and Hastings the xijth. daye of February the yere of King Henry the Sixt the xxij. being in good mynde, make this my will and ordenaunce after the fourme that followith; first Y will that mine feoffys and myn executors ordeyn xx^{li}. marks wourth land of yerely vallue, theye to yeve it into mortmayn to the abbot and convent of Batail and to their successors, or to yeve theym money as mine executors can agree with theym; they to fynd two monkes synggyng imperpetuite at Saint Benyngnys awtyr, in the said abbey for me and myn awncetours and for suche personnes as myne executors wyll ordeyne."^p

Stowe says, the abbat of Battle's inn in London was between the bridge house and Battle bridge, on the bank

of the river Thames; the walks and gardens thereunto appertaining being on the other side of the way. Before the gate of the said house, he adds, was called the Maze: where is now an inn called the Flower de Lys.

Then is Battle bridge, so called of Battle abbey, for that it standeth on the ground, and over a water-course flowing out of the Thames pertaining to that abbey, and was therefore both builded and repaired by the abbats of that house, as being hard adjoining to the abbat's lodging.^q

Leland found the following works in the LIBRARY of Battle abbey:

"Glosæ Odonis abbatis de Bello super Psalterium.

Clemens Prior Lantonensis de Spiritualibus aliis et pennis Cherubin.

Chronicon Jordanis episcopi Ravennacensis integrum. Præfiguntur Historiæ nomina auctorum quorum testimoniis usus est: et in fine operis recenset nomina barbararum gentium, id est populorum Germaniæ.

Itinerarium Antonini mancum, in quo nihil de Britannia.

Mellitus quidam Aphricanus episcopus de Assumptione D. Virginis.

Beda de Distantia Locorum ex Actibus Apostolorum.

Martinus episcopus de Quatuor Virtutibus Cardinalibus.

Epistolæ Ivonis de Corpore et Sanguine Domini.

Gildas: tantum in Indice visus est.

Expositio Odonis abbatis super Capita primi Libri Regum.

Sermo Stephani archiepiscopi Cantuar. de Assumptione D. Mariæ.

Sermones Richardi de Melchesham.

Sermones Stephani Cantuar.

Liber Chronicorum fratris Wilhelmi de la Lee.

Albini Responsiones.

Albinus de Proprietate Sermonum.

Topographiæ Walliæ et Hiberniæ, autore Silvestro Girardo Cambrensi.

Prophetia Hildegardis integra.

Summa Michaelis de Smaulfeld."^r

Of the REGISTERS and other MANUSCRIPTS relating to Battle abbey the following are perhaps the most important now extant:

1. MS. Cotton. Domit. A. II. containing the "Liber de Situ Ecclesiæ Belli et de Possessionibus sibi a Rege Willielmo et ab aliis quibuslibet datis." It is in quarto, written upon a hundred and twenty-nine leaves of vellum; and is of an early date, though imperfect at the end. Dugdale's extracts from it have been extensive.^s

2. A Register of the abbey preserved among Sir Matthew Hale's manuscripts, now in the library of the Society of Lincoln's Inn, marked B. 87.

3. A Register in the possession of Sir Godfrey Webster, still remaining at Battle. This is, of course, the same which Bishop Tanner notices as in the possession of Sir Whistler Webster, Baronet.^t

^a Pat. 13 Hen. VI.

^b Pat. 15 Hen. VI.

^c Rot. Orig. 6 Hen. VII.

^d Willis, Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 36.

^e Rot. Orig. 24 Hen. VII.

^f Ch. Hist. B. vi. p. 316. See also Willis, Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 41.

^g See the Pension List, Num. XXVI. Willis says, "Anno 1553 there remained in charge 26*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* in annuities payable out of the revenues of this convent, besides the following pensions: to Rich. Selhurst 10*l.* Tho. Bede, John Austen, Clement Gregory, 10 marks each. Barthol. Cyprian, R. Dolemouthe (mistaken for Dartmouth), Edw. Clement, John Jeromme, 6*l.* each."

^h App. Num. XXV.

ⁱ Tann. Notit. Mon.

^j See the Letters Patent, App. Num. XXVII.

^k MS. Burrell, Mus. Brit. Donat. 5697, p. 7. Gough, in his Additions to Camden, vol. i. p. 204, says, "Here were kept the Conqueror's sword and coronation robe, and that curious Roll of the Normans who came over with him. This was seen by Leland, in the first volume of whose Collectanea it is printed: but Sir William Dugdale says all the copies are erroneous by transcribing, or by the frauds of the monks, who enrolled in it any benefactors or eminent persons. It seems to have been lost at the Suppression."

^l Surv. of London, edit. 1633, p. 459.

^m See the App. Num. XXIV.

ⁿ Pat. 3 Edw. IV. pp. 1, 2.

^o Ibid. 20 Hen. VII.

^p Willis, ut supr. p. 36.

^q Collectan. edit. Lond. 1770, tom. iv. p. 68.

^r See the App. Numm. II. III. IV. V. VI. VII. VIII.

^s By the kindness of John Fuller, Esq., of Rose Hill, the Editors of the present Work have been favoured with the use of two volumes, from the Collections for the History of Sussex, formerly made by the Rev. William Hayley of Brightling; marked Sussex, A. and Sussex, B.

The first of these bears the following title:

"Sussex: viz. Registrum Monasterii de Bello; e duobus codicibus MSS. penes honoratissimum dominum dominum Whistlerum Webster baronetum, ejusdem monasterii possessorem, descriptum. Hæc scripsit W. H., A. D. 1762."

At the back of the title is this address to the reader: "Quicquid in hoc libro, et in alio (ad quem ex hoc non raro remittitur lector) continetur, et e Registro monasterii de Bello à me ubicunque describitur; istius et Registri et monasterii possessori, vno utique moribus suavisimis, comitate summâ, benignitatis suæ omnium amorem sibi concilianti, id totum debitum gratum agnosco. Autographa amborum voluminum ipse habet: quorum primum, simul cum ejusdem transcriptione (seu potius imperfectâ et mutilatâ ex scriptione) à Regali et Cottoniano librario Davide Casley facta; ac etiam cum alterius Epitome ab eodem D. C. facta; mihi votis indulgens perhumanitèr mutuum credidit. Primum itaque Volumen ex originali transcripsi libro: in altero verò Casleianam Epitomen secutus sum, cujus Autographon mihi nondum contigit videre. W. H."

4. "Registrum Cartarum Monasterii S. Martini de Bello." MS. Harl. Brit. Mus. num. 3586. A volume in small folio, consisting of sixty-three leaves; but imperfect. Its contents consist chiefly of law pleadings, forms of instruments, presentations to livings, manumissions, &c.^a

5. "Rentale et Consuetudinarium de Bello." A manuscript in the Augmentation Office at Westminster; a large and handsome folio volume, on vellum, consisting of two hundred and ninety-two leaves. Bishop Tanner, in his *Notitia Monastica*, gives the following as its title: "Rentale et Consuetudinarium Hundredæ de Bello cum membris et

parcellis spectantibus ad eandem, factum per examin. tenentium et fide dignorum Hundredæ prædictæ, ac etiam Adæ Ywode tunc senesc. et Ricardi Curtays ballivi domini prædicti, temp. venerabilis in Christo patris Thomæ Ludelowe Monasterii de Bello abbatis, et Willielmi Mersh cellar. ejusdem monasterii, anno R. R. Hen. post Conquestum Angliæ sexti 8vo." This title, however, is only applicable to the hundred of Battle. The manuscript has several distinct titles in other parts of the book, showing it to be not merely of the 8th of Henry the Sixth, but of the 2d, 3d, and other years of that king.^b

"Registri Monasterii de Bello. Vol. I."

The first part of the volume here described contains a collection of pleadings and records of liberties, as far as fol. 43 of the original manuscript. The next portion contains Royal charters of lands and liberties; papal bulls of privileges and immunities; &c. Then follows, at p. 127, "Rubicella regendi monasterium monasterio vacante."

The second part of the volume is entitled, "Epitome Chartarum Monasterii Sancti Martini de Bello: ex autographo, penes honoratissimum dominum dominum Thomam Webster baronetum, reservato; facta per D. Casley bibliothecæ Reg. et Cotton. Custodem. A. D. 1727."

Vol. II.

It contains, among other miscellaneous instruments,

- * 1. Compositio inter decanum de Bello et sacristam monasterii ibidem, A. D. 1415, pag. 167.
- 2. Cartæ de Alciston, Anglyngle, Bodyham, Bello, et Caldebec, p. 170—176.
- 3. Transcriptiones omnium cartarum pertinentium ad officium sacristariæ de Bello, quarum Originalia includuntur cophinis de villa de Bello, Hwatlyngton, Mankesey, Wylindon, Altar. B. Mariæ, Hawkeherst, Wy, Schaftsdyden, Anglyngle, Cranebrok; et in aliis cophinis Munimentarii inter spiritualia et temporalia. Quæ cartæ transcriptæ erant per manus domini Johannis Waller sacristæ de Bello, annis regni regis Henrici quarti post Conquestum x^o. et xi^o. p. 177.
- 4. Finis de Cloppham, p. 267.
- 5. Mundefelde, ibid.
- 6. Beckele, ibid.
- 7. Wylendun, pp. 268, 269.
- 8. Boreselle, p. 270.
- 9. Langeford, ibid.
- 10. Sutton, p. 271.
- 11. Bocstepe, pp. 271—274, 278, 325.
- 12. Wachindenn, p. 274.
- 13. Crowhham, p. 275.
- 14. Bellum, p. 276.
- 15. Hycleham, p. 277.
- 16. Wykham, p. 278.
- 17. Badeherst, pp. 278, 279.
- 18. Manekesye, pp. 280—284, 291, 310.
- 19. Ecclesia de Beckele, p. 285.
- 20. Confirmationes episcoporum super decimis, p. 286.
- 21. Bodiham, p. 290.
- 22. Glesy, pp. 292, 326.
- 23. Brythlyng, p. 306.
- 24. Romene, p. 311.
- 25. De pensione de Warbilton, 18 Edw. IV. p. 314.
- 26. Copia rentalis redditus sacristæ de Bello annuatim precipiend. de Hawkherst facti mensæ Martii, et script. per manum Roberti de Cherche, A. D. 1396, p. 315.
- 27. De terris in Saleherst, de quibus Sacristarius de Bello habebit decimam, visis et ostensis dompno Ricardo Herst sacrist. dompno Ricardo Derthemouth granetar. Thoma Broun. et Ricardo Curteys per Rogerum Hope de Saleherst præd. et Johannem Hope filium suum i^o. die mensis Martii 5 Hen. VI. p. 316.
- 28. Decimæ de Ore, p. 317.
- 29. Lideham, p. 318.
- 30. Cartæ pertinentes ad sacristam de Bello, p. 319.
- 31. Enam, p. 326.
- 32. Idyntone, ibid.
- 33. Bokholte, p. 327.

Mr. Hayley's manuscript marked Sussex B. contains transcripts, 1. from the Cotton MS. Domitian A. II. "Liber de situ, institutione, &c. ecclesiæ S. Martini de Bello:" 2. from the Cotton MS. Tiberius B. v. fol. 88, "Annotatio ecclesiarum dotialium ecclesiæ de Bello." A third title occurs, "Excerpta ex Chronico monasterii de Bello per Joh. Joscelinum," from the Cotton MS. Vitellius D. VII. fol. 168, but with no information as to Battle itself.

* The following are the articles of greatest importance contained in it:

- 1. Processus de placit. de manerio de Dengemar. quod est membrum de Wy, coram domino Herveo de Stauntone justic. itinerantibus et sociis suis in comit. Kanc. anno regni regis Edw. fil. regis Edw. septimo, fol. 36 b.
- 2. Placita coram baron. de scaccario de crastino sancti Michaelis 21 Edw. III. fol. 37.
- 3. Placita apud Westm. coram Joh. de Stonore et sociis suis justic. domini regis de banco, 22 Edw. III. fol. 42 b.

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4. Plac. coram. domino rege apud Westm. de term. Paschæ, 47 Edw. III. fol. 44.

5. Ambiguitates exortæ super compositione inter ecclesiam Cicestr. et monasterium de Bello, fol. 46 b.

6. Breve domini regis de allocatione assisarum infra libertatem abbatis de Bello, 11 Edw. II. fol. 48 b.

7. Breve pro custodia domus post mortem domini Alani abbatis, 25 Edw. III. fol. 50 b.

8. Billa porrecta domino de Latymer tunc constabulario castr. Dovoræ et Custodi quinque Portuum, quia ministri dicti castr. intraverunt manerium de Dengemerch et certa bona de naufragio salvata et ibidem reposita asportarunt contra voluntatem servientium dicti manerii, fol. 59.

9. Professio decani capellæ sanctæ Mariæ de Bello, fol. 59 b.

10. Breve directum domino Roberto Assheton et aliis ne intrarent libertatem nostram apud Dungemareys ad inquirendum de quodam naufragio, fol. 60.

11. Placitum aulæ domini regis apud Bellum die Mercur. prox. post festum sancti Bartholomei, 18 Edw. II. fol. 68 b.

12. Placita mercati apud villam de Bello, 18 Edw. II. foll. 69 b, 70.

13. Placita apud Westm. coram R. de Thorp et sociis suis justiciariis domini regis de banco de termino sancti Hillarii, 42 Edw. III. fol. 72.

14. Placita coram justic. itin. ad placita forestæ in com. Wiltes. apud Novam Sarum, 4 Edw. III. fol. 73 b.

15. Copia munimentorum rapi de Hastings, fol. 75.

16. Carta Edwardi III. regis de honore et rapa de Hastynge, an. xxvij. regni, fol. 75 b.

17. Breve regium pro finibus et amerciamentis allocandis, 15 Edw. III. fol. 77 b.

18. Breve de exoneratione auxilii pro abbate de Bello irrotulat. inter brev. direct. Baron. de termino Paschæ anno r. r. E. III. xvj. ibid.

19. Procuratorium pro parlamento, fol. 78.

20. Servitia et consuetudines leugæ de Bello, fol. 79.

21. Taxatio omnium bonorum ad abbatiam de Bello pertinentium tam spiritualium quam temporalium, fol. 84 b.

22. Placita inter abbatem de Bello et vicarium de Tryllaw, 13 Hen. IV. fol. 89.

^b Its contents relate to

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Sauglake in Bello	Ten' lib', &c. 10 b
Middilborgh	Ten' lib', &c. 17
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-	Rector' 223 b
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6. "Registrum Cœnobii de Bello vetus in 4to." also preserved in the Augmentation Office. This manuscript consists but of a few leaves. It is in a very ancient hand, without date; and is a Rental of some small part only of the estates of the monastery.^a

ARMS of BATTLE ABBEY. There are two Coats allotted to this abbey in the second Plate of Arms of Religious Houses in Bishop Tanner's *Notitia Monastica*, CLXVI. CLXVII. These are both given in the initial Letter to the present Account of the monastery. The first, Ar. on a cross Gu. a mitre in centre, between two orbs or mounds in fesse, and two crowns in pale, Or. The second, Gu. on a cross Or, the text letter r Az. Two crowns in the first and fourth quarters, and two swords erect, points upwards in the second and third quarters. The Notes on the first of these Coats in the last edition of the *Notitia Monastica*, say: "Thus in the first edition; but Mr. Anstis thinks, that instead of the mounds, there should be two swords in pale, on both sides of the mitre." Reyners, p. 215, and Fuller, *Ch. Hist. B. vi. p. 322*, both agree in the second Coat; as well as Mr. Le Neve, with this difference, that instead of the text letter in the middle of the cross, he gives a mitre.^b An old Collection of Monastic Heraldry among the Lansdowne manuscripts gives the same Coat as Le Neve, but with different blazonry; the field being Ar.

Alciston . . .	Rentale et Cons' Manerij . . .	246 b
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^a Excerpts from the different Registers will be found among Brian Twynne's Collections, MS. in Bibl. Corp. Christi Coll. Oxon. vol. ii. fol. 7; vol. iii. fol. 48, &c.—MS. in Bibl. Hospit. Lincolnensis Lond. B. 100.—In Bibl. Bodl. MS. James, vol. xi. p. 142.—MSS. Tho. Baker in Bibl. Publ. Acad. Cantab. vol. xxiv. p. 437.—per dom. Hen. Spelmann MS. Tanner in Bibl. Bodl. notat. T. T. p. 752 et seqq.—MS. Harl. Brit. Mus. 782, fol. 94.

In the Cottonian Collection, scattered in different manuscripts, are the following articles relating to this monastery:

Augustus II. 53. A grant of King William II. of the manor of Bromham, dated Winton:

Tiberius B. v. fol. 88. Annotatio ecclesiarum dotialium ecclesiæ de Bello, a Waltero abbate facta, primo anno regni R. Henrici junioris. Sec. XII.:

Nero C. III. 3. (h) Cartæ quatuor, sc. Odonis abbatis sancti Martini de Bello, de terris concessis Willielmo, Nicholao et Gaufrido de Bromham, et Osmundo filio Ælwrice forestarii, fol. 180. (i) Carta R. Henrici II. de confirmandis terris, possessionibus, et libertatibus monasterii S. Martini de Bello, fol. 180 b.

Among the Cottonian Charters, XIII. 23, is "Processus inter Petrum Sarracenum et abbatem de Bello circa ecclesiam de Norton. dioc. Norw. A. D. M.CC.LXXIX."

Mr. Nasmith mentions the following in a MS. in the library of Bennet college Cambridge, num. 101, p. 137; "Carta abbatis et conventus de Bello de annua pensione ex manerio de Wy sacristæ solvenda ad faciendum anniversarium Willielmi de Bruneford quondam vicarii de Wy; Notulæ ex Registro de decima de Bromham, de decima vini de vinea de Cellingham, de ecclesia de Wy cum decimis, et de pensione v. solidorum ab ecclesia de Haukeherste; Carta Florentiæ quondam uxoris Simonis de Haukeherste de renuntiatione dotis suæ in tenementis dicti Simonis."

Various charters, rentals, court-rolls, &c. of Battle abbey were formerly among Lord Montague's muniments at Cowdray.

Rot. Harl. A. 17, referred to by Bishop Tanner as the foundation charter of Battle, in reality is "Compotus Ricardi de Reysona de abbate de Bello et de manerio de Hampsted, 4 Edw. III." The charter of foundation is marked 83 A. 12. (See App. Num. IX.) There is another Harleian charter, which may be noticed here; 43 G. 18. Carta Radulphi Cantuar. archiep. de confirmatione decimarum. Circa A. D. 1120.

The following original charters relating to Battle abbey are preserved among those presented to the British Museum in 1814 by the late Lord Frederick Campbell:

L. F. C. VII. 4. Chirographum Odonis abbatis et Conventus S. Martini de Bello Nicholao fil. Aldwini Palmeri de terris in Bromham.

XVI. 10. Carta Rogeri et Johannis filiorum Pagani de Kingeshad abbati et conventui de Bello de terris in Kingeshad.

XVI. 11. Pars rotuli membranacei in quo continetur registrum cartarum de terris et possessionibus monasterii de Bello, t. Edw. III.

XVI. 12. Transcripta cartarum de possessionibus monasterii de Bello, t. Edw. III.

XVI. 13. Carta Henrici I. regis donatorum Concessionones confirmans.

XXII. 10. Carta Walteri abbatis et conventus Rodberto filio Rogeri de Bromham de terris matris sui.

XXIII. 18. Carta Reginaldi abbatis et conventus de Bello Gileberto de la Roche de terris in Estcroft.

and the cross Gu.^c The Arms of this abbey are still differently given in the Procession Roll of the Lords to Parliament in 1512, viz. Gu. a cross Ar. In the first quarter a mitre with labels, and in the second a crown, Or.^d A fourth Coat will be presently described.

The SEAL of BATTLE ABBEY affixed to the Surrender, still remaining in the Augmentation Office, represents, on one side, a large and handsome church, with an ornamented gateway and tower, and four turrets, with the legend, SIGILLVM . CONVENTVS . SANCTI . MARTINI . DE . BELLO. The impression, which on this side is of white wax, is on the reverse of red wax (a practice usual with this abbey, and intended most likely to distinguish the common Seal from the abbat's Seal). This side represents under a Gothic canopy, ornamented with the history of St. Martin and his cloak, a whole-length figure of a mitred abbat, having in one hand his crozier, in the other a book: in each of the side compartments are whole-length figures also; one a female with an olive-branch, emblematical of peace, the other a bishop, with his mitre and crozier. Underneath these figures are two shields of Arms; that on the right England and France quarterly, on the left the Arms of the abbey, varying from any of the Coats already described: namely, on a cross, between four crowns, a mitre; Legend, SIGIL . JOHIS . DEI . GRA . ABBATIS . DE . BELLO.

XXVII. 2. Conventio inter Ricardum abbatem et conventum de Bello et Nicolaum abbatem et conventum de Ponte Roberti de mariaco qui jacet inter Capenese et Fletun, A.D. M.CC.XXij.

Bishop Tanner gives the following references to public records:

"Cart. antiq. G. n. 1, 2, 3, 5. (quatuor R. Will. I.) n. 6, 7, R. Hen. II.

"Cart. 1 Joan. p. 1, m. 14, n. 85. Oblat. 2 Joan. m. 20, pro villa de Brichwaldinton. Cart. 5 Joan. n. 114.

"Claus. 8 Hen. III. m. 6, pro bosco et pastur. de Derfield. Plac. de banco, 9 Hen. III. Mich. rot. 10, de terris in Dingelmarsh, Kanc. Cart. 11 Hen. III. p. 1, m. 129. Fin. Suff. 24 Hen. III. n. 119, de terris in Ixning. Fin. Surr. 31 Hen. III. n. . Assis et jur. apud Bermundsey, 43 Hen. III. Kanc. quod abbas de Bello debet habere duas partes amerciametorum et proficuorum septem hundredorum de Waldia, ex dono Willielmi regis. Fin. Surr. 44 Hen. III. n. . de terris in Lymenesfeld. Cart. 54 Hen. III. m. 7, de libertatibus. Pat. 56 Hen. III. m. ult.

"Plac. in com. Wilt. 7 Edw. I. assis. rot. 20, de libertatibus et placitis terminandis coram uno justiciario regis et senescallo abbatis. Plac. in com. Surr. 7 Edw. I. assis. rot. 18, et rot. 30, d, et coron. rot. 73, d. Plac. in com. Kanc. 21 Edw. I. coron. rot. 3, d, et rot. 11, de secta maner. de Wy ad hundred. de Chart: Ibid. assis. rot. 1.

"Pat. 4 Edw. II. m. 24, vel 25. Cart. 5 Edw. II. n. 15, pro mercat. et feria apud Haukherst, Kanc. Pat. 6 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 18, de maner. de Anstydeys. Ibid. p. 2, m. 2, de messa. et ten. in villa de Bello. Plac. in com. Kanc. 6 Edw. II. coron. rot. 19. Cart. 6 Edw. II. n. 55 et 56, confirm. terrarum et libertatum in maner. de Bromham, Apelderham, Boseham, &c. cum libertatibus amplissimis in boscis regis in Bocfeld et Beccles Payvolt. Pat. 7 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 10 vel 11. Ibid. p. 2, m. 23, de terris in Biddendune et Dinjemareia. Pat. 8 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 3. Cart. 10 Edw. II. n. 22. Pat. 10 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 30, de tenemento in Haukherst. Claus. 11 Edw. II. m. 1. Pat. 12 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 27, pro eccl. de Saunford, Lond. dioc. approprianda. Pat. 13 Edw. II. m. 17, vel 18. Pat. 14 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 6, et m. 18, de terris et advoc. ecclesiæ de Watlington. Rot. Rom. 14 Edw. II. m. 1, de eccl. de Samford Magna, cum capella de Hamsted approprianda. Cart. 15 Edw. II. n. 8. Pat. 16 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 23 vel 24. Ibid. p. 2, m. 12. Rec. in Scacc. 18 Edw. II. Mich. rot.

"Brev. reg. 1 Edw. III. p. 1, m. . . Pat. 5 Edw. III. p. 3, m. . Pat. 12 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 27, vel 28, pro kernallatione situs abbatis. Ibid. p. 3, m. 1, vel 2. Pat. 20 Edw. III. p. 3, m. 16, vel 17. Cart. 23 Edw. III. n. 32. Escaet. Sussex. 35 Edw. III. p. 1, n. 22. Pat. 40 Edw. III. Hill. rot. 20. Pat. 40 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 40.

"Cart. 4 Ric. II. n. 16. Cart. 15 Ric. II. n. 11, pro commun. pasturæ tenentium de Soberton in foresta de Bere.

"Cart. 2 Hen. IV. p. 1, n. 13. Pat. 4 Hen. IV. p. 2, m. 3, pro eccl. de Bondeby Linc. Ita index rec. sed quære annon potius m. 31, et spectat ad cœnob. Carthus. de Bello Valle Nottingh. Cart. 12 Hen. IV. p. 1, n. 13. Pat. 13 Hen. IV. p. 1, m. 5.

"Cart. 2 Hen. V. p. 1, n. 8, et p. 2, n. 7. Cart. 3 Hen. V. n. 12, pro Prioratu S. Joan. Brecon. Rec. in Scacc. 7 Hen. V. Mich. rot. 11, de allocat. libertatum.

"Rec. in Scacc. 5 Hen. VI. Trin. rot. 5, pro maner. de Heton Essex. Pat. 10 Hen. VI. p. 1, m. 22, vel 23. Pat. 11 Hen. VI. p. 1, m. 17. Pat. 13 Hen. VI. m. 13. Pat. 19 Hen. VI. p. 2, m. 3, vel 4.

"Pat. 2 Edw. IV. p. 3, m. 12, &c. Rec. in Scacc. 3 Edw. IV. Pasch. rot. 15."

^b MS. Cole, Brit. Mus. vol. xviii. fol. 218 b.

^c MS. Lansd. 255, p. 14.

^d MS. Cole, vol. xxx. p. 8.

The RUINS of BATTLE ABBEY bear ample testimony to its ancient magnificence. Their circuit is computed at not less than a mile. Gough says, Sir Anthony Browne bought the site of a previous grantee. What his son, the first Lord Montague, built here, he adds, is now the most ruinous part of the abbey; being only the shell of a suite of rooms at the south end, with two towers at the east end, which were standing when Buck's view was taken, 1737, but are now down.^a The grand entrance, a large square building embattled at the top, with a handsome octagon tower at each corner, faces the town of Battle. It is supposed to be of the time of Henry the Sixth. The ground-plot of the abbey church cannot now be traced. Some of the arches of the west end of the cloister remain. The refectory, or abbey hall, above fifty paces long, had a carved roof of Irish oak, which Mr. Gough says was carried to Lord Montague's seat at Cowdray; the walls are now open to the top. There is another building, a little detached from the abbey, of the same kind, having twelve windows on one side and six on the other, presenting the remains of a room a hundred and sixty-six feet by thirty-five. The abbey-kitchen had five fire-places, and was arched at the top.

It may not be irrelevant, here, to mention the parish church of Battle, which stands just without the abbey wall; in a recess of the chancel of which is the monument of Sir Anthony Browne.

Sir William Burrell, in his manuscript Collections for Sussex, says, the parish of Battle, before the Conquest, was called the parish of St. Mary in the Wood; but William the Conqueror, when he built and endowed the abbey, exempted that parish from episcopal jurisdiction, and made the Incumbent, afterwards called the Dean, receive institution and induction from the abbat; by a composition between whom and the bishop, the latter was to grant the dean a licence to enter upon the cure of souls. This, he adds, is what Dean Watson alludes to, when, in his Complete Incumbent, he speaks of the Dean of Battle.^b

Anthony Viscount Montague sold the site and demesnes of the monastery of Battle, with the advowson of the parochial church, to Sir Thomas Webster, Bart.^c whose descendant, Sir Godfrey Webster, is the present owner.

The Priors of ST. NICHOLAS in EXETER, and BRECKNOCK in Wales, were CELLS to BATTLE ABBEY.

Cartae ad Coenobium de Bello, vulgo Battell, in agro Susseriensi, fundatum An. Dom. 1067,^d spectantes.

NUM. I.

[Will. Malmesb. fol. 174 a.]

SANCTI Martini de Bello [monasterium] quod rex Wilhelmus fundavit et prorexit in loco ubi Angliam debellaverat; multa ibi et pretiosa tum vivus tum mortuus delegans. Altare ecclesiae est in loco, ubi Haroldi pro patriae charitate occisi cadaver exanime inventum est.

[Hen. Huntind. fol. 211 b.]

—QUO in loco rex Will. abbatiam nobilem postea pro defunctis suis construxit, et eam dignè nomine Belli vocavit.

[Matt. Westm. p. 440.]

FUNDATA est igitur ibidem domus religiosorum, ubi caedes ac strages crebrior fuit occisorum, pro eorundem animabus, Deum imperpetuum deprecatura, quam dux et alii devoti Deo nobiles, possessionibus ampliarent, et religionis custodia munierunt, quæ propter bellum ibidem consummatum, nomine Belli usque hodiè intitulatur.

Abbatia de Bello construitur.

[Ibid. p. 442.]

REX Gulihelmus, exultans de victoria, dedit laudem Deo. Eodem anno idem rex construxit abbatiam, quam appellavit pro bello ibi commisso, Bellum, in qua, in perpetuum, Deo gloria, et laus, et gratiarum actio pro victoria obtenta solverentur, necnon et pro ibidem mortuis exequiis à sanctis monachis ibi constitutis cum salutaribus hostiis,

Deo redderentur; ipsamque ecclesiam possessionibus et libertatibus dotatam et ditatam commisit patronatui et tutelæ regum qui post eum forent in Anglia regnaturi.

[Lelandi Collectan. tom. iii. fol. 73.]

ANNO mxcvii. Rex Willielmus Conquestor Angliæ abbatiam de Bello construxit, et monachos instituit, ut pro occisis in bello ab ipsis in perpetuum hostiæ salutis Deo redderentur.

[Rob. de Glouc. MS. in Bibl. Bodleiana, fol. 98 a.]

KING William bithought him alsoe of that
Folke that was forlorne,
And slayn also thoruz him
In the bataile bi forne.
And ther as the bataile was,
An abbey he lete rere
Of Seint Martin, for the soules
That there slayn were.
And the monkes wel ynoug
Feffed without fayle,
That is called in Englonde
Abbey of Bataile.

NUM. II.

Historia Foundationis Cœnobii.

[Ex Historia MS. Abbatiae de Bello in Bibliotheca Cottoniana sub effigie Domitiani A. II. fol. 7 b.]

QUONIAM dispensationis nutu quo omnia^e volvuntur

^a Addit. to Camden, vol. i. p. 203.

^b MS. Burrell Donat. Brit. Mus. 5679, p. 67.

^c Ibid. p. 68.

^d Cron. Joh. de Oxnedes monachi S. Bened. de Hulmo in Bibl. Cotton.

^e ora. MS.

sæcularia ex insigni Normannorum ac magni principis Rol-
lonis stemmate piissimus dux Willielmus pater patriæ et
limes ducatus et regni merito nominandus, ipso in mundi
climate prout lucifer oxortus, cum mira industria per Dei
gratiam propria liberalitate, cum Gallicæ nobilitatis favore
auctus, principatum proprium hæreditario sibi jure à patre
relictum feliciter optinuit, post multos et innumeros calami-
tatum turbines, illud potenter tandem ad manum pacifica-
vit. Interea verò et Anglicæ regnum monarchiæ eidem
duci Willielmo, à suo consanguineo rege Edwardo è mundo
migrante, hæreditario jure delegatum relinquitur. Quod
cum hostiliter à suo perjuro quodam Haraldo invasum me-
moratus dux rescisset, ad id vi vel arte obtinendum, suorum
consilio et auxilio fultus, animum et vires convertit. Classe
igitur parata ingenti plerique comites multi nobiles multi
illustres, multi etiam non suæ ditionis proceres vel barones,
sed et ex circumjacentium finibus provinciarum innumeri
sese ejus comitatu pro sibi innata clementia adjunxerunt.
Dux ergo cum incredibili exercitu, divino comitante favore,
navigationem aggressus, prosperè tandem prope castrum
Pevenesel dictum applicuit, exercitu per litoris spacia latè
. * exilientes Angliæ nonnulli gaudenter te-
rere i * dere, contiget ducem è navi exire . . .
. . . * in faciem corruisse, litoreque naso vulnerato ali-
quantum cruentato, terram protensis primò comprehendisse
manibus. Verum cum hinc plerique infausti auspicii fortu-
nam mussitantes pertimescerent, intererat et dapifer ducis,
Willielmus filius Osberti cognominatus, vir miræ probitatis
et præpollens ingenio; qui mox animos nutantium dejectos
hujusmodi audacter relevavit oraculo. 'Desinite,' inquit,
'viri hæc in adversum interpretari, quia profectò hinc pro-
peritatis datur auspiciū. Hic enim Angliam utrisque
palmis complexam conquisivit, propriaque progenie hæredi-
tandam suo cruore signans dicavit, hancque ex divinæ dis-
positionis præragio potenter optinere meruit.'

Sicque pro voto cedentibus causis, dux ibidem non diu
moratus, haud longè situm, qui Hastings vocatur cum suis
adiit portum, ibique oportunitate nactus locum, ligneum
agiliter castellum statuens providè munivit. Navium verò
parte maxima dispensatoriè jam combusta ne scilicet re-
patriandi spe aliqui forsitan negligentius cæptis instarent,
dux post modicum rex futurus, sollicitus circumjacentia
sibimet subjugare festinabat. Quo agnito, regni invasor
Haraldus, collecto maturiùs exercitu, ad eum expellendum,
vel potiùs cum suis omnibus exterminandum, ad locum qui
nunc Bellum nuncupatur temerariè festinans, venire non
formidavit. Occurrit audacter et dux, equitum cuneis cir-
cumseptus. Perveniensque ad locum collis qui Hethelande
dicitur, à parte Hastingsarum situm, dum sese invicem armis
munire contendunt, ac eidem duci lorica ad induendum
porrigitur, ex inproviso inversa ipsi oblata est. Quod ad-
vertentes qui aderant, dum uti infortunii præsagium exe-
crarentur, mox memoratus ducis dapifer solita cunctos con-
stantia compescuit, protestatus et hinc quoque prosperitatis
collatum indicium, quod scilicet ea quæ ante restabant, ut
postposita securiter illi cessura forent. Sed dux nichil mo-
tus vultu placido lorica induens, digna memoriæ conciona-
tus dixit. 'Scio karissimi quod si sortibus crederem bellum
hodie nullatenus introirem, sed ego me in omni negotio
creatori meo fiducialiter committens, nec sortibus credidi,
nec umquam sortilegos amavi. Unde et nunc de ejus
auxilio securus, ad vestras qui mei gratia hoc initis cer-
tamen corroborandas manus ac mentes, votum facio, me in
hoc certaminis loco pro salute cunctorum et hic nominatim
occumbentium, ad honorem Dei et sanctorum ejus quo
servi Dei adjuventur, congruum cum digna libertate fun-
daturum monasterium, quod ita ut mihi conquirere potero,
liberum vel oblatum universis propitiabile fiat asilum.'

Cumque multi auditores, et quidam Majoris-Monas-
terii monachus Willielmus Faber cognominatus adessent,
qui quondam ipsius ducis serviens hinc fabri nomen obti-
nuit, quod cum sodalibus venatum aliquando profectus, sa-
gittis fortè deficientibus, cum quandam fabrum hujusmodi
operis ignarum adissent, ipse malleis arreptis mox sagittam
artificioso ingenio compegit, postmodumque voluntate mu-
tata ad Majus-Monasterium quod tunc quam maximè re-
ligionis fama rutilabat, sese contulerat, tunc verò divulgato

ipsius ducis in Angliam adventu, gratia commodi ecclesiæ
suæ, cum reliquis exercitui sese immiscuerat, mox ut votum
audivit procedens, quatinus ut ei pro voto cederent omnia,
idem monasterium in venerationem beati pontificis Martini
nominatim fundaretur suggessit. Cujus cum votis et dux
annuens devotus ita fieri benignè spondisset, post pacem
conditionalem à duce per internuncios tertio oblatam et ab
hostibus refutatam, denuo juxta Merlini vaticinium, gente
Normannica in tunicis ferreis Anglorum audacter deiciente
supercilium, armis viriliter decertatum est. Verum cum
Anglis indissolubiler cum rege suo collem quo nunc ec-
clesia consistit præoccupantibus entur cederet,
tandem strenuissimus Boloniæ comes Eustachius clam cal-
lida præmeditata arte, fugam cum exercitu, duce simulante,
super Anglos sparsim agiliter insequentes cum manu valida
à tergo irruit, sicque et duce hostes ferociter invadente ipsis
interclusis utrinque prosternuntur innumeri; dispergitur,
deprimitur, labitur, laniatur ac necatur inermis ac pedes
misera gens Anglica, regeque suo belli fortuito ictu pro-
strato, per diversa dissiliens latebras quærit. Innumeri
itaque in campo vel potiùs in fuga prostratis, oculis cuncto-
rum suprema patebat calamitas. Siquidem et inter hostiles
gladios miserabile quoddam in proximo spaciosè protentum
ex naturali telluris hiato vel forsitan ex procellarum conca-
vatione præcipitum vastè patens, licet uti in vastitate dumis
vel tribulis obsitum oculis minus prævideretur, innumeros
et maximè Normannorum Anglos persequentium suffocavit,
nam dum inscii cum impetu dissilirent, ibidem in præceps
acti flebiliter contriti necabantur. Quod quidem baratrum,
sortito ex accidenti vocabulo, Malfossed hodieque nuncu-
patur.

Has inter miseras lugubre patebat spectaculum, arva
cadaveribus operiri, nec in girum obtutibus aliud quam
sanguinis ruborem offerri, convalles undique defluens cruo-
ris rivus replere ad instar fluvii procul videbatur. Quanta
putas illic tunc strages facta est de victis, cum et de victori-
bus decem millium in brevi, ut fertur, supputationem ex-
cesserit? O quanta humani cruoris inibi effusa est unda,
ubi infortunati non tantum labeantur, sed et necantur.
Quantus armorum fragor, quantus ictuum stridor, quantus
morientium clamor, quantus dolor, quanta suspiria, quot
gemitus, quot supremæ calamitatis diræ voces personuerunt
dignè quis æstimabit! Verè stupenda proponitur ac de-
flenda infelicitatis humanæ misera conditio. In horum ergo
contemplatione succumbente calamo, subjungendum jam
videtur, quod tandem finito certamine, Normannis Anglia
cessit cum triumpho. Designato igitur loco quo hostilis
temerariæ invasionis cecidit signum, dux ulterius properè
progrediens quæcumque adire valebat suo juri mancipari
festinabat. Tandem ergo ad regni metropolim perveniens
Lundoniam, rationisque ac pacis confederatione civibus ob-
lata, ac demum ab his etsi ægrè suscepta, gaudenter ut
hæres et dominus excipitur. Denuo autem et regni parte
nonnulla sagaciter pacificata, cum favore procerum ac no-
bilitum regni ad Natale Domini intrante anno incarnationis
ipsius m^lxvij. regni insignitis solio Anglicæ monarchiæ ob-
tinens coronam digno diademate redimitur.

Quo facto, quia multis et innumeris præoccupatus ne-
gotiis, regnum in brevi unire ac pacificare nullatenus qui-
verat, plura diutius necessario omisit, quæ maturiùs exe-
quenda proposuerat. Per plurimum enim temporis ad mu-
nicipiorum expugnationem atque ad rebellium subjugandam
cervicositatem sollicitus animum occupavit et vires. Unde
factum est, ut quemadmodum à Deo electo et promotum
regi cedentibus pro voto prosperis, nec compatriotarum
hostilis astutia, nec malignorum versuta machinamenta, nec
alienigenarum incursus minaciter propositus obsessent, sed
ipso ubique in auxilio cœlesti confiso, hinc regni gloria
magnificè roboraretur. Et merito; erat enim moralitate
præcipuus, liberalitate munificus, mansuetudine spectabilis,
ingenio præpollens, animo constans, armis strenuus, in in-
choandis magnanimus, in adquirendis efficacissimus, in re-
gendis pacificus, in legum statutis reformandis ac servandis
studiosus, divinitatis cultor assiduus, totus ecclesiarum utili-
tati deditus, et quod magis mirari necesse est, cum tot gen-
tibus imperaret, adeo ei fomes virtutum discretio domina-
batur, ut aliàs invictus, rationis facili ultroneus suggestionem

oportune vinceretur. Quocirca et potenter imperii sui fines adauxit, et contra spem omnium suo tempore strenue pacificatum gubernavit, hæredibusque suis feliciter possidendum reliquit. Sed hæc hactenus.

Nunc verò quia minus necessariè propositi textus exordium protendisse ex accidenti videmur, jam arctius stilo inchoati opusculi materiam sulcando rimante, libet loci nostri prima rudimenta ex amussim, ut promisimus, explanare. Igitur præclarissimo rege Willielmo pluribus, ut meminimus, intento, inter alia et voti prætaxati efficaciam etsi animo non amisit, diutius tamen temporis illius præoccupationibus intermisit. Verùm conscia interiùs instante conscientia, exterius quoque non facile supradicto monacho Willielmo Fabro horum mentionem studiosiùs inculcante seposito, tandem eidem monacho ut optaverat rex quia ad manum habebatur operis fabricam committens, præcepit quatinus in antefacto congressionis loco, accitis secum suæ ecclesiæ aliquibus fratribus, oportunum festinaret fundari monasterium. Quod is alacriter excipiens, Majus-monasterium ocus adiit, hincque quatuor monachos, scilicet, Thedaldum cognomine Vetulum, Willielmum Coche, Rotbertum de Bolonia, Rotbertum Blancard, viros personalitate ac religione præcipuos, secum in Angliam adduxit. Qui memoratum belli locum considerantes, cum ad tam insignem fabricam minus idoneum, ut videbatur, arbitrarentur, in humiliori non procul loco versus ejusdem collis occidentalem plagam aptum habitandi locum eligentes, ibidem, ne nil operis agere viderentur, mansiunculas quasdam fabricaverunt. Qui locus hucusque Herste cognominatus, quandam habet spinam in hujus rei monumentum.

Igitur, cum inter hæc regis animus sollicitus de fabricæ propectu quæreretur, ab iisdem fratribus ei suggestum est, quod locus, ille ubi ecclesiam fieri decreverat, uti in colle situs arenti gleba siccus et aquarum foret indigus, atque ob hoc oportere tanto operi aptiorem locum in proximo, si placitum haberetur delegari. Quod cum rex percepisset, indignatus refugit, ocusque jussit in eodem loco quo hoste prostrato sibi cesserat triumphus, basilicæ fundamenta jacere. Cumque obniti non præsumentes aquarum penuria causarentur, verbum ad hæc memoriale magnificus rex protulisse fertur, 'Ego,' inquit, 'si Deo annuente vita comes fuerit, eidem loco ita prospiciam, ut magis ei vini abundet copia quàm aquarum in alia præstanti abbatiâ.' Denuo quoque illis de loci conquerentibus inopportunitate, eo quod scilicet per vicinia latiùs uti per silvestre solum nusquam ad ædificium apti lapides reperirentur, rex de thesauro suo ad omnia sufficientiam proponens sumptuum, delegavit etiam naves de proprio, quibus à Cadomensi vico lapidum copia ad opus propositum transveheretur. Cumque statutum regis exequentes aliquantam de Normannia lapidum portionem advexissent, interim, ut fertur, matronæ cuidam religiosæ revelatum est, quatinus in designato sibi per visum loco fodientes, ibidem ad opus præmeditatum lapidum invenirent abundantiam. Non longe itaque à præsignato ecclesiæ ambitu, ut jussum fuerat, quærentes, tantam ac talem lapidum repererunt copiam, ut manifestè pateret inibi divinitus ad prædestinatum opus lapidum ab ævo reconditum thesaurum. Jactis ergo tandem fundamentis præstantissimi, ut tunc temporis habebatur, operis, secundùm regis statutum altare majus in eodem loco quo regis Haraldi signum quod Standard vocant corruisse visum est, providè statuunt. Et licet peritissimi non vili commercio asciti operi præessent artifices, tamen exactoribus plus propriis quam Jesu Christi deditis, negligentius cœpti fabrica ut specie tenus ad hoc magis quam studio intendentem proficiebat. Interim quoque et infra designatum monasterii ambitum sibimet idem fratres insumptuosas quidem quo degerent domunculas ædificant. Sicque interdiu scævo exemplo in exorsis, die diem recrastinante, et regiæ opes quæ ad fabricæ accelerationem pro libitu cedebant pro libitu et dispensantur, multaque ex ejusdem regis devota liberalitate illuc collata indiscretè distrahuntur.

Hæc ad declarandum magnifici regis studium nos interseruisse nulli sit onerosum, quia licet, ut supra meminimus, innumerus irretitus negotiis nec locum præ dolore intimo adire, nec de eodem quæ proposuerat hujusmodi forte dilationibus circumventus exequi valuerit, tamen ut in his etiam revera probari potest, tantam initians suis proposuit

sufficientiam, ut ipsius quoque devotio perpetim digna sit memoriæ.

Præterea, sicut meminimus, sese tum rebus habentibus, regi suggestum est quatinus ex his unum qui asciti fuerant fratribus cui cæteri intenderent abbatem inibi præficeret. Electus igitur ad hoc prænominatus Rotbertus Blancard perneciter ecclesiam suam, Majus videlicet Monasterium, devotione ductus adiit, atque cum omnium congratulatione regrediens, cum jam oceani prope persulcasset æquora, Angliam intraturus, divino quo ignoratur commotis fluctibus judicio, sævis absorptus gurgitibus, regimen præpositum è mundo sublatus, ad alium divina dispositione prædestinatum, transmisit. Quo comperto et tandem regiùs auribus exposito, communicato itidem consilio misit prædictus Willielmus Faber qui totius loci curam administrabat, et à Majori-Monasterio alterum fratrem ad ejusdem abbatiæ regimen suscipiendum ascivit GAUSBERTUM nomine, virum religionis, summæ mansuetudinis ac multiplici virtutum insignitum dote. Quem ad designatum festinantem locum quatuor ex consodalibus secuti sunt fratres, Johannes scilicet, Hamelinus, Ainardus, Leffelmus, qui simul cum eo prosperè Angliam appulsi ad destinatum hilares locum pervenerunt.

Hinc autem eodem venerabili viro Gausberto regiæ nutu majestatis circa mxxvj. Dominicæ incarnationis annum in abbatiæ regimen feliciter promotus, et coram altare sancti Martini de Bello benedicto, et in sedem suam locato, cœpit sub eo et ecclesiæ fabrica et fratrum paulatim numerus proficere.

Rex igitur magnificus inchoati operis non indevotus, ad victoriæ suæ perpetuandam memoriam, ipsum locum Bellum memoriter per succedentia tempora nominari censuit. Cui in primis LEUGAM circumjacentem penitus ab omni exactione vel subjectione episcoporum, et aliarum quarumlibet personarum dominatione, ac consuetudine terrenæ servitutis liberam et quietam pro voto, sicut et cartarum ejus comprobatur testimonio, concessit et dedit, ipsumque locum ut regiæ signum coronæ, non tam multimoda prædiorum dignitatum ornamentorum variarumque opum largitione, quàm et religionis carismate fratrumque numerositate ultra quam exequi, morte, pro dolor! præventus valuit, multipliciter ditari disposuit. Leugæ verò illius spacia his terrarum, ut in libro regis continetur, componuntur portionibus.

Ecclesia itaque de Bello tenet circa se unam leugam. Ipsa tenet Boccham,^a et habet ibi dimidiam hidam. De ista dimidia hida est una virgata foris extra leugam, et pertinet ad Croherste, quam Walterus filius Lamberti excambiavit pro quadam silva quæ erat infra leugam, et hac ratione tenet illam. In Bece quam tenet Osbernus de comite Augi tres virgatas. In Wasingate^b dicit liber regis quod ecclesia habet unam virgatam, sed non habet nisi dimidiam. In Wilmintæ dicit liber regis quod ecclesia habet sex virgatas, sed non habet nisi quinque. In Nirefeld^c habet sex virgatas. In Pencherste habet dimidiam hidam. In Hov habet dimidiam hidam. In Philesam habet unam virgatam. In Cattesfelde habet tres virgatas. In Bulintune habet duas hidas una virgata minus. In Croherste habet unam virgatam. In Wiltines habet unam virgatam. In Holintune habet unam virgatam.

Summa. Sex hidæ et dimidia virgata.

Omnes istæ terræ sunt infra leugam sicut dictum est: et de his terris composita est ipsa leuga quam ecclesia de Bello possidet, quam etiam rex Willielmus liberam et quietam ab omni consuetudine terrenæ servitutis, et ab omni subjectione episcoporum, et maximè episcoporum Cice-trensius seu aliarum quarumlibet personarum dominatione et oppressione vel exactione, sicut supradictum est, fecit, et carta sua confirmavit.

Octo itaque virgatæ unam hidam faciunt.

Wista verò quatuor virgatis constat.

Leuga autem Anglica duodecim quarenteinis conficitur.

Quarenteina verò quadraginta perticis.

Pertica habet longitudinis sedecim pedes.

Acra habet in longitudine quadraginta perticas et quatuor in latitudine. Quod si habuerit viginti in longitudine, habebit octo in latitudine, et sic per reliqua.

De foris Bodeherste ad orientem est terminus leugæ

^a Vccheham. *interlin.*

^b Bod'herstegate. *interl.*

^c Nedrefeld. *interl.*

juxta terram Rotberti Bovis, et transit juxta terram Rogerii Moin usque ad Hecilande, et includit Hecilande juxta terram Willielmi filii Rodberti, filii Widonis, et terram de Croherste ad meridiem. Inde transit juxta terram de Catesfelde et per Puchehole usque ad Westbece juxta terram de Bodeham ad occidentem. Deinde pertransit juxta terram de Itintune usque ad aquilonem. Inde est terminus juxta terram de Wetlingetuna et terram de Wicham, et juxta Setlescumbe, et sic revertitur ad primum terminum scilicet de foris Bodeherste ad orientem, etc.

NUM. III.

Incipit Liber de situ Ecclesiae Belli, et de possessionibus sibi à Rege Willielmo et ab aliis quibuscumque datis.

[Ibid. fol. 21.]

ANNO ab incarnatione Domini mxcvj. dux Normannorum nobilissimus Willielmus cum manu valida pugnatorum in Angliam transnavigavit, ut regnum Angliæ sibi à suo consanguineo rege Edwardo dimissum, de manu Haraldi, qui illud tyrannica fraude invaserat, abstraheret, sibi que illud jure hæreditario possidendum obtineret. Hoc audito, Haraldus cum exercitu contra illum advenit, duce strenuissimo Willielmo audacter itidem ei cum exercitu, ad locum qui nunc Bellum vocatur, occurrente. Dux igitur devotus in procinctu bellico jam armatus, convocatis baronibus et militibus suis, universos exortatione sua et spe promissionum fiducialiter monet pugnam insistere, atque ad eorum corda roboranda coram eis cum favore omnium votum Deo fecit, ut si divina pietas illi victoriam de suis adversariis concederet, eundem Deo locum sicut sibi conquirere posset, liberum et quietum omnino offerret, ibique cœnobium quo Dei servi congregarentur, pro omnium illorumque nominatum qui in eodem bello occumberent salute construeret, qui locus refugii et auxilii omnibus esset quatinus jugi bonorum operum instantia commissi illic effusi cruoris redimerentur. His animosiores effecti pugnam constanter ineunt, Deoque auctore tandem pridie idus Octobris hoste prostrato exercituque fugato triumpho potiuntur. Tyrannide itaque hostili undique prostrata, in brevi etiam tota pene Anglia pacificata eodem anno dux armipotens regio diademate insignitus apud Lundoniam mirificè ut nobilem decebat coram regni primoribus, in regem totius Angliæ elevatur, atque à viro venerabili Aldredo, Eboracensi archiepiscopo, sacra unctione linitus coronatur, electo ad archipræsulatum Cantuariæ, Stigando regi contraire conanti.

Rex itaque collatæ sibi gratiæ non ingratus memor fuit Dei, et in bono proposito delectatus est, opereque votum gestiens prælibatum efficere, in prædicto certaminis loco tantæ victoriæ condignum præcepit fabricari monasterium. Et quia illud in honorem sanctæ Trinitatis et beatæ Mariæ necnon et beati Martini confessoris Christi sanxerat consecrandum, ejusdem sancti Martini quosdam accivit de Majori-monasterio monachos qui operi præessent, religionisque monachiæ fundamenta jacerent, ut simul cum ecclesiæ fabrica religionis ibidem norma proficeret, eisque ad opus accelerandum pecuniarum expensas pro nichilo ducens thesauraria sua pandi faciebat quotiens voluissent. Sed filii alieni non tam Jesu Christi quàm quæ sua sunt quærentes negligentius operi insistebant. Ecclesiæ igitur structura in dies proficiente, cum eam devotus rex magnis opibus et regiis dignitatibus mirificè ditare disponderet, eo quod ibidem tonantis gratiâ victoriam et regnum sibi suisque hæredibus obtinuisset, ob victoriæ ejusdem memoriam perpetuandam ipsum locum Bellum appellari voluit, statuitque conventum ad minus lx. monachorum ibidem congregari, proponens eandem ecclesiam cum dedicari faceret, in tantum ditare, ut conventus ejusdem omni tempore numero septies viginti monachorum existeret. Sed homo proponit Deus autem disponit, nam id perficere proth dolor morte, quæ regi æquè imperat ut mendico, præventus nequivit. Tamen suæ dilectionis memoriam suis monachis reliquit, constituens in primo monachis ejusdem ecclesiæ ad cotidianos usus panem regiæ mensæ aptum, qui Simenel vulgò vocatur, habere pondere lx. solidorum, et in quadragesima de quartario majorem ut elemosinæ pars sibi cederet. Huic ergo ecclesiæ sancti Martini de Bello hanc inprimis regali auctoritate dignitatem concessit et dedit, ut habeat curiam

suam per omnia et regiam libertatem et consuetudinem in omnibus possessionibus suis tractandi de suis rebus et negotiis et justitiam per se tenendam, et ut sit libera et quietâ in perpetuum ab omni subjectione et exactione episcoporum et ab omni calumpnia Majoris-monasterii et quarumlibet personarum dominatione, sicut ecclesia Christi Cantuariæ. Et si quis latro, vel homicida, vel aliquo crimine reus, timore mortis fugiens, ad hanc ecclesiam confugerit, in nullo lædatur, sed liber omnino dimittatur. Abbati quoque per totum regnum Angliæ latronem vel furem aut alio crimine damnatum à supplicio liberare liceat si fortè supervenerit. Thesaurus etiam inventus in terris ejusdem ecclesiæ totus illius sit, similiter et murdre si acciderit, et omnes homines illius ubique à theloneo liberi sint et omni consuetudine terrenæ servitutis, sicut cartæ ipsius testantur.

Dedit autem eidem ecclesiæ in possessionem æternam Leugam circumjacentem liberam et quietam in perpetuum ab omni geldo, et scoto, et hidagiis, et denegeldis, et opere pontium et castellorum, et parcorum, et clausuris, et exercitiis, et omnibus placitis, et auxiliis, et querelis, et siris, et hundredis, et lestagiis, cum saca et socna, et toll, et theam, et infangenetheof, et warpeni, et hamsocne, et forstal, et blodwite, et cildwite, et latrocinio, et omni consuetudine terrenæ servitutis, et ab omni exactione et subjectione episcoporum Ciestriæ, et quarumlibet personarum dominatione, ita ut nullius præter abbatis et monachorum ejus ditioni subjaceat, nec in ipsa vel in aliqua ejusdem ecclesiæ possessione quisquam placitari aut venari, vel quodlibet negotium exercere sine permissione præsumat, super forisfacturam regiam; nec etiam si casu quicquam captum fuerit efferatur, sed ecclesiæ sit.

Interea nonnullis illuc religionis desiderio confluentibus, quam pluribus etiam liberos suos in Dei instruendis servicio offerentibus, ecclesiæ utilitati per singula intendens rex, ex his quos à Majori-monasterio acciverat, quendam monachum equidem strenuum et religioni maxime deditum, Gausbertum nomine, prædictæ ecclesiæ abbatem præfecit, ea tamen conditione ut nullatenus ipse vel successorum ejus aliquis Majori-monasterio subjaceret, sed ut religionem ibidem adhuc novellam sua prudentia ad perfectum perduceret, atque post ipsum omni tempore quem sibi concors congregatio fratrum regulariter elegerit de eadem congregatione, ecclesiæ Belli cum regis voluntate abbas succederet.

[Ibid. fol. 26.]

DEDIT etiam idem inclitus rex Willielmus eidem ecclesiæ de Bello, in Cantia regale manerium quod vocatur Wi, cum omnibus appendiciis suis septem swulingarum, id est, hidarum, ex sua dominica corona, cum omnibus libertatibus et regalibus consuetudinibus, ita liberum et quietum sicut ipse liberius et quietius tenuit, vel ut rex dare potuit, scilicet, ab omni geldo et scoto et reliquis quæ superscripta sunt, et ab omni consuetudine terrenæ servitutis. Quod cum ecclesiæ eidem conferret, verbum memoriale et merito recolendum ipse ter prædicandus princeps dixisse memoratur. Siquidem quibusdam tantæ largitatis causa mirantibus, 'Ego,' ait, 'istud corpore meo aufero et animæ meæ confero. Qua de re,' inquit, 'si corpus illud liberè et quietè tenere prævaluit, multo dignius est ut anima quæ melior pars hominis est hoc si fieri potest liberius atque quietius possideat.'

Hujus itaque manerii ab antiquitate hæc præ cæteris dignitas semper extitit, ut cum suo hundredo viginti duobus hundredis et dimidio ad socnam illius pertinentibus præesset, de quibus omnibus quotiens ad comitatus vel ad alias consuetudinales collectiones convenire debent, vicecomes de Chent præposito de Wi, vel ministro ejus loco et termino designato litteris suis sigillatis mandare debet, et ipse deinde consuetudinaliter summonere. Quibus collectis, de omnibus placitis et forisfacturis prædictorum hundredorum præpositus de Wi vel minister ejus vadimoniam accipiet et duos denarios similiter. Hundredum verò de Wi liberum est et quietum propter istam summonitionem ab omni consuetudine, et sicut olim regi, ita nunc ecclesiæ sancti Martini de Bello proprium permanet.

Consuetudinaliter autem per totam Angliam mos antiquitus pro lege inoleverat, comites provinciarum tertium denarium sibi optinere, inde enim comites dicebantur, unde

quia tunc episcopo Bajocensi, Odoni, fratri scilicet suo, rex Cantiae comitatum totum dederat liberum et concesserat, iccirco ecclesiae suae de Bello duos quos ipse habebat in dominio suo denarios dedit, tertio ab episcopo cui comitatus cesserat retento.

Succedente verò tempore postquam praedictus episcopus propriis infortuniis subactus comitatum praedictum amisit, idem tertius denarius in redditibus regis computatus remansit.

In Dengemareis, quod est unum membrum de Wi, concessit et dedit idem nobilis rex Willielmus, omnes maritimas consuetudines quas illic habuit. Quod si piscis qui vocatur Craspeis illic appulerit, abbatis et monachorum sit totus, et si in terra vicinorum infra terminos scilicet de Horsmede usque Withiburne quod pertinet ad socnam de Wi advenerit, duas partes illius cum lingua dedit ecclesiae de Bello, et ut abbas et monachi illud tam liberè semper habeant et possideant sicut ipse liberiùs possidere potuit. Eodem modo et werec quod illuc contigerit habere concessit.

In his verò quam maximè quanti pendebat rex utilitates ecclesiae de Bello propalabatur, dum quotiens edicta regalia vicecomitibus sive iusticiariis vel ministris eorum Cantiae constitutis de ejusdem ecclesiae negotiis destinarentur, hoc praecipuè regii continebant apices, ut omnes de manerio de Wi libertates regiasque consuetudines illibatas observarent, ut ecclesia et monachi sui de Bello, sicut ipse rex melius potuit ea omnia in pace manentes absque inquietudine possiderent.

Item dedit unum menerium in Sudsexia quod vocatur Alsistona cum omnibus appendiciis suis quadraginta iij. hidarum et dimidia, quod antea in dominium suum idem rex redegerat, cum omnibus libertatibus et regalibus consuetudinibus praedictis.

Aliud etiam manerium in Surreia simili modo praedictae ecclesiae suae de Bello, Limnesfeld nomine, cum suis appendiciis xxv. hidarum ex sua dominica corona contulit, cum omnibus libertatibus et regalibus consuetudinibus scriptis.

Hoc verò nomine in Essexia manerium aliud, cum omnibus quae sibi adjacebant, pacto eodem praedictae ecclesiae dedit et confirmavit. Hoc itaque trium hydarum et trium virgarum divisione dimensum est.

Bristwoldintuna autem decem hidarum ex corona sua idem piissimus rex suae ecclesiae in Bearrocsira situm pro anima sua obtulit, et carta sua cum praedictis libertatibus et regalibus consuetudinibus confirmavit.

Craumareis quoque quinque hidarum quod est in Oxenfordisira eadem regali auctoritate qua superscripta eidem ecclesiae suae de Bello concessit et dedit.

Ecclesiam etiam in villa de Radingis ex dominio suo cum possessionibus et terris et decimis illi pertinentibus praedictae ecclesiae suae concessit et dedit.

Sub lege quoque eadem dedit eidem ecclesiae memoratus rex in Devenesira ecclesiam quandam domini sui de villa de Culuntuna, cum praebendis quinque ad eandem pertinentibus.

NUM. IV.

De Exonia.

[Ibid. fol. 28.]

VERUM quoniam in ejusdem provinciae eximia civitate Exoniensi magni nominis et famae ab antiquitate pro miraculorum ibidem frequentia, sancti Olavi regis et martyris exstabat capella illam quoque rex merito praekonandus ut cum devotione munificus suae ecclesiae liberam possidendam delegavit cum terra quadam Sirefordia et Cheneberia, et aliis terris vel decimis ad eandem pertinentibus.

Ad quae omnia recipienda illuc ab ecclesiae Belli conventu quidam frater Gunterus, vir strenuus primò directus est. Qui ibidem paululum remoratus cum curae sibi injectae utiliter operam daret, revocatus et pro summæ religionis industria Torneiae abbas effectus est. Ad praedictarum verò curam ecclesiarum alius quidam monachus cum efficacia magnanimus, Cono nomine, adjuncto etiam sibi quodam fratre nomine Roberto destinatus, mox quemadmo-

dum intimum decebat ecclesiae filium ad augendum et extollendum sibi locum commissum utiliter in posterum prospiciens, animum convertit. Pecunias siquidem reddituum vel oblationum seu etiam cum reliquiarum quo idem insignitur locus circumlatione, praedicationum, vel aliunde pro posse adunatus, terrarum vel ecclesiarum sive decimarum acquisitione cis citraque urbem Exoniensem ecclesiae loco scilicet sibi commissio perpetuabat, indeque tonantis gratia favorem quoque compatriotarum quam maximum obtinebat. Cumque et infra urbem quoque nonnullas mansiones vel terras emptione seu devotorum largitione jam consideret, deliberavit tandem vir sagax ingenio, eo quod eadem sancti Olavi ecclesia modica foret, monasterium in honorem sancti Nicholai confessoris Christi, ad fratrum habitationem accommodum, penes eandem fabricare. Quo cum superstitis regis Willielmi Conquestoris licentia et auctoritate animum spe in Deo quam maximè magnanimum inopia non angustante mirificè inchoato, pro posse diatim proficiebat. Paulatim ergo opere ad effectum tendente, et eodem jam aliquantum loco habitabili existente, accitis aliquot ab ecclesia Belli fratribus, coepit ibidem regulariter divinum celebrari officium, ad eorundem fratrum stipendia, cum omnibus ad ecclesiam sancti Olavi pertinentibus; ecclesia quoque praedicta de Coluntuna ubi prius habitaverant monachi cum quinque terris praebendarum scilicet Uppetona, Colebroche, Hinelande, Waevre, Esse et omnibus ad eam pertinentibus, ab abbate et conventu ecclesiae sancti Martini de Bello eidem ecclesiae sancti Nicholai delegatis, ea tamen conditione ut pro subjectionis recognitione ecclesiae sancti Martini de Bello, portio census definita, sexaginta solidi scilicet persolverentur.

Hæc igitur ab ordine digredientes succinctè dixisse sufficiat. Cæterum ut omissis se calamus applicet. Magnanimus ecclesiae suae prospiciens rex mercatum in villa Belli dominico die liberum omnino et quietum ac ecclesiae et monachis absque ullius exactione jure perpetuo ut proprium ad disponendum constituit, et regia auctoritate confirmavit.

NUM. V.

De Libertatibus.

[Ibid. fol. 29.]

ECCLESIAM itaque suam de Bello excellentissimus princeps et merito nominandus rex, Willielmus, et supra texuimus, cum leuga et omnibus maneriis suis vel possessionibus ad eam pertinentibus, ab omni consuetudine terrenae servitutis liberam et quietam inperpetuum esse constituit et regia auctoritate confirmavit, scilicet ab omni geldo, et scoto, et hidagio, et denegeldo, et siris, et hundredis, et omnibus placitis et querelis, et omnibus auxiliis et lestagiis, et sartis, et clausuris, et omnibus operibus castellorum et parcorum et pontium et exercituum; cum saca, et socna, et tholl, et theam, et infangenetheof, et warpeni, et hamsocne, et forstal, et blodwite, et cildwite, et latrocinio, si in terris ecclesiae illius acciderit. Quod si mordre inventum fuerit in aliquo loco super terram illius ecclesiae sancti Martini scilicet de Bello, in leuga, in maneriis vel in membris eorum, nullus se intromittere debet nisi abbas et monachi ejus. Et si thesaurus in praefatis terris ecclesiae illius repertus fuerit, ut ecclesiae, abbatis atque monachorum sit totus, concessit. Warennam etiam in ipsa leuga vel in maneriis ipsius ecclesiae ubique constituit. Praecepit verò idem nobilis princeps quatinus ecclesia illa cum omnibus terris et possessionibus suis libera sit et secunda ab omni dominatione principum et baronum et episcoporum seu aliarum quarumlibet personarum exactione, et ut homines illius omnes liberi sint et quieti ab omni theloneo, et omnia mercata sua per totum regnum suum ubique absque theloneo faciant, et ne quis eis super hoc molestus sit super forisfacturam regiam. Insuper etiam et hoc addidit, ut si quis baronum vel hominum suorum illi ecclesiae aliquas terras vel possessiones aut de suo aliquid aliquando dederit, eandem per omnia libertatem vel regalem dignitatem, sicut supra diximus, in iisdem sua quoque habeat ecclesia, ut servi Dei undique quieti et liberi Deo in pace omnimodis intendant.

NUM. VI.

De Domo S. Joh. Brechon. Cella Abbatiae de Bello.

[Ibid. fol. 30 b.]

Eo etiam tempore quidam baronum regis, vir magnificus, Bernardus, cognomento de Novo-mercato, cujusdam praedictae ecclesiae Belli monachi, nomine Rogerii, apud eum aliquamdiu fortè commanentis, inportuna suggestione, eidem ecclesiae sancti Martini, apud Waliae provinciam, cum quadam possessione quæ Vetus-villa dicitur, ecclesiam eidem contiguam sancti Johannis Evangelistae extra munitionem castris sui de Brechennio sitam, liberam cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus donavit. Quam praedictus frater Rogerius, ut novus valebat colonus, cum summo studio et labore à fundamenti restaurans, associato sibi quodam alio suae ecclesiae monacho magnæ sagacitatis viro, Waltero nuncupato, ibidem ad habitandum ædificia construebat, prece vel munere nonnullas interim à vicinis terrarum vel decimarum possessiones eidem loco acquirens, ac pro posse utpote in commissio fidelis, sibi creditum talentum possessionum multipliciter accumulatum matri suae ecclesiae impiger reportare satagens. Procedente verò tempore, fratribus ad loci commoda omnino intendentibus, ejusdem Bernardi uxor, Agnes nomine, fortè invaliditudine tacta, eidem loco ex viri sui assensu de propria hæreditate quandam villulam extra Walias in Anglia sitam, quæ Berinton vocatur, liberam omnino et quietam in possessionem æternam contulit. Sicque paulatim ex ipsius quoque Bernardi largitione, in terris molendinis ecclesiis sive decimis, ejusdem ecclesiae possessionibus auctis, et eodem loco cum suis omnibus, cum regiae auctoritatis et praefati Bernardi confirmatione, in jus ecclesiae Belli delegato, ab abbate et conventu ejusdem ecclesiae sancti Martini, praedicto Waltero priore jam constituto, decretum est ibidem, ex ejusdem ecclesiae monachis, Dei servos ad divinum regulariter peragendum officium adunatos degere, atque pro recognitione subjectionis, per annum census partem, viginti scilicet solidos ecclesiae de Bello persolvere.

NUM. VII.

De Willielmo Rufo.

[Ibid. fol. 34 b.]

MANERIUM quadraginta librarum eidem ecclesiae in Wiltesira vocabulo Bromham ex regia corona in possessionem æternam, cum membris omnibus eidem manerio delegatis, donavit. Et illud cum membris suis, ecclesiamque de Bello cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus, ab omni exactione et consuetudine terrenae servitutis, secundum patris sui cartas regia auctoritate, secundum quod supra commemoravimus, in libertate et quiete manere constituit, et carta sua confirmavit.

NUM. VIII.

De Ecclesiis datis.

[Ibid. fol. 35.]

In dotem verò eidem ecclesiae magnificus contulit princeps quasdam ex suo dominio ecclesias in Sudfolchia et Norfolchia et Essexia sitas, in episcopatu videlicet Londoniensi et Norwicensi. In Essexia quæ est in episcopatu Londoniensi, dedit ecclesiam de Sanford omnino liberam et quietam cum plenaria decima et terra ad eam pertinente. In Sudfolchia et Norfolchia, videlicet in episcopatu Norwicensi, dedit ecclesiam de Exelynges, ecclesiam de Trilawe, ecclesiam de Middehala, ecclesiam de Nortuna, ecclesiam de Brantham cum capella de Bercholt et Selselege et Benetlege et Scotlege. Ecclesiam de Mendlesham cum Andreeston, ecclesiam de Brandford cum Burstale, et Aeilbrichteston, ecclesiam de Eilesham cum capellis Stevechaie scilicet cum ij. partibus decimæ et Scipdene cum ij. partibus decimæ, et Brundele similiter, et Banningeham similiter, et cum medietate ecclesiae de Ingewerthe, et cum feudo quod Brithtricus presbiter tenebat, terram scilicet unius sochemanni in eodem manerio de Eilesham, ita liberè et quietè possidendam sicut omnes alias terras suas possidet. Similiter et capellæ ecclesiae de Brantham superscriptæ ij.

partes decimæ de dominio domini habent. Has igitur ecclesias cum terris et decimis et possessionibus atque hominibus, illis pertinentibus, idem rex, ut praedictum est, liberas et quietas ab omni exactione et consuetudine, ecclesiae de Bello concessit et dedit, præcepitque etiam ut clerici qui eas investiti tunc tenebant Ecclesiae Belli statutum annuatim census, illis vero obeuntibus de eisdem ecclesiis Abbas et monachi de Bello secundum quod eis utilius foret disponerent.

NUM. IX.

Carta Gulielmi Regis, Conquestoris dicti.

[Ex ipso autographo penes Comit. Winchelseyensem, ann. 1640. Hodie Cart. antiq. Mus. Brit. Harl. 83, A. 12. Vide etiam Cart. 2 Hen. V. m. 24.]

In nomine sanctæ et individuae Trinitatis, ego Willielmus Dei gratia rex Anglorum notum facio omnibus tam posteris quam presentibus, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, baronibus, et omnibus fidelibus, Francis et Anglis, quod cum in Angliam venissem et in finibus Hastings cum exercitu applicuissem contra hostes meos qui mihi regnum Angliæ injustè conabantur auferre, in procinctu belli, jam armatus, coram baronibus et militibus meis, cum favore omnium, ad eorum corda roboranda votum feci, ecclesiam quandam ad honorem Dei construere pro communi salute, si per Dei gratiam obtinere possem victoriam. Quam cum essemus adepti, votum Deo solvens, in honorem sanctæ Trinitatis et beati Martini confessoris Christi ecclesiam construxi pro salute animæ meæ et antecessoris mei regis Eadwardi, et uxoris meæ Mathildis reginæ, et successorum meorum in regno, et pro salute omnium quorum labore et auxilio regnum obtinui, et illorum maximè qui in ipso bello occubuerunt. Et quia in hoc loco ubi sic constructa est ecclesia Deus mihi victoriam præstitit in bello, ob victoriæ memoriam, ipsum locum Bellum appellari volui.

Huic igitur ecclesiae sancti Martini de Bello imprimis dignitatem, regali auctoritate concedo, ut habeat curiam suam per omnia, et regiam libertatem, et consuetudinem tractandi de suis rebus vel negotiis, et justiciam per se tenendam. Sitque libera et quietas in perpetuum ab omni subjectione episcoporum, et quarumlibet personarum dominatione, sicut ecclesia Christi Cantuariæ. Et si quis latro, vel homicida vel aliquo crimine reus, timore mortis fugiens, ad hanc ecclesiam pervenerit, in nullo lædatur sed liber omnino dimittatur. Abbati verò ipsius ecclesiae liceat ubique latronem vel furem de suspendio liberare, si fortè supervenerit. Concedo etiam eidem ecclesiae leugam circumquaque adjacentem liberam et quietam ab omni geldo et scoto, et hidagiis, et denegeldis, et opere pontium, et castellorum, et parcorum, et clausuris, et exercitiis, et omnibus auxiliis, et placitis, et querelis, et sciris, et hundredis, cum saca, et soca, et tol, et theam, et infangenetheof, et warpeni, et lestagiis, et hamsocne, et forestall, et blodwite, et cildwite, et latrocinio; et liberam ab omni consuetudine terrenae servitutis, et ab omni exactione episcoporum.

Huic iterum ecclesiae sancti Martini de Bello do regale manerium quod vocatur Wi, cum omnibus appendiciis suis, ex mea dominica corona, cum omnibus libertatibus et regalibus consuetudinibus, ita liberum et quietum, sicut liberius et quietius tenui, vel ut rex dare potui, scilicet ab omni geldo, et scoto, et hidagiis, et denegeldis, et opere pontium et castellorum, et clausuris parcorum, et exercitiis, et omnibus auxiliis, et placitis, et querelis, et sciris, et hundredis, cum saca, et soca, et tol, et theam, et infangenetheof, et warpeni, et lestagiis, et hamsocne, et forstall, et blodewite, et cildwite, et latrocinio si acciderit. Similiter do duos denarios de omnibus forisfacturis et placitis omnium hundredorum quæ pertinent ad summonitionem de Wi. In Dengemaris verò, quod est unum membrum de Wi, concedo eidem ecclesiae omnes maritimas consuetudines quas illic habui, cum omni wrec. Et si piscis qui craspeis vocatur, illic advenerit, abbatibus et monachorum sit totus: si vero intra terminos de Blachewase, et Horsemede, et Bradelle usque Withiburne appulerit, duas partes ejusdem piscis et linguam habeat ecclesia, sicut ego semper habui.

Do etiam eidem ecclesiæ hæc maneria, Alsistona, Limesfeld, Hov, Craumareis, Bristwoldintona cum omnibus appendiciis suis, libera et quieta, cum supradictis libertatibus, et regalibus consuetudinibus. Si infra leugam vel in maneriis ecclesiæ mordre evenierit, vel thesaurus inventus fuerit, abbatis et monachorum sit utrumque; warrennam propriam in ipsa leuga habeat ecclesia et in omnibus suis maneriis. Do etiam eidem ecclesiæ sancti Martini ecclesiam de Radingis, et ecclesiam de Culintuna, et ecclesiam sancti Olavi de Exonia, cum terris, et decimis, et omnibus ad eas pertinentibus. Et si aliquis ex baronibus meis vel hominibus aliquid de suo eidem ecclesiæ in elemosinam dederit, easdem libertates quas concessi rebus quas ego eidem ecclesiæ dedi, eis concedo, et præsentī scripto ut supradicta regali auctoritate confirmo.

Willelmus rex. Lanfrancus archiepiscopus Cantuar. Thome mas archiepiscopus Ebor. Mauricius episcopus London. Walkelinus episcopus Winton. Osbernus episcopus Exon. Gundulphus episcopus Roff. Hugo comes Cestrie. Rogerus comes de Muntgumeri. Willielmus comes de Warr. Willielmus filius Osberni. Willielmus de Brai. Bernardus arduus de Novo-mercato.

NUM. X.

Alia ejusdem Regis Carta.

[Pat. 2 Edw. IV. p. 3, m. 15, per Inspex.]

WILLIELMUS Dei gratia rex Anglorum, Lanfranco archiepiscopo Cantuariensi, Stigando episcopo Cicestrensi, omnibusque successoribus suis regnum Angliæ optinentibus, et cunctis fidelibus, salutem. Notum vobis facio, quod locum victoriæ meæ, sicut Deo juvante mihi acquisivi, et rex liberum possedi, ita illa liberum, et ab omni exactione omnium hominum quietum obtuli Deo; ibidemque ecclesiam in honorem sancti Martini, quam de Bello appellari volui, eo quod mihi Deus, in eodem loco, tantam victoriam attribuit, ut de adversariis meis mihi injuste resistentibus triumpharem, regnumque mihi debitum et successoribus meis jure hæreditario perpetualiter possidendum acquirerem. Votum itaque, quod Deo, et sancto Martino vovi, implere festinans, idem monasterium monachicæ religionis dedicans, ex ordine et religione Majoris-monasterii fundavi, et inde primum abbatem Gausbertum, ad hoc tantum ut religionis ibi normam fundaret, constitui, ita tamen ut libera, et quieta, in perpetuum ab omni subjectione, et dominatione, et querela Majoris-monasterii, et aliarum personarum exactione permaneat, sicut ecclesia Christi Cantuariensis, et sicut mea dominica capella, et signum Anglicæ coronæ per quam ego regno, et successores mei reges regnum Angliæ debent obtinere.

Statuimus itaque, tam ecclesiasticæ, quam et regiæ prospectu potestatis, ut decedente abbate de Bello, omnis possessio monasterii, ubicunque fuerit, libera et integra, cum omni jure et consuetudine sua remaneat in manu et dispositione prioris, et monachorum capituli de Bello. Hoc autem ideo statuimus statutumque perpetuò servandum confirmamus, quia abbas de Bello proprios redditus non habet, sed communes cum fratribus. Qui igitur, Deo annuente canonica fratrum electione, abbas substitutus fuerit, ibidem absque venalitate omni benedicatur sicut primum abbatem Gausbertum in eodem monasterio de Bello Stigandus episcopus Cicestrensis benedixit. Abbas itaque de Bello non cum suis sæcularibus consanguineis, seu quibuslibet aliis, elemosinas monasterii malè utendo, disperdat: sed pauperibus, et peregrinis, et hospitibus suscipiendis, sed fraternam curam gerat; terras censuales non ad feudum donet, nec milites, nisi in sacra veste Christi faciat, nec de possessionibus ecclesiæ quisquam teneat aliquid feudaliter absolutum, sed ad census annuum et servitium abbati et monachis debitum. In abbatis de Bello et monachorum domo et possessione, nullus intus vel extra, per hæreditatem officium teneat; sed in arbitrio abbatis et monachorum consistat de transmutandis præpositis, seu quibuslibet aliis officiariis.

Hanc igitur monasterio libertatis meæ de Bello, et omnibus ad ipsum pertinentibus in perpetuum dono, et confirmo liberam immunitatem, et immunem libertatem; quam etiam pro signo coronæ regni nostri regibus post me

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in Anglia regnaturis, causa Dei commendo servandam ut eis Deus conservet æternam. Teste Petro episcopo Cestrie, Hermano episcopo Sarisberie, Willielmo comite Warenne, Bernardo de Novo-mercato, et Gausberto nunc ejusdem loci abbate, cum monachis suis, qui ad hanc cartam faciendam præsentēs fuerunt, apud Wintoniam.

NUM. XI.

Ejusdem Regis Carta de Mercato apud Ecclesiam de Bello.

[MS. Hayley, Sussex A. p. 98.]

WILLIELMUS rex Anglorum Lanfranco archiepiscopo Cantuar. et omnibus baronibus suis, Francis et Anglis, per Angliam, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et regali auctoritate confirmasse ecclesiæ de Bello quam fundavi ex voto ob victoriam quam mihi Deus ibidem contulit cum omnibus aliis rebus quas illi concessi, ut habeat omni dominica ibidem mercatum plenarium, ita liberum et quietum ut abbas et monachi nulli inde respondeant nisi Deo. Et illi qui ibi convenerint ad mercatum nulli similiter respondeant nisi Abbati et Monachis ejusdem ecclesiæ sancti Martini. Volo igitur et firmiter præcipio quod nullus inde eis molestus sit nec eos qui ad illud mercatum venire voluerint, disturbet, super forisfacturam meam. Testibus L. archiep. Cant. et Willielmo filio Osb. apud Windresores.

NUM. XII.

Prædia ad Ecclesiam S. Martini de Bello spectantia, tempore Willielmi Regis Conquestoris.

[Ex Libro Consuali vocato *Domesday Book*, in domo Capitulari Westmon. asservato.]

Chenth, tom. i. fol. 11 b.

TERRA ECCLESIE DE LABATAILGE. Abbas Sancti Martini de loco Belli tenet manerium quod vocatur Wi. quod tempore regis Edwardi et modo se defend. pro vii. solins. Terra est lxx. car. In dominio ix. car. sunt et cxiii. villani cum xxii. bord. habent xvii. car. Ibi ecclesia et vii. servi. et iiii. molini de xxiii. solid. et viii. den. et cxxxiii. acr. prati. et silva ccc. porc. de pasnagio. Tempore regis Edwardi valebat quater xx. lib. et c. solid. et vi. sol. et viii. den. Quando recep. cxxv. lib. et x. sol. de xx. in ora. Modo c. lib. ad numerum. et si abbas habuisset sacas et socas xx. lib. plus appreciaretur.

Radulfus de Curbespina tenet unam denam et unum jugum de terra sochemannorum hujus manerii. Redd. de consuetudine vi. den. et Adelulfus ii. partes unius solini, redd. xii. denar. et Hugo de Montfort habet duo juga, redd. ccc. anguill. et ii. solidos et sacam et socam in tempore regis Edwardi reddebant.

De xxii. hund. pertin. isti manerio saca et soca, et omnia forisfactura quæ juste pertinent Regi.

Sudseze, ibid. fol. 17 b.

TERRA ECCLESIE DE LABATAILGE. In Wandelmestrei Hund. Abbas Sancti Martini de Labatailge tenet ALSISTONE de rege. Alnod cild tenuit de rege E. et tunc defend. se pro l. hid. et modo pro xliiii. hid. et dim. Terra est xxviii. car. De his hidis jacent iii. hid. et dimid. in Rap de Hastings. et ii. hidæ in Rap de Lewes. et vii. burgenses. In dominio habet abbas iiii. car. et lxxv. villani cum vii. bord. habent xxi. car. et dimid. Ibi xii. servi. et l. acr. prati. Silva iiii. porc. de pasnagio. et vi. porc. de herbagio. De v. hidis supradictis tenet Robertus i. hid. et iii. virg. de abbate. Reinbertus v. virg. Goisfridus dimid. hid. Aluredus iii. virg. Ipsi habent in dominio iiii. car. et v. villanos et unum bord. cum i. car. et dimid. Totum manerium tempore regis Edwardi valebat xlviii. lib. et post xxx. lib. Modo xxxvi. lib. quod abbas tenet. Quod homines ejus iiii. lib. et v. solid.

In Totenore Hund. Ipse abbas tenet de rege iiii. hid. Alnod cild tenuit de rege Edwardo et tunc et modo se defend. pro iiii. hidis. Ibi habet abbas vi. villanos cum iii. car. Appreciatum est in alio manerio.

Ipse abbas habet in suo Rapo vi. hid. et dimid. Hæc terra pro vi. hid. se defend. et dimid. fuit quietia quia foris

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Rap. In his hidis tenet isdem abbas in dominio BOCHHAM. Olbolt tenuit de Goduino com. Tunc et modo se defend. pro dim. hida. modo est una virgata in Rapo comitis de Ow. In dominio habet abbas i. car. et iiii. bord. cum una car. Ibi iii. acr. prati. et silva ii. porc. Tempore regis Edwardi et modo val. xx. sol.

In BECE q. tenet Osbernus de Com. de Ow. habet abbas iii. virg. terræ. et ibi sunt iii. villani cum i. car. Val. vi. sol.

In WASINGATE q. tenet Reinbertus habet abbas unam virgatam terræ cum uno villano et dimid. car. Ibi silva ii. porc. Val. iiii. sol.

In WILMINT q. tenet Com. Moriton. habet abbas vi. virg. terræ. et ibi sunt vi. villani cum iiii. car. et silva ii. porc. Val. xv. sol.

In NIREFELD q. tenet Com. de Ow habet abbas vi. virg. terræ. et ibi sunt v. villani et un. bord. cum iii. car. Val. x. solid.

In PENEHEST q. tenet Osbernus de Com. de Ow. habet abbas dim. hid. et ibi ii. villani sunt cum i. car. et una acra prati. et silva ii. porc. Val. xv. sol.

In manerio Hov quod tenet Com. de Ow. habet abbas dim. hid. et ibi sunt ii. villani cum una car. Val. v. sol.

In PILESHAM q. ten. Com. de Ow. habet abbas unam virgatam. et unum villanum cum una car. et una acra prati. Val. iiii. sol.

In CEDESFELD q. tenet Werenc de Com. de Ow. habet abbas iii. virg. in dominio.

In BOLLINTUN q. tenet Com. de Ow. habet abbas ii. hid. unam virgatam minus. et ibi sunt vii. villani cum v. car. Val. xx. sol.

In CROHERST q. tenet Walterus de Com. de Ow. habet abbas unam virgatam terræ cum i. villano. Val. xii. den.

In WITINGES q. ten. Ingelrannus de Com. habet abb. i. virg. terræ wastam.

In HOLINTUN q. tenet Com. de Ow. habet abbas unam virgatam terræ wastam. Adhuc est una silva foris Rap. de v. porc.

De omni hac terra habet abbas in dominio ii. hid. et dim. et ibi i. car. cum xxi. bord. et ii. molinos sine censu. Val. xl. sol.

Hæ hidæ non geldaverunt in Rapo.

Sudrie, ibid. fol. 34.

TERRA ÆCCLESIE DE LABATAILGE. In Tenrige Hund. Abbas de Labatailge tenet LIMENESFELD. Heraldus tenuit tempore regis Edwardi. Tunc se defendebat pro xxv. hid. Modo non se defend. postquam abbas recepit. Terra est xii. car. In dominio sunt v. car. et xxv. villani et vi. bord. cum xiiii. car. Ibi unum molinum de ii. sol. et una piscaria. et i. æcclesia et iiii. acr. prati. Silva de cl. porc. de pasnag. Duæ fossæ Lapidum de ii. sol. et iii. nidi accipitr. in silva et x. servi. Tempore regis Edwardi valebat xx. lib. et post xv. lib. Modo xxiiii. lib. Huic manerio pertinet BRAMESLE tempore regis Edwardi ut homines de Hund. dicunt.

Berchscire, ibid. fol. 59 b.

TERRA ÆCCLESIE DE LABATAILGE. In Nachededorne Hund. Abbas de Labatailge tenet de rege BRISTOLDESTONE. Heraldus comes tenuit. Tunc pro x. hid. Quidam tainus qui ante eum tenuit geldabat pro xv. hid. Modo pro nichilo. Terra est. In dominio sunt ii. car. et x. villani et xiii. bord. cum vii. car. Ibi iii. serui et æcclesia cum presbytero. Silua de xx. porc. In WALENGEFORD v. hagæ. Valuit x. lib. Modo ix. lib.

Ipte abbas tenet in REDDINGES æcclesiam cum viii. hid. ibi pertinen. Leueua abbatissa tenuit de rege Edwardo. Tunc se defend. pro viii. hid. modo pro iii. hid. Terra est vii. car. In dominio est una. et ix. villani et viii. bord. cum v. car. Ibi ii. molini de xl. solid. et ii. piscariæ et dimid. de v. solid. In Reddinges xxix. mansuræ de xxviii. solid. et viii. denar. et xii. acr. prati. Silva de v. porc. De æcclesia iii. lib. Tempore regis Edwardi valebat ix. lib. et post viii. lib. Modo xi. lib.

Devenescire, ibid. fol. 104.

QUOD TENET ÆCCLESIA DE LABATAILGE. Æcclesia de Labatailge tenet æcclesiam de COLITONE cum

i. hida. et ibi est i. car. in dominio et vi. villani et iiii. bord. cum iii. car. et viii. acr. prati. et ii. acr. silvæ. Valet xxx. solid. Turbertus tenebat tempore regis Edwardi.

Ipsa Æcclesia habet in Excestre æcclesiam S. Olaf. et vii. domus redd. iiii. solid. et viii. denar. de consuetud. et unam domum q. non reddebat consuetudinem.

Ozenef'scire, ibid. fol. 157.

TERRA ÆCCLESIE DE LABATAILGE. Abbatia de Labatailge tenet de rege CRAVMARES. Ibi sunt v. hidæ. Terra est vi. car. De hac terra sunt in dominio ii. hidæ et dim. et ibi ii. car. et ii. servi et iiii. villani cum vii. bord. habent ii. car. Valuit vi. lib. Modo viii. lib. Heraldus comes tenuit.

Exsessa, tom. ii. fol. 20 b.

TERRA SANCTI MARTINI DE BELLO. Hund. de Berdestapla. АТАНОВ tenuit Gotius liber homo tempore regis Edwardi pro i. manerio. et iii. hid. xx. acr. minus. Semper ii. car. in dominio. et iii. car. hominum. Tunc i. vill. modo ii. Tunc. x. bor. modo xv. iiii. ser. Silva m. porc. Tunc i. piscaria modo nulla. Tunc ii. runc. modo iii. Tunc iiii. anim. modo xix. c. ov. Tunc ix. porc. modo c. viii. minus. iiii. vasa apum. et iii. soc. de i. hid. et xxx. acr. Semper i. car. et xv. acr. liberæ terræ. Tunc val. c. sol. modo vi. lib. et illæ xv. acr. val. xxx. d.

Hund. de Hidingforda. HERSAM tenuit Orgarus liber homo tempore regis Edwardi pro manerio. et pro i. hid. Semper ii. car. in dominio et i. car. hominum. Tunc et post v. vill. modo iii. Tunc i. bor. modo iii. Tunc iii. ser. modo ii. xiii. acr. prati. viii. an. x. por. Tunc xxxiii. ov. modo xxv. vasa apum. Val. xl. sol.

NUM. XIII.

Carta Regis Willielmi Rufi.

[Pat. 2 Edw. IV. p. 3, m. 15, per Inspex.]

W. REX Anglorum omnibus hominibus suis, Francis et Anglis, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Deo et ecclesiæ sancti Martini de Bello in dedicatione ipsius ecclesiæ, pro anima patris mei regis Willielmi, et matris et omnium parentum nostrorum qui ibi in bello ceciderunt, et aliorum omnium, ecclesiam de Saforde cum plenari decima et terra ad ipsam ecclesiam pertinente, et ecclesiam de Exelingis similiter cum terra et decima ad eam pertinente de annona et omni pecunia, et ecclesiam de Trilaune similiter, et ecclesiam de Middelhala similiter, et illam de Nortuna, sed et illam de Eilesham cum berewicis ad illam pertinentibus, scilicet Stevekaie, et Stipdene, et Brundele, et ecclesiam de Mendlesham cum Andreestou, et ecclesiam de Bramford cum berewicis ad eam pertinentibus, videlicet Brustele et Albrihtestou, et ecclesiam de Brantham similiter cum terra et decima, et berewicis de Bercold, Scotlege, et Meelflege et Benetlege.

Has ecclesias cum decimis et terris, et omnibus consuetudinibus ad eas pertinentibus et redditibus, ecclesiæ sancti Martini de Bello concedo perpetuo jure possidendas T. baronum meorum et episcoporum qui ad ipsam dedicationem mecum affuere, Walkelino Wentano episcopo, Radulfo Cicestriæ, Osmundo Saresberiensis, Johanne Bathon. Willielmo Dunelm. Rogero Constanciensi, Gundulfo Rofensi, qui omnes, me præsentem et omnibus baronibus meis, excommunicaverunt et dampnaverunt, quicumque quod concesseram illis presentibus ecclesiæ de Bello abstulissent, vel ut auferetur auxilio vel consilio essent. Et quod nos omnes qui in ipsa dedicatione affuimus concessimus et confirmamus.

NUM. XIV.

Carta Regis Henrici Primi.

[Ibid.]

HENRICUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ Radulpho episcopo Cicestriæ et omnibus baronibus suis, Francis et Anglis, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse Deo et ecclesiæ S. Martini de Bello et monachis in ea Deo servientibus, omnia dona et omnes venditiones terrarum quæ factæ

sunt eis in rapo de Hastings, concedente hoc et confirmante H. comite de Augo, scilicet terram de Dudilande, et de Bregeselle quam Anselmus de Fraelvilla eis vendidit, et terram de Glesham, quam emerunt de Geroldo Normanvill, et totam terram atque mariscum ultra Wintelesey quæ Willielmus de sancto Leodegario et Clarembaldus eis concesserunt, tenendum de se et hæredibus suis. Et terram de Bocstepe quam Willielmus filius Wiberti eis dedit in elemosinam. Volo itaque et præcipio ut benè et quietè et honorificè et in pacè teneant et habeant prædictas terras cum pertinentiis suis, sicut eis concessæ sunt et à comite H. confirmatæ liberas ab omni consuetudine terrenæ servitutis. Et prohibeo ne aliquis eis inde molestus sit super forisfacturam meam. T. Rogero episcopo Saresberiae, et Eudone dapifero, et Roberto de Ver, apud Windelesore.

NUM. XV.

Alia Carta ejusdem Regis, pro Exambio de Rading.

[Ibid.]

H. DEI gratia rex Angliæ Radulfo Cicestremsi episcopo, et Willielmo filio Augeri, et omnibus baronibus, Francis et Anglis, de Sudsexia, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et dedisse ecclesiæ S. Martini de Bello et monachis ejusdem loci pro excambio de Rading, manerium quod vocatur Apeldreham, cum omnibus eidem pertinentibus, in bosco et in plano, et in terra et in aqua, ita liberum et quietum ab omnibus omnino consuetudinibus sicut fuit quando erat in mea dominica manu. Insuper et xl. sol. quos priùs retinueram in eodum manerio eo Apeldreham, cum firma de Boseham eisdem monachis in elemosinam dedi et concessi, et præcipio ut amodo quietè et benè et liberè in pace eos habeant et retineant imperpetuum. Concedo etiam illis ut absque omnia calumpnia habeant in bosco de Bocfalde, et in illo de Betlesparrioc hanc consuetudinem, scilicet ut si ego ponam in illis tres porcos in pessun, monachi semper mittant quartum, et recipiant liberè; et insuper habeant de padnage quartum denarium; et si ego tres quercus accepero, monachi quartum accipiant ad domos suas emendendas, et de terra eisdem boscis pertinente quartum denarium habeant, et ad Nativitatem Domini quartam gallinam, et de Yringesmed quartum denarium, et ad Pascha viginti et quinque ova. Præcipio etiam super forisfacturam meam, ut nullus vicecomes vel ministri eorum, vel aliquis eisdem monachis super hiis molestus sit, sed ita liberè et quietè ea habeant et possideant sicut ego melius et quietius tenui in mea dominica manu; sintque liberi et quieti monachi et homines illius manerii eorum de Apeldreham ab omni consuetudine, cum saca, et soca, et tol, et theam, et infangentheof, et geld, et scottagio, et hidagio, et dangeldo, et opere pontium, et castellorum, et parcorum, et clausurarum, et exercituum, et omnibus auxiliis, et siris, et hundredis, et warpeni, et lestagio, et latrocinio, et murthero, et thesauro, et warennia, et omnibus aliis rebus, et placitis, et querelis. T. Rogero episcopo Saresberiae, et Ada de Port. apud Portesmudam.

NUM. XVI.

Altera Carta dicti Regis Henrici.

[Ex Autogr. Cart. antiq. Mus. Brit. L. F. C. xvi. 13.]

H. DEI gratia rex Anglorum, omnibus vicecomitibus in quorum vicecomitatibus sanctus Martinus et monachi de Bello terras habent, salutem. Mando et præcipio quatinus abbas et monachi de Bello benè et honorificè et quietè et in pace terras suas et omnia sua teneant, scilicet Wi, Ælfstone, Limenesfeld, et Hou, Brithwoldinton, Bromham, Craumareis cum omnibus appendiciis suis, et Apeldreham quod eis dedi in escambio pro Rading, cum saca, socha, thol, et theam, et infangenthef, et omnibus placitis et querelis, et siris, et hundr. et murdr. et warpeni, et omnibus aliis rebus, et opere pontium, et castellorum, et parcorum, et clausuris, et deneg. et geld. et scot. et omnibus aliis operibus et auxiliis et omni . . . recto ad castella, vel quælibet ædificia. Nec ipsi vel homines sui ad quoslibet comitatus, vel sires, vel hundr. venire cogantur, sed habeant per omnia maneria sua curiam suam, cum regia libertate et consuetudine secundum cartam regis Willielmi patris mei;

nec præsumat quisquam de hiis violentiam eis inferre super forisfacturam meam. Teste Rogero episcopo Salesberiae apud Wintoniam.

NUM. XVII.

Carta Henrici I. Regis de Curia habenda per omnia.

[MS. Hayley, Sussex A. p. 109.]

HENRICUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ omnibus baronibus suis et vicecomitibus et omnibus ministris suis, Francis et Anglis, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Deo et ecclesiæ sancti Martini de Bello ut habeat curiam suam per omnia, et ubicunque Abbas loci illius præsens fuerit, sive in maneriis suis sive in terris aliis ad Abbatiam pertinentibus; vel alius in loco abbatis, regiam dignitatem hanc habeat ut si aliquis habuerit aliquam querelam adversus aliquem ex hominibus abbatis, et inde placitare debuerit; ille qui rectum requirit abbatis curiam requirat, et abbas vel aliquis monachorum qui præsens fuerit, plenariam justitiam regia dignitate perficiat. Quod si placitum in curia abbatis determinari non poterit; abbate summonente in curiam regis deferatur, quatinus salvo jure et dignitate signi regiae coronæ, id est ecclesiæ sancti Martini de Bello, præsentem abbatem cum justitia finiatur. Testibus Roberto episcopo Lincollen. Willielmo capellano, et Eudone dapifer. apud Wercling.

NUM. XVIII.

Regis Johannis Carta de Custodia Domus.

[Ibid. p. 115.]

JOHANNES Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hyberniæ, dux Norm. et Aquitanniæ, comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, præpositis, et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse et hac carta nostra confirmasse Deo et ecclesiæ sancti Martini de Bello et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus omnes concessionem et donationes et libertates quas antecessores nostri reges Angliæ eis dederunt et concesserunt, et cartis suis confirmaverunt, sicut cartæ eorundem regum quas inde habent rationabiliter testantur. Et quod decedentibus abbatibus ejusdem loci, ipsi monachi habeant custodiam domus suæ et liberam administrationem omnium rerum et possessionum suorum; et quod abbatem sibi præficiant de seipsis secundum formam electionum de prælatis quæ est in regno nostro. Quare volumus et firmiter præcipimus quod prædicti monachi habeant et teneant omnes prædictas concessionem, et donationes, et libertates imperpetuum, bene et in pace, libere et quiete, et integre, cum prædicta custodia, et administratione et electione, sicut supradictum est. T. domino P. Wynton. domino J. Norwic. episcopis, W. com. Sar. fratre nostro, W. Maresc. com. Penbr. S. com. Wynnton. Petro fil. Hereb. Willielmo Briwerr. Hug. de Nevill. Data per manum magistri Ric. de Marisc. archidiaconi Northumbr. apud frigid. Uiantell. xvij. die Decembris anno regni nostri xijº.

NUM. XIX.

Carta Regis Henrici III. de Justiciariis habendis.

[Ibid. p. 121.]

HENRICUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, et dux Aquitanniæ, omnibus ad quos præsentem litteram pervenerint, salutem. Cum per cartam nostram concessissemus dilectis nobis in Christo abbati et conventui de Bello hanc libertatem, videlicet quod de omnibus hominibus suis per totum regnum nostrum habeant justitiam per se tenendam coram justiciariis nostris itinerantibus ad omnia placita, videlicet tam de illis quæ ad coronam nostram spectant placitanda et terminanda, quam de aliis quibuscunque dictos abbatem et conventum et homines suos infra regnum nostrum contingentibus: nos, quia ipsi sine auxilio nostro utiliter libertate illa uti non possunt sibi gratiam facere volentes specialem, concedimus eis pro nobis et hæredibus nostris quod iidem Abbas et Conventus in quocunque itinere justiciariorum nostrorum ubi terræ et tenementa sua

consistunt et homines habent, habeant unum de eisdem justiciariis nostris qui ex discretione capitalis justiciarii nostri eorundem justiciarium commodius vacare possit una cum senescallo eorundem abbatis et conventus ad omnia placita ipsos et homines suos tangentia in hujusmodi itineribus placitanda et terminanda infra libertatem suam, prout secundum legem et consuetudinem regni nostri fuerit faciendum. Nolumus autem quod ratione hujus concessionis nostræ prejudicium aliquod quo ad alias libertates suas in posterum generetur. In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Westm. vicesimo octavo die Octobris, anno regni nostri quinquagesimo quinto.

NUM. XX.

Carta Ricardi Comitis Pictaviæ de Craumareys.

[Ibid. p. 122.]

OMNIBUS ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit, Ricardus comes Pictaviæ et Cornubiæ salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra nos quietam clamasse pro nobis et hæredibus nostris Abbati et Monachis de Bello demandam sectæ quam eis fecimus de terra eorum de Craumerch ad hundredum nostrum de Bensington; ita quod dicti abbas et monachi ac homines eorum de Crawemerch quieti sint ab omnibus sectis, consuetudinibus, et demandis, ad dictum hundredum pertinentibus de prædicta terra sicut fuerit ut antequam dictum hundredum esset in manu nostra. Concedimus etiam et hoc præsentis scripto nostro confirmamus prædictis abbati et monachis quantum ad nos pertinet prædictam terram de Crawemerch cum omnibus pertinentiis suis et libertatibus ad eam pertinentibus. Quare volumus et firmiter præcipimus quod prædicti abbas et monachi habeant et teneant prædictam terram de Crawemerch cum omnibus libertatibus suis bene et in pace adeo libere et quiete sicut eam tenuerunt priusquam dictum hundredum de Bensington nobis concederetur. In cujus rei testimonium præsens Scriptum sigilli nostri munimine roboravimus. Dat. apud Berchamstede decimo die Martis anno gratiæ M^o.CC^o.XLIII.

NUM. XXI.

Libertates de Bello allocate in Itinere Cantie, et in Banco Regis in præsentia fratris Henrici de Rya tunc senescalli Abbatie de Bello.

[Ibid. p. 1, ex autogr.]

IN principio cujuslibet itineris justiciarium domini regis itinerantium in singulis comitatibus ubi sessio itineris est, qui libertates clamare voluerint, oportet de necessitate quod ipsi primo die sessionis eorum compareant in iudicio coram ipsis ad demonstrandum in una cedula omnes libertates illas quas clamare voluerint: et nisi fecerint primo die, per justiciarios itineris statuto, noverint se esse exclusos quoad clamandum libertates illas, et omnes libertates quas clamare potuerunt esse in manu domini regis quousque prædictis libertatibus fecerint gravem redemptionem. Et si contingat ipsos venire primo die itineris ad demonstrandum ea quæ pertinent ad iter prædictum tunc justiciarii portabunt breve de placito quo waranto clamant tales libertates; sicut patet inferius per processum itineris domini Henrici de Stauntone in comitatu Cantie existentis.

Abbas de Bello summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamat habere curiam suam per omnia, et regiam libertatem et consuetudinem tractandi de suis rebus vel negotiis et justitiam per se tenendam, et quod si aliquis habuerit aliquam querelam versus aliquem ex hominibus ipsius abbatis et inde placitare voluerit, ille qui rectum requirit, curiam abbatis requirat, salvo in itinere justiciarium et etiam returnum omnium brevium regis, infongenethef et utfongenethef, furcas, et warennam in omnibus terris suis in comitatu isto, et catalla dampnatorum fugitivorum qui de ipso tenuerint, et catalla forinsecorum qui infra libertatem suam iudicati fuerint cum eis inventa et murdrum si adjudicetur et amerciamenta sua et hominum suorum fines et redemptiones omnium hominum suorum, evasiones latronum, thesaurum inventum,

weyf in manerio de Wy, Kingeswode, et Dengemareis, Wacchindenne, Anglinge, et Havecherst, quæ sunt membra prædicti manerii de Wi, wreccum maris in Dengemareis, Graspeis si illic applicuerit, et hundredum de Wi, pillorium et tumberellum, unum mercatum apud Wi singulis septimanis per diem Jovis, unam feriam ibidem singulis annis per duos dies duraturam, unam feriam apud Chalflok singulis annis per duos dies duraturam, unum mercatum apud Havecherst singulis septimanis per diem Martis, unam feriam ibidem singulis annis per tres dies duraturam cum omnibus quæ ad hujusmodi ferias et mercata pertinent. Et quod in quocunque itinere justiciarium, ubi terræ et tenementa ipsius abbatis existunt, unus ex eisdem justiciariis, qui ex discretione capitalis justiciarii commodius vacare possit, accedere debet infra libertatem suam ad omnia placita ipsum et homines suos tangentia in hujusmodi itineribus una cum senescallo ipsius abbatis placitandi et terminandi tam de illis quæ ad coronam regalem pertinent quam de aliis et habere coronatorem suum proprium in hundredo suo de Wi prædicto, et quod ipse et homines sui sint quieti de quibuslibet comitatibus, schiris, et hundredis, et ab omni consuetudine terrenæ servitutis, cum soka et saka, tol et them, geldo, scoto, et murdro, et omnibus auxiliis et operationibus castellorum parcorum et pontium, hidagio, denegeld, et omnibus placitis et querelis, lastagio, stallagio, assartis, clausuris, exercitiis, forstallis, blodwite, childwite, hamsokne, et latrocinio si acciderit, et ab omni servitute et omnibus quæcunque humana mens excoitare potest cum omnibus dignitatibus et regalibus consuetudinibus, &c.

Et abbas per attornatum suum venit. Et quoad hoc quod clamat habere curiam suam per omnia, et regiam libertatem, et consuetudinem tractandi de suis rebus vel negotiis, et justitiam per se tenendam, et etiam returnum brevium domini regis, et warennam in omnibus terris suis in comitatu isto et catalla dampnatorum et fugitivorum qui de ipso tenuerint, evasiones latronum, waif in manerio de Wi, Kyngesnode, Dengemareis, Wacchinden, Anglinge, Havecherst, quæ sunt membra prædicti manerii de Wy, et unum mercatum apud Wy singulis septimanis per diem Jovis, et unam feriam ibidem singulis annis per duos dies duraturam, et in quocunque itinere justiciarium ubi terræ et tenementa ipsius abbatis existunt, unus ex eisdem justiciariis qui ex discretione capitalis justiciarii commodius vacare possit accidere debet infra libertatem suam ad omnia placita ipsum et homines suos tangentia in hujusmodi itineribus, una cum senescallo ipsius abbatis, placitand. et terminand. tam de illis quæ ad coronam regiam pertinent quam de aliis, &c. Dicit quod ipse clamat feriam apud Wy per tres dies duraturam, videlicet in vigilia et die et in crastino sancti Gregorii. Et dicit quod omnes illæ libertates alias in ultimo itinere Johannis de Berewik et sociorum suorum justiciarium itinerantium in comitatu isto cuidam prædecessorum ipsius abbatis allocate fuerunt. Et de hoc ponet se super recordum rotulorum prædicti Johannis de itinere prædicto. Et de waranto clamat, &c. Postea quæsitis rotulis de eodem itinere Johannis de Berewik comperitum est quod illæ libertates fuerunt allocate abbati de Bello juxta tenorem cartarum regum, &c. Et similiter per inquisitiones inde captas, &c. Ideo prædictus abbas quoad libertates illas sine die, salvo jure regis, &c.

Et quoad hoc, quod si aliquis habuerit aliquam querelam versus aliquem ex hominibus ipsius abbatis, et inde placitare voluerit, ille qui rectum requirit abbatis curiam requirat, dicit quod dominus rex nunc inspecta carta domini Henrici quondam regis Angliæ progenitoris sui continente quod idem Henricus rex concessit Deo et ecclesiæ sancti Martini de Bello, ut regiam dignitatem hanc habeant, ut si aliquis habeat aliquam querelam adversus aliquem ex hominibus ipsius abbatis et inde placitare voluerit, ille qui rectum requirit abbatis curiam requirat. Et abbas vel aliquis monachorum qui præsens fuerit plenariam justitiam regiam dignitatem periciat, &c. Et quo ad infongenethef, et outfongenethef, dicit quod idem dominus rex nunc, inspecta quadam carta domini Willielmi quondam regis Angliæ Conquestoris, &c. continente quod idem Willielmus rex per cartam suam concessit ipsi ecclesiæ manerium quod dicitur Wi cum membris suis, saka et soka, thol et them, infongenethef et outfongenethef, &c. Et ea ratione clamat habere furcas, &c.

Et quoad catalla forinsecorum qui infra libertatem suam iudicati fuerint cum eis inventa, murdrum si adjudicetur, amerciamenta sua et hominum suorum fines et redemptiones omnium hominum suorum, dicit quod idem rex nunc inspecta carta domini Henrici regis avi sui continente quod abbas et conventus ecclesie prædictæ habeant catalla forinsecorum qui infra libertatem ipsorum iudicati fuerint, quæ quidem catalla forinsecorum infra libertatem ipsorum cum ipsis malefactoribus inventa fuerint, et quod habeant pecuniam de hominibus suis quæ ad murdrum pertinent, et quod habeant et percipiant omnia amerciamenta sua et hominum suorum et fines et redemptiones eorundem hominum suorum ad ipsum regem vel hæredes suos ratione cuiuscunque delicti pertinent, &c.

Et quo ad thesaurum inventum, wreccum maris, in Dengemareis, et Graspeis si illic applicuerit, forstal, blodwite, childwite, homsokne, et latrocinio si acciderit, dicit quod dominus rex nunc, inspecta quadam alia carta domini Willielmi quondam regis Angliæ Conquestoris, &c. continente quod idem Willielmus rex per cartam suam dedit præfatæ ecclesie regale manerium quod vocatur Wi, cum omnibus appendiciis suis, cum omnibus libertatibus, &c. et cum homsokne, forstal, blodwite, chilwite, et latrocinio si acciderit.

In Dengemareis vero quod est unum membrum de Wy concessit eidem ecclesie omnes maritimas consuetudines quas illic habuit cum omni wreck. Et si piscis qui graspeis vocatur illic advenerit, abbatis et monachorum sit totus. Et si in maneriis ecclesie murdræ evenerint, vel thesaurus inventus fuerit, abbatis et monachorum sit utrumque, &c.

Et quo ad hoc quod ipse et homines sui sint quieti de quibuslibet comitatibus, schiris, et hundredis, &c. dicit quod idem Rex nunc, inspecta carta domini Henrici quondam regis Angliæ progenitoris ipsius regis nunc, continente quod idem Henricus rex præcepit quod nec abbas et monachi vel homines sui ad quoslibet comitatus vel schires vel hundredas venire cogantur, sed habeant per omnia maneria sua curiam suam cum regia libertate et consuetudine, &c.

Et quo ad hoc quod ipse et homines sui sint quieti ab omni consuetudine terrenæ servitutis cum soka et saka, et thol et them, geldo, scoto, et murdro, et omnibus auxiliis, operationibus castellorum et parcorum et pontium, hidage, denegeld, et omnibus placitis, querelis, lastagiis, stallagio, assartis, clausuris et exercitiis. Dicit quod dominus rex nunc, inspecta quadam alia carta prædicti regis Conquestoris, continente quod prædicta ecclesia cum omnibus maneriis suis et membris ad ea pertinentibus ab omni libera sit et quieta consuetudine terrenæ servitutis cum soka et saka, thol et theam, infongenethef, et geldo, scotto et murdro, et omnibus auxiliis et operibus castellorum et parcorum et pontium, et hidage, et danegeld, et omnibus placitis et querelis, schiris, et hundredis, lastag. et stallag. et assartis et clausuris, et de exercitiis, &c.

Et quo ad acquietantiam ab omni servitute et omnibus quæcunque humana mens excogitare potest, cum omnibus dignitatibus et regalibus consuetudinibus, &c. Dicit quod idem rex nunc, inspecta quadam alia carta prædicti regis Conquestoris continente quod ecclesia prædicta libera sit et quieta imperpetuum ab omni servitute et ab omnibus quæcunque humana mens excogitare potest cum omnibus dignitatibus et consuetudinibus regalibus quas ei regali auctoritate concessit, sicut illa quæ sibi coronam tribuit, et per quam viget decus sui regiminis, &c. Omnes concessionem, donationes, et confirmationes prædictas ratas habens et gratas, eas pro se et hæredibus suis quantum in ipso est concessit et confirmavit sicut cartæ prædictæ rationabiliter testantur.

Præterea volens eidem abbati et conventui gratiam facere ampliorem, concessit eis pro se et hæredibus suis quod licet ipse aliquibus libertatibus aut quietantiis in prædictis cartis contentis, hactenus usi non fuerint, idem tamen abbas et conventus et successores sui libertatibus et quietantiis illis et earum qualibet futuris temporibus absque impedimento ipsius regis vel hæredum suorum vel ministrorum suorum quorumcunque plene gaudeant et utantur. Et profert duas cartas ipsius regis nunc quæ præmissa tes-

tantur, &c. quarum utriusque data est apud Windesore quarto die Octobris anno regni regis nunc sexto. Et eo warranto clamat, &c. Et super hoc dominus rex mandat justiciariis suis hic Breve in hæc verba:

‘Edwardus Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, et dux Aquitanniæ justiciariis suis itinerantibus in Comit. Cantie salutem. Cum nos cartas progenitorum nostrorum quondam regum Angliæ per quas diversæ libertates et quietantiæ dilectis nobis in Christo abbati et conventui de Bello sunt concessæ, jam de novo confirmaverimus per cartam nostram, et insuper concesserimus eisdem abbati et conventui per eandem cartam nostram quod licet ipsi aliqua vel aliquibus libertatum in cartis illis contentarum hactenus usi non fuerint, ipsi tamen et successores sui libertatibus illis et quietantiis et earum qualibet decreto^a plene gaudeant et utantur, prout in carta nostra prædicta plenius continetur. Vobis mandamus quod ipsos abbatem et conventum libertatibus et quietantiis prædictis quamquam ipsi aliqua libertatum et quietanc. earundem in aliis itineribus justiciariorum in comitatu prædicto usi non fuerint, nichilominus coram vobis in itinere vestro prædicto absque impedimento uti et gaudere permittatis juxta tenorem concessionis nostræ supradictæ. Teste meipso apud Eltham sexto die Februarii anno regni nostri septimo.’

Item dominus rex mandavit justiciar. hic per aliud Breve, &c. quod cum per cartas regum, &c. concessum est prædictis abbati et conventui quod ipsi et homines sui quieti sint de schiris et hundredis, nec venire cogantur ad comitat. schiras et hundreda, &c. et quod justiciarii hic contra tenorem cartarum illarum, &c. prædictos abbatem et conventum et homines suos non molestant in aliquo seu gravent, &c. Ideo prædictus Abbas quo ad hæc sine die, salvo, &c.

Et quoad hoc quod clamat habere unum mercatum singulis septimanis apud Havecherst per diem Martis, et unam feriam ibidem singulis annis per tres dies duraturam, cum omnibus quæ ad hujusmodi feriam et mercatum pertinent. Dicit quod dominus rex nunc per aliam cartam suam concessit et confirmavit prædictis abbati et conventui de Bello pro ipso rege et hæredibus suis, quod ipsi abbas et conventus et successores sui imperpetuum habeant unum mercatum singulis septimanis per diem Martis apud manerium suum de Havekherst in com. isto, et uniam feriam ibidem singulis annis per tres dies duraturam viz. in vigilia, in die, et in crastino sancti Laurentii, nisi mercatum illud et feria illa sint ad nocumentum vicinorum mercatorum et vicinarum feriarum. Et profert cartam ipsius regis nunc quæ hoc testatur, cujus data est apud Ebor. tertio die Maii, anno regni regis Edwardi nunc quinto. Et eo warranto clam. &c.

Et quo ad tumbrellum et pillorium dicit quod ipse habet mercata et ferias prout ipse superius clamat, et ratione eorundem clamat habere tumbrellum et pillorium quæ sunt judicialia eorundem.

Et quo ad hoc quod clamat habere hundredum de Wi et unam feriam apud Chalfloke singulis annis per duos dies duraturam. Dicit quod dominus W. quondam rex Angliæ Conquestor dedit ecclesie sancti Martini de Bello regale manerium suum quod vocatur Wy cum omnibus appendiciis suis, &c. Et dicit quod tempore donationis prædictæ prædictum hundredum et prædicta feria de Chalfloke fuerunt de appendiciis manerii prædicti. Et quod ipse et omnes prædecessores sui a tempore quo non extat memoria huc usque prædictis hundredo et feria tanquam pertinentibus ad prædictum manerium de Wy usi sunt sine interruptione. Et hoc ponunt se super patriam, &c. Ideo inquiratur, &c. Jurati de hundredo de Felebergh et Calchulle et similiter milites ad hoc electi, dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod prædictum hundredum de Wy et prædicta feria de Chalfloc tempore domini Willielmi quondam regis Angliæ Conquestoris fuerunt pertinentia ad prædictum manerium de Wy. Et quod prædictus abbas et omnes prædecessores sui a tempore prædicti domini regis Willielmi Conquestoris de prædicto manerio de Wy scil. a tempore quo non extat memoria huc usque habuerunt hundr. illud et feriam tanquam pertinent. ad prædictum manerium de Wy, et illis hucusque sine interruptione usi

^a sc. de cætero.

sunt cum omnibus ad ea pertinentibus. Ideo prædictus abbas quo ad prædicta hundr. mercat. et fer. et prædicta judicialia, &c. sine die salvo jure Regis, &c.

Et quo ad hoc quod clamat habere coronatorem suum proprium in hundredo suo de Wy prædicto, dicit quod prædecessores sui quondam abbates, &c. virtute cartæ prædicti W. quondam regis Angliæ Conquæstoris, et concessionum et confirmationum aliorum regum supradictorum, habuerunt coronatorem suum proprium quousque jam triginta annis elapsis tempore domini regis Edwardi patris regis nunc quod per negligentiam cujusdam prædecessoris sui coronatores de corpore comitatus intromiserunt se de officio coronatoris, &c. Per quod idem abbas nunc obtenta Carta confirmationis domini regis nunc, continente quod licet ipse seu prædecessores sui non fuerint usi aliqua seu aliquibus libertatum prædictarum, idem abbas et successores sui libertatibus illis plene gaudeant et utantur. Idem abbas fecit coronatorem suum proprium sicut prædecessores sui facere solebant, &c. Et super hoc dominus rex mandavit justiciariis suis hic Breve suum in hæc verba:

Edwardus Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, et dux Aquitanniæ justiciariis suis itinerantibus in com. Kanc. salutem. Ex parte dilecti nobis in Christo abbatis de Bello nobis est ostensum, quod cum ipse per cartas progenitorum nostrorum quondam regum Angliæ habeat curiam suam per omnia et regiam libertatem et consuetudinem tractandi de suis rebus et negotiis et justitiam per se tenendam, et quod ecclesia sua de Bello sit libera et quieta ab omni servitute et omnibus quæcunque humana mens excogitare potest cum omnibus dignitatibus et regalibus consuetudinibus et per eosdem progenitores nostros inhibita fuerit super gravi forisfactura, ne quis justiciarius, vicecomes, constabularius, aut aliqui ministri progenitorum nostrorum vel hæredum suorum terras aut tenementa ejusdem abbatis et conventus ejusdem loci ad aliqua facienda quæ ad eorum officium pertinent ingrederentur, seu de terris, redditibus, et possessionibus vel hominibus suis in aliquo se intromitterent. Nosque nuper ad requisitionem prædictorum abbatis et conventus libertates prædictas eis confirmavimus per cartam nostram. Et insuper de gratia nostra speciali eis concesserimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris quod licet ipsi aut eorum prædecessores aliqua vel aliquibus libertatum prædictarum usi non fuissent, ipsi tamen et successores sui libertatibus illis et earum qualibet plene gauderent et uterentur sine occasione vel impedimento nostri, vel hæredum nostrorum, justiciariorum, escaetorum, vicecomitum aut aliorum ballivorum seu ministrorum nostrorum quorumcunque ac prædecessores prædicti abbatis prætextu libertatum et verborum generalium in cartis prædictis contentorum coronatores in terris suis ubique facere consueverunt et habere qui omnia ad officium coronatoris pertinentia infra libertates suas exercere, et de felonis et aliis ad coronam regiam spectantibus quæ infra easdem libertates emergerunt tam coram justiciariis de itineribus ibidem ad placita de corona, quam alia quæcunque easdem libertates tangentia una cum senescallo prædecessorum ipsius abbatis audiend. et terminand. missis, quam coram justiciariis ad gaolas infra libertates illas deliberandum assign. respondere consueverunt, vos nullo habito respectu ad præmissa, præfatum abbatem pro eo quod ipse et quidem prædecessores sui per aliqua tempora super coronatore infra libertatem suam de Wy in com. prædicto habendo fuerant impediti, quamquam prædecessores sui coronatorem ibidem virtute Cartarum prædictarum hactenus aliquibus temporibus præteritis habuerunt, et idem abbas adhuc coronatores suos ubique in aliis terris suis habeat in præsentem super eodem tamen coronatore suo infra dictam libertatem suam de Wy coram vobis in itinere vestro prædicto occasionatis et libertatem illam ei allocare recusatis, minus juste, in ipsius abbatis dispendium non modicum et libertatis ecclesiæ suæ sancti Martini de Bello præjudicium manifestum ac contra concessionem nostram prædictam. Et quia nolumus quod eidem abbati super aliquibus libertatibus suis ei sic per nos taliter de novo confirmatis et concessis aliquantulum præjudicetur, vobis mandamus quod si per inspectionem rotulorum Rogeri de Seitone vel aliquorum aliorum quondam justiciariorum dictorum progenitorum nostrorum itinerantium in com. prædicto, seu per inquisitionem per vos inde faciendam, vobis constare poterit ali-

quem prædecessorem prædicti abbatis coronatorem proprium infra dictam libertatem suam de Wy virtute cartarum prædictarum habuisse, qui officium coronatoris infra eandem libertatem exercuit et non extra, tunc prædictum abbatem coronatorem suum proprium infra eandem libertatem ad ea quæ ad officium coronatoris in eadem libertate pertinent facienda absque impedimento habere permittatis, et eidem abbati libertatem illam allocari faciatis, juxta tenorem confirmationis et concessionis cartarum nostrarum prædictarum, non obstante quod coronatores nostri et progenitorum nostrorum prædictorum forinseci libertatem illam, postquam prædecessores prædicti abbatis coronatorem suum ibidem ut præmittitur habuerunt, sunt ingressi et officia sua exercuerunt in eadem. Teste meipso apud Novum Castrum super Tynam, vicesimo sexto die Maii anno regni nostri septimo.

Et postea inspectis rotulis de itinere Rogeri de Saytone inventa sunt hæc verba irrotulata:

Libertates Abbatis de Bello.

Hundred. de Wy venit per xii. Thom. de Shorn fuit coronator in isto hundredo post ultimum iter, &c. Et adhuc est.

Et super hoc venit Attornatus archiepiscopi Cantuar. et dicit quod manerium de la Broc est de feodo et libertate ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariæ de dominicis terris prioris ejusdem ecclesiæ infra prædictum hundr. de Wy; in quo quidem manerio idem archiepiscopus habet returna omnium Brevium regis per manus vicecomitis Kantiæ qui pro tempore fuerit eidem archiepiscopo seu ministris suis libertatis suæ liberand. et omnia attachiamenta et imprisonmenta infra libertatem suam dicti manerii de Broke qualitercumque emergentia et omnia alia regalia et eorum judicialia, et quod prædictus archiepiscopus et prior seu ministri sui aut prædecessorum suorum nunquam sede archiepiscopatus plena existente fuerunt intendentes alicui abbati de Bello seu ministris suis aut coronatori dicti abbatis nec alicui alii nisi tantum immediate domino regi et ministris regis; quia quidem libertate prædictus archiepiscopus et prædecessores sui a tempore quo non extat memoria hactenus usi sunt. Et dicit quod iter prædicti Rogeri de Leytone tentum fuit prædicta Sede vacante, per quod in præjudicium libertatis prædicti archiepiscopi et ecclesiæ suæ prædictæ nichil de jure fieri potuit pro prædicto abbate in præmissis, &c. Et dicit quod si prædictus abbas coronatorem proprium haberet in prædicto manerio de la Broc, hoc esset in præjudicium et læsionem libertatis ipsius archiepiscopi et ecclesiæ suæ prædictæ, scil. habendi jurisdictionem de præceptis et attachiamentis de hiis quæ ad officium coronatoris pertinent super ipsum archiepiscopum, homines et tenentes suos infra libertatem suam prædicti manerii de la Brok. Et dicit quod dominus rex mandavit justiciariis suis hic per breve suum, quod omnia negotia ipsum tangentia super libertatibus ecclesiæ suæ prædictæ atterminentur ad proximum parliamentum, &c. Et petit quod nihil fiat pro parte prædicti abbatis quo ad coronatorem proprium habendum, &c. in præjudicium ipsius archiepiscopi et læsionem libertatis suæ prædictæ, &c. Et prædictus abbas quæsitus per justiciarium si prædictum manerium de le Brok est infra prædictum prædicti hundr. de Wy, et si clamat habere coronatorem proprium ad faciend. officium coronatoris in eodem manerio, dicit quod sic. Dicit enim quod prædictus rex Conquestor, &c. dedit ecclesiæ ipsius abbatis sancti Martini prædictæ præfatum manerium de Wy, ad quod prædictum hundredum pertinet, sicut prædictum est, cum omnibus regalibus et libertatibus supradictis; quæ quidem regalia et libertates per cartas regum prædictorum et domini regis nunc confirmata sunt, ac etiam ut prædicatur innovata; et ea ratione clamat coronatorem proprium ad faciendum officium coronatoris per totum hundr. prædictum tam in feodis alienis quam propriis. Ex quo per rotulos prædicti Rogeri de Leytone recordatum est quod prædictus Thomas de Shorn fuit coronator in prædicto hundr. de Wy, et paratus est verificare per patriam quod idem Thomas fuit coronator abbatis prædecessoris sui loci prædicti, et fecit officium coronatoris in eodem hundredo et non extra, petit quod inquiratur prout dominus rex per prædictum breve mandavit, &c. pro ipso abbate, &c.

Et archiepiscopus per Attornatum suum dicit ut prius, &c. et quod procedi non debet ad aliquam inquisitionem inde capiend. &c. cum hujusmodi negotium tanget ipsum archiepiscopum et libertatem ecclesiæ suæ prædictæ, &c. Alias etiam coram præfato Rogero de Leytone fuit contentio inter abbatem de Bello prædecessorem, &c. et Ricardum de Clifford tunc custodem prædicti archiepiscopatus super attachiatis et imprisonmentis de prisonibus captis in prædicta villa de Brok, &c. sicut continetur in rotulis ejusdem Itineris ad placita coronæ, &c. Ideo datus est dies prædicto abbati ad prox. parliamentum, &c. nisi dominus rex interim aliud mandavit, &c. Et quo ad coronatorem sicut prædictum est, &c.

NUM. XXII.

Charta Regis Henrici Quarti omnes Donationes factas Abbatæ de Bello in Comitatu Sussexiæ, et omnia Privilegia, Libertates, et Immunitates, ac etiam omnes Chartas Prioratus de Brechnock, qui est Cella Abbatæ de Bello, recitans et confirmans.

[Rot. Pat. 13 H. IV. p. 1, m. 5.]

Rex omnibus ad quos, &c. salutem. Inspeximus cartam domini Edwardi quondam regis Angliæ progenitoris nostri factam in hæc verba: 'Edwardus Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, et dux Aquitaniæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, prioribus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, præpositis, ministris, et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis, salutem.'

Inspeximus cartam celebris memoriæ Henrici quondam regis Angliæ avi nostri in hæc verba:

'Henricus Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, et dux Aquitaniæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, prioribus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, præpositis, ministris, et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem.'

Inspeximus cartam nostram quam dudum fieri fecimus dilectis nobis in Christo abbati et conventui de Bello in hæc verba:

'Henricus Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, dux Normanniæ et Aquitaniæ, et comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, prioribus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, forestariis, vicecomitibus, præpositis, ministris, et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis, salutem. Sciat is nos intuitu Dei et pro anima gloriosi regis Willielmi Conquestoris Angliæ prædecessoris nostri, et pro salute animæ nostræ, et animarum antecessorum et hæredum nostrorum, concessisse, et hac præsentis carta nostra confirmasse pro nobis et hæredibus nostris Deo et ecclesiæ sancti Martini de Bello, et abbati et conventui ejusdem ecclesiæ quam prædictus rex ex voto fundavit, et ut suam dominicam capellam liberam esse voluit, ob victoriam ibidem sibi a Deo concessam, omnes terras, redditus, et possessiones, necnon et ecclesias et cellas cum suis pertinentiis a prædecessoribus nostris, vel ab aliis fidelibus sibi collatas. Concessimus etiam et hac carta nostra confirmavimus eisdem abbati et conventui quod omnes homines sui liberi sint et quieti ab omni theolonio, et mercata sua per totum regnum nostrum ubique absque theolonio faciant, sicut carta domini Henrici regis avi nostri, quam iidem abbas et conventus inde tenent, testatur. Et quod ipsi et eorum successores imperpetuum habeant amerciamenta omnium hominum suorum coram quibuscumque justiciariis, vicecomitibus, aut aliis ballivis nostris amerciati fuerint. Et quod habeant catalla fugitivorum et suspensorum, et quorumcunque dampnatorum qui de ipsis tenuerint; et etiam catalla forinsecorum qui infra libertatem ipsorum judicati fuerint, quæ quidem catalla infra libertatem ipsorum cum ipsis malefactoribus inventa fuerint. Et quod habeant pecuniam de hominibus suis quæ ad murdrum pertinet. Et quod cedentibus, vel decedentibus abbatibus ejusdem loci, ipsi monachi teneant custodiam abbatæ suæ et omnium terrarum et tenementorum ad ipsam pertinentium, et liberam administrationem de omnibus rebus et possessionibus ad eandem abbatiam pertinentibus. Et quod abbatem sibi præficiant de se ipsis, secundum formam electionum de

prælati quæ est in regno nostro, sine impedimento et contradictione nostri et hæredum nostrorum, et ballivorum nostrorum, petita tamen a nobis et hæredibus nostris licentia eligendi, et optenta, et facta electione assensu nostro requisito et optento. Omnes etiam donationes, libertates, quietantias, et consuetudines per cartas prædecessorum nostrorum regum Angliæ et aliorum fidelium eis concessas, cum omnibus prædictis præsentis carta nostra prædictis abbati et conventui et cellis suis regali auctoritate concedimus et confirmamus, sicut prædictæ cartæ plenius testantur. Quare volumus et firmiter præcipimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris quod prædicti abbas et conventus et eorum successores imperpetuum habeant et teneant omnes prædictas donationes et concessiones, libertates, quietantias, et consuetudines, bene et in pace, libere, quiete, et integre, cum prædicta custodia et administratione et electione, et cum omnibus aliis prædictis, sicut prædictum est. Et prohibemus super forisfacturam nostram, ne aliquis justiciarius, vicecomes, constabularius, forestarius, viridarius, aut aliqui alii ballivi nostri, vel eorum ministri in aliquo se intromittant contra hanc concessionem nostram, de terris, redditibus, et possessionibus vel hominibus prædictorum abbatis et conventus, quia ipsos et homines suos, terras, res, redditus, et omnes possessiones suas in specialem protectionem et defensionem nostram suscepimus. Hiis testibus, Petro de Sabaudia, Johanne Maunsel præposito, Benerto Magro, Willielmo de Kilkenny archidiacono Coventrensi, Philippo Lovel, Bertino de Crioll, Johanne de Grey, Johanne de Lexinton, Roberto Waterand, Henrico de Wengham, Stephano Banzan, Nicholao de Sancto Mauro, Willielmo Gernon, et aliis. Dat. per manum nostram apud Westmonasterium decimo die Julii, anno regni nostri tricesimo septimo.

'Is erat tenor sub priore sigillo nostro, quo tunc utebamur, quod quia postmodum mutatum est, cartam prædictam impressione sigilli nostri, quo nunc utimur, duximus consignandam. Nos autem prædictas donationes, concessiones, libertates, et quietantias ratas habentes et gratas, et eisdem abbati et conventui gratiam facere volentes specialem, concedimus eis quod licet ipsi aliquibus libertatibus et quietantiis contentis in cartis suis quibuscumque, eis a prædecessoribus nostris regibus Angliæ et nobis concessis, minus plene hucusque usi fuerint, eisdem libertatibus et quietantiis decenter utantur sine contradictione vel impedimento nostri, et hæredum nostrorum, vicecomitum seu ballivorum nostrorum quorumcumque. Concessimus etiam eisdem abbati et conventui quod habeant et percipiant omnia amerciamenta sua et hominum suorum, et fines et redemptiones eorundem hominum suorum ad nos vel hæredes nostros rationes cujuscumque delicti pertinentium. Salvis nobis et hæredibus nostris finibus quos eundem abbatem et successores suos abbates loci prædicti nobiscum facere contingat. Et quod iidem abbas et conventus teneant returnum omnium brevium nostrorum tam de summonitione scaccarii nostri, quam de aliis, libertatem suam prædictam contingentibus, et quod respondeant ad idem scaccarium de omnibus delictis, summonitionibus, et demandis eandem libertatem tangentibus. Ita quod nullus vicecomes, seu alius ballivus vel minister noster ingrediatur terras aut tenementa eorundem abbatis et conventus, ad aliquas distractiones, summonitiones, aut alia facienda quæ ad officium eorum pertineant, nisi per defectum prædicti abbatis vel ballivorum suorum. Ita tamen quod idem abbas de finibus quos nobiscum fecerit nobis respondeat ad scaccarium nostrum. Et si aliquo casu contingente hujusmodi fines, amerciamenta, et redemptiones hominum suorum prædictorum per ballivos nostros vel hæredum nostrorum levare contigerit, volumus et concedimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, quod hujusmodi amerciamenta, fines et redemptiones per ballivos nostros vel hæredum nostrorum collecta seu recepta, sicut prædictum est, eisdem abbati et conventui et successoribus suis per visum thesaurarii nostri, qui pro tempore fuerit, sine diminutione aliqua restituantur. Hiis testibus veneralibus prælati W. Eboracensi archiepiscopo Angliæ primate, Wynton. et Wygorn. episcopis, Roberto Walerand, Roberto Aguilon, Willielmo de Wyngeshill,^a Ricardo Monet,^b Radulpho de Bakepuz, Rogero de Wauton, Waltero de Burges, et aliis.

^a Wintershall. MS. Hayley.

^b Hounet. Ibid.

Dat. per manum nostram apud Westmonasterium, vicesimo die Maij, anno regni nostri quinquagesimo quarto.^a

Inspeximus cartam Bernardi de Novo Mercato in hæc verba :

‘Sciant omnes præsentēs et futuri quod ego Bernardus de Novo Mercato, concessu domini mei Henrici regis, testimonioque baronum suorum dedi,’ &c.^a

Inspeximus etiam cartam Rogeri quondam comitis Herefordi in hæc verba :

‘Sciant præsentēs et futuri quod ego Rogerus comes Hereford dedi et concessi,’ &c.^b

Inspeximus etiam quandam aliam cartam ejusdem comitis in hæc verba :

‘Notum sit omnibus quod ego Rogerus comes Hereford, pro salutē animæ meæ,’ &c.^c

Inspeximus etiam quandam aliam cartam prædicti comitis in hæc verba :

‘Notum sit omnibus præsentibus et posteris quod ego Rogerus comes Herefordiæ concedo,’ &c.^d

Inspeximus etiam quandam aliam cartam prædicti comitis in hæc verba :

‘Notum sit præsentibus et futuris quod ego Rogerus comes Herefordiæ dedi et hac carta confirmavi monachis de Brechonia,’ &c.^e

Inspeximus etiam cartam Rogeri quondam comitis Herefordi in hæc verba :

‘Siciant omnes tam præsentēs quam futuri quod ego Rogerus comes Herefordi pro salute animæ meæ et antecessorum meorum concedo et confirmo Deo et ecclesiæ sancti Johannis de Brecheneuc, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, in perpetuam elemosinam terram quam Osmundus de Traneleia et uxor ejus dederunt prædictæ ecclesiæ, eadem conventionē quæ inter eos et prædictos monachos fuit, scilicet, totam terram de Traneleia ultra fontem et burgagium in Brecheneuc, et acram extra Barram, libere et quiete ab omni terreno servicio. Hiis testibus, Reginaldo de Waldebeff et Thurstan Bret, Seerio Hagurner, Roberto filio Gunther, Roberto de Traneleya, Mahelo Capellano, Radulpho Capellano, et multis aliis.’

Inspeximus etiam cartam Maiheli de Hereford in hæc verba :

‘Notum sit omnibus tam clericis quam laicis præsentibus et futuris quod ego Maihelus de Hereford,’ &c.^f

Inspeximus etiam cartam Willielmi de Braiosa in hæc verba :

‘Sciant omnes præsentēs et futuri quod ego Willielmus de Braiosa, &c. In primis do corpus meum,’ &c.^g

Inspeximus etiam cartam Willielmi de Braosa quondam domini de Brecheneuc in hæc verba :

‘Sciant præsentēs et futuri quod ego Willielmus de Braosa dominus de Brechen concessi et hac mea carta confirmavi Deo et ecclesiæ sancti Johannis Evangelistæ in Brechen, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, omne dominum quod Radulfus de Baschevill in feudo meo illis dedit, scilicet, molendinum de Trosalreff et gurgitem suum in Levem. Et quia hoc ratum et inconvulsum [*qu. inconcussum*] esse volo, hac præsentī carta et sigilli mei attestatione eisdem confirmo. Hiis testibus, Matilde uxore mea, Willielmo filio meo et Phillippo filio meo, Willielmo de Waldebauff, Willielmo de Burhull, Roberto de Burhull tunc conestabulo, Nicholao de Danmartin, Waltero de Tranelegh, Ricardo capellano meo.’

Inspeximus etiam cartam Reginaldi de Breosa in hæc verba :

‘Sciant præsentēs et futuri quod ego Reginaldus de Breosa dedi et concessi, et hac præsentī carta mea confirmavi, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, pro salute animæ meæ et animarum patris mei et matris meæ et omnium antecessorum meorum, Deo et beatæ Mariæ, et ecclesiæ sancti Johannis de Brechen, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus et servituris, molendinum meum de Lanmays cum tota moltura et sequela sua. Concessi etiam eis ut ipsi prædictum molendinum super aquam ubi situm est in quocumque loco voluerint, prout sibi melius viderint expedire, removeant. Insuper dedi et concessi prædictis monachis

quinque solidos de redditibus meis de villa de Brechin ad luminare emendum ad missam sanctæ Mariæ honorifice quotidie celebrandum, reddendos singulis annis ad festum sancti Johannis Baptistæ. Et ut hæc mea donatio, et concessio, et confirmatio rata et inconvulsa [*qu. inconcussa*] permaneat, cartam istam sigilli mei impressione roboratam eis dedi in testimonium. Hiis testibus, Giraldo archidiacono de Brechin, Ricardo decano Brechin, magistro W. de Capella, Roberto le Wafre, Pagano de Burghelle, Ricardo le Bret, Willielmo Havard, Radulfo janitore, et multis aliis.’

Inspeximus etiam quandam aliam cartam ejusdem Reginaldi in hæc verba :

‘Sciant præsentēs et futuri quod ego Reginaldus de Breosa, pro salute animæ meæ, et antecessorum meorum, et successorum meorum, dono et concedo et hac præsentī carta mea confirmo Deo et beatæ Mariæ et ecclesiæ sancti Johannis de Breken, et monachis meis ibidem Deo servientibus et servituris, quæcumque antecessores mei, scilicet, Bernardus de Novo Mercato fundator ipsius ecclesiæ, et Milo comes, et Rogerus comes Hereford, Walterus, Henricus, Maelus et homines eorum, et dominus Willielmus de Breosa pater meus et homines ejus, dederunt illis, et cartis suis confirmaverunt in ecclesiis, et pertinentiis eorum, in decimis, in terris, et in hominibus, in burgagiis et in burgensibus, in bosco, in plano, in molendinis, in piscationibus, et in omnibus possessionibus, et in omnibus libertatibus, et liberis consuetudinibus, tenenda et habenda libere et quiete ab omni servitio terreno, sicut carta domini Willielmi patris mei et cartæ antecessorum meorum testantur. Et ut hæc mea donatio et concessio rata sit et inconcussa eam sigilli mei munimine roboravi. Hiis testibus G. archidiacono de Brechen et R. decano de Breken, Roberto le Wafre, Ricardo Britone, Pagano de Burghelle, Hoelo filio Traeri, Ruelino filio Madoci, Roberto de Lambilio, Willielmo Havard, Radulfo janitore, et multis aliis.’

Inspeximus etiam cartam Humfridi de Bohun, filii Humfridi de Bohun et Alianoræ de Briosæ, in hæc verba :

‘Sciant præsentēs et futuri quod ego Humfridus de Bohun filius Humfridi de Bohun et Alianoræ de Breosa, pro salute animæ meæ, antecessorum, et successorum meorum, concedo et hac præsentī carta mea confirmo Deo et beatæ Mariæ et ecclesiæ Sancti Johannis Breconie, et monachis meis ibidem Deo servientibus et servituris, quæcumque antecessores mei, scilicet, Bernardus de Novo Mercato fundator ipsius ecclesiæ, et Milo comes et Rogerus comes Hereford, Walterus, Henricus, Maelus, et Willielmus de Breosa avus meus, et homines eorum, illis dederunt et cartis suis confirmaverunt, secundum quod carta Reginaldi de Breosa testatur, in ecclesiis et pertinentiis earum, in decimis, in terris, in hominibus, in burgagiis, in burgensibus, in bosco, in plano, in molendinis, in piscationibus, et in omnibus possessionibus, et in omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus, tenend. et habend. libere et quiete ab omni servicio terreno, sicut carta antecessorum meorum testatur. Et ut hæc mea concessio et confirmatio rata sit et inconcussa, eam sigilli mei munimine roboravi. Hiis testibus, domino Roberto le Wafre, Giliberto de Bohun, Henrico de Sumery, Johanne le Bret, Johanne de Sclar, militibus, Houelo filio Meuric, Roberto de Burhell, Bartholomeo de Lambilio, et aliis.’

Inspeximus etiam cartam Herberti filii Petri in hæc verba :

‘Sciant præsentēs et futuri quod ego Herebertus filius Petri concessi, &c. Deo et ecclesiæ sancti Johannis Evangelistæ, &c. piscationem in Mara,’ &c.^h

Inspeximus etiam cartam Johannis filii Reginaldi quondam domini de Blanloven, et de Dynas, in hæc verba :

‘Sciant præsentēs et futuri quod ego Johannes filius Reginaldi, &c. concessi,’ &c.ⁱ

Inspeximus etiam cartam Radulfi de Baschavilla in hæc verba :

‘Sciant omnes præsentēs et futuri quod ego Radulphus de Baschavilla pro amore Dei, et pro salute animæ meæ, et pro animabus patris mei et matris meæ, et uxoris meæ, et parentum meorum, concessi et dedi ecclesiæ sancti Johannis

^a Vide inter Cart. Brechenochen. Priorat. Num. II.

^b Ibid. Num. III.

^c Ibid. Num. V.

^d Ibid. Num. IV.

^e Ibid. Num. VI.

^f Ibid. Num. VIII.

^g Ibid. Num. X.

^h Ibid. Num. VII.

ⁱ Ibid. Num. IX.

in Brechin, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, in perpetuam elemosinam totum messuagium Sernerii Hortolani in Bredewihin, cum gardino et horto, quod est sub semita quæ ducit ad Wayam, contra vineam et gardinum meum. Et præter hæc dedi eis totam terram quæ jacet inter pratum meum et Wayam secundum terminos quos ego cum hominibus meis providi, et secundum fossam quam Theobaldus prior fieri fecit, cum toto incremento quod Waia imperpetuum faciet. Dedi etiam eis tres acras de terra arabili in Lanilede, juxta terram Dogge pistoris super lacam. Similiter dedi eis in parco meo et in omni bosco meo apud Bredewihin mortuum boscum ad focum eorum. Concessi præterea eisdem et omnibus hominibus eorum liberum transitum ultra Waiam in navi mea. Hæc omnia dedi Deo et monachis sancti Johannis de Brechin libere et quiete sine omni terreno servicio imperpetuum, tenenda et habenda. Et ut hæc mea donatio rata et inconcussa permaneat eam sigilli mei appositione confirmo. Hiis testibus, Willielmo de Braosa, Matilde uxore sua, Willielmo de Braosa, Imene Claro sacerdote, Rogero de Baschavilla, Willielmo de Roldebone, Roberto de Baschavilla, Waltero Thitel, Hugone capellano, Ricardo capellano, et multis aliis.

Inspeximus etiam cartam Johannis Picardi in hæc verba: 'Sciant præsentis et futuri quod ego Johannes Picard concessi Deo et ecclesiæ Sancti Johannis Evangelistæ in Brechin, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, omnes donationes quas Picardus avus meus et Rogerus pater meus eidem ecclesiæ dederunt in terris et decimis, scilicet, terram unam in valle Stradewy secundum terminos ab avo meo eis assignatos, et duas partes decimarum totius domini mei in Stradewy et in Lancefrett, scilicet, de annona de fabis et pisis, de equorum pullis, de vitulis, de agnis, de porcellis, de caseis, de lana et lino, de pomis. Similiter concessi et confirmavi eidem ecclesiæ sancti Johannis in Brechin octo acras apud Scom Clineham, quas homines mei eidem ecclesiæ dederunt, scilicet, quatuor acras quas Hugo filius Rewardi dedit in consecratione cimeterii Sanctæ Elinehæ, et quatuor acras cum parvo prato eis adjacentes quas Gilbertus et Walterus filii prædicti Hugonis dederunt sæpeditæ ecclesiæ, et pro animabus patris et matris eorum. Et quia hoc ratum et inconcussum esse volo sigilli mei appositione illud confirmo. Hiis testibus, Radulpho de Baschavilla, Willielmo de Roil de Bonef, Willielmo Francigena, Maelo, Waltero, Cano, Waltero filio Hlewini, Gregorio clerico, et multis aliis.'

Nos autem donationes, concessiones, confirmationes prædictas ratas habentes et gratas eas pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, dilectis nobis in Christo priori et conventui dicti loci de Brechon, qui est cella præfata abbatissæ de Bello, et successoribus suis concedimus et confirmamus, sicut cartæ prædictæ rationabiliter testantur, et prout iidem prior et conventus, et prædecessores sui, terras et tenementa prædicta hactenus tenuerunt, et ecclesias prædictas habuerunt, et decimas prædictas in locis prædictis perceperunt, et libertatibus prædictis rationabiliter uti sunt et gavisi. Hiis testibus, venerabilibus patribus W. archiepiscopo Cantuariæ totius Angliæ primate, N. Norwicensi episcopo, cancellario nostro, W. Exon episcopo, thesaurario nostro, Johanne de Britannia comite Richmund, Edmundo comite Arundell, Johanne de Warren comite Surrey, Hugone le Despenser juniore, Johanne de Hasting, Simone de Dribi seneschallo hospitii nostri, et aliis. Dat. per manum nostram apud Ebor. sextodecimo die Maii, anno regni nostri quintodecimo.

Nos autem donationes, concessiones, et confirmationes prædictas ratas habentes et gratas eas pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, acceptamus, approbamus, ac dilectis nobis in Christo nunc priori et conventui dicti loci de Brechon et successoribus suis concedimus et confirmamus, sicut cartæ prædictæ rationabiliter testantur, et prout iidem prior et conventus, et prædecessores sui, terras et tenementa prædicta hactenus tenuerunt, et ecclesias prædictas habuerunt, et decimas prædictas in locis prædictis perceperunt, et libertates et quietantias prædictas rationabiliter uti et gaudere consueverunt. In cujus rei testimonium, &c. Dat. apud Westmonasterium xx. die Februarii.

Pro quadraginta solidis solutis in hanaperio.

NUM. XXIII.

Compositio inter Decanum de Bello et Sacristam Monasterii ibidem.

[MS. Hayley, Sussex A. p. 167.]

INTER religiosos viros Willielmum abbatem monasterii S. Martini de Bello Cicestr. dioc. et ejusdem loci conventum ex parte una, et Nicholaum Balle capellæ B. Mariæ Virginis juxta et extra muros monasterii supradicti vicarium perpetuum sive capellanum ac decanum leugæ dictum monasterium ambientis ex altera, super perceptione decimarum garbarum ac silvæ sive bosci necnon fœni et aliarum provenientium de terris atque locis infra prædictam Leugam ac fines et limites parochiæ de Bello supradicto constitutis, nonnullæ lites et controversiæ hactenus sint exortæ; tandem amicabiliter concordarunt quod abbas et conventus habeant omnes et singulas decimas garbarum provenientes de quibuscunque terris sive locis infra prædictam parochiam de Bello jacentibus, jam ad agriculturam redactis sive in posterum redigendis, viz. tam de terris illis, de quibus ipsi abbas et conventus decimas hujusmodi hactenus jure suo perceperunt, quam etiam de terris illis omnibus et singulis, de quibus perpetuus vicarius sive capellanus capellæ beatæ Mariæ supradictæ pro tempore existens decimas hujusmodi percepit. Pro quibus decimis garbarum dicti abbas et conventus præter pensionem annuam xv. solidorum ab olim sacristæ dicti monasterii a prædictæ capellæ vicario sive capellano debet. et solvi consuet. a qua dictus Nicholaus vicarius et ejus successores, vigore præsentis conventionis liberi erunt et quieti in perpetuum, solvent dicto Nicholao decano, vicario, sive capellano, et ejus in dicta capella successoribus futuris in perpetuum, singulis annis, viij. marcas ad summum altare dictæ capellæ, ad duos anni terminos, viz. ad festum S. Michaelis iiij^{or}. marcas, et ad festum Paschæ iiij^{or}. marcas, sub pœna viij. marcarum Capellano sive Vicario dictæ capellæ, una cum principali debito solvendarum, quotiescunque cessaverint a præfata solutione ultra viij^{to}. dies post aliquem prædictorum terminorum; præter etiam expensas prædictus capellanus ob hoc fecerit. Insuper dicti abbas et conventus vicarium, decanum, sive capellanum acquietabunt versus præbendarium de Holynton ac stramen Capellæ antedictæ ad ipsam, juxta antiquam consuetudinem stramentandam ministrabunt annuatim. Licet etiam aliquando futuris temporibus contigerit abbatem et conventum super jure decimarum garbarum vel partis earundem per quamcunque personam ecclesiasticam vel sæcularem, præter Vicarium seu Capellanum dictæ Capellæ gravari, sua vel non sua culpa, nihilominus tenebuntur ad omnia et singula supradicta. Nec ipse Vicarius seu Capellanus ad sumptus aliquos faciendos in defensionem decimarum tenebitur; sed ad hoc solum ut literas tantum procuratorias eis faciat, si necesse fuerit, tales quales in hac parte eis videbitur expedire; et cum juris necessitas id exegerit, ad jurandum de veritate dicenda et respondend. personaliter pro omnibus sumptibus ipsorum abbatis et conventus in judicio comparebit. Decimas vero fœni et alias omnes et singulas provenientes de quibuscunque terris sive locis infra fines et limites dictæ parochiæ de Bello jacentibus, etiam de terris manerii nostri de Merley, cum in manibus firmariorum extiterint, præter decimas garbarum supradictas dictus Nicholaus Decanus, Capellanus, sive Vicarius, nomine capellæ B. Mariæ habebit: exceptis decimis provenientibus de rebus. terris, et locis subscriptis, viz. de terris jacentibus infra septa dicti monasterii; item de terris vocatis le Wyneyerd et ortis quibuscunque dicti monasterii infra prædictam leugam jacentibus, ac de magno parco dicti monasterii, continente septem fere miliaria; item de manso seu curtilagio Sacristariæ, una cum campo ad eam pertinente; item de manso, situ, seu cartilagio elemosinariæ dicti monasterii, una cum campo eidem annexo seu ad eam pertinente, jacente versus magnum parcum; item de terris vocatis le Quariers; item de terris vocatis le Holmys; item de parvo parco dicti monasterii, continente in circuitu i. miliare et dimidium; item de molendinis de Merley et Pyperyngey, cum fuerint in propriis manibus ipsorum abbatis et conventus; itam de molendino vocato Parkmelle; item de arboribus, boscis, sive silvis ipsorum abbatis et conventus, infra

* qu. Sanctam Elineham.

dictam parochiam de Bello ubilibet constitutis, etiam si aliis vendantur, et ab eis prosternantur; necnon de animalibus feris et mansuetis, ac piscibus in eisdem depastis et nutritis, in quorumcunque manibus existant, etiam laicorum, præterquam de dictis molendinis de Merley et Pyperyngy, si in manibus firmariorum extiterint, abbas et conventus omnes et omnimodas decimas, ut præfertur, jure suo proprio percipient. Dat. xxv. Julii anno Domini m.cccc.xv.

NUM. XXIV.

Proposal by John (Kemp) archbishop of York (afterwards of Canterbury), with the assent of the Abbot and Convent of Battell, to found the College of Wye.^a

[Cart. Miscell. Offic. Augment.]

THESE that folwyn be the things that I archebisshop of York desirid of his rizt dier and entierly welbelovid freends the abbot and the covent of S. M. monastie of the Bataille to the worship of God and augmentaçon of the nombꝛ of God's ministꝛ and svice in the chirch of Wy, and fordryng enrichyng and profit of thair toune and lordship ther, the which is like ellis be procees of tyme greetly to decreess and faile as it semyth, and in ptie to the said archebisshops herts ese: first the said archebisshop consideth that the parissch of the said chiroh of Wy is greet and ample in circuite and in noumbꝛ of parisschenis, and of peple oon the grettist of the dioc of Cantirbury, nedying th'for the grett and mor laborius diligence, devoir, svice and entendañce of God's s'vants to ministꝛ hem her sacments and sac^mmentals, and odir gostly fode, and gñally to counsaile hem, stir hem, and cōfort hem to al that may be to thencrees of hir devoçon or gostly hele, ov' this he considith now that the chirch is feir, large, and covenable to a notable nombꝛ of God's ministrs to be occupyd th'inne in divine svice, wher as th' be of prestis for duite no mo belongyng th'to for exçice of the cur or to say divine svice th'inne but a viker, his pissh prest, and the pissh clerk: and for so much the said archebisshop that was boryn and brozt forth w'inne the said pisshe, and wher also meny of the bodyys of his auncetꝛ alyys and freends that be passid to God, the which he desirith especially to be prayyd for restyn, purposith, w^t the helpe and grace of God and the good will and assent of the said abbot and covent, to ordeyne and stablissh in the said chirch a felaship of God's ministrs, that is to say, a maist' and vj. prests, two clerks, and two queristrs, and ov' that a maist' of gramier that shall freely teche w'outyn any thing takyng of hem al tho that wol come to his techyng. To fordryng of the which purpos, and for pcel of sustinance of the which ministrs, he prayyd entierly the said abbot and covent to graunt the vicariage of the said chirch, of the which thai be patronis, w^t al the comoditees and profits belongyng th'to: the said abbot and covent to have in stede of thair patronage of the said vicariage the patronage of the maisthode of the said chañtie or college, and to presente the maist' th'of as oftyen as the maisthode shal voide, as thai do now to the vicariage when hit voidith.

In this the said archebisshop prayyth and besecith the said abbot and covent to graunte hym a pcell of land belongyng unto thaym that lith beside his gardyn at Olyn-tye in the said lordship of Wy, the which pcell of land drawith be estimaçon to the quantite of an acre of lond or ny to, upon the which th' standyn two old hous' wherof that oon was som tyme a fullyng mille, the said archebisshop yevyng for the said acr' as moch as it is worth to any oth' pson and more.

The thirde thing that the said archebisshop prayyth and desirith is, that wher as he doith and owith certayn werke yerly to the said abbot and covent and thair lordship of Wy, for lands that he haldith th'of, that it like hem to agre hem and graunte that the said werke may be turnid and chañgid into a resonable sūme of yerly money to be payyd to the said abbot and covent for hem, undir surch suffisant surete to be avisid and ordeyned th'upon for the said abbot and covent as thai shal mow and wol agre hem unto, the which turnyng and chañge, as thai shal well

knowe, shall be mor avantagious unto thaym. Al things wel consided theñe to have the said werke.

NUM. XXV.

John Gage and Richard Layton to Lord Cromwell, giving their Account of the Dissolution of Battle Abbey.

[MS. Cotton. Cleop. E. iv. fol. 235.]

THESE shalbe to aduertise yo^r. lordeshype that we haue taken thassurance for the kyng, and have caste our bowke for the dispache of the monks and housholde which amovntithe at the leaste to on hundreth pownds, the implementts off housholde be the wurste that euer I se in abbay or priorie, the vestymntts so olde and so bayse, worne, raggede, and torne, as youre lordeshipe wolde not thynke, so that veray smale money canbe made off the vestrye. If your lordeshipe sende vs a hundreth pownds by this bringar, we shall make vp the reste, if hit be possible, of this olde vestrye stuffe, iff we cannot we shall disburse hyt tyll our retorne to your lordeshipe. The churche plate and plate of the house we suppos by estymation will amounte to cccc. marks or more. There is no gret store of catell. This day we be makyng our inventory: thus our Lord continewe yowe in honowre. Frome Batell abbay, the xxvijth. of May.

Your lordeschypes to command

JOHN GAGE.

Yo^r. lordeshipes most humble to commaunde

RIC. LAYTON prest.

NUM. XXVI.

[In a Book of Pensions remaining in the Augmentation Office.]

Penc. for the Monks off Battell.

	c. merks.
Imprimis dñs Johannes Hamonde abbas	c ^{li} .
Richardus Salesherst prior, bauc. in theologia	x ^{li} .
Clemens Westefelde	vj ^{li} . xij ^s . iij ^d .
Johañes Hastyng	vj ^{li} . xij ^s . iij ^d .
Johañes Henfelde bauc. in the ^a	vi ^{li} . xij ^s . iij ^d .
Johannes Austen	vj ^{li} . xij ^s . iij ^d .
Thomas Levett bauc. in the ^a	vj ^{li} . xij ^s . iij ^d .
Vicentius Dunston	vj ^{li} . xij ^s . iij ^d .
Johañes Benyng	vj ^{li} .
Clemens Gregorie	vj ^{li} . xij ^s . iij ^d .
Thomas Cuthebert	vj ^{li} .
Willms Ambrose bauc. in the ^a	vj ^{li} . xij ^s . iij ^d .
Thomas Bede bauc. in the ^a	vj ^{li} . xij ^s . iij ^d .
Johañes Prome	vj ^{li} .
Edouardus Clement	vj ^{li} .
Bartholomeus Cyprian	vj ^{li} .
Jhoes Newton	vj ^{li} .
Ricardus Dartmowthe	vj ^{li} .

THOMAS CRUMWELL.

NUM. XXVII.

Pro Antonio Browne milite de Concessione.

[Pat. 30 Hen. VIII. p. 3.]

REX omnibus, &c. ad quos, &c. salutem. Sciatis quod Nos in consideratione boni, veri, et fidelis servicii quod dilectus serviens noster Antonius Browne miles ante hæc tempora nobis fecit, de gratia nostra speciali, ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, dedimus et concessimus, ac per præsentem damus et concedimus eidem Antonio domum et scitum super Monasterii sive Abbatiæ de Bello in comitatu nostro Sussex monasterio dissoluti, ab totam Ecclesiam, Campanile, et Cœmeterium ejusdem nuper Monasterii sive abbatiæ, necnon omnia mesuagia, domus, ædificia, grangia, stabula, columbaria, stagna, vivaria, ortos, pomaria, gardina, terras et solum nostra, tam infra quam extra, ac juxta seu prope scitum, septum, ambitum, circuitum, et procinctum ejus-

^a This college, according to Bishop Tanner, was founded A.D. 1431.

dem nuper monasterii sive abbatiæ existen. ac unam domum nostram vocatam le Lodge, et unum gardinum cum pertinentiis, ac unum molendinum nostrum aquaticum vocatum le Parke Mylne cum pertinentiis, unum tenementum vocatum le Tylehowse ac tres acras pasturæ eidem pertinentes cum pertin. in Batell in comitatu prædicto, necnon totum parcum nostrum vocatum le Greate Parke existentem in circuitu per estimationem duo miliaria et dimid. et continentem per estimationem trescentas acras terræ in Battell prædicta, et totum illud parvum parcum nostrum vocatum le Lytill Parke existentem in circuitu per estimationem unum miliare et dimid. et continentem in se per estimationem centum acras terræ cum pertinentiis in Batell prædicta in eodem com. Sussexiæ; ac etiam tres campos pasturæ nostros, vocatos Lydcoke alias Sextens, continentes per estimationem viginti sex acras; quinque campos pasturæ nostros, vocatos Spytyll Land, continentes per estimationem viginti et octo acras; unam pasturam nostram vocatam Sowthdowne continentem per estimationem sexdecim acras; unam pasturam nostram vocatam le Procession Strake; et unum parvumcroftum terræ eidem adjacentem, continentem per æstimationem duas acras; unam pasturam nostram vocatam le Vyneyard Ponds, continentem per estimationem duas acras; unam pasturam nostram vocatam le Marlyngs, continentem per estimationem septemdecim acras; unam pasturam nostram vocatam le Greate Holmes continentem per estimationem septemdecim acras; unam pasturam nostram vocatam le Newegrounde, continentem per estimationem viginti acras; unam pasturam nostram vocatam le Cleypitts; et unam aliam pasturam nostram jacentem extra lez Butts continentem per estimationem viginti acras; unam pasturam nostram vocatam le Cleypitts; et unam aliam pasturam nostram jacentem extra lez Butts continentem per estimationem viginti acras; unam pasturam vocatam le Greate Mansy continentem per estimationem sexdecim acras; unam pasturam nostram vocatam le Lytyll Mansy juxta finem gardinorum continentem per estimationem quinque acras; unam aliam pasturam nostram vocatam le Mansy juxta lez Butts continentem per estimationem quinque acras; unam pasturam nostram vocatam le Hogparke continentem per estimationem duas acras; unam pasturam nostram vocatam le Cellerers rayles, et unum campum pasturæ vocatum le Bromfeld, continentem per estimationem sexaginta acras; ac etiam unum campum terræ nostrum vocatum at Ballyngfeld, continentem per estimationem undecim acras; unum campum terræ nostrum vocatum le Newgrounde, continentem per estimationem viginti acras; et unum campum terræ nostrum vocatum le Newground continentem per estimationem viginti duas acras; necnon unum pratum nostrum vocatum le Calbekmeyde, alias vocatum Sextens, continentem per estimationem quindecim acras; duo prata vocata Bencrofte et Stewemeyde, continentem per estimationem sex acras; unum pratum nostrum vocatum Culvermede continentem per estimationem quatuor acras; unum pratum nostrum vocatum le Long mede, continentem per estimationem decem acras; unum pratum nostrum vocatum le Pasture felde, continentem per estimationem decem acras; unum pratum nostrum vocatum le Long mede, continentem per estimationem duas acras; unum pratum nostrum vocatum le Ambery mede, continentem per estimationem tres acras et dimid.; tria prata nostra vocata le Spytylland-Medowes, continentes per estimationem quindecim acras; et unum pratum nostrum vocatum Horspond-Mede, continentem per estimationem quinque acras; ac totum mariscum nostrum vocatum Marshal Mershe, continentem per estimationem sexaginta et sex acras; ac etiam totum illud mesuagium, grangiam, et firmam nostram vocat. Marley ferme, cum omnibus et singulis suis pertin. in Batell prædicta; ac unam pasturam nostram vocatam Bolsham feld continentem per estimationem duodecim acras; et unum campum pasturæ nostrum vocatum Hukhamfeld, continentem per estimationem duodecim acras; et duos campos pasturæ nostros vocatos Rolfs continentes per estimationem sex acras; unum campum pasturæ nostrum vocatum Petley, continentem per estimationem septem acras; unum parvum campum pasturæ nostrum jacentem juxta Corneowre, continentem per estimationem duas acras; duos campos pasturæ nostros vocatos Northboters, continentes per estimationem sexaginta acras; et unam pasturam nostram vocatam Wellandefelde, continentem per estimatio-

nem duodecim acras; necnon unum campum terræ nostrum vocatum le Shepefeld, continentem per estimationem novem acras et dimidiam; unum campum terræ nostrum vocatum Corneowre, continentem per estimationem viginti sex acras; unum campum terræ nostrum vocatum Marley lond, continentem per estimationem duas acras; et tria parva crofta terræ nostra jacentia retro domum sive mansionem dictæ firmæ vocat. Marley ferme, continen. per estimationem sex acras; ac etiam unum pratum nostrum vocatum Welland, continentem per estimationem viginti acras; unum aliud pratum nostrum vocatum Bowland, continentem per estimationem octodecim acras; unum pratum nostrum vocatum Sedelescombe, continentem per estimationem viginti acras; unum pratum nostrum jacentem retro orreum dictæ firmæ de Marley, continentem per estimationem sexdecim acras; et unum pratum nostrum vocatum Cheshewse mede, continentem per estimationem octo acras; ac unum magnum stagnum nostrum sive meram vocat. Bernhornpond, cum pertin. jacentem infra parochiam de Howe in comitatu prædicto; ac etiam decem acras terræ nostras, parcelas manerii de Bernhorn in comitatu prædicto contigue et proxime adjacentes dicto stagno sive meræ vocat. Bernhornpond; necnon omnes et omnimodas decimas quascumque omnium et singulorum præmissorum, aut de, in, vel super eisdem, seu aliqua inde parcella, annuatim renovantium, crescentium, sive provenientium; ac etiam totam decimam granorum sive bladum parochiæ sive villæ de Battell prædicta: quæ omnia et singula præmissa, superius expressa et specificata, scituantur, jacent, et existunt in Batell, Marley, et Howe, in dicto comitatu nostro Sussex, et dicto nuper Monasterio spectabant et pertinebant; necnon totum dominium et manerium nostrum de Batell in eodem comitatu Sussex. cum suis membris et pertinentiis universis dicto nuper Monasterio sive Abbatiæ spectantem et pertinentem, ac rectoriam, advocacionem, donationem, præsentationem, et jus patronatus ecclesiæ parochiæ de Batell in com. prædicto; ac etiam advocacionem, donationem, et præsentationem vicariæ ecclesiæ parochiæ de Batell in eodem comitatu nostro de Sussex; necnon omnia et singula mesuagia, terras, tenementa, molendina, tofta, cotagia, prata, pascuas, pasturas, mariscos, communias, cursus faldagiorum ovium, boscos, sub-boscos, vasta, aquas, stagna, vivaria, parcos, warrennas, redditus, reversiones, servicia, firmas, feodi-firmas, annuitates, redditus tenentium et firmariorum pro termino vitæ vel annorum, aut per copias rotulorum curiarum seu ad voluntatem, feod. militum, warda, maritagia, escaet. relevia, curias-letas, vis. franciplegii, ac alia possessiones et hæreditamenta nostra quæcumque tam spiritualia quam temporalia cujuscumque sint generis, naturæ, vel speciei, seu quibuscumque nominibus censeantur, sciantur, vel cognoscantur in Batell, Marley, Sedelescombe, Watlington, Horsmountishurst, Wartlington, Cattesfeld, Telling, Ukham, Swynham, Wyllingdon, Westdene, Holyngton, Beckyshill, Bodyham, Agmershirste, in dicto comitatu nostro Sussex, et in Romney Mershe in comitatu nostro Kancie dicto nuper Monasterio sive Abbatiæ quoquo modo spectan. sive pertinen. adeo plene et integre ac in tam amplis modo et forma prout Johannes Hamond nuper abbas dicti nuper monasterii sive abbatiæ, aut aliquis prædecessorum suorum abbatum ejusdem monasterii sive abbatiæ in jure nuper monasterii sive abbatiæ illius tempore dissolutionis ejusdem nuper monasterii sive abbatiæ, vel unquam antea, omnia prædicta situm, maneria, parcos, mesuagia, terras, tenementa, et cætera omnia et singula præmissa superius expressa et specificata, cum pertin. habuerunt, tenuerunt, vel gavis fuerunt, habuit, tenuit, vel gavisus fuit, seu habere, tenere, vel gaudere debuerunt, seu debuit, et adeo plene et integre, ac in tam amplis modo et forma, prout ea omnia et singula ad manus nostras ratione et prætextu dissolutionis dicti nuper Monasterii sive Abbatiæ [aut] quocumque alio modo devenerunt seu devenire debuerunt, ac in manibus nostris jam existunt seu existere debent vel deberent, habend. tenend. et gaudend. omnia et singula prædicta situm, maneria, parcos, mesuagia, terras, tenementa, vis. franciplegii, curias letas, et cætera omnia et singula præmissa superius expressa et specificata cum pertin. præfato Antonio Browne, hæredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum tenend. de nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris in capite per servitium unius feodi militis, ac per annum redditum duodecim librarum ad curiam augmenta-

tionum reventionum coronæ nostræ ad festum sancti Michaelis archangeli annuatim solvend. pro omnibus redditibus, servitiis, et demandis quibuscumque proinde nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris quoquo modo reddend. solvend. vel faciend. Et ulterius, de uberiori gratia nostra damus [et] per præsentis concedimus præfato Antonio Browne omnia et omnimoda exitus, redditus, revenciones, et proficua omnium et singulorum prædictorum scilicet manerium, terrarum, tenementorum, et cæterorum præmissorum superius expressorum et specificatorum cum pertin. a festo sancti Michaelis archangeli ultimo præterito huc usque provenientium sive crescentium habend. eidem Antonio absque Compoto seu aliquo alio proinde nobis, hæredibus, vel successoribus nostris quoquo modo reddend. solvend. vel faciend. Et ulterius de uberiori gratia nostra dedimus et concessimus, ac per præsentis pro nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris volumus, damus, et concedimus præfato Antonio Brown, hæredibus et assignatis suis, quod idem Antonius, hæredes et assignati sui, imperpetuum habebunt, tenebunt, et gaudebunt, ac habere, tenere, et gaudere valeant et possint de tempore in tempus annuatim omnia et omnimoda, ac tot, tanta, talia, et hujusmodi visus franciplegii, letas, curias, hundredas, lawedaies, socas, returna brevium, cognitiones placitorum, ac alia jura, jurisdictiones, potestates, libertates, franchises, consuetudines, privilegia, proficua, emolumenta, et commoditates quæcumque in Batell et Marley prædicta, quot, quanta, qualia, et quæ Johannes Hamond nuper abbas dicti nuper Monasterii sive Abbathie, aut aliquis prædecessorum suorum abbatum ejusdem nuper Monasterii sive Abbathie in jure nuper Monasterii sive Abbathie illius tempore dissolutionis ejusdem nuper Monasterii sive Abbathie vel unquam antea quoquo modo habuerunt, tenuerunt, vel gavis fuerunt, habuit, tenuit, vel gavisus fuit, seu habere, tenere, vel gaudere debuerunt seu debuit in Batell et Marley prædictis, habend. utend. et gaudend. omnia et singula eadem, visus franciplegii, letas, curias, hundredas, lawe daies, socas, returna brevium, cognitiones placitorum, jura, jurisdictiones, potestates, franchises, consuetudines, privilegia, proficua, emolumenta, et commoditates præfato Antonio Browne, hæredibus et assignatis suis, imperpetuum, absque compoto seu aliquo alio proinde nobis, hæredibus, vel successoribus nostris, quoquo modo reddend. solvend. vel faciend. Et ulterius de ampliori gratia nostra volumus ac per præsentis pro nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris concedimus præfato Antonio Browne, hæredibus et assignatis suis, im-

perpetuum, quod nos, hæredes, et successores nostri de tempore in tempus imperpetuum exonerabimus, acquietabimus, et indemnes conservabimus eundem Antonium Browne, hæredes et assignatos suos, versus quascunque personas tam de omnibus et omnimodis corrodiis, redditibus, feodis, annuitatibus, et pensionibus quam de aliis quibuscumque denariorum summis, de, in, vel super præmissis seu aliquo præmissorum onerat. vel de eisdem præmissis seu aliqua inde parcella exeun. seu solven. præterquam de redditibus et serviciis superius per præsentis nobis reservatis, ac de quadam annuali feodo sive vadio centum solidorum sterlingorum, sub sigillo conventuali dicti nuper monasterii sive abbatie concessio Ambrosio Comport pro termino vite sue, et de quadam annua pensione centum sex solidorum et octo denariorum annuatim solvendorum Decano de Batell et successoribus suis pro tempore existentibus imperpetuum. Volentes etiam et per præsentis firmiter injungend. præcipient. tam cancellario nostro curiæ nostræ augmentationum reventionum coronæ nostræ pro tempore existen. quam quibuscumque aliis officiariis et ministris nostris quod ipsi et eorum quilibet super solam demonstrationem harum literarum nostrarum Patentium absque aliquo alio Brevi seu warranto a nobis, hæredibus, vel successoribus nostris impetrand. optinend. seu prosequend. de tempore in tempus, imperpetuum, plenam, integram, debitamque exonerationem, allocationem, defalcationem, et deductionem præfato Antonio Brown, hæredibus et assignatis suis, de omnibus et omnimodis hujusmodi corrodiis, redditibus, feodis, annuitatibus, pensionibus, et denariorum summis de præmissis, ut præfertur exeuntibus seu solvendis, vel super eisdem oneratis, præterquam de redditibus, pensionibus, et denariorum summis superius nominatim et expressatim exceptis, dabunt, facient, et fieri causabunt, et hæc literæ nostræ patentes erunt tam dicto cancellario nostro curiæ nostræ augmentationum reventionum coronæ nostræ pro tempore existenti quam quibuscumque aliis officiariis et ministris nostris sufficien. warrantum et exoneratio in hac parte. Volumus etiam et per præsentis concedimus eidem Antonio Browne quod habeat has literas nostras patentes sub magno sigillo nostro Angliæ debito modo factas et sigillatas absque fine seu feodo magno vel parvo in hanaperio nostro seu alibi ad usum nostrum quoquo modo reddendo, solvendo, seu faciendo, eo quod expressa mentio, &c. In cujus rei, &c. Teste rege apud Westm. xv°. die Augusti.

Per Breve de privato sigillo, &c.

VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Return, 26 Hen. VIII. First Fruits Office.)

DIOC. CICESTREN.

ABBATIA DE BATTELL UNDE JOHANNES HAMOND EST ABBAS.

Com' Sussex'		£.		s.	d.
Battell, Sellscombe, Cattisfeld, et Pevensey . .	Terr' Dominical'	20	0	0	
Alcyston	Manerium	61	17	0	
- - - - -	Dom' Tegul'	2	0	0	
Alfriston	Manerium	3	13	4	
Lullyngton	Firma Maner'	16	11	8	
- - - - -	Redd' Assis'	19	8	9	
- - - - -	Maner' de Clopham	6	13	4	
Appultram prope Cicestr'	Manerium	29	8	0	
Barnehorne	Firma Maner'	27	12	10½	
- - - - -	Redd'	0	12	0	
Pevensey	Terr' Marisc'	0	14	0	
Wadeherst	Terr' voc' Snape	1	6	8	
Tyseherst	Maner' voc' Bereherst	2	13	4	

Com' Sussex'			£.	s.	d.
Ecchyngnam	Terr' et Ten'		1	0	0
Bodyham et Eweherst	Prat' cum al' Terr'		3	6	8
Morewell et Brodgrove	Terr'		1	1	8
- - - - -	Parv' Firm' in Marley		9	11	4½
Battell	Terr' Ten' &c.		103	13	6½
Gestelyng	Maner' voc' Mexfeld		5	6	8
Cattisfeld	Redd' Terr'		0	10	0
Com' Kanc'					
Wye	Firma Maner'		47	12	4½
- - - - -	Un' Molend'		5	13	4
- - - - -	Townesbarne		7	14	8
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' Custum' &c.		102	3	2½
Estkyngisnoth	Maner'		22	15	5
Westkyngisnoth	Maner'		5	0	0
Byddinden	Maner' voc' Wachenden		9	13	4
Lydde	Maner' voc' Dengemershe		4	9	5½
Crainbrok	Maner' voc' Anglyngle		7	7	0
Hawkeherst	Maner' voc' Morehouse				
Com' Surr'					
Southwark	Firm' et Redd'		41	13	4
- - - - -	Tenementa prope Batelbrige, &c.		28	6	0
- - - - -	Un' Mol' Aquat'		3	6	8
Com' Essex'					
Hoton	Firma Maner'		22	0	0
- - - - -	Ten' &c.		13	17	4½
Com' Southton'					
Alton	Maner' voc' Ansty		10	6	8
Com' Berk'					
Brightwalton	Maner'		32	0	0
Com' Oxon'					
Crowmarshe	Maner'		13	6	8
Com' Wiltes'					
Bromham	Firma Maner'		9	0	0
- - - - -	Redd'		23	10	8
Clenche	Firma Maner'		3	13	4
Com' Sussex'					
Ikesham	Rectoria		17	6	8
Westfeld	Rectoria		6	6	8
Mankesey	Pensio		0	16	0
Novus Prioratus	Pensio		0	2	0
Warbylton	Pensio		1	0	0
Robertsbridge	Pensio		0	4	0
Batell	Decim' in Villis prope Batell		0	12	0
- - - - -	Profic' Oblac' ibm		0	13	4
Alcyston et Barnehorne	Decim' Granorum		2	0	0
Com' Suff'					
Lnnyng	Rectoria		31	0	0
Bramford	Rectoria		23	13	4
Brame	Pensio		1	6	8
Norton	Pensio		1	0	0
Trillowe	Pensio Vicar'		0	2	0
Monchale et Cromeshale	Pensio		2	0	0
Aylesham	Rectoria		20	6	8
Myddenhale	Pensio		13	6	8
Com' Berk'					
Bryghtwalton	Pensio		3	6	8
Com' Wiltes'					
Bromeham	Portio Decim'		2	0	0
Hempsted . . . . .	. . . . .		8	6	8
Lymesfeld	Pensio		0	2	0

Summa totalis Valoris tam Spiritualium quam Temporalium predictæ Abbatiæ . . 987 0 10

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 30 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

ABBATIA DE BELLO.

Com' Sussex'		£.	s.	d.
Scitus Monaster' cum Terris dominicalibus		120	0	4½
Chauntersdowne in Cattysfeld	Firma Terr'	0	10	0
Wysshehouse	Mess' et Terr'	3	6	8
Bereherst	Maner'	2	13	4
Estlease	Terr'	0	14	0
Snape	Terr'	1	6	8
Stretyng	Terr'	1	0	0
Mexfeld	Maner'	5	8	8
Baronslond	Terr'	0	6	0
Gestelyng	Redd' Terr'	1	0	6
Morewell et Brodegrove in Parochia de Ikelysham	Terr'	0	13	4
Ikelysham	Terr'	0	8	4
Apultam prope Cicestr'	Redd' Cust' Ten'	14	1	4
- - - - -	Firma Maner'	15	6	8
Barnhorne	Maner'	23	0	5
- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Ten'	6	15	3½
- - - - -	Redd' Mobil'	0	2	4
- - - - -	Molend' Ventrit'	1	4	0
Com' Kanc'				
Lullyngton et Aulfryston	Redd' Assis' Lib' et Cust' Ten'	19	7	3½
- - - - -	Firma Maner'	16	11	8
Clopham	Firma Maner'	6	13	4
Lyde et Denmarshe	Redd' lib' Ten'	13	0	6½
Dengemarshe	Firma Maner'	22	0	0
Northlade	Tenementum sic vocatum	20	0	0
Hawkeherst	Redd' Assis'	8	10	4
Sulleige	Redd' Piscat' voc' le Sulleige	0	6	0
Com' Surr'				
Southwark	Ten't et Gardin'	31	12	8
Alycyston	Maner'	63	17	0
Alfryston	Maner'	3	13	4
Anglyngley	Maner'	7	7	0
Samford Magna	Firma Rector'	10	0	0
Hempstede	Capell'	8	6	8
Com' Sutht'				
Ansty in Alton	Maner'	10	6	8
Bryghtwalton	Maner' cum Pens' Rector'	32	0	0
Com' Berk'				
Crowmarshe prope Wallingford	Firma	13	6	8
Bromham et Clench	Firma Manerij	34	0	0
Ikelysham	Rectoria	17	6	8
Iknyng	Rectoria	22	0	0
Westfelde	Rectoria	6	6	8
Bramford	Rectoria	8	0	0
Aylesham	Rectoria	20	6	8
Lymesfeld, Brodham, et Oxstede, cum Rector'				
de Lymesfeld	Non respond'			
Com' Kanc'				
Wye Dominium	Redd' Assis', &c.	94	4	6½
- - - - -	Firm' Scit' Maner' cum Rector' et			
- - - - -	Sacrist'	77	9	0½
- - - - -	Firma Molend'	5	13	4
Craphyll	Horreum et Decim' Garb'	2	13	4
Nacholt	Firma Tegularie	4	18	2
Towne, alias Townesbarne	Firma Horrei	2	4	8
Helond Wood	Terr' Silvestr'	0	13	4
Estkyngsnothe	Firm' Terr'	0	7	8

Com' Sussex'

£. s. d.

Estkyngsnothe, Westkyngsnothe, Morehouse, Wathynden, cum Terr' in Bodyndon, Al- deryngdon, et Icherige	Scit' &c. Maneriorum	45	8	9
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'	8	3	5½
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	6	9	6
- - - - -	Communis Finis	0	13	11
Mankesey, Warbylton, Barnhorne, Braime, Norton, Tryllow, Monchall, Cromeshall, Myldenhall, Bryghtwalton, Bromham, Kyngsnoth, Hawkeherst,	} Rector' } Vicar' } Rector'			
		} Pensiones et Portiones		
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Priory of Brecon, or Brecknock,

IN

WALES,

A Cell to Battle Abbey.



ERNARD de Novo Mercato, or Newmarch, a Norman baron,* by the advice of Roger his confessor, a monk of Battle, built, without the walls of Brecknock Castle, in the time of Henry I. a priory for six Benedictine monks; which he liberally endowed, dedicated it to St. John the Evangelist, and made it subordinate to Battle abbey. The following were the lands and pos-

sessions appropriated to this priory at its first foundation: the churches, lands, and tithes of Bodenham and Brunshope in Herefordshire, Pattingham in Staffordshire, and Har-

dington in Somersetshire; the manor of Berrington in Herefordshire, expressly said to have been bestowed by Agnes the wife of Bernard; Llanywern, Talgarth, Llangorse, and a portion of tithes in Llansaintfread in Brecknockshire; the lordship of Caernoys (Caerbannau), which in the charter of Battle abbey is called the old town, and one carucate of land adjoining a mill upon the Usk, and two thirds of another upon the river Hondda; the chapel within the walls of Brecknock castle; lands called Costinio, supposed to be Llangasty tâl y llyn near Brecknock mere; lands near Llyfni; and the tithes of Hay: beside other lands and domains given by the "homines," the followers or homagers of Bernard. Picard gave three carucates of land, with the tithe of all his corn and animals in Wales; Richard, called Cenomannicus, and Harold, gave a carucate each; Walter de Cropus his tithe in Lansefred, with the church of Clibery; Wlgerius certain tithes in Wales; Walter de Line-

* Jones, in his History of Brecknockshire, vol. i. p. 91, states the reduction of that county by Bernard de Newmarch to have taken place, according to some accounts, in 1092, according to others, earlier. Tanner merely says he was one of those Norman lords, who, being called in to help Jestin against Prince Rhesus, obtained the country for themselves. He was a friend and follower of K. William the Conqueror, though not, as the Welsh accounts would make him, his uterine brother. He died in the reign of Henry the First, and was buried,

according to Leland, Itin. vol. iv. p. 52, in the cloister of the cathedral church of Gloucester; where, upon the wall of the chapter-house, was this inscription, "Hic jacet Bernardus de Novo Mercatu:" though Jones says, the inhabitants of Brecknock used to show his monument in the priory church. Hist. Breckn. ut supra, p. 97. Dugdale has given an extract from a Cottonian manuscript relating to the succession of the lords of Brecknock, from Bernard de Newmarch to Humphrey de Bohun in the thirteenth century. See the App. of Instr. Num. I.

halle, Roger de Bachevilla, William Fitz Girold, and Robert de Eurois a burgess each; and Richard Fitz Ralph gave the land of Firmin and of Ralph Cornutus.^a

The principal management of the new foundation was given to one WALTER, an intimate friend of Roger, and a brother monk of Battle abbey, who, upon its completion, was made prior, and charged with the annual payment of twenty shillings, as a token of obedience to the parent Monastery.

Roger earl of Hereford and lord of Brecknock, son of Milo Fitzwalter, succeeded to his father's possessions in 1143 or 1144. He augmented the privileges and revenues of the monks of Brecknock by no fewer than five charters. Of these the four first will be found in the Appendix of Instruments.

By the first charter he granted to the prior and convent the privilege of holding courts. He also granted them the land of St. Paulinus upon the mere (now called Llan-gorse pool), with the liberty of fishing there three days in the week, and every day during the seasons of Lent and Advent. He gave them the tithes of all his colts, calves, lambs, cheese, wool, and flax, and of all things titheable within the forests throughout the whole lordship of Brecknock, and the tithes of whatever might be provided for consumption within his demesne, whether he should be resident or absent: the tithe of his larder at Haye; the tithe of cattle arising from the free gift of the Welshmen; the tithe of plunder taken in war from his enemies; and commonage throughout the territory of Brecknock. Lastly, he confirmed and enlarged the charter of his grandfather, Bernard de Newmarch.^b

By the second, he confirmed the full, free, and peaceable jurisdiction of the monks over all the lands and possessions of their tenants. He also granted them the tithes of all bread and drink which should be expended in his castle of Brecknock, and in all other his demesnes throughout the lordship; or, in lieu thereof (to guard against the speculation or neglect of servants), the tithes of all his corn at the doors of his grange at the castle of Brecknock, at Talgarth, and Haye; likewise of all pulse, which, after first tithing, should be discharged from the claims of other churches to which they had been before granted; and should any lands or manors out of the lordship of Brecknock, by any event, come into his hands, he granted them the like privileges thereon. He also gave the monks by this charter the tithes of all tolls arising from the carriage of goods from his lordships in England to his territories in Wales; confirmed to them the churches of Talgarth, Mara (or Llan-gorse) Llanigon, Llangelen (perhaps Llanellieu), and Cathedin, in Wales, as well as the English churches mentioned in the charter of Bernard de Newmarch. He gave them the tithes of the profits of all his pleas, tolls, gifts, and returns issuing from Brecknock, and of all goods and chattels which he had gained in Wales: and renewed and confirmed to them the rights of fishing and free pasturage, as mentioned in the former charter.^c

By the third charter he again confirmed to the monks their right of holding courts; and granted them a certain ruined city, or rather the site of a city, called Carneys, with its dependencies, extending from Aberescir as far as the brook of Cilieni, and Llangwern as far as Maeslydan. He also gave them all the mills within the parish of Brecknock, with the entire tolls thereof, and all the customs, liberties, and appurtenances belonging thereto; prohibiting the erection of any other mill within the parish, excepting by the monks alone. He also granted them certain lands called Trewalkin and Penllanavel; concluding with a recital and renewal of his former grants.^d

The fourth charter is little more than a confirmation of his former benefactions with the additions of the tithes of pigs of his pannage: "de pannagio meo."^e

The fifth charter is noticed, by Inspeximus, in one of King Henry the Fourth to the abbey of Battle, and has been already printed among the Instruments appended to the account of that Monastery. By this the earl of Hereford confirmed to the monks of Brecknock in perpetual alms certain lands given to them by Osmund de Traveleia, with a burgage in Brecknock, and an acre of land "extra barram," without the walls.^f

Maihel de Hereford, brother of Earl Roger, also granted a charter of confirmation to the monks, which will be found in the Appendix of Instruments.^g

William de Breos, or Braiosa, in the time of Henry the Second, granted two charters to Brecknock priory. By one he gave his body to the church of St. John the Apostle and Evangelist in Brecknock, to be conveyed thither from whatever place it might please God he should die, whether in England or Wales, that being the church beyond all others he revered, because upon St. John, after God and the holy Mary, he placed his greatest trust. He then confirms the charters of his predecessors, and finally grants to all persons belonging to the church of St. John, as well burgesses as others, privileges and exemptions from all levies and contributions payable to chief constables, and from all fines for common trespasses and defaults, and gives to the monks the goods of felons convicted within their jurisdiction; at the same time reserving to himself and the officers of his court the right of determining and pronouncing all judgments affecting life or limb.^h By the second charter he confirms a certain demesne which Ralph de Baschevilla gave them within his barony, called the mill of Trosalref and its stream in Levem; i. e. Trosdref mill upon the river Llyfni or Lleveni.ⁱ

Other charters will be found in the Appendix, of Herbert Fitz Peter and John Fitz Reginald.^j

Humphrey de Bohun, earl of Hereford, also appears upon the list of benefactors to this priory. He confirmed all the grants of his predecessors.^k He died in 1298.^l

Such are the instruments more immediately granted by the lords of Brecknock.

Mr. Jones, in his History of Brecknockshire, has given the substance of numerous other charters to Brecknock priory, copies of which are preserved among Carte's manuscript collections in the Bodleian library at Oxford. These are,

1. A charter of Henry the First in the twenty-seventh year of his reign, A.D. 1127, exempting the abbat and convent of Battle and the religious *Cells belonging to them* from the payment of tolls throughout the kingdom, and giving them all amerciements, goods, and chattels of felons, and the trial of offenders through their jurisdiction.^m

2. A charter from Bernard the Norman, bishop of St. Davids from 1116 to 1149, granting to the prior and convent the chapel of Saint Alud, or Elyned, near Swlch.ⁿ

3. Another charter from the bishop, confirming a grant of William Revel to the church of Hay. This document is printed in Bishop Kennett's Case of Improvements, App. num. iii. ex Cartulario Prioratus S. Johannis Evang. de Brechon, fol. 47.^o

4. An award by Robert de Betune, prior of Llanton, elected and consecrated bishop of Hereford in 1131, upon a dispute referred to him, with the approbation of, and under the pope's authority, between the prior and convent of Brecon and the abbat and monks of Gloucester, by which he directs, that, in consideration of the brethren of Brecon relinquishing their claim to the tithes of wool,

^a See the Charter Num. II. Compare also Jones, vol. i. pp. 96, 97.

^b See Num. III.

^c Mr. Jones says, for the elucidation of this passage it may be necessary to remark that Bernard Newmarch had before granted considerable tithes in this county to the monks of Gloucester, as had Earl Milo to the monks of Malvern; which claims were necessarily to be satisfied before the grant of Earl Roger could have effect. Hist. Breckn. ut supr. vol. i. p. 107, Note.

^d See Num. IV. and Jones, ut supr. from whose History the modern names of the different places have been obtained.

^e Num. V.

^f Num. VI.

^g See the App. of Instrum. to Battle monastery, Num. XXII. Compare also Jones, Hist. Breckn. vol. i. pp. 107, 108.

^h Num. VII.

ⁱ Num. VIII.

^j See the App. to Battle Mon. Num. XXII. Jones, ut supr. pp. 122, 123.

^k See Numm. IX. X.

^l App. to Battle Mon. ut supr., where one or two other charters to Brecknock are also preserved.

^m Jones, ut supr. vol. i. p. 146.

ⁿ Hist. Breckn. vol. ii. p. i. pp. 73, 74.

^o Ibid. p. 74.

^p Ibid.

cheese, lambs, and calves, of the demesne of Talgarth (which belonged to them), to the abbat of Gloucester, the latter shall cede to the former the tithes of calves and lambs within the forest of Brecon, reserving to himself the tenths of the chase and the slaughter-house at Christmas yearly.^a

5. A deed dated upon the fifth of the kalends of July, 1152, in which David Fitzgerald bishop of St. Davids, at the petition of Ralph the prior and the whole convent, confirms to them the church of Saint Aissilde (Saint Hailide or Saint Alud) granted to them by his predecessor; and further to increase the charity and devotion of those who should come annually at the feast of the Virgin Mary, or within three days afterwards, to visit the convent, grants certain immunities and pecuniary privileges for thirty days while such persons are going or returning.^b

6. A Confirmation from Gilbert Foliot, bishop of Hereford, of a grant of the church of Humber to the prior and monks of Brecon by Walter del Mans and Agnes his wife, about the year 1162.^c

7. Another Confirmation from the same bishop of the church of Burghill granted to the prior and convent by Roger earl of Hereford, together with a mill. Mr. Jones says, this was made upon a dispute between the prior and convent of Brecon and the canons of the church of Burghill; but he suspects an error or omission in Carte's manuscript, and that the grant was from one of the family of Burghill with the consent of his lord, Roger earl of Hereford; for certainly no such benefaction appears among the charters of that baron.^d

8. A Grant, of the middle of the twelfth century, from Walter de Traveleya, or Travle, of his mill in the village of St. Michael, and twelve acres of his land called Travelia, nearer to the possessions of the monks of Brecon in that part of the country.^e

9. A Confirmation of the last Grant by Walter de Traveleya, in which he also notes his reception into the fraternity of the monastery, the convent allowing him annually a mark of silver for his life. This instrument was again confirmed by Walter de Traveley the son.^f

10. A Grant of twenty gallons of wine annually, at the feast of St. John the Evangelist, from John le Pichard.^g

These benefactions, says Mr. Jones, were again followed and confirmed, and additional possessions annexed to the priory, by the descendants of these last named donors; for Roger Picard, who was the eldest son of John le Pichard, with the consent of his wife Martha, ratified the gift of his father, of a tenement at Stratdewi, near the west gate which is called Boket gate, containing five perches and a half in length, and in breadth three perches and four feet: he also confirmed his father's grant of two parts of the tithes of Stradewy. John Picart, another son of the former John, with the consent of his wife Hawys, gave them twelve pence per annum charged upon land in the possession of Vincent le Deyne "ad sustentationem luminariorum;" and he also confirmed his father's benefaction of a tenement in Stradewy, and added two parts of all his tithes there and at Llansafreit. These two last instruments are supposed to have been executed between 1200 and 1232.^h

Of nearly the same date as those of John le Pichard are three grants from a benefactor of the name of Torel. By the first charter Ralph de Torel, with the consent of his son and heir Ralph de Torel, grants "unum mesuagium cum omnibus pertinentiis quod jacet juxta regalem viam et extendit in longitudine de la Lidesdale ad semitam quæ tendit versus ecclesiam de Bruness juxta rivulum qui descendit de Brenihesowre et etiam illum rivulum; concedo illis ut adjacent prædicto mesuagio et extendit se in latitudine a via regali usque ad gardinum meum de Holmedewe, et duos pedes infra fossatum gardini mei," &c. By the second charter he grants a spot of ground, being part of his lands at Brunehope, being in length sixty and in breadth forty feet, near Geoffrey de la Lidesdale's orchard, for the purpose of building a barn upon it: and by the third charter, if not a mere confirmation of the first, he grants a messuage or tillage, with its appurtenance, in his vill or township of

Brunehope, being of equal breadth with Geoffrey of Lidesdale's garden, and in length with his own at Holmedewe. This last grant Mr. Jones thinks must have been made about the year 1190.ⁱ

About the same period the name of Baskerville appears conspicuous on the roll of benefactors to the convent of Brecon. Among the papers, says Mr. Jones, which I am now extracting, I find a Robert or Roger Baskerville (he is called by both names) who by a charter attested by William de Breos and Maud his wife, and Jordan archdeacon of Brecon, in consideration that the prior and monks would admit his son James into their order, at the intercession of De Breos and his wife, grants them lands, the names of which are horridly disfigured. De Breos adds, that, if he shall not be able to warrant these possessions to them, he will grant them sixty acres of land, "quinque solidatas terræ," being part of the lands brought him by his wife on their marriage, situated in the city of Worcester, and then in the tenure of Osbert the son of Gunnor; he likewise informs us that he and his wife, in full chapter, had fraternized with the monks, and that their bodies and such part of their property as ought to remain with or about them in the grave, were to be buried there, whether they died in Herefordshire or Breconshire, "et sciendum est quod ego et uxor mea suscepimus fraternitatem illius ecclesiæ in Capitulo suo, et in die obitus nostri corpora cum substantia quæ sequi debet ibidem sepelienda ubicunque in comitatu Herefordiæ vel in provincia Brech. nobis contingatur." Ralph, another of this family, about the same period gave to the monks lands at Bredwardine, by a charter attested by William de Breos and his wife and William de Breos the younger, which he afterwards confirmed by another in the presence of the elder de Breos and Maud de Saint Valeri his wife, and of Ralph abbat of Wigmore. By two more instruments of the same nature, the first attested by William de Oildebeof, then constable of Brecon, and William de Burchull, and the other, which he confirmed by the impression of his seal, before Peter bishop of St. David's, in the chapter of Brecon, where he presented it and caused it to be read before William de Breosa and many others, French, English, and Welsh, clerks and laity, before whom he placed it upon the altar of St. John, he gave to the convent a mesuage, tenement, and mill, called Trosdref mill, upon the river Llyfni, with the tolls taken for grinding there, &c. "meum molendinum de Trosdref cum moltura, &c. et gurgitem et situm suum super Livini." This grant was afterwards contested by Nest, the daughter of Griffith and widow of this Ralph Baskerville; but the dispute ended by her recognizing the right of the convent to the mill, discharging the monks of the arrears of the rent of a mark annually since the death of her husband, and granting them a pound of incense yearly to pray for her soul.^k

The original grant of Robert, or Roger Baskerville was again confirmed by Robert le Wafre, who married Alice, one of his daughters, who describes it by the name of the mill of Llandevailauc, meaning Llandevaillog tre'r graig, in which parish it was situated, and probably on the same spot where it continues to this day.^l

At a later period, though not long subsequent to these grants, Alice de Baskerville gave to the prior and convent a mesuage or tenement, together with a croft, which Adam the smith formerly held under her brother, in the village of Bredwardine.^m

In 1163 it appears there was another dispute, in consequence of the different and almost contradictory grants of Bernard Newmarch and his successors, between the monks of Gloucester and Brecon, which was compromised; and by a deed, dated Nov. 3d that year, the former by the consent of Hamel their abbat, and Walter abbat of Battle on the other part, acknowledged the right of the monks of Brecknock to the parish church of Melianach, they rendering to the abbat and monks of Gloucester three shillings, to be paid them at St. Peter's church on the feast of St. Denis yearly.ⁿ The same altercations, Mr. Jones observes,

^a Hist. Breckn. vol. ii. P. i. p. 75.

^b Ibid.

^c Ibid. p. 76.

^d Ibid.

^e Ibid.

^f Ibid.

^g Ibid.

^h Ibid. pp. 77, 78.

ⁱ Ibid. p. 81.

^j Ibid. p. 77.

^k Ibid. pp. 79, 80.

^l Ibid.

^m Ibid.

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frequently occurred between the monks of Brecon and other ecclesiastical bodies about their possessions in England. One appears to have been settled by the award of William de Vere, who was consecrated bishop of Hereford in 1186, and died in 1199; by which he awarded to the prior and convent of Brecknock the tithes of Bodenham, claimed by the monks of Hereford. Another was settled by the prior of Akeley, or Lyre Ocley, near Hereford, between the same parties, relative to the tithes of Humbre: and a third by Geoffrey bishop of Coventry, by which he confirmed to the monks of Brecknock a pension of ten shillings annually from the church of Pattingham, to be paid by them to the canons of Landa, or Launde, in Leicestershire.^a

William de Waldebeof, a Brecknockshire knight, by a deed which, from the witnesses, appears to have been made about the middle of the twelfth century, gave the monks of Brecknock his boscase or underwood appurtenant to the land which had previously belonged to Bernard Unspac, above the highway leading from Brecknock to Aberyscir.^b

One or two grants to this monastery are also recorded, among Carte's papers, of the Burchull family. Payne de Burchull, who describes himself as nephew to the original donor, confirms the grant of Hugh his uncle of land in the vill of St. Michael, adjoining the road leading from Brecon to Llandeivaillog and the river called Brunive broc, in length and in breadth between the lands of Roger son of Emmerod, and the lands of the said monks.^c William de Burchull, about the middle of the thirteenth century, gave five acres of his land at Benny: and by another instrument of nearly if not the same time, he promises upon oath that a permission which he had obtained from the prior of Brecknock for the celebration of mass in his chapel of Benni should not prejudice the rights of the mother church.^d

Richard Hagarnel gave to the prior and convent an annual pension of twelve pence at the feast of Saint Mary's in Quadragesima, payable by William Prest and his heirs, and also eight bushels of corn to be delivered at Bodeham at Michaelmas yearly.^e Maud and Margaret de Hagarnel, his daughters, gave small parcels of land to the monastery, chiefly upon the banks of the Honddu near Llantoni.^f

Peter de Leia, who succeeded to the bishoprick of St. Davids in 1176, gave to the monks the church of St. David de Cwm, *i. e.* Llanddewi'r Cwm near Builth.^g

Richard Brett, or Bruto, gave the lands which were Gilbert's, and one acre thereto belonging.^h

William de Mara gave a right of water to a mill at Berrington, through his land of Little Hereford, three pounds of wax yearly being rendered to him for his life.ⁱ

Walter de Ebroc the younger gave twelve acres of land.^k

Isabella the daughter of Gilbert, and widow of Lawrence, gave thirty acres of land,^l somewhere about 1210.

There are also, says Mr. Jones, some other very brief concessions of lands to the priory of Brecon, among which is one of seven acres at Kilmanant, perhaps Cilmaharen in Garth-hrengi, by William Peyton, or Pictaviensis, as he is therein called; another by Walter de Riffe of an acre of land adjoining Bradfelde; another by William de Bradfelde of lands in Bradfelde, Petercroft, Laneglege, near Mara, Estlege, and in Weteroft near the chapel; and another in the latter end of the twelfth century by Nicholas de Machna, afterwards confirmed by Brian de Machna and Thomas his son, of the tithes of his lands to the church of Bodeham. John de Monmouth granted, about the year 1220, an exemption from tolls throughout the town and vale of Monmouth.^m

These papers, he adds, likewise contain several Confirmations by the bishops of St. Davids and Hereford, and

others, of the donations of the pious and charitable to this church: among them, one about the year 1280, by John son and heir of Reginald Fitz-peter, of the gift of his grandfather, Peter Fitzherbert, of the churches of Mara, Talgarth, Kethedyn, and Llangeleu: another by Ralph bishop of Hereford, dated in 1237, afterwards confirmed by the dean and chapter, of two portions of the tithes of corn and hay in the township of Bruneshope: another by the same bishop of the gift of his predecessors, Gilbert and Giles, of ten shillings a year charged upon the church of Humbre, with a confirmation by the dean and chapter of Hereford of the church of Bodenham, dated in 1240: another by the above-named bishop, of the church of Byford, given by Walter de Travle, dated in 1236: another, in the same year, of the tithes of Berrington and Hopton Wafre; and another of the advowson of Bodenham, in 1237.ⁿ

Madox, in his *Formulare Anglicanum*, has preserved Robert bishop of Bath's confirmation of a composition made between the monks of Brecknock (with consent of the abbat and convent of Battle) and the monks of Quarr in the Isle of Wight, relating to the church of Hardington, some time after 1135.^o

Stevens gives a Composition made between the prior of this house and the then vicar of the parish of St. John, in the year 1527, with the confirmation of the same by the bishop of St. Davids in 1529, and the further ratification of it by the dean and chapter of St. Davids in 1575.^p His transcript appears to have been taken from the collections of Mr. Hugh Thomas, who saw the original among the archives of the town of Brecknock.

PRIORS of BRECKNOCK.

WALTER, a monk of Battle, who has been already mentioned, was appointed the first prior by the founder, about the year 1095.

RALPH occurs prior in an instrument preserved in Madox's *Formulare Anglicanum*, some time after 1135.^q Mr. Jones, however, says, that

REGINALD was the successor of Walter. He adds, that Reginald presented to the living of Llangorse in the time of David Fitzgerald, who was elected bishop of St. Davids in 1152.^r

J. occurs as prior in a grant of Walter de Traveleia, about the year 1180.^s

REGINALD, the second of the name, occurs in 1248.^t

JOHN, A. D. 1315.^u

R. DE HORWOD occurs in the time of Henry bishop of St. Davids, probably some time after 1328.^v

JOHN HECKINGTON resigned the priorate in 1411: upon June 12th, in which year

THOMAS BECHE was elected.^w

JOHN BURGROVE was elected in 1426. In the Harl. MS. 3586, he is called JOHN BURGONE. Upon his death,

WILLIAM WATTER, or WALTER, was chosen prior May 17th, 1434.^x

THOMAS FALDING occurs prior in 1487.^y

PHILIP RITHYNE, or RETHIME, occurs in 1492.^z He resigned in 1497; in which year, upon Nov. 15th,

JOHN LEWIS was elected.^{aa} Upon his resignation,

WILLIAM WESTFIELD succeeded May 18th, 1499. In 1502 he was elected to the abbacy of Battle.^{ab}

THOMAS REDYNG, or READING, succeeded in 1502: who in 1505 demised the tithes of Berrington to Roger Parsons and Matilda his wife for seventy years, and in 1521, two mesuages in the same parish to William Rowbery.^{ac}

ROBERT SALTER, SALDEN, or HALDEN, was the last

^a Hist. Breck. vol. ii. P. i. pp. 81, 82.

^b Ibid. p. 82.

^c Ibid. p. 83.

^d Ibid. pp. 83, 84.

^e Ibid. p. 84.

^f Ibid. pp. 85, 86.

^g Ibid. p. 86.

^h Ibid.

ⁱ Ibid.

^j Ibid.

^k Ibid. p. 87.

^l Ibid. pp. 87, 88.

^m Ibid.

ⁿ See Num. XI.

^o See Num. XII. Compare Stevens, *Contin. of Monast.* vol. i. p. 400.

^q Compare the App. Num. XI.

^r Hist. Breckn. vol. ii. P. i. p. 88.

^s Ibid.

^t MS. Cole, Brit. Mus. vol. xxviii. fol. 60 b.

^u Ibid.

^v MS. Harl. 3586, fol. 55 b.

^w MS. Cole, ut supr. Mr. Jones, p. 89, calls him *John Becke*.

^x MS. Harl. ut supr.

^y Jones, ut supr.

^z MS. Cole, ut supr.

^{aa} Ibid.

^{ab} Ibid.

^{ac} Jones, ut supr.

prior. He surrendered his monastery to the king, according to Stevens, in 1539; Mr. Jones says in 1537; and had a pension of sixteen pounds per annum assigned to him for life.^a At this time the possessions of the monastery were valued, according to Dugdale, at 112*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.*; according to Speed, at 134*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.*

After the Dissolution, the priory of Brecknock was first granted in the 33d of Henry the Eighth to the bishop of St. Davids and his successors; but within a year after to John ap Rice,^b or Price, who was subsequently knighted.

The priors of Brecknock were always summoned to the election of the abbats of Battle, by whom they were nominated, and presented to the bishops of St. Davids.^c

At the time of the publication of Bishop Tanner's *Notitia Monastica*, in 1744, Dr. Brewster, of Hereford, was in possession of an ancient REGISTER *of the Priory of Brecknock*. Dr. Brewster afterwards bequeathed his manuscripts to the Bodleian library in Oxford: but this Register is not now to be found among them, nor can its present owner be traced.^d

The SEAL of BRECKNOCK PRIORY is appendant to the Acknowledgment of the King's Supremacy preserved in the Chapter House, Westminster, dated Aug. 5, 1534, and signed by Robert Halden the prior and five other monks. It is of white wax, and represents, under ornamented gothic work, a cock standing regardant, with its wings erect, upon a demi-wheel: underneath are five unornamented arches. The legend is SIGILLUM . CONVENTUALE . DOMUS . SANCTI LISTE . BRECONIE.

Of the PRIORY *itself* almost the only vestige now remaining is a portion of the wall with which its precinct was once surrounded.^e It was situated upon an eminence, on the bank of the Honddu. The last remains of the cloister, with the habitations of the prior and monks, appear to have been taken down about the year 1779.^f The mansion-house now called The Priory belongs to Marquis Camden, who makes it an occasional residence.

The *Priory Church* is remaining, and is now the principal parish church of Brecknock, still dedicated to St. John the Evangelist. Some part of Bernard de Newmarch's building may still be traced in it. Mr. Jones supposes the fabric, in its original state, to have been perfectly cruciform, and hence to have been sometimes called "*Ecclesia Sanctæ Crucis*," and the church of the Holy Rood. Considerable alterations, however, were afterwards introduced by the formation of guild-chapels in the interior, and the erection of oratories on the outside. The nave, from the west end to the entrance into the chancel, is a hundred and thirty-six feet six inches in length, and twenty-eight feet six inches in breadth. At the western end the fabric is intersected by a cross aisle; the north part of which is called the chapel of the men of Battle,^g the south part that of the Normans, or red-haired. The Battle aisle is in length thirty feet six inches, by twenty-nine feet in breadth; the Cappel cochiaid, as it is called, or Norman chapel, is thirty-eight feet three inches in length, by twenty-nine feet. The chancel, divided from the body of the church by a gallery, formerly the rood-loft, is sixty-two feet three inches in length, by twenty-nine feet and a half in breadth. The tower-steeple, a lofty and massive structure, ten yards square within the walls, is raised over the centre or intersecting point of the cross.

Cartae ad Brekenochense Coenobium in Wallia (Cellam Abbatiae de Bello) spectantes.

NUM. I.

Quædam de Loco, et Dominis ejus Historica.

[Ex Bibliotheca Cottoniana, sub effigie Julii D. II. fol. 26 a.]

LE premer conquerur des treys kantrefs de la tere de Brekenoch estoyt Bernard de Nefmarche, Norman, al tens le roy Henry fiz Willame Bastard conquerur, e roy de Engleterre. Ceci Bernard de Nefmarche esposa Neste qe fut apele Agnes, la file Griffin le fiz Lewelin, qui ont este cruel tirant de Gales. E de cele Neste engendra Mael ke pus estoyt noble chivalir. Mes le heritage de Brekenoch en cete maniere perdi. Sa mere Neste sus son baron ama un chivalir, e a partir de sa mere le baty et ledement le defola. Dunt sa mere grevement a ly se corusa. E apres la mort Bernard de Nefmarche son baron a la curt Henry le veyl sen ala, e devant le roy e tut son baronage apertement jura, qe ceti Mael nestoy par le fiz Bernard de Nefmarche, mes de un autre chivalir qe ele proama le aveyt consu. Dunt le rey Henry plus per volunte qe per dreiture, a lavantdit

Mael le heritage de Brekenoch tolist, e le dona a la file lavantdit Neste, Sibile per nun apele, pur ceo qe la mere temonia qe ele fut de son Baron Bernard de Nefmarche engendre, a un noble chivalir de sa meynee Miles per noun fiz Watir le conestable de Gloucestre e de Hereford, of tut le honur de Brechenoch dona en mariage.

Enapres Maud file lavandit roy Henry emperice de Rome dona a lavantdit Mile le conte de Hereford enapres tote la foriste de Dene. Cesty conte Mile engendra de lavantdit Sibile le conte Roger de Hereford, Henry le conestable, Watir le conestable, Mael le conestable e Willame le conestable, et treys files, Margerie, Berte, et Lucie. Des avantdites, v. fiz nul ne fut apele conte, fors le conte Roger, mes les autres quates se firent apeler conestables, e checun apres autre aveyt la seynurie de Brekenoche, e sans heir de sey de cet sicle sen partirent. Le dreyn de ces sink Willame le conestable estoyt le plus felons des autres, et poursuit le eveske de seynt David, David le secund, qui nul repos pur ly aver ne pout en sa evesche, mes sen fui en Engleterre la ou il pout de luy en luy. Eschey endementirz qe levant-

^a Jones, ut supr. Willis, Mit. Abb. vol. ii. p. 303.

^b Tann. Notit. Mon.

^c Compare the Harleian MS. 3586.

^d Among Ducarel's Extracts from the Archiepiscopal Registers at Lambeth we have the following memoranda. Vol. i. p. 75, from Reg. Pecheham, fol. 209 a, Littera archiepiscopi nobili viro domino Reginaldo filio Petri directa ut desistet a molestiis et gravaminibus per ipsum et ballivos suos contra homines prioratus Brecon. illatis, ac ut

eos posthac non molestet. Circa A. D. 1283.—Ibid. vol. i. p. 77, from Reg. Pecheham, fol. 198 b, Littera archiepiscopi domino Rogero filio Petri pro liberatione prioris de Brekynock incarcerati.

^e See the Plan in Jones's Hist. of Brecknockshire, vol. ii. P. i. pl. III.

^f Ibid. vol. ii. P. i. p. 27.

^g Battle is the name of a parochial district near Brecknock, formerly a hamlet to St. John the Evangelist.

dit Willame estoit herbege a Brentles ou sire Watir de Clifford au chastel, et per mesaventure arderunt les mesons de meme cely chastel, si chey une pire de la haute tour sur la teste Willame le avantdit seigneur de Brekenoch et grevement le estona.

Mentenant enveia il ses messagirs la ou le Eveske de seynt David estoit, e hastivement le fist a ly venir, e pitusement ly dist. E beu pere Esveske cruelement se venge de mey nostre seynur, et ne atent pas la conversion al pecheur mes haste la mort a perdition. Entre cete paroles le premer an de sa seynurie nemye del tut finy le esperit de sa qualete rendi. Apres ces sink fiz qe morirunt tus sans heyr de sey, cschey le heritage al tres files avant nomes, a Margerie Berte et Lucie. Margerie se esposa a Hunfry de Boun ou sa partie qe estoit le conte de Hereford. Berte se marie a Willame de Brewes ou tote sa tere de Brekenoch. Lucie se maria a Hereberd le fix Hereberd ou tote la foreste de Dene et autres teres. Mes cesti Hereberd pur trespas qe fet aveyt au roy de Engleterre, Henry le Secund fiz le emperice, le an cely roy quart, tote la foreste le rendi et quite clama.

Apres la mort lavantdit rey Henry et Hereberd, les heirs sire Willame de Breuse, peysiblement ont tote la tere de Brekenoch a tut le tens lavantdit rey Henry le Secund et per tut le tens le rey Richard et al tens le rey Johan, dekes cel tens ke le rey Johan Willame de Breuse et ses eyrs sanz acheson et per sa volunte et sanz jugement engeta de Engleterre, ceo fu le dime an apres ceo ke lavantdit Willame de Brewse ont desconfit Gwewayn en Elveyl ou esteynt ocis plus ke mmm. Waleys. Le an del incarnation nostre seigneur mccviiij. esteyt tote Engleterre entredite et Gales la nevime kalende de Averil, et la secunde kalende de May apres, si prist le roy Johan les teres et les chateus le avantdit Willame de Brewse per sa volunte demeyne, et le engeta de Engleterre ou les sens. E quant il estoit engete en exil, Peres le fiz Hereberd pria le roy Johan qe il le grantast la terce partie de la tere de Brekenoch, ceo est a sauer Blenteveny et Talgar et la Walecherie ou les apurtenances a sa volunte. E apres ceo vint le Eveske Giles le Hereford cum gardayn et plus prechen le avaundit Willame de Brewse, e engeta le avantdit le fiz Hereberd des avantdite teres pur ceo ke nul dreyt en aveyt. E tost apres si estoit le avantdit Eveske Gile reconcile au roy Johan. E le roy reconut a ly touz ces dreys qe il clama en tote cetes avantdites teres de Brekenoch, Reynaud de Bruese son frere. Le an apres la mort le Eveske Gile si morut le roy, e les teres enapres la mort Eveske Gile si resut le avantdit Reynaud de Bruese et esposa la file Willame de Bruese, de ke il engendra Willame de Bruese qe fut apele le jefne. Reynaud de Bruese ont la seynurie de Brekenoch xiiij. anz. E apres sa mort ont la seynurie Willame son fiz. En meme cel an si fut il pris en Kerry, e apres le turs an fu meme celi Willame convive de Lewylyn seigneur de Gales a feste, et per treyson ocis.

Ceci Willame esposa Eve la seor le conte Ricard le marescal et engendra de luy quatre files, Isabel, qe fut esposa a David le fiz Lewelyn cosyn germain le roy de Engleterre Henry, e Maud ke fut espose a Roger de Mortemer; Eve ke fut marie a Willame de Kantelez. Elianore ke fut marie a Hunfray de Boun fiz sire Hunfray de Boun conte de Hereford. La tere de Brekenoch ou tut le Honur demura a Hunfray de Boun et a Elianore sa femme, dunt Lewelin evont grant envie et ou le aielle conte Richard le marescal aseia le chastel de Brekenoch, mes confus sen party. E tost apres morut Isabel la seor eyne sanz eyr de sey. Ceo sige entour Brekenoch fut fet le v. an apres la mort sire Reynaud de Bruese le an del incarnation mcccxxx. e del conquest de Engleterre le an centime sessante setime.

NUM. II.

Charta Bernardi de Novo-mercato.

[Cart. 15 E. II. n. 8, per Inspeximus. Vide etiam Pat. 13 Hen. IV. part 1, m. 5.]

REX archiepiscopis, &c. Inspeximus cartam Bernardi de Novo-mercato in hæc verba. Sciant omnes præsentis et

futuri quod ego Bernardus de Novo-mercato, concessu domini mei Henrici regis, testimonioque baronum suorum, dedi ecclesiæ S. Martini de Bello quandam ecclesiam meam apud castrum meum quod est situm in Walis in Brechenio, quam ego dedicari feci in honorem S. Johannis Evangelistæ, pro salute et anima ejusdem domini mei Henrici, et pro anima Willielmi regis patris ejus et matris, et pro salute animæ meæ et uxoris, et filiorum filiarumque et omnium parentum nostrorum vivorum et defunctorum. Hæc autem sunt quæ ego eidem ecclesiæ dedi, concedentibus uxore mea et filiis. Dedi enim eidem ecclesiæ super flumen quod dicitur Uscha molendinum unum, et duas partes alterius molendini super flumen Hodem, et quinque burgenses in castro meo, et terram ad unam carucam, juxta castrum meum, et duas alias terras, quarum una vocatur Londeworne, altera Costinio, cum cæteris terris circum adjacentibus, partem quarum dedi ecclesiæ pro escambio de Lannuhangel, alteram partem pro anima Philippi filii mei. Præter hæc dedi quandam vastam civitatem quæ vocatur Carnoys, et circa eam unam carucatam terræ, et decimam denariorum thelonii et molendinorum meorum, et decimam panis mei. Hæc omnia quæ nominavi sunt in Walis. In Anglia verò dedi quatuor ecclesias cum omnibus terris et decimis ad easdem pertinentibus, scilicet ecclesiam de Patyngheam, ecclesiam de Bodeham, ecclesiam de Burchella, ecclesiam de Hardintona, et decimam de Bruneshope. Agnes verò uxor mea, me concedente, dedit unum manerium quod vocatur Berintona. Item in Gualis dedi ecclesiæ S. Johannis ecclesiam meam de Talgarth, et ecclesiam de Langors et capellam meam. Hæc sunt autem quæ homines mei dederunt. Picardus dedit tres carucatas terræ et decimam suam de annona et de omnibus animalibus in Wallia. Ricardus Cenomannicus unam carucatam terræ, Haroldus unam carucatam terræ, Walterius de Cropus decimam suam de Lansefred, et in Anglia ecclesiam de Cliberia, et quicquid ad eam pertinet. Wlgerius decimam suam rectam in Gualis. Walterius de Linehalla unum burgensem. Rogerus de Baschevilla unum burgensem. Willielmus filius Giroldi unum burgensem. Robertus de Eurois unum burgensem. Ricardus filius Radulfi dedit eisdem monachis terram Firmini, et terram Radulfi Cornuti. Hæc omnia quæ hic continentur scripta confirmo ego Bernardus, et concedo ut ecclesia teneat et monachi ita benè et quietè et honorificè cum omnibus consuetudinibus sicuti ego de domino Henrico rege teneo.

NUM. III.

Charta Rogeri Comitis Herefordiæ.

[Ibid.]

SCIANT præsentis et futuri quod ego Rogerus comes Herefordiæ, dedi et concessi Deo et ecclesiæ sancti Johannis de Brechnoch, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, pro salute animæ meæ, et omnium antecessorum et successorum meorum, inprimis hanc libertatem, ut prior et conventus habeant curiam suam per omnia et omnes libertates quas habere debent ex dignitate suæ matris ecclesiæ. Dono etiam eis totam terram sancti Peulini^a apud Maram, et in Mara piscationem per tres dies singulis septimanis, et singulis diebus in Adventu et in Quadragesima liberè et quietè sine alicujus impedimento vel contradictione. Dono etiam prædictis monachis omnes decimas pullanorum meorum, et vitulorum et agnorum, et caseorum, et lanæ et lini, et omnium rerum unde decimæ provenire poterunt de omnibus forestis meis per totum honorem totius Brechonia, et totam decimam totius villæ meæ de Brechonia, et decimam totius expensæ in dominicis meis sive assim sive absim; et decimam lardarii de Haya. Dono etiam ad augmentum donorum meorum decimam omnium vaccarum de donis Wallensium, et decimam prædarum quas super inimicos meos accipere potero, et communem pasturam per totam terram de Brechonia. Omnes etiam donationes quas Bernardus de Novo-mercato eidem ecclesiæ contulit, concedo et hac præsentis carta mea confirmo, scilicet molendinum unum situm super flumen quod dicitur Husca, et duas partes alterius molendini super flumen Hotheni. Præter hæc quandam

^a sc. Paulini.

vastam civitatem quæ vocatur Chaer cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus, in bosco et plano, in pratis, in pascuis, in viis, in semitis, in aquis et in piscationibus, et flumine Heskyr usque ad Glendi per magnam viam quæ tendit versus Brechoniam, et inde sicut Glendi descendit in moram et amnim qui ex altera parte descendit in moram de subtus per medium cacumen montis usque ad sursam alterius rivi qui est in latere montis versus Huscam et inde sicut idem rivus descendit in Huscam, et duas carucatas terræ cum bosco ad eam pertinente, et ecclesiam de Bodeham, et ecclesiam de Patingeham et ecclesiam de Talgar, et ecclesiam de Mara, et omnes alias donationes quas idem Bernardus avus meus prædictæ ecclesiæ donavit, in hominibus, in terris, in ecclesiis et in cæteris possessionibus, sigilli mei et baronum meorum testimonio confirmo. Hiis testibus Waltero fratre meo, Jordano archidiacono, Davide decano, Bauderun, Waltero de Clifford, Roberto de Candos, Humfridio filio Odonis, Hugone forestario, Radulfo de Baskevill, et Roberto fratre ejus, Rogero de Chinlet, Olivero de Brunesope, Reginaldo de Weldebef, Thurstano Bret et Roberto fratre ejus, Seer Hagurner, &c.

NUM. IV.

Alia ejusdem Comitum Charta.

[Ibid.]

NOTUM sit omnibus, quod ego Rogerus, comes Herefordiæ, pro salute animæ meæ, &c. confirmavi monachis meis de Brechonia curiam suam de omnibus hominibus suis et terris et possessionibus, et omnibus rebus suis liberam et quietam, et decimam totius panis et potus expensæ de castello Brechoniæ et de Haya, et de cæteris dominiis meis per totam Brechoniam. Et si pro subtractione, vel dilatione ministrorum nostrorum melius solverint loco prædictæ decimæ, concedo eis decimam totius bladi mei ad hostia grangiarum apud castellum de Brechonia et apud Talgar et Hayam, et omnium leguminum post primam decimationem, quæ ecclesiis quibus prius data fuerat in pace firma maneat; et si quæ terra vel maneria, de honore de Brechonia in meum dominium aliquo casu devenerint, hoc idem in eis monachi mei prædicti habeant. Si verò summagium portatum fuerit in terram meam de Brechonia de dominiis meis ab Anglia, decimam habeant inde undecumque fuerit. Præterea dono et concedo sæpeditis monachis meis has ecclesias, scilicet ecclesiam de Talgar, et ecclesiam de Mara, et ecclesiam de Haya, et ecclesiam de S. Egion, et ecclesiam de Langelen, et illam de Kechedin, quæ omnes sunt Wallias. In Anglia verò dedi eisdem monachis meis quatuor ecclesias, scilicet illam de Patingeham, et illam de Bodeham, et illam de Burchulle, et illam de Hardintuna cum omnibus ad omnes prædictas ecclesias pertinentibus. Dono etiam eis omnes decimas omnium placitorum, tolnetorum, donorum, lucrorum, reddituum de Brechonia provenientium, et omnium rerum et honorum quæ ego adquisiero in Wallia, et piscationem trium dierum in Mara per ebdomadam, et omnibus diebus in Adventu et Quadragesima. Concedo etiam dictis monachis meis liberam pasturam omnibus animalibus suis in forestis meis per totum honorem de Brechonia, et decimas vaccarum de donis Wallensium, similiter cum omnibus libertatibus, et liberis donationibus, et liberis consuetudinibus quas antecessores mei eis dederunt, cum omnibus etiam libertatibus quas habet ecclesia sancti Martini de Bello in omnibus rebus, sicut carta domini mei regis Henrici testatur. Hiis testibus Waltero fratre comitis, Waltero de Clifford, Radulfo et Roberto de Baschervilla, Osberto filio Hugonis, Willielmo de Bealcham, Reginaldo de Oldebef, Rogero de Burchull, Hugone de Hesla, Waltero de Ferna, Willielmo clerico, Jestin Trahern, et multis aliis.

NUM. V.

Tertia ejusdem Comitum Charta.

[Ibid.]

NOTUM sit omnibus præsentibus et posteris, quod ego Rogerus comes Herefordiæ, concedo, &c. ecclesiæ sancti Johannis de Brechonia, &c. liberam curiam suam in omni-

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bus, cum quadam vasta civitate quæ vocatur Carneys scilicet de Aberheskir usque Kilinot et Lanwern usque Manislidin. Præterea concedo eis omnia molendina de parochia de Brechonia, cum tota multura, et cum omnibus consuetudinibus et libertatibus et pertinentiis suis. Tenendum et habendum liberè et quietè sicut ego eam unquam liberiùs et meliùs in meo dominio habui, et ita scilicet quod non liceat alicui molendinum facere vel habere infra fines de parochia nisi ipsis monachis. Concedo etiam eis terram Osmundi de Travelia totam, et juxta illam unam aliam terram quæ fuit Ricardi Gulafre totam, scilicet usque Wenitersin, et totam terram quæ vocatur Toni, et terram illam quæ fuit Walkelini Vis de Lu, scilicet de Pentenavel usque ad castellum Weinardi, in bosco et plano, et omnibus ad eas pertinentibus. Dono insuper dictis monachis has ecclesias, scilicet ecclesiam de Talgar, et ecclesiam de Mara, et ecclesiam de Haya, et illam de sancto Egion, et ecclesiam de Langelen et illam de Kethedi, quæ omnes sunt in Wallia.

In Anglia verò dedi eis ecclesiam de Patingham, et ecclesiam de Bodeham, et illam de Burchulle, et illam de Herdintona cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et decimas omnium proventuum, placitorum, tolnetorum, donorum, lucrorum, et reddituum meorum, et totius panis et potus expensæ de castello Brechoniæ et de Haya, et de cæteris dominiis mei per totum honorem Brechoniæ, sive assim sive absim, et decimam omnium rerum quas adquisiero in Wallia, et piscationem trium dierum in Mara per ebdomadam, et omnibus diebus in Adventu, et Quadragesima, et liberam pasturam omnibus animalibus suis in forestis per totam Brechoniam, et decimas vaccarum de dono Wallensium.

Has, et omnes donationes et concessionem, quæ in hac carta, et in aliis cartis meis vel antecessorum meorum continentur, eis concedo liberè et quietè in puram et perpetuam elemosinam. Testibus Francigenis, Anglicis et Wallicis curiæ meæ de Brechonia.

NUM. VI.

Quarta ejusdem Comitum Charta.

[Ibid.]

NOTUM sit præsentibus et futuris quod ego Rogerus, comes Herefordiæ, dedi et hac carta confirmavi monachis de Brechonia, pro salute animæ meæ et omnium antecessorum et successorum meorum Lanwerne usque Meislidyn, et usque Heileye et Kaher, à flumine Heskir usque Glendi et inde usque Kilemut, et terram quæ fuit Walkelini Vis de Lu de Pentenavel usque ad castellum Waynardi, et terram Ricardi Gulafre de Travelle usque Wennitersin, et inde usque Lattewrech, et xl. acras quas Stephanus de Benin me præsentem eis dedit, liberas et quietas ab omni exactione et terreno servicio. Concedo etiam prædictis monachis decimas reddituum et placitorum et donorum meorum, et liberam pasturam animalibus suis in forestis meis, et decimas porcorum de panagio meo et vaccarum de donis Wallensium apud Talgar, apud Brechoniam, et decimas molendinorum meorum et omnium lucrorum per totum honorem totius Brechoniæ. Concedo etiam eis liberam curiam suam cum omnibus libertatibus quas habet ecclesia sancti Martini de Bello sicut carta domini mei regis Henrici testatur, &c.

NUM. VII.

Charta Maiheli de Hereford.

[Ibid.]

NOTUM sit omnibus tam clericis quam laicis, præsentibus et futuris, quod ego Maihelus de Hereford pro salute animæ meæ, et pro anima patris mei et matris meæ, et fratrum et antecessorum meorum, dono et concedo ecclesiæ sancti Johannis de Brechonia et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, et hac præsentem carta confirmo, quicquid Bernardus de Novo-mercato avus meus et homines ipsius eidem ecclesiæ contulerunt, et quæ Milo pater meus dedit, et quicquid fratres mei Rogerus comes, et Walterius constabularius, et Henricus et homines eorum eidem ecclesiæ concesserunt, et cartis suis confirmaverunt, in ecclesiis, in decimis, in terris, in hominibus, in molendinis, in aquis, in

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bosco, et plano, in libertatibus, et liberis consuetudinibus, quæ omnia confirmavi cum sigilli mei munimine in karta Henrici fratris mei.

Præterea concedo eidem ecclesiæ capellam de castello Brechoniæ quam avus meus Barnardus prius eis concessit, cum donis illis et dignitatibus quæ pater meus Milo comes eidem capellæ dedit in dedicatione ipsius; videlicet duos solidos ad luminare in capella, et corredium capellani cum clerico suo, et scolam de Brechonia quæ propriè pertinet matri ecclesiæ. Et insuper tres solidos de feria annuatim ad festum sancti Johannis Baptistæ ad lumen ecclesiæ emendum; ita quod cum illis duobus solidis quos pater meus Milo comes ad luminare ejusdem ecclesiæ similiter dedit, sint quinque, et hoc pro Godefrido Coco quem Henricus frater meus fecit monachum, qui nostris antecessoribus honorifice servivit usque ad monacatum. Hujus concessionis testes sunt Thomas prior de Lantoeni de Ewias, et Radulphus celerarius, Humfridus de Buhun nepos meus, Walterus de Clifford, Radulfus de Baschevilla, Rogerus dapifer de Burchell, Willielmus de Miniers, Willielmus Torel, Reinaldus Crocun, Robertus de Baschevill, Willielmus Loemer, Radulfus de Vatin, Rogerus Bret, Will. Picart, Will. Weldeboef, &c.

NUM. VIII.

Charta Willielmi de Braiosa.

[Ibid.]

SCIANT omnes præsentis et futuri, quod ego Willielmus de Braiosa, pro salute animæ meæ et antecessorum meorum, inprimis do corpus meum ecclesiæ sancti Johannis apostoli et evangelistæ de Brechonia, quocunque loco sive in Anglia sive in Wallia Deo disponente finiero, quia hæc est ecclesia quam præ cæteris diligo, et in sanctum Johannem Post Deum et sanctam Mariam majorem fiduciam habeo. Cum donatione corporis mei concedo eidem ecclesiæ sancti Johannis et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, quicquid antecessores mei Bernardus de Novo-mercato fundator ipsius ecclesiæ, et homines ipsius, et Milo comes, et avunculi mei Rogerus comes Herefordiæ, Walterus, Henricus, Maielus, et homines eorum huic ecclesiæ sancti Johannis dederunt et cartis suis confirmaverunt, in ecclesiis et pertinentiis earum, in decimis, in terris, in hominibus, et possessionibus, in bosco et in plano, in molendinis, in piscationibus, in libertatibus omnibus et liberis consuetudinibus, quas ex se debet habere, vel ex dignitate suæ matris ecclesiæ secundum cartam domini mei regis Henrici et antecessorum suorum. Hæc omnia ecclesiæ sancti Johannis et conventui ipsius concedo et perpetuo jure sibi possidenda.

Hæc cartâ confirmo, et ipsam cartam sic confirmatam, multis testibus tam clericis quàm laicis, cum corpore meo super altare sancti Johannis represento, et ejus custodiæ me vivum et mortuum fiducialiter ex hac hora committo. Unde omnes rogo qui mihi fidem debent et amorem, ut hanc ecclesiam libentiùs diligant, et manuteneant, et rebus ipsius ubique pro Dei amore consilio et auxilio diligentius subveniant. Et notum sit omnibus quod ex proprio dono concedo cum corpore meo hanc libertatem, quod omnes homines ecclesiæ sancti Johannis, tam burgenses, quàm alii, sint liberi et quieti de shiris et hundredis, et placitis et omnibus querelis; et si aliquis deprehensus fuerit latrocinio, vel aliquo modo convictus, catalla ipsius sint ecclesiæ et monachis, et sola justitia mortis et membrorum sit michi et ministris meis. Testibus hiis, Walterp de Clifford, Will. de Wellebuf, et Roberto de Bascavill, &c.

NUM. IX.

Charta Herberti filii Petri.

[Ibid.]

SCIANT præsentis et futuri, quod ego Herbertus filius Petri concessi et hac præsentis carta mea confirmavi, pro me et hæredibus meis et pro salute animæ meæ, et antecessorum et hæredum meorum, in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam, Deo et ecclesiæ sancti Johannis Evangelistæ de Brechonia, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus et servituris, piscationem in Mara tribus diebus in ebdomada, et cotidie in Quadragesima et cotidie in Adventu cum una cimba. Con-

cessi etiam totam terram de Pentenavel, et totam terram sancti Paulini, quæ annuatim eisdem monachis unam marcam reddere solebat, et purpresturam terræ juxta villam Walkelini, quam iidem monachi assartaverunt, liberas et quietas, unde fuit dissensio inter patrem meum et ipsos monachos, et postea concordia facta fuit. Præterea concessi et confirmavi eisdem monachis redditus quinque marcarum quas recipere debent annuatim nomine decimarum proventuum et expensarum castri mei de Blaynl. ad tres anni terminos; scilicet ad festum S. Michaelis xxij^a. iiij^d. et ad carnipricium viginti et duos sol. et tres denar. et ad festum sancti Ethelberti xxij^a. ij^d. Concessi etiam spontanea voluntate mea quod meus ballivus in partibus meis de Breconia, quicunque ille fuerit, absque omni contradictione sententiam excommunicationis incurrat si à solutione dictarum quinque marcarum in toto vel in parte ad prædictos tres terminos cessaverit. Concessi etiam et confirmavi pro me et hæredibus meis triginta acras terræ cum pertinentiis quas Isabella, filia Gileberti, quondam uxor Laurentii, dictis monachis dedit et confirmavit, et sex acras terræ cum pertinentiis quas Matill. de Hagurner eisdem monachis dedit et confirmavit. Et quinque acras terræ cum pertinentiis quas Margareta filia Segeri le Hagurner eisdem monachis dedit ad sustationem pauperum. Et sex acras terræ quas Alicia de Putangle eisdem dedit ad sustentationem pauperum, et quatuor acras terræ quas Matillis le Hagurner eisdem cum corpore suo legavit, et duas acras terræ quas Willielmus le Surdival eisdem cum corpore suo legavit. Concessi etiam dictis monachis triginta et novem acras terræ cum pertinentiis quas Margareta filia Segeri le Hagurner eisdem dedit, quas salvo jure cujuslibet eisdem monachis confirmavi. Et quia volo quod hæc mea concessio et cartæ meæ confirmatio firma et stabilis imperpetuum permaneat, præsentem cartam sigilli impressione confirmavi. Hiis testibus, domino Reginaldo filio Petri, et domino Roberto le Wafre, domino Rogero Pycard, domino Petro de Wacevil, domino Johanne de Waldefef, domino Willielmo de Turbervill, domino Nicholao filio Arnaldi, domino Johanne de Gynes, domino Matheo Croc, Galfrido clerico, &c.

NUM. X.

Charta Johannis filii Reginaldi.

[Ibid.]

SCIANT præsentis et futuri, quod ego Johannes filius Reginaldi, dominus de Blainloveny et de Dynas, concessi et hac præsentis carta mea confirmavi, pro me et hæredibus meis, &c. Deo et beatæ Mariæ et ecclesiæ sancti Johannis Evang. de Breconia et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus et servituris, quod habeant liberam curiam suam de omnibus hominibus suis de omnibus querelis et attachiamentis qualitercunque contingentibus; hoc excepto, quod nos et hæredes nostri habeamus attachiamenta et placita de veneratione in curia nostra de Talgarth, et de viridi bosco de hominibus dictorum religiosorum, dum tamen infra bundas forestæ nostræ de Talgarth attachiari possint per forestarios nostros juratos, secundum quod consuetum et usitatum fuit temporibus antecessorum nostrorum. Concedo etiam pro me et hæredibus meis supradictis monachis et eorum successoribus, quod habeant communem pasturam omnimodis animalibus suis propriis per totam forestam nostram de Talgarth, exceptis parcis nostris clausis. Concedo etiam supradictis monachis duas acras terræ ad ædificandum et ad receptandum dicta animalia sua apud Gronewaur juxta Frundlas. Concedo etiam dictis monachis pro me et hæredibus meis decimam pullanorum nostrorum et hæredum nostrorum de equitiis nostris ubicunque in terra de Talgarth existentibus. Et quia volo quod hæc mea donatio, et cartæ meæ confirmatio rata et stabilis imperpetuum permaneat, huic præsentis scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus, domino Lewelino de Pola, domino Rogero Pycard, domino Johanne le Brut, domino Ricardo le Brut militibus, Galfrido Clement, &c.

NUM. XI.

Carta de Ecclesia de Hardington.

[Madox, Formul. Anglic. p. 41.]

ROBERTUS Dei gratia episcopus Bathoniensis universis

sanctæ ecclesiæ filiis per parochiam suam Deo militantibus, cæterisque fidelibus ad quos ista cartula pervenerit in veritatis testimonio stare. Noverit universitatis vestræ fraternitas quod hæc compositio inter monachos de Brikinio et monachos de Quarera, in præsentia nostra de ecclesia de Hardington facta fuit, et firmata sigillo et carta ecclesiæ sancti Martini de Bello, assensu Walteri abbatis ejusdem ecclesiæ et totius conventus; videlicet quod monachi de Quarera dederunt xv. marcas argenti Radulpho priori sancti Johannis de Brikinio et fratribus ejusdem loci; et ipsi calumpniam quam in prædictam ecclesiam habuerunt, in præsentia nostra et nostrorum archidiaconorum, et Benedicti prioris Bathoniensis et totius conventus, inperpetuum sopitâ omni querela et omni retractione, deposuerunt. Hanc Compositionem præsentî Cartâ et sigilli nostri attestazione confirmavimus et corroboravimus, et ratam habuimus; ecclesiamque prædictam monachis de Quarera in elemosinam dedimus in perpetuum possidendam, salvo jure episcopali.

NUM. XII.

The Composition made between the Prior of the Monastery of St. John the Evangelist of Brecknock and the Vicar of the same Church.

[Stevens, Contin. of Monast. vol. i. p. 400.]

DECIMO die mensis Augusti anno Domini M.DLXXV. apud Aberwillie coram reverendo in Christo patre domino Ricardo permissione divina Menevensi episcopo comparuit Mereducius Thomas notarius publicus, et tam nomine ballivi villæ Brechoniz et aldermannorum ejusdem, ac communium conciliariorum dictæ villæ, quam etiam nomine Thomæ Wigstam clerici vicarii moderni ecclesiæ parochialis sancti Johannis Evangelistæ villæ prædictæ præsentavit et exhibuit præfato reverendo patri quandam compositionem realem, factam inter Robertum Salder, priorem prioratus sive domus sancti Johannis Evangelistæ villæ Brechon. prædictæ, nuper dissolutæ et suppressæ, et conventum ejusdem ex una parte, et quandam Thomam ap Jenkin Groge clericum, nuper vicarium ecclesiæ parochialis sancti Johannis Evangelistæ prædictæ ex altera parte, actam sub sigillis dicti prioris et vicarii in cera viridi impressis respective sigillatam et roboratam, quam etiam sub sigillis reverendi patris Ricardi nuper Menevensis episcopi, ac etiam decani sive præidentis et capituli ecclesiæ cathedralis Menevensis in

etiam cera impressis confirmatam, manibusque eorundem (ut apparuit) subscriptam, super appensis cujuslibet sigillis, sic, (viz. per me Ricardum Menevensem per capitulum Menevense, per me Robertum Salder priorem, per me Thomam ap Jenkin vicarium de Brechon) et petit eandem registrari, et in archivis publicis registri dicti reverendi patris ad perpetuam rei memoriam pro temporibus perpetuis futuris fideliter custodiri, ac originale sibi retradi. Ad cujus humilem petitionem dictus reverendus pater Ricardus Menevensis episcopus, attendens requisitionem hujusmodi fore justam et rationabilem, decrevit prout est peti- tum; et dictam compositionem sic exhibitam, et tam in scriptura quam sigillis prædictis, sanam, integram, illæsam, et omni suspicione carentem inventam et compertam fideliter registrari mandavi. Cujus compositionis verus tenor sequitur in hæc verba:

‘Be it known to all that been now, and shall come hereafter, which shall hear, see, or read these presents, that Robert Salder, prior of the house or priory of St. John Evangelist of Brecknock, within the diocese of St. Davids, and the whole convent of the same place, of the one party, and Sir Thomas ap Jenkin Groge, vicar of the parish of St. John Evangelist aforesaid in Brecknock, of the other party, have made a final peace, end, translation, and composition real, through the assent and consent of their ordinary, and of all other having, or pretending to have any right, title, or interest in this behalf, for the said parties and successors for ever more, by such covenants and agreements as hereafter particularly followeth, that is to say, the aforesaid Robert Salder prior, and the said convent, of their own express assent and consent have bounden themselves and their successors, under their conventual seal, to the said Sir Thomas, vicar, and his successors for ever; and the aforesaid Thomas hath bounden himself and his successors, in likewise unto them and their successors under his seal, for the true keep-

ing and performance of all the singular articles and covenants hereafter ensuing. First, the said prior and convent willeth, and by these presents granteth, for them and their successors for ever, that the said Sir Thomas now vicar, and his successors there to come, shall have all manner of titles, offerings, emoluments longing or appertaining to the aforesaid church of St. John Evangelist of Brecknock, with all the chapels annexed unto the aforesaid parish, or to the said prior and convent by reason of the same, except and reserved always to the said prior and convent, and to their successors, as hereafter followeth; first, the said prior and convent do except and reserve to themselves all manner of grains, that is to wit, wheat, rye, oates, barley, and also wax, with all other offerings that come to the food sollar within the said church. Also they do except all offerings and emoluments done within the monastery of Saint John the Evangelist in Brecknock; also they do except the chapels of Battle, Monkton, and St. Eylet, with all the tithes, offerings, and emoluments belonging to them; also they except and reserve to themselves, and to their successors, the manor and grange of the Poole, with their appurtenances, that is to say, the tyth lamb, cheese, wool, and hay, remitting and giving all other tythes growing within the said parish, to the aforesaid vicar, and to his successors for ever more. Also they except and reserve all offerings and emoluments done within St. Lawrence chapel, being within the parish church of Brecknock, from the first evensong upon St. Laurence day. Also that is agreeably covenanted between the said parties, that the said prior and convent and their successors, shall cause all sacraments and sacramentals to be administred within the three aforesaid chapels, and to all the inhabitants and dwellers within the precincts of the aforesaid chapels, at all times necessary, when they shall be called upon, on the proper cost and charges of the aforesaid prior and convent and successors. Moreover, that it is between the said parties agreed and covenanted, that the aforesaid Sir Thomas and his successors, shall elect and find a curate, to serve and to bear cure and charge for the aforesaid prior and convent, and their successors, of them that dwell within, in precinct and limits of the chapel of our Lady, set within the walls of the town of Brecknock, upon the cost and charges of the said vicar and his successors. In like manner also, the said vicar and his successors shall find bread and wine within the aforesaid chapel and parish church, at all times necessary. Also that it is covenanted, that the said vicar and his successors shall have both meat and drink at the said Prior’s torne messe continually and daily, unless there be strangers with the said prior, and when there is no stranger, then he to use his said place at the table (the said vicar paying every quarter for his meat and drink, six shillings and eight pence sterling). Also when that shall please the said vicar to come, he to have his beaver at two o’clock at afternoon; and also after supper, that is to say, a cup of ale at the buttery hatch if he demand it. Also covenant is, that the said prior and convent, shall have all manner of offerings done within the chapel of St. Nicholas, being within the castle of Brecknock; and the said prior and his successors shall find masses to be sung or said within the said chapel, according to the old custom there. And also covenant is, that the said vicar and his successors shall have no manner of tythe corn, meal, neither malt of any mill belonging to the said prior or house of St. John Evangelist; nevertheless he to have privie tythes of the farmers there at every Easter, according to their conscience.

‘In witness whereof the said parties hath caused and procured this present writing of composition to be made tripartite, whereof one part to remain in the custody of the said prior and convent, the second to be in the hands of the said vicar, and the third to be kept and reserved in the Register of St. Davids, and to each of the same hath put their seals, and severally subscribed their hands. And also, for the more assurance of the premises, the reverend father bishop of St. Davids, ordinary and diocesan of the said parish of Brecknock, and the whole chapter of the cathedral church of St. Davids giveth their consent and assent, ratified, corroborated, and confirmed with their seals and writing. Given the first day of August in the year of our Lord God a thousand five hundred seven and twentieth.

Also it is covenanted that the said prior and convent shall have and enjoy for ever more, to them and to their successors, the parish church yard of St. John Evangelist, and all that shall grow therein, with all manner of offerings that shall be done to all images within the precinct of the parish of St. John Evangelist aforesaid.’

Nos itaque Ricardus permissione divina Menevensis episcopus Compositionem antedictam inter partes memoratas, de assensu et concensu omnium et singulorum jus sive interesse in ea parte habentium realiter factam, ac omnia et singula in eadem contenta et specificata, rata et grata habentes, eandemque et singula in eadem contenta hujusmodi, quia pacem et quietem perpetuam inter subditos nostros promovere, litesque reprimere noscuntur, animo deliberato et ex certa scientia nostra, autoritate ordinaria, tenore præsentium confirmamus, ratificamus, corroboramus, et approbamus, nostrumque expressum consensum pariter et assensum eisdem prebemus, ac nostræ autoritatis robur et munimen adjicimus per præsentis sigilli nostri appensione communitas. Dat. in manerio nostro de Lantefey, nono die mensis Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo vicesimo nono, et nostræ consecrationis anno sexto.

Nos insuper Decanus sive Præsidens et capitulum ecclesiæ cathedralis Menevensis, quia prælibatam, Compositionem realem, post maturam deliberationem ac diligentem tractatum inter nos in domo capitulari dictæ cathedralis ecclesiæ, ad hoc ibidem capitulariter congregati desuper habitam et factam, rationabilem et justam, pacisque et quietis motivam esse comperimus; eandemque compositionem et omnia et singula in eadem contenta et specificata de unanimi concensu pariter et assensu nostris approbamus, ratificamus, et comprobamus, eisdemque nostrum unanimum consensum pariter ac assensum adhibemus, nec non eadem firma, et rata imperpetuum fore censemus per præsentis, sigilli nostri communis appensione communitas. Dat. in domo nostra capitulari, decimo die mensis Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo vicesimo nono, per me Ricardum Menevensem, per Robertum Salder, Thomamque Jevan.

Registrata fuit præsens infrascripta compositio realis modo et forma suprascriptis per Georgium Arblaster, notarium publicum deputatum Albani Stepney armigeri registrarii principalis dioceseos Menevensis, et concordat cum originali, ac examinatum per eundem Arblaster.

Arblaster N. P. Deput. Regr.

VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS TEMP. HEN. VIII.
(Abstract of Return, 26 Hen. VIII. First Fruits Office.)

PRIORATUS SANCTI JOHANNIS EVANGELISTE BRECHON.

Temporalia.		£.	s.	d.
Com' Heref'				
Beryngton	Grangia	7	3	4
Bodenham	Grangia	0	13	4
Brynsope	Grangia	2	0	0
Selwick Mill	Grangia	0	11	0
Com' Brecon'				
Walkyngeston	Teñta	3	13	4
Dynas Castell' in Talgarth	Teñta	3	6	8
Monckton	Teñta	9	15	0
Poole.	Teñta	5	3	4
Batell	Teñta	4	0	0
Brecon	Molend' citra Villam.	15	0	0
- - - - -	Redd' Assis'	7	0	0
Spiritualia.				
Bodenham	Ecclesia	7	6	8
Haya	Ecclesia	2	6	8
Llanygon	Ecclesia	6	13	4
Talgarth	Ecclesia	11	0	0
Mera	Ecclesia	6	0	0
Dyvynnok	Ecclesia	13	0	0
Bouelt	Ecclesia	8	0	0
Batell	Capella	5	0	0
Brechon'	Capella Castri	2	3	4
Humber	Portio	0	5	0
Patringham	Pensio	1	6	8
Uppton Waffres	Pensio	0	2	0
Comeduy	Pensio	1	0	0
Llanvihangell Tallellyn	Pensio	0	5	0
Brechon Villa	Decim' Garbar' cum Terris Domini-calibus	11	16	8
Summa totalis Valoris		134	11	4

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 28 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

PRIORAT' DE BRECKNOCKE.

Com' Brecon'		£.	s.	d.
Terr' Dominical' dict' Priorat' dimiss' Johanni ap Rice Generoso per Indenturam Sigillo				
Curie Augmentationum Reventionum Corone Domini Regis sigillat', &c.		3	6	8
Brecknocke	Lib' Ten', &c.	13	0	1
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Batell cum Capell'	Grangia	10	6	1
Polle	Firma Manerii, cum omnibus Terris, Pratis, Pascuis, et Pasturis ejusdem	5	3	4
Talgarthe	Ten' lib' et per Indentur'	3	14	5
Beryngton	Ten' lib' et per Indentur'	16	9	0
Mounkton cum Capella	Maner'	10	0	0
Bodenham	Maner'	10	13	4
Hay	Redd' Assis'	0	7	5
Belth	Redd' Assis'	2	5	11
Mara	Rectoria	6	0	0
Talgarthe	Rectoria	11	6	8
Astrabette	Decim'	2	0	0
Brynsope	Rectoria	2	13	4
Haye	Rectoria	2	6	8
Llanygon	Rectoria	6	13	4
Dyvynyoke	Decim'	15	0	0
Belthe	Rectoria	8	0	0
Breknocke	Capella	2	0	0
Cunduy	Pensio	1	0	0
Breknocke	Decim'	11	16	8
Hodney	Molend'	6	0	0
Uske	Molend'	6	0	0
Lannassey	Molend'	2	13	4
Brygys	Molend' Fullon'	2	13	4
Heldmylle	Molend' Redd'	0	12	0
Sancta Brigida	Rectoria	0	6	8
Dynas Castell	Pens' Scaccar'	3	6	8
Summa totalis oneris		165	14	11

De quibus

Feodis et Vadiis	3	12	0
Procuracionibus et Sinodalibus	0	7	11
Liberac' Denariorum	148	15	9

	£.	s.	d.
Summa allocationum, &c.	152	15	8
Et debet	12	19	3

Nunnery of Armethwaite,

IN

CUMBERLAND.



THE Benedictine Nunnery of ARMETHWAITE, the site of which is now called NUNNERY, was founded by King William Rufus in the second year of his reign. It was situated in the parish of Ainstable, in Leath ward in Cumberland, twelve miles from Penrith, near the water of Croglin: and was dedicated to Christ Jesus and his mother St. Mary.*

Sir William Dugdale has preserved three charters relating to this monastery; the charter of foundation by King William Rufus, a charter from King Edward the Third, and a general ratification of possessions from King Edward the Fourth.

The original endowment, according to the foundation charter, consisted of two acres of land, forming the site of the house and church; three carucates of land and ten acres of meadow, adjoining the monastery; two hundred and sixteen acres within the forest of Inglewood, north of the water of Tarnwadelyn; common of pasture throughout the forest, with livery of timber; and a yearly rent of forty shillings from two of the king's tenements in Carlisle, paid by the hands of the custos or warden of the town. The nuns had also exemption from toll throughout England; common of pasture for themselves and their tenants in Ainstable; and free warren throughout the whole of their possessions. Their privileges were to be the same as those of the monastery of Westminster; and their lands to be held as freely "as hert may it thynk or ygh may it see."^b

King Edward the Third's charter, in the 5th year of his reign, 1332, remitted to the prioress and nuns their yearly rent of ten pounds, in consideration of the losses they had suffered by the war with Scotland.^c

King Edward the Fourth's charter was granted, principally, in consequence of the monastery having been almost destroyed by Scottish invaders, who not only spoiled the nuns of their church ornaments, reliques, books, and jewels, but also of their charters and evidences. This charter was granted in 1473.^d

According to the General Ecclesiastical Survey, 26 Hen. VIII., as printed by Hutchinson, the total amount of the possessions of Armethwaite nunnery was at that time per annum 19*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.*; out of which there was a payment made to the priory of Wetherall of 12*s.* and the sum of 2*s.* 6*d.* for procurations at the visitations to the bishop of Carlisle, reducing the receipt to 18*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*; which was further reduced to 13*l.* by reason of an annual stipend of 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* given to a chaplain for celebrating divine service daily to the nuns.

A complete Survey of this monastery and its pos-

sessions, taken July 31st, 29 Hen. VIII. will be found in the Appendix of Instruments.^e The annual value of the lands with which it was at that time endowed amounted to 20*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.* Tanner says only 18*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.* per annum.

At the time of the Dissolution there were only three nuns in this house, beside the prioress.

King Edward the Sixth granted the priory of Armethwaite, with the manor and various lands thereto belonging, to William Grayme, *alias* Carleil, gentleman, by letters patent bearing date March 9th, in the 6th year of his reign. This, say the Messrs. Lysons, was William Greyme, or Graham, of Rose-trees and Netherby, in the parish of Arthuret, who settled the priory estate on his younger son, Fergus. The site of the priory, having acquired the name of Nunnery, continued to be the seat of this branch of the Grahams till about the year 1690, when George Graham, Esq, sold it to Sir John Lowther, Bart. Sir John Lowther exchanged it with John Aglionby, Esq. for Drumburgh castle. It is now the property and residence of Mrs. Elizabeth Bamber, widow, elder sister of the late Christopher Aglionby, Esq. the last heir male of that ancient family, who died in 1785.^f

Hutchinson says, the present house of NUNNERY was erected on the remains of the old house of Benedictine nuns, which, he adds in another page, was taken down in 1715.^g

Burn and Nicolson mention an inscription upon a bed-head at Nunnery, called the Nuns Bed: but Hutchinson could neither find nor hear of it from the Aglionbies.^h

At a distance, on a rising ground to the north-east of the house at Nunnery, in a field called Cross-close, is, or formerly was, an upright Pillar, having on one side a large oval stone with a cross in the centre, bearing the word SANCTUARIUM, in a very ancient character, round it. The date of 1088 had been added below the cross in later times. A wood-cut of this cross was inserted in the Gentleman's Magazine for 1755. Hutchinson conceives this was the boundary of the sanctuary at Nunnery that way.ⁱ This privilege is not mentioned by name in any of the few charters granted to Armethwaite now extant: but the monastery, it will be remembered, was to possess its privileges "simili modo sicut conceditur Monasterio de Westmynster," where sanctuary was one of the most important liberties.

PRIORESSES.

ISABELLA OTTELEY died in 1507: on the 20th of January in which year

ANNES ELVYNGTON succeeded.^k

ANNA DARTWENTWATER was the last prioress. She received a pension at the Dissolution of 2*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*^l

Nicholson and Burn say, there is no presentation or

* Tanner says, Notit. Mon. "This nunnery is in or near the forest of Inglewood, and probably the same which Gervase of Canterbury, or Sulgrave, and Stevens, i. 38, call 'Prioratus de Ingleswode S. Mariæ, moniales nigre.'"

^b Compare App. Num. I.

^c See Num. III.

^d Lysons' Mag. Brit. vol. iv. pp. 6, 7.

^e Num. II.

^f Num. IV.

^g Hist. Cumb. vol. i. pp. 186, 189.

^h Hist. of Westm. & Cumb. vol. ii. p. 431.

ⁱ Hutchins, ut supr. p. 192.

^j Reg. Ebor. post mort. Savage. See MS. Harl. 6972, fol. 43 b.

^k It was still payable in the 2d & 3d of Philip and Mary:

"ARMETHAWIT nuper Monast. Penc. Annæ Dartwentwater nuper priorissæ liij. iiij^d."

institution to the vicarage of Ainstaple in the bishop's Registers before the dissolution of the religious houses. It seems to have been totally appropriated to the nunnery of Armethwaite, and to have been supplied by the chaplain of that house.*

Bishop Tanner gives the two following references to

Records relating to this monastery: "Pat. 11 Edw. II. p. i. m. 25, pro pastura in foresta de Inglewood. Rec. in Scacc. 20 Edw. IV. Trin. rot. 9."

No Register of this nunnery is now known to be extant; nor have the Editors of the Monasticon yet discovered an impression of the conventual Seal.

Cartae ad Armethwaytense Coenobium in comitatu Cumbriae spectantes.

NUM. I.

Carta Foundationis.

[Pat. 20 E. IV. p. 1, m. 4, per Inspex.]

WILLIELMUS Dei gratia rex Anglorum et dux Normannorum omnibus suis Christi fidelibus praesentes literas inspecturis salutem. Sciatis quod nos, ex mero motu nostro, et intuitu caritatis fundavimus construximus et imperpetuum ordinavimus in puram et perpetuam elemosinam unam domum et monasterium nigrarum monialium ordinis S. Bened. in honore Jesu Christi ac beatæ Mariæ Virginis pro animabus progenitorum nostrorum et omnium Christianorum, prout situatur juxta aquam vocatam Croglyn in comitatu Cumbriae. Etiam dedimus et concessimus monialibus ibidem duas acras terræ super quas prædicta domus et monasterium situantur. Et etiam dedimus et concessimus eisdem monialibus tres carucatas terræ et decem acras prati cum omnimodis communiis, boscis, et vastis eisdem tribus carucatis terræ quovismodo pertinentibus, jacentibus juxta monasterium prædictum.

Etiam dedimus et concessimus eisdem monialibus et successoribus suis imperpetuum ducentas et sexdecem acras terræ existentes infra forestam nostram de Ingilwode, jacentes ex parte boreali cujusdam aquæ vocatæ Tarnwadelyn cum omnibus boscis proficuis et commoditatibus super easdem existentibus sive unquam postmodum crescentibus. Etiam concessimus eisdem monialibus communiam pasturam cum omnibus animalibus suis pro se et suis ibidem tenentibus per totam forestam nostram de Ingilwode, capiendis ibidem sufficientem mæremium pro omnibus suis ædificiis quandocunque et quotienscunque necesse fuerit, per deliberationem forestariorum nostrorum, sive eorum unius, ibidem existentium. Et etiam concessimus et confirmavimus eisdem monialibus et successoribus suis quendam annum redditum xl. sol. annuatim percipiendorum imperpetuum de tenementis nostris in villa nostra de Karlile, solvendorum eisdem monialibus et successoribus suis per manus custodis nostri villæ de Karlile prædictæ ad festa Pentecostes et sancti Martini in yeme per equales portiones. Et etiam concedimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris quod prædictæ moniales, tenentes, et sui servientes liberi sint de tolneto pacando per totum regnum nostrum Angliæ pro aliquibus bestiis sive rebus quibuscunque per eas sive eorum aliquem tenentem seu servientem imposterum emendo. Et etiam concedimus et confirmavimus quod monasterium et domus prædicta cum prædictis tribus carucatis, duabus acris terræ, cum decem acris prati, in omnibus libera sint et habeant omnes libertates suas simili modo sicut conceditur nostro monasterio de Westmynster, absque vexatione molestatione sive aliqua inquietatione, seu læsione aliquorum vicecomitum, escaetorum, ballivorum, sive aliquorum ministrorum

seu ligeorum nostrorum quorumcunque. Et etiam concedimus eisdem monialibus communiam pasturæ cum animalibus suis infra villam et communiam de Aynstaplyth cum liberis introitu et exitu. Necnon concedimus quod prædictæ moniales liberæ sint per totam terram suam pro quibuscunque tenentibus, et liberam habeant warennam tam pro lectis curiarum nostrarum quam in aquis, boscis, terris, planis, seu metis suis eidem monasterio spectantibus seu quovismodo pertinentibus. Habenda, tenenda, et occupanda omnia et singula prædicta recitata præfatis monialibus et successoribus suis imperpetuum de nobis et hæredibus nostris in puram et perpetuam elemosinam spontanea ita voluntate et concessione 'As hert may it thynk or ygh may it se.' In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Westm. sexto die mensis Januarii anno regni nostri secundo.

NUM. II.

Carta Regis Edwardi Tertii.

[Pat. 5 E. III. m. 5.]

REX omnibus ad quos, &c. salutem. Volentes dilectis nobis in Christo, priorissæ, et monialibus de Ermitwait, in comitatu Cumbriae, quarum terræ, tenementa, et redditus, per guerram Scotiæ multipliciter destructæ existunt, et vastatæ, gratiam facere specialem, pardonavimus eisdem priorissæ, et monialibus, illas decem libras, quas nobis reddere tenentur, pro victualibus tempore domini Edwardi, nuper regis Angliæ patris nostri, per ipsas ad Karlilum emptis, et ipsas de eisdem decem libris, tenore præsentium, quietamus. In cujus rei testimonium, &c. Teste rege apud Westmonasterium sextodecimo die Octobris.

NUM. III.

Carta Regis Edwardi Quarti de hujus Cœnobii Possessionum ratificatione.

[Pat. 13 E. IV. p. 1, m. 13.]

REX omnibus ad quos, &c. salutem. Sciatis quod nos ex lamentabili insinuatione priorissæ monialium domus sive prioratus de Armythwayte, in comitatu Cumbriae, prope marchias Scotiæ situati et edificati, accepimus qualiter domus sive prioratus prædictus, quæ de fundatione inclitorum progenitorum nostrorum quondam regum Angliæ et nostro patronatu existit, per inimicos et adversarios nostros Scotiæ in domibus, clausuris, et aliis ædificiis totaliter destructus et devastatus, ac de rebus, reliquiis, ornamentis ecclesiasticis, libris, et aliis jocalibus spoliatus extitit, et quod deterius

* See Hist. Westm. & Cumb. vol. ii. p. 431.

est, omnia cartæ, scripta, donationes, literæ patentes, aliaque evidentiæ et munimenta dictum prioratum et possessiones ejusdem, per dictos progenitores eidem prioratui antiquitus datæ et collatæ concernentia, per dictos adversarios nostros combusta asportata et aliàs elongata fuerunt, sicque magna pars possessionum prædictarum ab eadem domo, sive prioratu substracta alienata et detenta existit, eoque pretextu status et proventus ejusdem domus sive prioratus adeo diminuuntur, quod nunc priorissa, et moniales in domo sive prioratu prædicto existentes non habent unde vivere, ac divina officia, et obsequia, ac hospitalitatem aliaque pietatis opera ab olim ibidem laudabiliter instituta fundata et stabilita sustinere facereque valeant aut supportare, quinimo oportebit easdem priorissam et moniales domum sive prioratum prædictum egestate causante infra breve relinquere, ac divina officia, et alia opera prædicta ibidem penitus cessare, ac vota dictorum progenitorum nostrorum fundatorum suorum totaliter effectu destitui et defraudari, nisi per nos caritativè subveniatur eisdem. Unde eadem priorissa et moniales nobis humillimè supplicarunt, ut nostram munificentiam regiam eis in hac parte gratiose exhiberi voluimus.

Nos præmissorum consideratione, earumque inopiam et egestatem, pio compatiens effectu, in augmentationem divini cultus, et ut eadem priorissa et moniales pro bono statu nostro, et Elizabethæ consortis nostræ, Edwardique præcarissimi filii nostri primogeniti, ac pro animabus nostris cum ab hac luce migraverimus, et pro animabus dictorum progenitorum nostrorum apud altissimum specialiùs deprecetur, et exorent; ac etiam, ut vota et intentiones ipsorum progenitorum nostrorum debitum sortiantur effectum, de gratia nostra speciali volentes securitati, et quieti dictarum priorissæ et monialium, et successorum suarum gratiose providere, titulum, statum, possessionem, quos eadem nunc priorissa et moniales habent in domo, sive prioratu prædictis, ac in terris, tenementis, redditibus, et possessionibus, et cæteris suis pertinentiis quibuscunque, quæ habent ex donatione, concessione, et fundatione, confirmatione, sive ratificatione aliquorum progenitorum nostrorum, seu aliorum quorumcunque, et specialiter cujusdam antiqui clausi vocati le Nonneclose, pro nobis et hæredibus nostris quantum in nobis est, acceptamus, approbamus, ratificamus, et confirmamus. Et ulterius prioratum prædictum et cætera præmissa cum pertinentiis eisdem priorissæ et monialibus, et successoribus suis, quantum in nobis est, damus et concedimus. Habendum sibi et successoribus suis prædictis imperpetuum, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis quibuscunque, juxta primariam fundationem earundem.

Nolentes quod eadem priorissa et moniales, vel successores suæ prædictæ super possessione suæ domus sive prioratus prædictæ, et cæterorum præmissorum, cum pertinentiis per nos, vel hæredes nostros, justiciarios, escaetores, vicecomites, seu alios ballivos et ministros nostros quoscunque futuris temporibus occasionentur, impetantur, inquietentur, vexentur, perturbentur, molestentur in aliquo, seu grauentur, aliquo statuto, actu sive ordinatione in contrarium facto, non obstante; absque fine seu feodo, nobis pro literis nostris prædictis, aut aliqua alia causa præmissa quovismodo concernente aliquo modo capiendis faciendis sive solvendis. In cujus, &c. T. R. apud Westmonasterium ix. Aprilis.

NUM. IV.

Com' Cumbr'

(Paper Surveys, temp. Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

ARMETHWAITE.

PRIORATUS ordinis Sæi Benedicti.—The Survey then takyn the penult. day of July in the xxixth. yere of the regne of oure sovrane lord Kyng Henry th'eight.

The demanez. The scite of the sayd priorye, with one littill orteyerd, ij. gardens, and a littell cloose callyd the Lyne Cloose, contenyng in all ij. acr. by yere } ij^a.

Item j. close of iiij. acre land arable callyd the Pesse Banke, and is worth by yere } iiij^a.

Item j. close callyd the Todd Hoolez, contenyng xvij. acrez of land arable iiij. acr. medoo, x. acr. waste iiij. acr. by yere } xij^a.

Item iiij. closez of arable land callyd White Closez, cont. xx. acrez, and is worth by yere } xx^a.

Item j. close callyd Holme Camok, cont. j. acr. } xij^a.

Item j. close called Kirkehome, cont. j. acr. arable } xij^a.

Item j. close callyd Highefelde, cont. v. acres, whereof is beylded a house and barn, in the occupieng of Ric. Thomson, and rents yerely . . } vj^a. viij^a.

Item close ther contenyng xliij. acres of grounde wood and wast, and is worth by yere } xiiij^a. iiij^a.

Item j. cloose callyd Bradmedoo, cont. ix. acres, in the holdyng of S^r. Xpofer Dacrez, Knyght, S^m . . . } ix^a.

S^m lxix^a.

The Nonnecloose.

George Chirden holdith a mes. ther, Richerd Garthe, John Chirder, Rob^t. Dobson, Richard Morehowse, W^m. Verte, ij. teñts, Mary Dawson, Bland Hashok, John Walby, Laurence Lambe, Ric. Wilkynson, Will^m. Miles, Thomas Falder, W^m. Mathewson. John Aldcorne, Rowland Banys, Will^m. Baynys, every one of them hold a teñt ther at v^a. rent by yere; in all ccxvj. acrez land } iiij^a. x^a.

S^m pz.

Dalle.

Peter Hewitson and Xpofer Hewitson hold a teñt, ij. fierhouses, ij. lathes, j. crofte, cont. j. acr. in the feld, vij. acr. land arable and ij. acr. medoo, p a^m } x^a. ij. hens, j. cok, and in harvest j. arratr. et j. h'ciat.

Henry Verte holdith a teñt, and Jonet Vert, wth. ij. fiire howses, ij. barnes, j. crofte, cont. di. acr. vj. acr. of arable land and ij. acr. medoo, p a^m. } ix^a. &c. ut ante.

Mathew Vertye holdith a teñt w^t. a crofte cont. di. acr. vij. acres of arable land, and iiij. acres of medoo, and rents by yere } xj^a. vj^a. j. arratr. et j. h'ciat.

Hewgh Vertye holdith a tene-ment with a crofte contenyng j. rode, vj. acr. of land arable, j. acr. di. of medow, and rentith by the yer, at M'tinmas and Pent. equally, . . . } viij^a. ij. gallin. j. gall. j. dies in h'ciatur. et j. dies in authupn.

S^m ccviiij^a. vj^a.

Rowekekrofte.

Robert Hewetson thelder holdith iiij. acr. of arable land and ij. acr. of medow, w^t. a howse ther, and rents by yere } iiij^a. ij. gallin. j. gall. j. dies in h'ciat. et j. in h'ciat.

Adam Hewetson holdith a teñt, with a crofte, j. acr. di. land arable, and j. acre of medow in the felds there, and rents by yere } iiij^a. &c. ut antea.

Rob^t. Hewetson the younger
holdeth a teñte ther, with a crofte cont.
di. acr. iij. acr. of land arable, j. acr.
di. medow in the feld, p ann. } vj^a. iij^d. &c. ut
antea.

Will^m. Hewetson holdith a howse,
w^t. a crofte cont. j. acr. di. land ara-
ble, and j. acr. di. lande arable and j.
rode medow in the felds, by yere . . . } v^a. &c. ut sup^a.

John Camok holdith a teñt ther,
with j. crofte cont. j. acr. and ij. acr.
of arable land in the feld } iij^a. &c. ut sup^a.

Peter Hewetson and Xpofer
Hewetson hold di. acr. land arable
in the felds, and paith by yere, at the
terme of Mtyymes and Penthecoste
equally, } xij^d.

S^m xxj^a. viij^d.

Anestaplith.

Anthonye Robson holdith a teñt,
with a crofte, ij. acr. of land arable in
the felds, and di. acr. of medoo, and
rents by yere } ij^a. iij^d.

Thomas Hoggerd and Xpofer
Thompson hold ij. teñts, with ij. crofts,
cont. vij. acr. of land arable, and rents
by yere ether of them iij^a. vj^d. } ix^a. ij. gallin. j. dies
arrat. et j. h'ciat. vel
xij^d.

Richerd Sympson holdith a teñt,
with a lathe and a crofte cont. di. acr.
per annū } ij^a. vj^d. &c. ut ante.

The wife of Rob^t. Wilson holdith
a teñt, with a crofte cont. di. acr. of
land arable } ij^a. iij^d.

Anthony Hogson holdith a tofte,
with a crofte cont. di. acr. j. rod in the
feld of arable, and rents by the yere . . } xvij^d.

Rob^t. Gray holdith a teñt, with a
crofte cont. iij. acr. of arable land, and
rents by yere } iij^a. ij. gallin.
j. arratr. et h'ciatur.
in authumpno.

Xpofer Thomson holdith a howse
and crofte cont. j. rode land, and ij.
acr. di. arable land, and rents by yere } iij^a.

S^m xxv^a. viij^d.

Free Rent in Anestaplith.

John Leche a freehold in Anesta-
plith paith } vj^d.

John Grey for fre rent ther . . . vj^d.

John Person for fre rent ther . . iij^a. iij^d.

Will^m. Lowthian for his fre rent
ther } vj^d.

S^m iij^a. x^d.

The Fishing of Kirkeoswald.

Agnes Bikerdby holdith a littell
close cont. j. acr. land arable, callyd } xij^d.
the Holme, p an^m. }

Edward Franche holdith an acr.
di. of land in Charbokelhersekewe, and } iij. b³ hav. melt
rents by yere } vel ij^d.
S^m iij^a.

Comwhitton.

John Bowman holdith a teñt,
with a close cont. iij. acr. and rentith
by yere } ij^a. vj^d.

Thomas Skiverrey holdith a teñt,
cont. iij. acr. of arable land, and rents
by yere } ij^a. vj^d.
S^m v^a.

Blenkerne.

Tho^s. Johnson holdith a teñt,
with v acr. of land, and rents by the } v^a.
yere }

The Pishe of Kirkeland.

The wyf of John Hodshon hold-
ith a teñt, with vj. acr. of land, and
vj. acr. of medoo dry and ill lees, and
rents by yere } vj^a. viij^d.

Glassenby.

Edw^d. Herryson holdith a teñt,
with a crofte cont. di. acr. and ij. acr.
arable land, and rents by yere . . . } ij^a.

Crofton.

Rob^t. Jeffreyson holdith a teñt,
with a garth cont. j. acr. and xvj. acr.
of land arable in the felds, and rents
by yere } x^a.

Carleslee.

Also a yerely rent going out of
the lands of O^r. So^vane lord the king in
Karlell, to be paid by the hands of
the keeper of towne of Karlisle, by the
yere xl^a. ex concess. Will^m. R^s. Conq.
et modo } n^l.

S^m tot^{us} tempalium xiiij^d. ij^a. iij^d.

It^m psonage of Anestaplith, with
all man. of tethez and obla^cons there-
unto belonging, with the tethes of the
demanes of the said late monestery,
renuing wthin the same by yere . . . } vj^u.

S^m p³

S^m tot^{us}. xx^u. ij^a. iij^d. De quib³ in reddu resolutu
priori de Wetherall exeunt. de terr. dñic. ibm p annū xij^d.
Et. Epo Ka^rlij p pen^coe ecclie de Anestaplith p annum
ij^a. vj^d.

Et rem. xix^u. xvij^a. x^d.

P me JACOBUM ROKEBY audit.

COMPUT^r MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 28 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

ARMETHWAYTT PRIORAT^r.

Com' Cumb'			£.	s.	d.
Armethwaytt	. . . . .	Terr' Dñical'	. . . . .	3	9 0
Nonneclose	. . . . .	Redd' et Firm'	. . . . .	4	10 0
Daylle	. . . . .	Redd' et Firm'	. . . . .	1	18 6
Roukecroft	. . . . .	Redd' et Firm'	. . . . .	1	2 8
Anestaplith	. . . . .	Redd' et Firm'	. . . . .	1	10 6
Kirkeoswald	. . . . .	Duo Tenementa	. . . . .	0	3 0
Comewhitton	. . . . .	Duo Tenementa	. . . . .	0	5 0
Blenkerne	. . . . .	Unum Tenementum	. . . . .	0	5 0
Kirkeland	. . . . .	Unum Tenementum	. . . . .	0	6 8
Glassinby	. . . . .	Unum Tenementum	. . . . .	0	2 0
Crofton	. . . . .	Unum Tenementum	. . . . .	0	10 0
Anestaplith	. . . . .	Rectoria	. . . . .	6	0 0

Mulebroc, or Milbrook; and Moddry,

AFTERWARDS CALLED

Beaulieu, or De Bello Loco;

A Cell to the Monastery of St. Albans.



moved about the year 1119 by Geoffrey the sixteenth abbat

IR William Dugdale, who calls this monastery by the name of BEAULIEU only, places it in Bedfordshire, in which he is followed by other writers. The Messrs. Lysons, however, in their Magna Britannia, noticing MILBROOK in that county, a village about a mile from Ampt-hill, say, "At this place was a cell of Benedictine monks belonging to the abbey of St. Albans, which was re-

of that monastery to MODDRY, otherwise BEAULIEU, in Hertfordshire."^a

Tanner, speaking of Mulebroc, or Milbrook, says the monks were removed hence by abbat Geoffrey to the hermitage of Moddry, which was given to St. Albans by Robert de Albini and his mother Cicily about A.D. 1140:^b and this latter is the more probable date.^c

Newcome says the Priory of Beaulieu was situated in the parish of Clophill, in Bedfordshire.^d

Two charters of Robert de Albeneio, or Albini, as the founder of Beaulieu, will be seen in the Appendix of Instruments. The first^e contains his donation to St. Albans of a church dedicated to St. Mary Magdalen, which had been built by one Ralph within the hermitage of Moddry, together with the mill of Turnehale or Turville, the church

^a Lysons, Magna Brit. vol. i. p. 117.
^b Notit. Mon. Bedf.
^c Newcome, Hist. St. Albans, p. 478, speaks of this Cell as having probably been first founded in the time of abbat Paul; but upon what data does not appear. Mat. Paris, in the Lives of the Abbats of St. Albans, edit. 1684, p. 1005, says, in the Life of Richard the successor of Paul, "Concessa est insuper Ecclesia de Hatfeld, cum Ecclesia de Melebroc huic ecclesie in cellam, cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus."

Mat. Paris, speaking of abbat Geoffrey, says, "Hujus quoque tempore, datum est heremitorium de Modri, quod fuerat Radulphi heremite, cum ecclesiis, decimis, et pluribus rebus aliis. Et sciendum quod dictus abbas transtulit Monachos de Mulebroc ad heremitorium prefatum de Modri. Fundataque ecclesia illic, monachorumque ædificiis, inibi eos fecit regulariter cohabitare." Ibid. p. 1008.
^d Hist. St. Albans, ut supr.
^e Num. I.

of Melebroc, ten acres of land at Stepehell, the church of Rhinthell, the church at Clophell,^a and some other inferior possessions. The second charter^b speaks of the church of St. Mary Magdalen of Beaulieu as situated in his park of Turnehale; it adds a further grant of land called Guhardeslie, the wood of Haselden, the domain of Walhege, land "juxta Eugewerram," and other possessions of less note, the site and extent of which are minutely detailed.

Except a Pleading in Quo Waranto respecting the claim of the prior of Beaulieu to view of frank-pledge in Clophull, Millebrok, and Cotes,^c we have no instruments which throw light upon the history of this cell till the time when John Whethamstede became abbat of St. Albans.^d That abbat is stated at first to have been a benefactor to Beaulieu:^e but its low and impoverished state led him at last to the thought of its suppression, or at least of uniting it to the parent monastery. Newcome says, at this time the number of monks was but *four*, and their yearly income no more than eight pounds.^f Abbat Whethamstede's Supplicatio pro unione,^g however, states that its revenues were scarcely equal for the support of two monks, though he rates them at eighteen pounds. The proposition was to transfer the revenues to the fund for supporting students, from the Monastery, at Oxford. Reginald de Grey, Lord Ruthyn and Hastyngs, who, as descended from Robert de Albini, was the patron of the priory, gave his consent to the change by instrument. At the end of the Supplicatio it is said, "Supplicatio ista expedita erat in Curia et consignata per Papam." Tanner says, this Cell was finally suppressed and united to the parent abbey by a bull from Pope Eugenius the Fourth. The annexation appears to have taken place in the sixth year of Henry the Sixth.^h Newcome records that the abbat and convent stipulated on their part to solemnize an anniversary for the Lord Ruthyn, and to pay him twenty shillings yearly as an acknowledgment.ⁱ That the soul of Robert de Albini was also to be prayed for appears from a Rental of St. Albans of 1436, in which, under the head of "Onus annuale Magistri Operariæ," we have "Item cuilibet scholari studenti Oxoniæ ad orand. signanter et in specie pro anima Roberti de Albeneio fundatoris de Bello Loco, et pro animabus patris,

matris, et avunculi dicti abbatis [sc. Joh. Whethamstede] xiiij. iv.^d Summa, liij. iv.^d." ^h

Newcome relates, that, soon after, a popular clamour arose against this act, saying that it tended to overthrow religion, and exterminate devotion. And in a short time the king's escheator came down, and required the abbat to show his title to the land; and obliged him to show his title of right by giving answer in the king's exchequer: but as nothing more is said of this suit, it is probable the escheator dropped it.

No impression of the Seal of this priory has been discovered.

PRIORS of BEAULIEU.

Of these the mention is casual only. They were monks of St. Albans, appointed and removeable at the pleasure of the abbat and convent.

WALTER DE STANDON is recorded in the bishop of Lincoln's Registers to have been admitted Prior on the ides of March, 1233.ⁱ

ROGER was admitted Prior in the third year of Bishop Grosthead's pontificate, A. D. 1238.^j

ADAM occurs Prior in the time of Pope Clem. VI. A. D. 1349.^k

RICHARD DE MYSSSENDENE, whose family name was SMYTH, occurs in 1405.^l

Whethamstede, in his Supplication to the Papal court, speaks of the cell of Beaulieu as "per sinistros eventus diminuta." It appears to have been burnt sometime in the fourteenth century. Among the names of benefactors to St. Albans monastery, already printed in the preceding Volume of this work, we find Margaret countess of Norfolk mentioned, with the addition of "Item dedit cellæ nostræ de Bello Loco vastatæ per incendium xx. marcas." See vol. ii. p. 222.

Newcome informs us, that the site of Beaulieu, together with its neighbouring lands, are now comprehended in the great Kent estate, with Wrest, belonging to the Lady de Grey.ⁿ

^a It is worthy of remark, that in this part of the Charter mention is made of a monastery, of which no other notice occurs. "Item in Clophella, sive Caenho, pastura decem bobus, &c.—necnon mansio quedam de dominio domini juxta *Monasterium de CLOPHELLA*, quam monachi sibi ipsis ædificant." The Messrs. Lysons, Mag. Britan. vol. i. p. 71, say, "It is probable that it was a cell to St. Albans, and was of short duration."

^b Num. II.

^c Num. III.

^d A composition made at Westminster by the bishop of Salisbury and the abbats of Westminster and Waltham, between the bishop of Lincoln and the abbat of St. Albans, in 1219, relating to the cells of Belvoir, Hertford, and Beaulieu, has been already printed in the Appendix to St. Albans Monastery, Num. XXII. See vol. ii. p. 233.

^e Newcome, Hist. St. Alb. p. 316.

^f See the Instruments Numm. IV. V. transcribed from the Register of abbats Whethamstede and Ramryge in the library of the Royal Society. The Cottonian manuscript Nero D. vii. fol. 33 b, speaking of abbat Whethamstede, says, "Item idem Abbas suis in temporibus impetravit a domino de Gray domino de Ruthyn Relaxationem Advocationis Prioratus de Bello Loco, optinuitque plenum jus ad

faciendum cum loco illo juxta suæ arbitrium voluntatis." Abbat Whethamstede's own expenditure, in procuring the annexation of Beaulieu to his monastery, has been already noticed as amounting to seventy pounds. See vol. ii. p. 201.

^g Hist. St. Albans, p. 331.

^h MS. Soc. Reg. Howard, num. 34, fol. 64 b.

ⁱ Rot. Hug. Wells episc. Linc. an. 24.

^j Rot. Rob. Grosth. episc. Linc. Among the excerpts from Bishop Grosthead's Registers in the Harl. MS. 6950, we find, "Ric. de Camelton diac. instit. ad eccl. de Camelton ad pres. prioris et conv. de Bello Loco ann. pontific. x." "G. capellanus ad vicar. de Cloppehull ad præ. prioris de Bello Loco ann. xi."

^k See the Appendix to St. Albans Monastery, Num. XXIX. vol. ii. p. 239.

^l "Johannes Smyth familiaris noster fidelissimus pater domini RICARDI DE MYSSSENDENE prioris de Bello Loco legavit cuilibet monacho in Monasterio [S. Albani] die mortis suæ xij.^d Obiit autem anno Domini millesimo cccc. quinto, iij.^{to} die mensis Junii." MS. Cotton. Nero D. vii. fol. 135 b.

ⁿ Hist. St. Albans, p. 478. See also Clutterbuck's Hist. of Hertf. vol. i. p. 39.

Cartae ad Belli-loci Coenobium in agro Bedfordiensi spectantes : Cellam Sancti Albani.

NUM. I.

Prima Carta Prioratus de Bello-loco, Roberti scil. de Albeneio.

[Ex Registro Abbatiae S. Albani in Bibl. Cottoniana, fol. 128 b.]

Hæc est donatio et confirmatio cellæ de Moddry. Robertus de Albeneio gratia Dei, et assensu consilioque Secilæ matris suæ, necnon suorum fidorum hominum, et amicorum, dedit Deo et sancto Albano ecclesiam sanctæ Mariæ, quam Radulfus heremita confluxerat in heremitorio de Moddry; dedit, inquam, et confirmavit ipsam ecclesiam sancto Albano in cellam, cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus quæ videlicet, hic scripta sunt.

Imprimis heremitorium de Moddry totum, in assartis, et bosco, et cæteris quæ ad illud pertinebant die qua Henricus de Albeneio, pater hujus Roberti fuit vivus et mortuus, cum bosco, quod ipse Robertus et mater sua Secilia dederunt supradictæ ecclesiæ quando dedicata est, in dotem, cum molendino de Turnehale cum terra et prato ad illud pertinentibus, et cum bosco quod postea addiderunt, et una insula prati, quæ est inter prædictum molendinum, et domum quæ ad illud pertinet. Item ecclesia de Melebroc, quam prius dederat Nigellus del Waste, et postea Henricus de Albeneio concesserat, cum una hida terræ, et dimidia virgata; ista libertate, quod pecunia viva campestris de propria curia monachorum de Melebroc pascentur cum dominica pecunia Domini, et habebunt quietum pasnagium porcorum suorum illinc. Item decem acræ terræ de Stepehell quas ipse Robertus obtulit super altare memoratæ ecclesiæ de Moddry in die festi sancti Machuti. Item ecclesia de Rinethella cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus. Item ecclesia de Clophella, cum duabus virgatis terræ et cæteris omnibus quæ ad eam pertinent, præter illa quæ sunt monachorum de Warengsford, id est, duæ partes totius decimæ de dominio domini; et in bosco de Clophella pastio quadraginta porcis, sine pasnagio. Item in Clophella, sive Caenho, pastura decem bobus cum dominicis bobus domini, et centum ovibus cum dominicis ovibus domini, et communis pastura cæteræ pecuniæ monachorum, si quam habuerunt, vel ipsi, vel homines illorum; necnon mansio quædam de dominio domini juxta monasterium de Clophella, quam monachi sibi ipsis ædificent. Item quindecim acræ terræ propter servitium capellæ de Caenho, tribus diebus in hebdomada. Item una virgata terræ, cum dimidia unius cotlandi tota, sicut fuerat Walteri Fabri, quam Radulfus filius Roberti vendidit monachis pro quatuor marcis argenti, et una marca auri, et una sue, et sex summis bladi, et juraverunt super altare ipse, et filius ejus Richardus, quod nunquam deinceps pro illa terra aliquid à monachis requirerent. Item dimidia virgata terræ quæ fuit Wincardi, cum ipso Wincardo.

Et si aliquando, Dei aspiratione, ipse dominus Robertus, vel aliqui ex hominibus ejus honoris, dederint prædictæ ecclesiæ, sive de terris suis, sive de aliis rebus, hac eadem confirmatione firmum erit et stabile. Et ipse quidem Robertus et Nigellus frater suus, et Secilia mater eorum effecti sunt fratres ecclesiæ sancti Albani pleniter ut monachi ejusdem ecclesiæ. Hoc etiam sciendum, quod homines monachorum Modriensium, erunt quieti ab operibus tam regis quam domini, nisi ipsi monachi sponte voluerint eos præsentare. Hæc omnia, cum omnibus ad ea pertinentibus dedit et confirmavit ipse dominus Robertus Deo et sancto Albano in capitulo sancti Albani, et post capitulum, obtulit super magnum altare, per unum cultellum, soluta et quietata ab omnibus consuetudinibus et servitiis regis et suis,

et successorum suorum, et omnibus aliis rebus, præter servitium Dei pro anima sua, et pro animabus patris et matris, et aliorum parentum suorum, coram abbate Galfrido, et monachis, et testibus his, scilicet Willielmo filio Nigelli, Willielmo Travall dapifero, Richardo scriptore, Radulfo Malferus, Radulfo filio Roberti, et Richardo filio ejus, Rogero de Standena, Rogero de Pelocheshell, Ailberto de Elenestou ex parte ejusdem Roberti. Ex parte autem sancti Albani, Thoma presbitero de Langele, Rogero de Crocaslea, et Richardo filio ejus, Johanne de Chidwic, et aliis.

NUM. II.

Alia Carta Roberti de Albeneio.

[Ibid. fol. 129.]

NOTUM sit omnibus sanctæ ecclesiæ filiis et fidelibus tam futuris, quàm præsentibus, quod ego Robertus de Albeneio Deo inspirante, concessi ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Magdalene de Bello-Loco, quam in parco meo de Turnehall constitui, et monachis quos ibi ad serviendum Deo collocavi, pro salute animæ meæ, et animæ patris et matris meæ, et fratrum et sororum, et parentum et amicorum meorum, libere, et solute, et quiete ab omni sæculari servitio et exactione, in feodo, et perpetua elemosina, terram quæ vocatur Guhardesleie et boscum de Haseldena, sicut parcum antea fuit clausum, vel ad boscum ipsorum monachorum de Bello-Loco, et totum dominium meum de Walhege, et totam terram juxta Eugeweram, et nemus eorum usque ad terram Ailwini Bolt, scilicet usque ad caput fossati terræ ipsius, et totam terram Ailwini Bolt, et mansionem et domos ejus, et decem acras in excangio pro virgulto meo de Clophell, et totam Treubruge croftam in omnibus, sicut Azo presbiter eam melius tenuit, et communem pasturam villæ; et iterum ex altera parte aquæ secus boscum de Caelp, totam terram à terra Osmundi usque ad incisionem, et viginti acras, quas habui in meo dominio de terra Camelton, et pratum quod adjacet, et totam terram Warini de Wacy, quam mater mea eis antea dederat, et messuagium ejus, cum duobus riffletis circumjacentibus.

Item resumpto ab eis eodem messuagio Warini, quia mihi necessarium erat, dedi eis, in exchangiam Corucroftam vicinam suis ædificiis. Item pro duodecim acris bosci quas recepi ab ipsis monachis in Walteshou dedi eis in exchangium xii. acras terræ colendæ, scilicet, prædictum messuagium Warini pro sex acris et alias sex acras in campo meo de Clophella. Item in Melebrok terram à bosco, usque ad ecclesiam et aqua quæ ab curia descendit ad eandem ecclesiam usque ad Sibbenoram, et totum ab eodem bosco extra closum, usque ad culturam quæ est juxta ecclesiam, et croftam Sigodi filii Samari, et croftam Uhteredi, et croftam Alwardi de Bromam, et veteres terras, et montem veterem juxta, et pratum quod fuit Richardi filii Radulfi ad Bromam, et pratum quod prestitum fuit Turgodo de dominio domini quod adclausit, et xvj. acras de terra Warini et unam acram terræ quam Herbertus de Amethulla dedit, et septem acras de dominio ad Cotes, quas Edwardus tenet, et dimidiam virgatam quæ fuit Ailmari Ruffi in terris, et pratis, et Tornecroftam. Hæc omnia dedi et confirmavi Deo et sancto Albano, et monachis de Bello-loco in feudo, et elemosinam libera, et quietata, et soluta, ab omni servitio et omnibus consuetudinibus regis, et meis et successorum meorum, et ab omnibus aliis exactionibus præter servitium Dei. Hiis testibus, Nicholao archidiacono, Simone capellano, Richardo de Merston, Willielmo Travail, Radulfo

Pirot, Stephano de Pullecheshell, Roberto presbytero de Clophella, Willielmo de Sancto Celeri, Hugone filio Niggelli, Willielmo de Flicte, Radulfo filio Roberti, et Richardo filio ejus.

NUM. III.

Plac. de Quo Waranto coram Johanne de Metingham et Thoma de Bray Justiciariis in Com. Bedf. 15 Edw. I.

[Ex orig. in Domo Capitulari Westmon. asservato.]

PRIOR de Bello Loco summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamat habere visum franciplegii et weif in Clophull, Millebrok, et Cotes quæ ad dominum regem et coronam suam pertinent sine licentia et voluntate domini regis vel prædecessorum suorum regum Angliæ, &c.

Et prior venit et dicit quod Cella sua de Bello Loco de qua est prior pertinet ad abbatiam de Sancto Albano cujus domus est monachus, et dicit quod clamat tenere visum illum apud Bellum Locum de omnibus tenentibus suis immediatis de villis prædictis bis per annum et sine ballivo regis, et nihil dat regi pro visu illo habendo. Et dicit quod habet octo decennarios ibidem. Quæsitum est ab eo si habeat furcas et alia judicialia, ad quod sic respondit quod manerium de Mellebrek aliquo tempore fuit Roberti de Aubenz qui omnimoda judicialia habuit tempore suo et post mortem ejusdem Roberti descendebat dictum manerium cum omnibus suis pertinentiis et libertatibus duabus filiabus suis. Et prædecessores sui feoffati fuerunt per sororem juniorem de tenementis quæ tenet in dicta villa; et in proparte alterius sororis videlicet Annate in Mellebrek. Quæsitum etiam fuit ab eo de quibus articulis inquit, &c. Dicit quod de omnibus articulis de quibus vicecomes inquit in turno suo. Et dicit quod ipse et omnes prædecessores sui a tempore quo non extat memoria extiterunt in seiscina de prædictis visu franci plegii et weif in prædictis villis, &c. Et super hoc profert cartam regis Henrici secundi quæ testatur quod idem rex concessit et confirmavit ecclesiæ Sancti Albani et monachis ubicunque omnes cellas suas et terras et omnes possessiones suis tam ecclesiasticas quam laicas, cum omnibus libertatibus sicut superius tangitur in eadem carta per quam abbas de Sancto Albano clamat libertates, &c.

Et Gilbertus de Thorneton qui sequitur pro domino rege petit judicium pro domino Rege ex quo iidem Abbas et Prior clamant habere prædictas libertates per cartam prædicti Henrici regis secundi et in carta prædicta non continetur expresse quod possint habere hujusmodi libertates et cum per verba generalia et obscura quæ in carta exprimuntur hujusmodi libertates regiæ a corona separari non possunt maxime cum non ostendunt quod habeant judicialia per quæ transgressores contra assisam domini regis possint punire. Et super hoc dies datus eis de audiendo judicio suo, &c. Præterea dicit quod ex quo iidem Abbas et Prior aliquo speciale warantum de domino rege seu ejus progenitoribus non ostendunt, manifeste patet quod prædictas libertates occupaverunt super coronam regiam, &c. Postea, &c. a die Paschæ in unum mensem anno regis nunc quinto-decimo quem habuit per communem proclamationem venerunt prædicti Abbas et Prior, &c. per attornatum suum. Et quia judicium nondum factum est datus est eis dies a die sancti Michaelis in xv. dies, &c. Ad quem diem venerunt prædicti Abbas et Prior per attornatum suum. Et dies datus est a die Pasch. in xv. dies, &c. Ad quem diem vene-

runt prædicti Abbas et Prior per attorn. Et dies datus est a die sancti Michaelis in xv. dies. Deinde datus est dies a die Pasch. in xv. dies. Deinde datus est eis de audiendo judicio suo coram thesaur. et baron. in scaccario apud Westm. a die Pasch. in xv. dies.

NUM. IV.

Relaxatio Advocacionis Cellæ.

[MS. Soc. Reg. ex dono Henr. Howard Norfolc. Num. 34, fol. 32.]

NOVERINT universi per præsentem me Reginaldum de Grey dominum de Hastings Weisford et de Rithin remississe, relaxasse, et omnino pro me et hæredibus meis imperpetuum quietum clamasse abbati et monachis sancti Albani ac priori de Bello Loco cella monasterii prædicti et eorum successoribus totum jus, titulum, et clameum quæ habeo seu quovismodo in futurum habere potero in patronatu seu advocacione cellæ prædictæ. Ita quod nec ego nec hæredes mei aliquid juris vel clamei in patronatu seu advocacione prædictis de cætero exigere seu vindicare poterimus in futuro. Sed ab omni actione juris, titulo et clameo inde simus exclusi imperpetuum per præsentem. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum meum præsentibus apposui. Dat. apud Wrast duodecimo die mensis Maii anno regni regis Henrici sexti post conquestum sexto.

NUM. V.

Supplicatio pro Unione.

[Ibid. fol. 32 b.]

BEATISSIME Pater, cum devoti et humiles vestræ sanctitatis oratores Abbas et Conventus monasterii Sancti Albani sacrosanctæ Sedi Apostolicæ immediate subjecti, ordinis sancti Benedicti, Lincolnien. diocæsis, in exhibitione nonnullorum monachorum dicti monasterii in studio Oxonien. studentium se singulis annis submittere habeant sump-tibus et expensis; cumque etiam, Pater sanctissime, sit una Cella sive Prioratus de Bello Loco communiter nuncupata ejusdem diocæsis a præfato monasterio dependens et eidem immediate subjecta, quæ adeo est collapsa et in facultatibus per sinistros eventus diminuta, quod ex fructibus, &c. ejusdem cellæ vix duo monachi commode sustentari in onera ipsius cellæ debite supportari possunt, cum deductis omnibus debite exeuntibus xvij. libr. sterlingorum communi estimatione valorem annuum non excedunt, supplicant S. v. præfati Abbas et Conventus dictam Cellam sive Prioratum cum omnibus et singulis fructibus, redditibus, et proventibus necnon possessionibus dictæ Cellæ, seu ad eam quolibet spectantibus ad usum, subventionem, et exhibitionem monachorum ejusdem monasterii in dicto aut alio studio generali de præsentem vel in futuro in majori numero studere debentium, cum omnibus ordinariis et extraordinariis eidem cellæ incumbentibus, eidem Monasterio applicare, appropriare, annectere, et unire, necnon ut hujusmodi sic studentibus ad orandum in earum missis et aliis horis canonicis pro fundatore dictæ cellæ singulisque benefactoribus ejus specialiter injungere valeant digneris misericorditer indulgere; constitutionibus aut literis apostolicis, statutis regulis, seu ordinationibus Ordinis, Monasterii, et Loci prædictorum in contrarium facientibus, cæteris quibuscumque non obstante.

Supplicatio ista expedita erat in curia et consignata per Papam.

Priory of Wallingford,

IN

BERKSHIRE.

A Cell to St. Albans Abbey.



THE foundation of the priory or cell of Wallingford is ascribed by Newcome^a and Clutterbuck^b to Robert D'Oyley, a Norman chief, who came over in the time of the Conqueror. Matthew Paris, however,^c and the Catalogue of Benefactors to St. Albans in the Cotton manuscript Nero D. vii.^d speak of Geoffrey the chamberlain as the person who gave the cell, that is

the church of the Holy Trinity of Wallingford, to St. Albans in the time of abbat Paul, between 1077 and 1093, by whom a few monks were sent to it as a colony from the parent monastery.

King Richard the Second endowed this priory with a grant of the church of Garsington, in Oxfordshire;^e and King Henry the Sixth confirmed to it a grant of 8*l.* per annum to be paid by the town of Wallingford, and also the advowson of the church of Chinnor, in Oxfordshire.^f

The following list of the

PRIORS OF WALLINGFORD,

where other references are not given, has been taken from Willis's History of the Mitred and other Abbies.

NICHOLAS, monk of St. Alban's, prior of Wallingford, was made abbat of Malmesbury in 1182.^g

JOHN occurs in 1195, in which year he was made abbat of St. Albans, and was hence called JOHN WALLINGFORD, or DE CELLA.^h

SIMON, anno 1205.

RALPH WARRINGTON is the next who occurs; and then

GEFFREY, A. D. 1250. Willis says, the next in my List is

THOMAS, and then

GREGORY, A. D. 1288.

WILLIAM DE KIRKEBY occurs prior at the latter end of the thirteenth century;ⁱ though Willis says that Gregory was succeeded by

GERMANUS; and he by

STEPHEN DE WITTENHAM, who occurs A. D. 1315. After him,

WILLIAM DE HUNTINGDON; and then

WILLIAM DE HERON. He presided in the years 1338 and 1357; as did

WILLIAM DE STENINGTON, A. D. 1359 and 1367; though, according to the St. Albans Register, *William de Heron* occurs A. D. 1380; in which also we find

WILLIAM DE BINGHAM, or BYNHAM, A. D. 1389. He was alive in 1396, but was hindered at that time by extreme weakness of body from attending the election of John Moote as abbat of St. Albans.^k

JOHN STROKE is mentioned as prior in the time of Henry the Fourth. He was chosen abbat of St. Albans in the 19th Hen. VI. A. D. 1440.^l

HENRY HALSTEDE, his successor here, occurs in King Henry the Sixth's charter to this priory, A. D. 1444.^m

JOHN PEYTON, LL. D. occurs as prior here in 1451, when John Whethamstede was first elected abbat of St. Albans.ⁿ

WILLIAM WELLS occurs in 1453.^o Willis, by mistake, calls him *John Wells*. He is probably the same with WILLIAM WALLIS, mentioned by Peck from the Obituary of the priory of Belvoir.^p

JOHN DE BANBURGH occurs A. D. 1458, and

WILLIAM DE HARDWICK, D. D. an. 1472, to whom succeeded, A. D. 1473,

WILLIAM RYSBOROW; and to him

ANTHONY ZOUCHE, who occurs A. D. 1484. The next upon record is

JOHN THORNTON, B. D. He presided here A. D. 1497 and 1503. Willis thinks it probable that he was succeeded by

JOHN CLARE, who occurs A. D. 1515, 7th Hen. VIII., and whom he presumes to have been the last prior.^q

Peck, in one of his manuscripts already quoted in a Note below, names ELIAS as the name of a prior of Wallingford, but without any date attached to his name.

Tanner says the yearly revenue of this cell is not to be found in the valuations of the religious houses, 26 Hen. VIII., because Cardinal Wolsey, commendatory abbat of St. Albans, had before that time procured the pope's bull for the dissolving of this, with other small monasteries,^r and

p. 335, as one of those who, in the time of abbat Stoke of St. Albans, had withdrawn, and gone to a secular life.

^a See Newcome, Hist. St. Alb. p. 344. Newcome, in his History of St. Albans, p. 254, noticing the expedients resorted to by John of Gaunt in the time of Edward III. for raising money for his expedition into Spain, mentions the procuring a licence from the pope to sell fifty chaplainships. Among the brethren of St. Albans, he says, moved by this temptation, was an aged monk named WHITCHURCH, who had lived fifty years in the rule, and who had been prior of *Hatfield* and of *Wallingford*.

^o Kennett, Paroch. Antiq. new edit. vol. ii. p. 392.

^p MS. Peck, Mus. Brit. Donat. 4936, fol. 192.

^q Compare Willis, Mit. Ab. vol. ii. p. 7.

^r See Num. IX.

^a Hist. St. Albans, p. 495.
^b Hist. Hertf. vol. i. p. 38.
^c Compare Num. I.
^d See the App. to St. ALBANS Mon. in the present work, vol. ii. p. 193, Note^d.
^e See Num. VI.
^f Compare Num. VII.
^g Annal. de Waverley. See MS. Cole, vol. xxvi. fol. 172 b.
^h Compare Tann Bibl. Brit. Hib. p. 750.
ⁱ See the present work, vol. ii. p. 196.
^j Newcome, Hist. St. Alb. p. 277.
^k See the present Work, vol. ii. p. 202.
^l Num. VII. He is also noticed in Joh. Whethamstede's Chron.

had their lands bestowed on him by the king, 20 Hen. VIII., with intent that he should settle the same on the new College which he was about to build at Oxford.^a Upon his attainer, however, this priory again reverted to the crown, and was granted in 1547, 38th Hen. VIII., to John Norris, Esq.^b It afterwards belonged to the family of Molins.

At the Chapter-House, Westminster, are accounts of this priory from the 10th to the 16th year of Richard II.

In Cardinal Wolsey's Book [as it is called] in the Augmentation Office, 18 Hen. VIII., the leaf which contained an account of the revenues of this priory is unfortunately lost, but there are some entries as to the expenditure; by which it appears that the wages of the servants amounted per annum to 8*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.*; the expenses of housekeeping, in oxen, sheep, calves, pigs, &c., salt fish and other fish, spices, and other necessaries, 40*l.* 19*s.* 8*d.*; the expenses of husbandry, in making of hay, cutting of grain, &c., were 14*l.*; and the repairs amounted to 16*l.* 9*s.* 10*d.* that year. The church ornaments remaining are thus expressed:

"Remanere Jocalium infra Prioratum Walyngford prædict.

- iii. Calices et deaurat.
- j. Crux argenti et deaurat.
- ij. Pere de les cruetts.
- ij. Candelebris argenti.
- j. Turibulum.
- j. Pixid. argenti.
- ij. Siphii mirrei.
- j. Crat^r.
- vj. Cocliaria.
- j. Ciphus cornu argent. circumplexus."

The Messrs. Lysons in their *Magna Britannia* say, from one of Symonds's manuscripts, that some part of the buildings of this Priory remained in 1644, near Clapcote House, the seat of that family.^c Hearne, in a manuscript Note in a copy of the first edition of Tanner's *Notitia Monastica*, says the remains of the Priory walls were pulled down in 1723. No vestiges whatever are to be at present seen. It was originally but a small building, just within the west gate of Wallingford.

The priory estate is now the property of William Hucks, Esq.^d

The following references to collections and instruments relating to the priory of Wallingford are all which are given by Bishop Tanner:

"Year Books, 16 Hen. VII., Mich. 1, et Rastell's Entries tit. *Dette sur vend.* § 5, 6. De conventionne pro frumento et brasio cum abbate de Abingdon, tit. *Quare impedit conc. prochein avoidance*, § 11.

"The Cardinal's bundle among the Records in Chancery, and the bags in the Talley Court, Westminster.

"Fin. Oxon. 5 Joan. rot. 11, de Terris in Chauford et Eston.

"Claus. 16 Joan. m. 22, de heremitorio Finemar.

"Fin. Oxon. 8 Hen. III. rot. . . de quodam piscario in Stokes. Ibid. 19 Hen. III. rot. . . de hyda terræ in Garing.

"Brev. R. 6 Edw. II. Pasch. rot. 16.

"Pat. 6 Edw. III. p. 3, m. . . Pat. 11 Edw. III. p. 1, m. . . Pat. 40 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 43, de ten. in Clapcote.

"Pat. 15 Ric. II. p. 2, m. 3. Pat. 16 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 38, 39."

Peter de Blois, or Blesensis, who was invited to England by King Henry II. and was afterwards made archdeacon of Bath by him, in a letter to the abbat and convent of St. Albans, complains greatly of the want of hospitality, on the part of the prior of their cell of Wallingford, to him, on one of his visitations. See the "*Opera Petri Blesensis quondam in Anglia archidiaconi et apud Cantuariensem archiepiscopum cancellarii*," 4^o. Mogunt. 1600, epist. 29. He begins,

"Nuper de archidiaconatus mei visitatione redibam, præmittens servientes meos apud Weralingeforde, qui mihi hospitium præpararent: ipsi vero à priore illius domos ibi vacantes ad usum unius noctis mihi commodari, peterent, et jam illius omnia, quæ nobis et jumentis erant necessaria comportassent: prior eis in multa superbia et abusione respondit, et pene usque ad verberum contumeliam prorumpens, eos ignominiosa verborum turpitudine lacessivit."

Cartae ad Prioratum de Walengford (Cellam Sancti Albani) in agro Berrocensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

[Math. Paris, in *Vitis Abbatum*, p. 50.]

EJUSDEMQUE abbatis tempore (scilicet Pauli xiiij.) data est huic ecclesiae (sancti Albani) ecclesia sanctæ Trinitatis de Warengford, [et dimidia alia, in honorem sanctæ Mariæ, et dimidia hida extra eandem civitatem] ad quam ecclesiam sanctæ Trinitatis, idem abbas Paulus quosdam monachos hujus ecclesiae direxit, atque eorum ædificia construens, ordinem ecclesiae sancti Albani ibidem constituit, cum subjectione debita, de consilio Lanfranci archiepiscopi, inviolabiliter observari.

[MS. Cotton. Nero D. vii. fol. 92.]

NIGELLUS de Albeneio et Amicia uxor ejus dederunt

huic ecclesiae [sc. S. Albani] villam de Henred et ecclesiam Christi de Walyngford et dimidiam aliam in honorem sanctæ Mariæ consecratam et Estwellam.

NUM. II.

Carta Nigelli de Albeneyo de Terris in West-Henreth, in Com. Berk. ac Advoc. Ecclesiae.

[Ex ipso Autogr. penes præpositum et Scolar. Coll. Corp. Christi, Oxon.]

Ego Nigellus de Albeneyo ex assensu et voluntate domini mei Willielmi regis et conquestoris Angliæ donavi domino Richardo fratri meo abbati de S. Albano in West-Henreth decem ydatas terræ, et ecclesiam ejusdem villæ, cum omnibus eorum pertinentiis: et in Waryngforth xxx. solidatas terræ ad augmentum, dilationem, et ampliacionem

^a Tann. Notit. Mon.

^b The Particular for this Grant will be found in the App. of Instrum. Num. XI.

^c Lysons's *Magna Brit.* vol. i. p. 399.

^d Ibid.

foundationis extra occidentalem partem ecclesiae, et portas prioratus ibidem usque in villam, cum omnibus libertatibus quas alicui vel aliquo modo mihi idem dominus meus rex Willielmus concedere potuit. Et ut hæc omnia in posterum cunctis declarentur huic cartæ sigillum meum apposui. Testibus domino meo Willielmo rege et Lanfranco archiepiscopo.

NUM. III.

Carta Alani filii Amfridi de quodam prato in Clopcote.

[Ex ipso autogr. penès Anth. Wood Oxon.]

ALANUS filius Amfridi filii Rualdi omnibus fidelibus salutem. Notum sit universitati vestræ me concessisse et præsentī cartā confirmasse ecclesiae S. Trinitatis de Walingford, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus pratum meum quod fuit patris mei quod est in Clopcote quod jacet in orientali parte castelli ante posternam ejusdem castelli. Hanc donationem feci prædictis monachis in perpetuam elemosinam pro animā patris mei et matris meae, et pro animā meā et fratris mei Rollandi et pro animabus omnium parentum meorum. His testibus Alano filio Rogeri de Witcherchā; Alano filio Rollandi; Andream filio Petri; magistro Ricardo cognato prioris. Roberto Marescallo; Radulpho cognato Warini abbatis.

NUM. IV.

Carta Jocelini Saresburiensis Episcopi terrarum donationes recitans et confirmans.

[Ibid.]

JOCELINUS Dei gratiā Salesberiensis episcopus, omnibus S. ecclesiae fidelibus salutem. Ad pastorem spectat officium omnium paci et quieti et eorum maximè quos religionis nomen commendat per omnia providere, et quæ illis à fidelibus collata sunt beneficia, auctoritatis suæ testimonio confirmare. Inde est quod dilectis et religiosis filiis nostris monachis S. Albani in ecclesia S. Trinitatis de Warengford Deo servientibus omnes possessiones, omnia bona, quæ eis fidelium devotio contulit confirmamus, et præsentis scripti patrocinio communimus in quibus ea præcipuè quæ in Berchesire possident propriis . . . exprimenda tabulis: in villā de Walengeford ecclesiam S. Trinitatis; ecclesiam S. Johannis; ecclesiam S. Martini; ecclesiam S. Mariæ; ecclesiam de Henred; in villā de Molesford duas partes decimæ domini à donatione Emmæ de Chausi. Totam decimam totius domini in villā de Chersevelle. Totam decimam totius domini . . .

NUM. V.

Consimilis confirmatio donationum per Decanum et Capitulum dictæ Saresburiensis Ecclesiae.

[Ibid.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus, &c. Robertus decanus et capitulum Sarum salutem æternam in Domino. Cartam venerabilis patris nostri Roberti Dei gratia Saresburiensis episcopi inspeximus in hæc verba. Robertus Dei gratiā episcopus Sarum dilectis filiis priori et conventui S. Trinitatis de Walingford salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem, &c. Cum igitur spiritualibus juxta votum professionis vestræ libentiùs et quietiùs debeatis et possitis intendere, si circa temporalia quæ possidetis vobis et domui vestræ securitas plena paretur, vos in hac parte prospectione paternā duximus prosequendos. Hinc est quod collationes possessionum et bonorum omnium vobis a devotā et piā fidelium munificentia in dioc. nostrā factas, quæ propriis vocabulis duximus exprimenda; viz. ecclesiam de West Henrede cum omnibus pertinentiis suis; in villā de Walingford ecclesiam S. Trinitatis; ecclesiam S. Mariæ; ecclesiam S. Martini; ecclesiam S. Johannis; in villa de Molesford duas partes decimæ domini ex donatione Emmæ de Chausy. Totam decimam totius domini de Kerswell. Totam decimam totius domini Manasseri de Sandervill in villā de Suth-Morton. Totam decimam totius domini Matthæi de Sottewell. Totam decimam totius domini Galfredi

Camerarii in villā de North-Morton. Totam decimam de duabus hydīs terræ de dominico Basset de feodo de Appleton in villā de la Brodeton, pro quibus decimis matrici ecclesiae de Henton infra cujus parochiæ limites sitæ sunt solvetis duas libras ceræ annuas in vigiliā Assumptionis B. Virginis sicut instrumentum nostrum super hoc confectum testatur. Totam decimam totius domini Ricardi de Coup-lende in villā de Davitune, et decimam molendini in eadem villā. Totam decimam totius domini de feodo Pipard in parochia de Swindon. Totam decimam feni totius domini Molonis filii Turaldi in villā de Estun. Redecimationes de dominico Samsonis Foliot in villā de Dreycot. Redecimationes de dominico Radulphi Chanu in villā de Redburn. Octo solid. de decimis domini Henrici de Erleyā auctoritate pontificali confirmamus: statuentes, quod omnia supradicta pacificè et inconcussè possideatis temporibus perpetuis et futuris. Salvis in omnibus jure, auctoritate, et dignitate Saresburiensis ecclesiae nostræ, et successorum nostrorum, et archidiaconi in cujus archidiaconatu constitutæ sunt ecclesiae memoratæ. In hujus rei testimonium præsens scriptum sigillo nostro duximus muniendum. Dat. xii. kal. Aprilis pont. nostri anno xiiij°. Nos igitur intuitu caritatis et ob reverentiam S. Trinitatis in cujus honore dictorum monachorum ecclesia est fundata et dedicata, prædictam confirmationem, quantum in nobis est, approbamus, et in futuris temporibus semper valituram volentes, eam sigilli nostri publici appositione duximus roborandam. Dat. per manum magistri Radulphi de Heytham cancellarii nostri anno gratiæ mccciii°. pridie idus Aprilis.

NUM. VI.

De Appropriatione Ecclesiae de Gersyngdon.

[Pat. 15 R. II. p. 2, m. 3.]

REX, &c. Sciatis quod de gratia nostra speciali concessimus et licentiam dedimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, dilectis nobis in Christo priori et conventui de Walyngforde ordinis sancti Benedicti Sarum dioc. quod ipsi ecclesiam parochialem de Gersyngdon in comitatu Oxoniæ, Lincoln. dioc. quæ de patronatu suo proprio existit, et cujus advocatio de nobis tenetur in capite, ut dicitur, appropriare, et eam sic appropriatam in propriis usus tenere possint, sibi et successoribus suis imperpetuum, sine occasione, vel impedimento nostri vel hæredum nostrorum, justitiariorum, escaetorum, vicecomitum aut aliorum ballivorum, seu ministrorum nostrorum quorumcunque statuto, de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis, edito, seu eo quod dicta advocatio de nobis tenetur in capite, non obstante, ita semper quod quædam competens summa argenti, de fructibus et proficuis ecclesiae prædictæ, per prædictos priorem et conventum, pauperibus parochianis ejusdem ecclesiae, annuatim solvatur, et distribuatur, et quod vicaria dictæ ecclesiae, secundum valorem ejusdem sufficienter dotetur, juxta ordinationem loci illis diocesani, in hac parte faciendam, ac formam statuti in ultimo parlamento nostro inde editi et provisi. In cujus, &c. T. rege apud Westm. ix. die Febr.

NUM. VII.

Carta Henrici VI. Regis.

[Pat. 23 H. VI. p. 2, m. 7.]

REX omnibus ad quos, &c. salutem. Sciatis quod nos ob sinceram et internam devotionem quam ad sanctam et individuum Trinitatem, in cujus laudem et honorem prioratus de Walyngford fundatus est et erectus, gerimus et habemus, et ut dilecti nobis in Christo Henricus de Halstede, nunc prior prioratus prædicti, et conventus loci illius, et successores sui, ad exorandum pro salubri statu nostro, ac carissimæ et prædilectæ consortis nostræ Margaretæ reginæ Angliæ, dum agimus in humanis, et pro animabus nostris cum ab hac luce substracti fuerimus, et pro animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum, specialiùs teneantur, de gratia nostra speciali, ac per considerationem magnæ gratitudinis, quam in dictis priore et conventu invenimus, ac in relevamen prioratus prædicti, et specialiter ad intentionem quod numerus monachorum ibidem magis so-

lito augeatur, et accrescat, indeque summæ Trinitati, horis nocturnis pariterque diurnis honorificentius, melius, et devotius poterit deserviri, concessimus dictis priori et conventui octo libras percipiendas annuatim sibi et successoribus suis prædictis de feodi firma villæ nostræ de Wallingford, per manus receptoris honoris et domini de Wallingford pro tempore existentis, ad terminos Paschæ, et sancti Michaelis, per equales portiones.

Et insuper ad intentionem supradictam concessimus, et

licentiam dedimus, pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, dictis priori, et conventui, quod ipsi, et successores sui ecclesiam parochialem sancti Andree de Chinnore, Lincoln. dioc. quæ est de advocacione et patronatu suis propriis, ut dicitur, appropriare, et eam, sic appropriatam, in proprios usus tenere possint sibi et successoribus suis prædictis imperpetuum, aliquo mandato, seu restrictione, in contrarium facto non obstante. In cujus, &c. T. rege apud Westm. vij. die Maii.

NUM. VIII.

Wallingford Prior' S'c'e Trinitatis.

[Demonstratio sive Computus 14 Hen. VIII. Dom. Cap. Westm.]

Com' Berk'		£.	s.	d.
Wallingford	Redd' Ass' cum Redd' Firm' . . .	17	1	8
Westhenreth	Redd' &c.	40	7	2
			2 quart' frumenti.	
			2 quart' brasij.	
Chalkford, Astonrowant, Stokenchurch . . .	Redd' &c.	33	0	9
Chalgrave	Redd' Ass'	2	8	0
Northstoke	Terr' Teñt' et un' Mol'	2	6	8
- - - - -	Piscar' et Heyts	2	6	8
Constable Lands	Redd' Prior' de Goryng	0	5	0
Gaugulvesdene	Porc' x ^{mar}	0	10	0
Newham Moryn	Redd' Terr'	0	10	0
Enxham Mill	Redd' Mol'	0	10	0
Wodfordmede	Prat'	0	7	0
Garsyngden	Redd' Ass'	1	0	0
Chynnor	Redd' Servic' et Sect' Cust'	1	10	0
Oxonia	Un' Teñt'	0	5	0
Chynnor	De Rectore pro Penc' Decimar'	0	9	0
Watlington Cartersland	Terr'	0	1	6
Halyngryggs ibm	Redd' Ass'	0	5	0
Brodcrofts ibm	Redd'	0	2	0
Maunsells juxta Britwell	Teñt' cum Gard'	0	6	8
Mulford	Porc' x ^{mar}	2	0	0
Rotherfield Pipard	Redd' Ass'	0	8	0
Aston Thorold	Porc' x ^{mar}	0	10	0
- - - - -	Terr' ibm	0	16	0
Donyngton	Porc' x ^{mar}	0	14	0
Kerswell in Bucklond	Redd' x ^{mar}	2	0	0
- - - - -	Redd' Terr' ibm	0	2	0
Southmorton	Redd' x ^{mar}	2	0	0
- - - - -	Redd' Terr' ibm	0	13	4
Huddysbutts	Piscar'	2	13	4
Sottwell	Terr' et Decim'	3	13	4
Com' Bucks.				
Kimbell Magna	Porc' x ^{mar}	0	11	0
Shobingdon	Rector' et Terr' et Coā	5	6	8
Ethrop	Terr' et Mol'	0	6	8
Blacgrave	Terr'	0	10	0
Estclaydon	Porc' x ^{mar}	0	16	0
- - - - -	Redd' Ass' &c.	0	3	0
Quenton	Redd' Ass'	0	4	5
Swindon	Decim'	0	16	0
Redborn	Teñt' et Redecima	0	6	8
De Prior' Belever in Clophill et Caynho . . . . .	. . . . .	1	10	0
Tempsford	x ^{ma}	0	6	8
Denton	x ^{ma}	2	6	8
Rect' S. M. Majoris	Pro mensa	1	17	4
	S̄m totalis	134	3	2

NUM. IX.

Pro Cardinali Eborum. Facultas ad alienandum Bona immobilia Monasterii Sancti Albani, quod obtinet in Commendam.

[Rym. Fœd. tom. xiv. p. 249, ex orig.]

CLEMENS episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilecto filio Thomæ tituli sanctæ Cecilie presbitero cardinali Eboracensi nuncupato in regno Angliæ nostro et Apostolicæ Sedis Legato de latere, salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Exigentibus meritis tuæ circumspectionis et præclaris et egregiis pro nobis et hac sancta Sede inducimur ut votis tuis libenter annuamus. Sanè nobis nuper exponi fecisti quod, licet aliàs vigore facultatis, per nos tibi concessæ, in monasterio de Wallingforde monachorum ordinis sancti Benedicti Sarisburiensis diocesis, nomine, dignitate, ordine, et dependentia suppressis, fructus, redditus, et possessiones ejusdem collegio per circumspectionem tuam in alma academia Oxoniensi de nostra auctoritate constructo applicaveris tamen cum dictum monasterium de Wallingforde a monasterii sancti Albani non ut Abbas sed ut Commendatarius præsis, etiam quantumcunque tui et conventus dicti monasterii sancti Albani consensus in suppressione et extinctione ac translatione dicti monasterii de Wallingforde intervenerint, quæstio tamen et controversia desuper suboriri et moveri possit. Quare pro parte tua nobis fuit humiliter supplicatum, ut quieti et tranquillitati collegii tui præfati consulentes in præmissis opportunè providere de benignitate apostolica dignaremur, nos itaque, hujusmodi supplicationibus inclinati, volumus et apostolica auctoritate

decernimus quod Monasterii de Wallingforde præfati dignitatis, Prioratus et dependentiæ suppressio, fructuumque, reddituum et proventuum ejusdem collegio tuo applicatio et appropriatio factæ hujusmodi valeant ac plenam roboris firmitatem obtineant et suum plenum sortiantur effectum in omnibus et omnia, ac in nostris facultatis tibi concessæ ac literis tuis prædictis quod monasterium suppressum a monasterio, quod in commendam obtines, dependebat expressa mentio facta, Circumspectioque tua eidem monasterio in commendam per te obtento non illi commendatarius, sed illi abbas præfuisse ac in omnibus literis prædictis de omnibus præmissis expressa mentio facta, sibi que omnia præmissa faciendi licentia et facultas etiam concessa fuisset; et nihilominus, pro potiori cautela omnia præmissa de novo facimus et ordinamus tibi que alienandi ac permutandi et in emphitheosim concedendi bona immobilia monasterii quod in commendam obtines, ita ut quod a te in ea parte vel separatim vel communiter cum conventu factum sit tamquam ab Abbate factum habeatur et reputetur, etiam licentiam et facultatem concedimus, non obstantibus constitutionibus et ordinationibus apostolicis, ac omnibus illis quæ in dictis nostris literis volumus non obstare, cæterisque contrariis quibuscunque. Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostræ voluntatis, decreti, facti, ordinationis, et concessionis infringere, &c. Dat. in Urbe Veteri anno incarnationis Dominicæ millesimo quingentesimo vigesimo octavo, pridie kal. Junii, pontificatus nostri anno quinto.

CLEMENS PAPA SEPTIMUS.
HEN. DE BUSSEYO.

NUM. X.

Parcelle Terrarum et Possessionum nuper Thomæ Wolsey Cardinalis attincti.

[Particular for Grant. temp. Hen. VIII. in the Augmentation Office.]

Com' Berk'.

FIRMA manerii nuper prioratus de Wallingforde in dicto comitatu.

valet in

Firma capitalis mansionis sive domus, in quo nuper ultimus prior inhabit. cum pomañ et aī terī jacent' infra circuitum dicti nuper monasterii dimis̃ Johanni Purdon per indenturam, per annum }

xv^a.

Firma manerii de Wallingford, cum omnibus domibus, orreis, stabulis, et aliis pertinentiis eidem manerio spectantibus, et diversarum terrarum, pratorum, et pasturarum dominicalium ibidem jacentium et existentium in Clopcotte Feld, Portmansfeld, Oxelee, Kings Meade, North Meade, Fellotts More, Gore, Malleshmore, Stonyden in Myddell Furlong, Monkenden, Thistell Furlongs, octo acrarum abbuttantium super Thistell Furlonge, unum clausum juxta Clopcotte maner, vocat' Dawes, cum omnibus communibus et pasturis nuper in tenura sive occupatione Ricardi Forde ac modo dimis̃ dicto Johanni Purdon inter alia per indenturam generalis supervisoris terrarum domini regis, a festo sancti Michaelis Archangeli anno xxx^o. regis prædicti usque ad finem et terminum xxj. annorum extunc proximo sequendo, et plenarie complend. cum omnibus reparationibus, grossis maeremiis exceptis, adustus et onus dicti Johannis fiendis, reddendo inde per annum }

xii^a.

xjⁱⁱ. xvij^a. iij^d.

Firma unius clausi jacentis ibidem vocati Bodye Crofte, cum ij. parvis pightellis eidem clauso adjacentibus, nuper in tenura dudum prioris ibidem sic insimul dimis̃ dicto Johanni Purdon per indenturam prædictam, reddendo inde per annum }

xij^a. iij^d.

Incremento redditus pro omnibus et singulis præmissis, ex dimissione dicti generalis supervisoris, per annum }

x^a.

M^d. the said mano^r. is of the yerlie value of lijⁱⁱ. xix^a. iij^d. whereof the pmisses be pcell.
Iīm the same liethe in distaunce from kings mai^{te}. hono^r. of Ewelme iij. myles.
Iīm his graces castell of Wallingforde adioyneth to the said mano^r.
Iīm what spūall pmoçōns belonge unto the same I know not.
Iīm what wodds and underwoods to be ſtefied by the m^r. of the woods.

Et p WILLM Dyx, aud.

The Woodds belonging to the fferme of the mannor of the late priorye of Wallingford, in the countye of Berk, pcell of the possessions of the late Thoñs Wolcey, cardynall, atteynted, lying and growing in the pishez of Sonkov' and Velme, in the countie of Oxon, called Priors Woods.

The ffirste conteyneth iij. acr. di. the kynde wherof is all beche of xxx ^d . and xl. yerez growth, valued at xx ^s . the acr. in the holle . . . }	lxx ^s .	} x ^{li} . vij ^s . vj ^d .
The seconde cont. two acr. di. one rode of lyke kynde and ptely the better growth, valued at xxij ^s . iiij ^d . the acr. in the holle . . . }	lxxij ^s . ij ^d .	
The thirde pte cont. v. acrez di. thinly growyn' with olde bechez and some oke, valued at xij ^s . iiij ^d . the acr. in the holle . . . }	lxxij ^s . iiij ^d .	
The soile of all the saide woods is comen, and therfore not valued	nihil.	
The trees growing about the scituacōns of the seid howsez and in the hedgerowez belonging to the same ar reserved as well for the ffermo ^r his sufficyent greate tymbr. for the reparre of the said howsez, as for his hedgeboote, plougheboote, and carteboote, and therfore not valued . . . }	nihil.	
Ex p me	JOH'EM PUREVEY, Deput. ROB'TI HENNEAGE, armigeri	} vendic' bosc' pred'.

NUM. XI.

Particular for the Exchange of the Site of Wallingford
Priory, 38 Hen. VIII.

[Harl. MS. 7389, p. 26.]

ANNO xxvijth. of July, the xxxvijth of Kinge Henry
the vijth. An Exchange betweene the kinges ma^{tie}. and
Jo. Norris, Esquire.

Landes assigned by the Kinges Ma^{tie}. to the said John
Norris, Esquire.

The capital mesuage or house in
Wallingforde, in the countie of Berks,
wherein the last Prior of Wallingford
did inhabitt, with the orchards and
other groundes, being within the cir-
cuitt of the said late monasterie, letten
to John Purdon by indenture, and
late parcell of the possessions of Tho-
mas Wolsey Cardinall deceased, by
yeare . . .

The farme of the manor of the
late priory of WALLINGFORD, in the
said countie, and of the same posses-
sions, by yeare . . .

One close in Wallingford afore-
said, called Bodye Croft, parcell of
the same possessions, with x^s. yearly
of encreasment of rente of all the pre-
misses, letten by indenture to the said
John Purdon, by the yeare . . .

Some is xj^{li}. xvij^s. iiij^d.; whereof
deducted for the tenth xxij^s.
x^d., and then remayneth by
year cleere x^{li}. xiiij^s. vj^d.

xv^s.

x^{li}.

xxij^s. iiij^d.

Landes appointed unto the Kinges Ma^{tie}. by the said John
Norris.

One mesuage, or tenement, with
appurtenances, called Avelenor Howse,
with one cloase in Newe Windsore, and
divers other lands, medowes, and pas-
tures in the feilde and parishe of Old
Windsore and Newe Windsore, in the
countie of Berks, above xij^s.
jd. ob. paid yearly to the kinges ma^{tie}.
as to the Castle of Windsore, and
vij^d. as to the late monasterie of Read-
inge, by the yeare cleere vij^{li}. xij^s. vj^d. ob.

Two closes of pasture in the pa-
rish of Hurst, in the countie of Wilts,
beinge betweene the land called Pounde
Land, and the wood called Asheridge,
in the same countie, by the year cleere xx^s.

Some is vij^{li}. xij^s. vj^d. ob.

And so the kinges ma^{ties} landes doe surmount the
lands of the said John Norris by the yearly value of xlj^s.
xjd. ob., which, rated at xx^s. yeares purchas, amounteth to
the somme of xlj^{li}. xix^s. vij^d.; ade thereunto for the woods
x^{li}. vij^s. And then the whole sum is liij^{li}. vj^s. vij^d. to be
paid in hand.

Memorandum to excepte all Advousons.

The kinge's ma^{tie}. is pleased and contented to dis-
charge the lands which he departeth from in his exchange,
of all incumbrances, excepte Leases, and the tenth before
reserved, and except such charges as the farmors are bounde
to beare, and paye, by force of their indentures, and except
such reprises as be allowed in the particulers.

Memorandum that the said Jo. Norrys must be bound
to discharge his lands, &c. ut supra.

Priory of Belvoir,

IN

LINCOLNSHIRE.

A Cell to the Abbey of St. Albans.



R. Nichols has been so copious in his Account of Belvoir Priory, in the History of Leicestershire, that little of primary importance can be added to his detail.

Robert de Belvedeir, otherwise called Robert de Todenei,^a it appears, began the church of Our Lady near to his castle of Belvoir about the year 1076: but being by secular employments so hindered that he could not attend to the finishing of it according to his mind, he, by the advice of Archbishop Lanfrank, gave it to the church of St. Alban, upon condition that Paul, the then abbat, should perfect it, and place therein four monks of that convent, to pray for the souls of Robert earl of Moretaine and King William, as also for his own soul, and the soul of Adela his wife, their children, and parents; whereupon he and his wife were admitted into the fraternity of St. Albans monastery, with a promise that after their respective deceases, in case they should die in England, their bodies should by leave of the abbat be buried either at St. Albans or Belvoir; their bounty being so great to those places, that wheresoever either of them should die, the church of St. Alban, and this of Our Lady at Belvoir, were to have part of their estates, to be disposed of as the abbat and monks of St. Albans should appoint.

The lands with which Robert de Todenei endowed his church were, first, the town of Horninghold with its appurtenances; four carucates of land adjacent to his castle, with the meadows thereto belonging; and twenty acres of land near the church whereon to erect out-houses and other buildings for the convenience of the monks: all of which were to be as free from any exaction as he himself held them from the king. He moreover gave for the endowment of the priory the tithes of all his vineyards, and the site of a mill upon the next river; as also the tithes of ten towns; these were, Hortune, Frantune, Sapertune, Risendune, Stokes, and Wilbertone, with one man in each, with a garden and one oxgang of land; in Segentune the whole tithes, and eight acres of land (four lying on one side of the road and four on the other), with one garden; in Medbourn the tithe only; in Wivelle, the tithes and one oxgang of land, with one man and his garden; and the tithes of Ulestane-thorp: all these free, and exempt from any custom what-

soever, with a command that in each town the church should have the meadow near unto it, and pasturage, in the same manner as he had himself held it. After the death of Adela his wife, Robert de Todenei also granted to the church of Belvoir, with the consent of his sons William and Geoffrey, one carcate of land in Sapertune, for the health of her soul.^b

William de Albin, called also Brito, son of Robert de Todenei, confirmed in the chapter-house at St. Albans all that his father and mother had given to the church of our Lady at Belvoir; desiring that he might be admitted into the fraternity of the parent monastery, as his father and mother had been: which being granted, he presented his confirmation upon the altar of our Lady there, freely offering up himself as a brother and monk to the church of St. Alban, and giving thereto, as well as to Belvoir, a portion of his temporal estate after his decease. After this, he gave to the church of Belvoir the land which Waleran his purveyor held in Hungreton, with the tithe of the rents of all his lands, of what sort soever, payable to himself or his heirs for the time to come.^c William de Albin also obtained for the priory from King Henry I. the grant of an annual fair at Belvoir.^d

Robert de Todenei, a younger son, gave to this cell of Belvoir thirty stikes of eels, to be paid yearly on St. Matthias day, out of his mills at Aburne.^e

Agnes de Rya, a daughter of the founder, ratified the grants which her father had made to the monks, of one oxgang of land in Aslakeby, and two parts of the tithes of the demesnes there, in corn, calves, lambs, wool, cheese, pigs, beer, and apples, and of whatsoever else was titheable, that lordship being her marriage-portion.^f This was confirmed by a mandate from Henry de Rya, her son.^g

The second William de Albin, sometimes also called Brito, but usually distinguished by the name of Meschines, gave, about the year 1155, to the priory of Belvoir, the church of Redmile with its appurtenances, and also the manse which had before that time been his own chapel, with the houses and lands belonging to it.^h The same William, by another deed, commanded his vassals of Sabridgeworth in Herts, and the officers of his household there, whether French or English, to pay a proper respect to the monks who were to perform divine service in his church of Sabridgeworth, that none of them might sustain any injury; and, if any matter of difficulty should arise, that it should be stayed till the cause could be regularly brought before himself. These monks, Mr. Nichols thinks, were most

^a Mat. Paris, edit. 1684, p. 1002, calls him *Robert de Thotenei*. He died in 1088. See Nichols's Leic. vol. i. p. i. p. 23.

^b Compare Dugd. Bar. vol. i. p. 112.

^c Ibid. p. 113.

^d See the App. of Instr. Num. V.

^e Num. VI.

^f Num. VII.

^g Num. VIII.

^h See Num. X.

likely the chaplains of his own household, whom he brought with him from Belvoir priory.^a

About the time of these donations, a dispute between the monks of Belvoir and those of Redford, relative to tithes at Bradley, Solcefort, Melve, and Seleham, was referred, by order of Pope Adrian, to the decision of Theobald archbishop of Canterbury and Richard bishop of London.^b

A dispute between the prior of Belvoir and the abbat of Croxton, relative to some tithes arising in the village of Howes in right of the advowson, was amicably adjusted at St. Albans in 1228.^c

The third William de Albini, about the year 1230, for the health of his soul, and the soul of Agatha his then wife, and the soul of Margery his former wife, gave to the monks of Belvoir one sheaf of every kind of grain arising out of all the lands belonging to his lordships of Belvoir, Wolstthrop, Botlesford, Uffington, and Stokes.^d He gave them, also, the church of Redmile by a new grant; and all the trees growing within certain limits of Belvoir warren, particularly described in his deed of gift.^e

In 1258, Robert lord Ros and Isabel his wife renounced to the prior and convent of Belvoir all their claim of right of presentation to the church of Redmile, for the consideration of thirty-five marks. The lady Isabel gave and confirmed to them two parts of all the tithes in her

demesne at Bottesford and Normanton. Baldwin Dapifer and Hugh Flandrensis also gave them a portion of tithes in Bottesford.^f

In 1277, Archbishop Kilwardby, having inspected the proper documents, declared the right of the priory to the several advowsons of Claxton, Howes, Plungar, Barkston, Talintone, Auburne, and Horninghold.^g

In 1288, Thomas Bouche gave thirteen selions of land in Barkston; and Roger prior of Belvoir recovered, by a suit at Westminster, some lands belonging to his convent at Aslacton in Nottinghamshire.^h

In 1308, the church of Wolstthrop was appropriated to the priory of Belvoir by William lord Ros.ⁱ

The church of Norton by Twycross was appropriated to the priory of Belvoir in 1391.^k

Thomas lord Ros, in a charter dated April 23d, 1430, enumerating the benefactions to this priory, confirms the several grants of his different ancestors.^l

Such is the substance of the more important instruments granted to the priory of Belvoir. A large assemblage of grants of a less important nature are preserved in Peck's Manuscript Collections for a Continuation of Sir William Dugdale's Monasticon, the titles of which will be found in the Note.^m

To the priory of Belvoir, says Mr. Nichols, the

^a Hist. Leic. vol. ii. P. i. p. 76.

^b Ibid. ^c Ibid. p. 77.

^d See Num. XI.

^e Hist. Leic. ut supr. ^f Ibid.

^g Ibid. See also Mr. Nichols's App. to Belvoir Priory, num. 46.

^h Ibid. ⁱ Ibid.

^j Ibid.

^k See it in the App. of Instruments, Num. XII.

^l MS. Donat. Mus. Brit. 4936: viz.

1. Necrologium sive obituarium fundatorum, advocatorum, benefactorum, aliorumque fratrum cellæ B. Mariæ Virginis de Belvero ordinis S. Benedicti in com. Linc. MS. Ro. Gale, fol. 155 b.

2. Juramentum prioris. MS. cl. Gale, fol. 180 a.

3. Juramentum subprioris. Ibid.

4. Scedula oratoria. MS. cl. Gale, fol. 4 b.

5. Conventio inter Paulum ecclesiæ S. Albani abbatem et Robertum Belvedeir, de fundatione cellæ B. Mariæ de Belvero. Mon. Ang. former edit. tom. i. p. 327.

6. Carta Willielmi de Albineio I. (Britonis dicti) de ecclesia de Redemilina in com. Leic. ex autographo, carta originali pergamenica apud Belvoir.

7. Carta Simonis de Senliz I. comitis Northamptoniæ de quatuor bovatis terræ in Waltham in com. Leic. ex ipsa originali carta pergamen. apud Belv.

8. Carta Roberti de Toteneia (Roberti de Totenei primi filii quarti) de triginta sticis anguillarum in Aburna. Mon. Ang. tom. i. p. 329.

9. Carta Agnetis de Toteneia (filie Roberti de Totenei I. et uxoris Huberti de Ria) de una bovata terræ in Aselakebi, et duabus partibus decimæ de dominio ibidem. Ibid.

10. Carta Henrici de Ria (Hugonis filii) de decimis de Aslakebi, Saitoun, et Hortune, ex ipsa originali carta pergamenica apud Belv.

11. Idem Henricus Reginaldo de Warena amico suo, de decimis de Aslakebi. Mon. Ang. tom. i. p. 330.

12. Carta Willielmi de Albineio II. (Britonis dicti ac etiam Meschinis) de mansura capellæ suæ de Bellovidere. Mon. Ang. tom. i. p. 330.

13. Carta Simonis de Roppesle, de tribus toftis et sex bovatis terræ in Claxton in com. Leic. ad Conventum de uno monacho perpetuum accrescendum. Ex ipsa originali Carta pergamon. apud Belv.

14. Confirmatio Willielmi de Albeneia (II. alias Meschines) de toftis et terris prædictis in Claxton, ex dono Simonis de Roppesle. Ex ipsa orig. carta pergamen. apud Belv.

15. Carta Johannis de Foleville de Claxton, de uno tofto in Claxton. Ex ipsa orig. carta apud Belv.

16. Carta Philippi de Kyma de septies viginti Kyrvs Turbæ annualiter e marisco de Kyma in com. Linc. E codice antiquo MS. apud Belv.

17. Carta Johannis (filii Walteri) de Daiencourt, de una carucata terræ in Grenebi in com. Nott. Mon. Ang. tom. i. p. 329.

18. Carta Oliveri Deincourt, (filii Johannis,) confirmans donationem diversarum terrarum in Grenebi et Sutton in com. Nott. ex dono antecessorum suorum ad sustentandum monachum unum in prioratu de Belver, A. D. mcccxiij. Ex ipsa origin. carta pergamen. apud Belv.

19. Carta Gaufridi de Chaveni, de una bovata terræ et uno tofto in Barkeston in com. Leic. Ex ipsa originali carta apud Belv.

20. Carta Johannis de Chaveigni (filii Gaufridi) de tribus acris in territorio de Barkeston. Ex origin. carta pergam. mutilata penes duceem de Rutl.

21. Carta Johannis de Chaveigni de quieta clamazione Roberti

filii Gladewini de Barchestona hominis sui. Ex ipsa originali carta apud Belv.

22. Carta Hiweni de Albineio et Gaufridi de Chavenni, de ecclesia de Plungard in com. Leic. oblatione cujusdam baculi super altare B. Mariæ de Belvero data. Ex ipsa originali carta apud Belv.

23. Carta Radulphi de Hotot de una bovata terræ in tofto de Plungare. Ex originali carta pergamen. apud Belv.

24. Carto Rogeri de Hotot, (filii Radulphi,) de duobus selionibus terræ in campo de Bottesford in com. Leic. Ex ipsa orig. carta apud Belv.

25. Carta Ricardi filii Mathei de Belvero de quatuor selionibus in territorio de Botlesford, ad emendationem sacristariæ. Ex ipsa originali carta.

26. Carta Henrici filii Petri de Botlesford de xij. denaratis annui redditus. Ex ipsa origin. carta apud Belv.

27. Carta Willielmi de Stodham de xx. selionibus terræ in campo de Botlesford. Ex ipsa origin. carta apud Belv.

28. Carta Hugonis Wane de duabus acris terræ in campo de Botlesford. Ex ipsa origin. carta apud Belv.

29. Carta Willielmi filii Ranulfi de Lutipati de duobus sellionibus terræ in campo de Muston in com. Leic. Ex ipsa origin. carta apud Belv.

30. Carta Johannis filii Johannis de Sartino de uno sellione in campo de Muston ad emendationem sacellarariæ. Ex ipsa origin. carta apud Belv.

31. Carta Radulfi de Raines et Walteri et Willielmi fratrum ejus de quatuor bovatis terræ in Stachederna. Mon. Ang. tom. i. p. 328.

32. Carta Johannis de Chaveni de una tofta in Stakederna in com. Leic. Ex ipsa origin. carta apud Belv.

33. Carta Rogeri filii Willielmi filii Rogeri de Offinton de uno mesuagio in vico de Colgate apud Stanford in com. Linc. Deo et B. Mariæ dato, cum monachus ibidem ille Rogerus professus est. Ex ipsa origin. carta apud Belv.

34. Admissi in fraternitatem monasterii, A.D. mcccxvj. MS. cl. Gale, fol. 197 b.

35. Recepti in fraternitatem, 11 Hen. III. Ibid.

36. Renunciatio decimarum fœni in villa de Howes a priore et conventu, ad usum abbatis et conventus de Croxton in com. Leic. 22 Jun. 12 Hen. III. A.D. 1228. MS. Gale, ut supr. fol. 13 b.

37. Carta Willielmi de Albeneio III. de donatione spinarum in warena sua de Beauver. Ex ipsa origin. carta penes ducem de Rutl.

38. Carta Willielmi de Albeni tertii de donatione ecclesiæ de Redmild. Ex autogr. penes ducem de Rutl.

39. Carta Willielmi de Albeni tertii de una garba ex qualibet acra totius domini sui apud Belver, Wulstorp, Wiwell, Botesford, Erakyn-ton et Stoke [Albani] ad Anniversarium suum et Margaretæ uxoris suæ celebrandum, et in recreationem debiliū et infirmorum data. MS. cl. Gale, fol. 166 b.

40. De controversia de decimis de Botlisford, et de decimis feodi de Stodham, et quomodo conquieuit, 37 Hen. III. Ex ipsa origin. carta apud Belv.

41. De controversia de præsentatione ecclesiæ de Redemild inter Robertum dominum de Roos et Isabellam uxorem ejus, et priorem et conventum; et quomodo quieuit, A. D. 1258, 42 Hen. III. Ex origin. carta apud Belv.

42. Conventio inter Radulphum priorem de Belver et conventum ejus loci de anniversario ejusdem Radulphi, A. D. 1264, 49 Hen. III. MS. cl. Gale, fol. 166 b.

43. Statutum quoddam de annualibus robis monachorum, dat. 6 kal. Apr. 1269, 53 Hen. III. Ibid. fol. 12 b.

44. Literæ Roberti Kilwardby Cant. archiepiscopi, super inspectionem munimentorum prioris et conventus de appropriatione ecclesi-

churches of Barkston, Claxton, Horninghold, Howes, Norton by Galby, Plungar, and Redmile, were wholly appropriated. The monks had, besides, a portion of the tithes of Bottesford and Stathern; a pension from the church of Uffington, in Lincolnshire; an annual rent of six pence from the abbat of Croxton on Palm Sunday, for a selion of land at Denton, co. Lincoln; an annual rent from Belvoir, Bottesford, Wolsthorpe, and many other places.^a

Certain lands and tenements in Bottesford belonging to the priory, of the yearly value of 4*l.* 11*s.*, which seem to have been concealed at the general Dissolution of religious Houses, were surrendered to King James the First June 19th, 1611.

arum de Claxton, Howes, Plungard, Barkeston, Talinton, Auburne, et Horningwaud, A.D. 1277, 5 Edw. I. Ex ipsa origin. carta apud Belv.

45. Statutum de cœna monachorum die dominica prima Septuagesimæ et Adventus Domini, A.D. 1277, 6 Edw. I. MS. cl. Gale, fol. 12 a.

46. Anathema eorum qui abstulerint seu deleverint codicem quendam MS. Ibid. fol. 17 b.

47. De consuetudine fratrum apud sanguinis emissionem. Ibid. fol. 12 a.

48. De eadem consuetudine. Ibid.

49. Carta Willielmi Horn de Redmild de uno obolo redditus in Muston in com. Leic. Ex ipsa origin. carta apud Belv.

50. Statuta quædam, de diversis rebus a priori et conventu inter se amicaliter facta et a patre Abbate approbata, A.D. m.cclxxxiiij. 12 Edw. I. MS. cl. Gale, fol. 12 b.

51. Carta Thomæ de Winebys de sex denariis redditus in villa de Botelesford, A.D. m.cclxxxvj. 14 Edw. I.

52. De celebratione anniversarii D. Rogeri abbatis de S. Albano, post obitum ejus, imperpetuum, ratione beneficiorum ejus prioratui de Belvero concessorum, 2 Aug. m.cclxxxviiij. 16 Edw. I. MS. cl. Gale, fol. 18 a.

53. Carta Thomæ Bouche, de tresdecim selionibus et certis redditibus in Baskeston, 1 Oct. 1288, 16 Edw. I. Ex origin. carta penes ducem de Rutl.

54. De terris quas Rogerus prior recuperavit ecclesiæ suæ in villa de Aslacton in com. Nott. placita, 3 Nov. 1288, 16 Edw. I. MS. cl. Gale, fol. 16 a.

55. De magistri Roberti de Redmyld, rectoris ecclesiæ parochialis ibidem, in fraternitatem admissione; necnon de celebratione Anniversarii ejusdem Roberti, post obitum ejus, imperpetuum, ob gravissimam quandam servitutem (per custumarios de Talington in com. Linc. ad manerium D. Isabellæ de Roos de Offington) ab eo redemptam, gratitudinis ergo, concessa, 2 Maii, 1292, 20 Edw. I. MS. cl. Gale, fol. 16 b.

56. De benefactis Eustachiæ de Fanecurt, dominæ de Wiwelle, et de celebratione anniversarii sui post obitum ejus, imperpetuum, gratitudinis ergo, concessa, A.D. 1292, 20 Edw. I. Ibid. fol. 17 a.

57. Confirmatio Aliciæ Bouche de tenemento, ex dono Thomæ nuper viri sui, in Barkeston, A.D. 1292, 20 Edw. I. Ex origin. carta apud Belv.

58. Carta prioris et conventus de sustentatione unius cerei ad missam B. Mariæ coram altare ejusdem Virginis, A.D. 1298, 27 Edw. I. MS. cl. Gale, fol. 9 b.

59. Concordia inter priorem et conventum et rectorem de Stake-dern, de decimis de Stake-dern, A.D. 1302, 30 Edw. I. Ex ipsa origin. carta apud Belv.

60. Scriptum Willielmi de Ros, domini de Belvero, de appropriatione ecclesiæ de Wulstorp in com. Linc. ecclesiæ B. Mariæ de Belvero, A.D. 1308, 2 Edw. II. Ex ipsa origin. carta apud Belv.

61. De admissione Gilberti de Chestreton, mercatoris de Graham, in fraternitatem, 15 Aug. 1309, 3 Edw. II. MS. cl. Gale, fol. 13 a.

62. Carta Willielmi domini de Kyma, donationem D. Philippi de Kyma antecessoris sui, de septies viginti kyrvis turbæ e marisco de Kyma annualiter habendis, recitans, et confirmans. E codice MS. prioratui olim spectante penes nobil. ducem de Rutl. 1731.

63. Conventio inter conventum et Johannem de Kendale ejusdem nuper priorem, de celebratione anniversarii dicti Johannis ab eisdem. MS. cl. Gale, fol. 15 b.

64. Placita inter priorem et Elenam et Matildam sorores Alani de Abketilby de quodam mesuagio in Stakethern in com. Leic. cum assisa de eodem, A.D. 1331, 5 Edw. III. Ibid. fol. 15 a.

65. Admissi in fraternitatem, A.D. m.cccxlvi. 40 Edw. III. Ibid. fol. 179 b.

66. Conventio inter priorem et conventum et rectorem de Saperton dioc. Wigorn. de decimis ibidem, 6 Jan. 1366, 40 Edw. III. Ex ipsa originali carta apud Belv.

67. Confirmatio ejusdem conventionis a Willielmo de Whittlesea episcopo Wigorn. 1 Jun. 1367, 41 Edw. III. Ibid.

68. Memorandum de conventione inter priorem et conventum et rectorem de Risundun Magna, dioc. Wigorn. de decimis ibidem; et de confirmatione episcopi Wigorn. A.D. 1367. Ibid.

69. Recepti in fraternitatem, A.D. m.ccc.lxxij. MS. cl. Gale, fol. 179 b.

70. Recepti in fraternitatem, 9 Maii, m.ccc.lxxv. 8 Ric. II. Ibid.

71. Indentura inter executores magistri Johannis de Belvero canonici Linc. et priorem et conventum, quod Prior et conventus inveniant unum monachum vel sacerdotem secularem in capella S. Sithæ infra

"Com. Leicestr. Parcell. terr. et possession. nuper prioratus de Belver in com. Lincoln. ut annexat. nuper Mon. Sancti Albani, in Com. Hertf.

"Bottesford. Redd. divers. terr. et tenement in Bottesford, in tenuta divers. person. per ann. sol. ad fest. Annunc. et Sancti Michaelis equaliter iiiij^{li}. xj^s."

The prior of Belvoir had a pension of xxvj^s. viij^d. from the church of Stoke Albini; and Belvoir lands in that parish, consisting of six yard lands in the common fields, besides some inclosures, formerly Lord Rockingham's at the present time pay only a thirtieth part, called the Belvoir tithe.^c

prioratum per v. annos, et alterum sacerdotem celebraturum in ecclesia parochiali de Belver per vj. annos, et ut distribuant vj^s. viij^d. pauperibus de Belver annuatim per vij. annos, et vj^s. viij^d. per vij. annos Conventui pro pietancia, et v^s. annuatim per vj. annos pauperibus de Belver, pro anima præfati Johannis. E cod. MS. prioratui de Belver olim spectante penes nobiliss. ducem de Rutl. 1731.

72. De appropriatione ecclesiæ de Hogges-Norton, in com. Leic. Inq. ad quod dampn. 15 Ric. II. 1391, p. 2, n. 9.

73. Recepti in fraternitatem, 1417, 5 Hen. V. MS. cl. Gale, fol. 179 b.

74. Admissi in fraternitatem, m.cccc.xxii. Ibid. fol. 6 b.

75. Recepti in fraternitatem, m.cccc.xxiii. Ibid.

76. Admissi in fraternitatem, m.cccc.xxxvi. Ibid.

77. De liberis D. Thomæ II. Domini de Roos. Ibid. fol. 18 b.

78. Admissi in fraternitatem, m.cccc.xxix. Ibid. fol. 6 b.

79. Confirmatio de Thomæ II. Domini de Roos de terris ex concessione diversorum ejus antecessorum, 23 Apr. 1430, 8 Hen. VI. Mon. Ang. vol. i. p. 329.

80. Admissi in fraternitatem, A. D. m.cccc.xxx. 8 Hen. VI.

81. Admissi in fraternitatem, A. D. m.cccc.xxxi. 9 Hen. VI.

82. Admissi in fraternitatem, A. D. m.cccc.xxxiii. 11 Hen. VI.

83. Admissi in fraternitatem, A. D. 14 Sept. m.cccc.xxxiv. 13 Hen. VI.

84. Admissi in fraternitatem, A. D. m.cccc.xxxv. 13, 14 Hen. VI.

85. De liberis D. Thomæ III. domini de Roos.

86. Genealogia et progenies dominorum de Roos.

87. Nomina fundatorum, ac etiam advocatorum, necnon et benefactorum. MS. cl. Gale, foll. 1 et 3. Mon. Ang. tom. i. p. 328.

88. De quibusdam benefactoribus. Ibid.

89. De domino Willielmo de Belvero secundo, priore egregio, et actis ejus bonis. MS. cl. Gale, fol. 167.

90. Bona Prioris in com. Leic. ad decimam taxata. Ibid.

91. Testamenti Margaretæ dominæ de Roos, sepultæ Belveri, quantum attinet. E codice MS. olim ad prioratum eundem spectantem penes nobiliss. ducem de Rutland.

92. Literæ prioris et conventus D. Thomæ Lovel militi et Isabelle consorti suæ, eos in fraternitatem recipientes. Ibid.

93. De libris quos contulit D. Ricardus de Luton prioratui, necnon de anniversario ejusdem domini Ricardi, post mortem, ibidem celebrato. MS. cl. Gale, fol. 13 a.

94. Conventio inter magistrum Will. de Keln rectorem de Herdeby, in com. Leic. et priorem et conventum (consensu D. abbatis S. Albani) de modo celebrationis Anniversarii prædicti magistri Willielmi, post obitum ejus, per conventum de Belvero. Ibid. fol. 9 b.

95. Exoneratio prioris a cursu missæ B. Mariæ Virginis per patrem abbatem, cum recompensatione conventui de Belvero ob ejusdem novum onus super iis evenient. MS. cl. Gale, fol. 178 b.

96. De prioribus.

97. Adhuc de prioribus.

98. A declaration of Richard Beuyr, alias Wyn, (one of the last monks) touching the convent's right to the vicarage of Claxton, in com. Leicestr. as also the condition of the priory at the Suppression of Monasteries and some years before. Ex ipsa originali carta pergamen. apud Belv.

99. Memorandum of annuities remaining in charge, A. D. 1553, from Willis, Mit. Ab. vol. ii. p. 16.

The whole of these are inserted by Mr. Nichols in his Appendix to the Account of the Belvoir Priory.

Mr. Nichols, Hist. Leic. vol. ii. P. i. p. 76, enumerates, as among the duke of Rutland's Evidences at Belvoir Castle:

1. A deed of the time of Henry the First, in which Robert Poker gives to the church and monks of St. Mary at Belvoir a house and toft in the village, to pray for the souls of William de Albini the elder and William his son.

2. Another deed of Robert Poker, granting to the monks a piece of land betwixt the castle ditch and the king's highway, called Westgate.

3. A grant, of the year 1132, 33 Hen. I. from William de Ros, lord of Hamlake, to the priory, of a croft at Belvoir, lying betwixt Pekok croft and Long croft, in exchange for two acres of meadow lying in Belver warren.

^a Hist. Leic. ut supr. p. 78.

^b Ibid.

^c Ibid. In Sir Robert Atkyns's History of Gloucestershire, p. 636, there is mention of a plow tillage belonging to this priory at Saperton, in that county; in Martin's History of Thetford, p. 153, of a pension of xij^s. out of the rectory of Yoxford: in Thoroton's Nottinghamshire, p. 110, of lands at Granby; p. 114, at Saperton; p. 119, at Thoroton.

Mr. Nichols has given the following list of the

PRIORS of BELVOIR,

partly from the additions to Browne Willis's list in Tanner's *Notitia Monastica*; partly from Bishop Kennett's manuscript additions to Dugdale's *Monasticon*, now in the Bodleian library, among Mr. Gough's books; and partly from certain original charters of the priory of Wallingford, formerly belonging to Anthony Wood, now in the Ashmolean Museum. It is remarkable that a great many of the priors in this list have already appeared, a few pages back, as priors of Wallingford, sometimes with a variation of dates, and sometimes with dates which show that the two priories were often successively governed by the same person. Wallingford and Belvoir were, both, Cells to St. Albans, the abbat of which monastery appointed or removed the subordinate priors at his pleasure.

NICHOLAS, prior of Belvoir, resigned in 1195.

SIMON was prior in the time of Herbert, prior of St. Neots. He died Feb. 4th, 1204, 5 Joh.

RALPH called the *Simple*.

ROGER DE WENDOVER, who was prior here, was deposed by William abbat of St. Albans for having wasted the effects of the church in careless prodigality.* Roger, whom Bishop Tanner, in his *Bibliotheca Britannica Hibernica*, also calls ROGER WENDORE, or WINDLESHORE, was the celebrated historian of that name, so particularly noticed in Dr. Watt's Preface to Matthew Paris's History. He died about three or four years after his deposition; Tanner says, on the 2d of the nones of May, 1236.

MARTIN DE BODMERSHAM, or BORDESHAM, was the next prior.

GEOFFREY occurs in 1251, 35 Hen. III.

RALPH DE WATLINGTON occurs in 1264, and again in 1269.

WILLIAM DE HUNTINGDON in 1277.

MINION DE BARTON was succeeded, in 1284, by

ROGER DE HENRED, who, as prior of Belvoir, agreed to celebrate the anniversary of Roger abbat of St. Albans, 1288. He died May 6th, the year unknown.

THOMAS occurs 1288.

GREGORY, 1289, 17 Edw. I.

JOHN LANGLEY occurs in 1292, 1299, and 1302. He died Feb. 18th.

GERMANUS is named *t.* Edw. II.

STEPHEN DE WITTEHAM, or WITTENHAM, occurs in 1316, 9 Edw. II.

JOHN KENDALE occurs in 1228—1332.

WILLIAM DE HERON occurs in 1340, 13 Edw. III., and again in 1349. He died August 17th, 1361, and was buried in the church of Belvoir.^b

WILLIAM DE STENINGTON, who succeeded in 1361, was also buried in the church in 1367.

RICHARD occurs in 1367 and 1381.

SIMON SOTHERY, who was afterwards prior of St. Albans, flourished, according to Tanner, in 1382. He died, according to the Belvoir Necrology, on Nov. 28th.

WILLIAM DE BYNHAM occurs in 1390, 13 Ric. II.

JOHN STROKE was prior from 1397 to 1427. He was afterwards abbat of St. Albans.

JOHN WYTEBY occurs in 1430 and 1441.

WILLIAM HALL, or HALLE, occurs in 1452.^c

JOHN DE BANBURGH, 1459.

WILLIAM HENDWICK, S. T. B., 1474, 13 Edw. IV.

WILLIAM RISBOROW, 1475, 14 Ed. IV.

ANTHONY ZOUCHE, 1485, 2 Ric. III.

JOHN THORNTON, S. T. D., occurs 1498.

ROBERT ASHBY, or ESEBY, occurs ult. Jul. 1498, and April 12, 1499. He died April 5, 1513.

JOHN CLARE, 1516.

RALPH EYTON, 1520 and 1530. He died Dec. 10th.

THOMAS occurs 20 April, 1531.

. . . . RANDYLL.

. . . . HAMTYL.

The names of the five following Priors are added from the Belvoir Necrology, though the exact years in which they presided cannot be discovered.

1. "ANDREAS, prior hujus ecclesiæ, obiit tricesimo die mensis Aprilis.

2. JOHANNES BIWELL, prior hujus ecclesiæ, obiit tricesimo die mensis Augusti.

3. Dominus JOHANNES HATFEILD, prior de Belvero, obiit vicesimo quarto die mensis Novembris.

4. Magister JOHANNES REVES, professor theologiæ, quondam prior hujus ecclesiæ, obiit 15^o. die Decembris.

5. JOHANNES GYLDFORDE, quondam prior hujus ecclesiæ, obiit decimo nono die mensis Decembris."^d

At the Dissolution, this priory was valued, according to Dugdale, at 104*l.* 19*s.* 10*d.* per annum; according to Speed, at 129*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*: Leland says, at 135*l.* The site was granted, according to Tanner, in the 33d of Henry VIII. to Thomas earl of Rutland and Thomas Tirwhit, esq.^e Mr. Nichols refers to a patent of the 34th Hen. VIII. p. 1, and says, that in 1542 the earl of Rutland being constituted warden of the marshes, he accompanied the duke of Norfolk, then general of an army consisting of 20,000 men, in his invasion of Scotland, where in eight days they burned twenty towns and villages; and being much in the king's favour, he, on his return, obtained in that year (jointly with Robert Tyrwhit) a grant of the priory of Belvoir, and also of Egle, in Lincolnshire, which had been a commandery of the Knights Templars.^f

In 1553 there remained in charge, paid out of this priory, the sum of 5*l.* in annuities.^g

Peck, in the volume of his Collections, in continuation of Dugdale's *Monasticon* already quoted, has preserved a rude drawing of a fragment of the

SEAL of BELVOIR PRIORY, the device representing the Virgin and Child, appendant to an instrument dated April 12th, 1499.^h

Belvoir priory was the burying place of Robert de Todenei,ⁱ and of the Albinis his successors, and of the hearts only of some, the bodies lying at Newstead abbey near Stamford, or at Croxton abbey. The family of Ros also buried there, and sometimes only the heart, their bodies lying at Kirkham, in Yorkshire, with which they were connected. Several other benefactors, priors, &c., were buried in the church, whence, at the Dissolution, many ancient monuments of the Albinis and Rosses were, at the direction of Thomas earl of Rutland, removed to Bottesford.

From different hints contained in the "*Nomina Benefactorum*," printed by Dugdale, compared with an attentive

* See Mat. Paris, in the Account of abbat William, edit. 1684, pp. 1052, 1053.

^b Mr. Nichols says, that, after discharging the priory of a debt of 733*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, he built the chapels of St. Mary and St. Nicholas, planted a thousand trees round the priory, and gave the monks a hundred marks, with many other tokens of his benevolence. Two years previous to his death he resigned his office of prior, and is said to have subsequently lived in one of the chambers of the Infirmary. He was buried in the chapel of St. Mary.

^c Mr. Nichols says he succeeded in this year. Though not mentioned by Dugdale in the list of interments from the Belvoir Register, he appears to have been buried in the Lady chapel, where a flat white stone was found in 1792, with the following inscription cut upon it, on a scroll, "*Willm' Halle quondam Prior istius Eccle'ie.*" His skeleton was visible when the stone was taken up.

^d Compare Nichols's Hist. Leic. vol. ii. P. i. pp. 80, 81.

^e Tann. Notit. Mon.

^f Hist. Leic. ut supr. p. 43.

^g Mit. Ab. vol. ii. p. 116. So Mr. Sharpe's Roll: "*BELVER nuper Monaster. Annuit. Willielmi Barners xx^s. Thomæ Hussey xl^s. Ricardi Gwynne xl^s.*"

^h MS. Donat. Mus. Brit. 4936, p. 126.

ⁱ He was buried in the chapter-house, the place where founders of religious houses were most generally deposited. His coffin, of brown stone, six feet and a half, by two feet and a half tapering to sixteen inches, and eight inches thick, was dug up in 1726, and seen by Dr. Stukeley; and twice again in 1792, in the presence of Mr. Nichols, Mr. Gough, &c. On one side of the lid were the words, ROBERT DE TODENEI LE FVDEVR. Close to it was the coffin of William de Albini II.

view of the ground on which the priory stood, and a laborious tracing of the foundations, Mr. Nichols has given a Plan of the Church of Belvoir. It appears to have consisted of a western tower, a nave separated from its aisles by eight pillars, with a chancel, and a presbytery beyond. At the south-west end of the chancel a chapel to St. Osyth; and on the south side of the presbytery a chapel to St. Nicholas. Parallel with the whole length of the chancel on the north side was the chapel of St. Catherine, and beyond, parallel with St. Catherine's chapel and the north side of the presbytery, the chapel of the Virgin Mary. On the north side of the nave, adjoining the west end of the Lady chapel, stood the Cloister, with the chapter-house in the centre. The original site of the nave Mr. Nichols says was readily determined by the position of its eight pillars, all of which, except one to the south-west, were dug up. Large masses of ruin, indicating the tower, were removed from the west end. The foundations of the chancel eastward of the nave were also visible. The chapter-house was fixed as being to the north of the body of the church by the coffins of the founder and his son, who were buried in the middle of it; as well as by those of Ropesley and Deincourt, whose monumental stones pointed out the situation of the door. The chapel of St. Mary was discoverable by the inscription of William Halle the prior, and by the monumental stones of at least two of his brethren. It had a Cloister in common with St. Catherine's chapel, which was therefore without hesitation fixed to the north side of the church. The chapel of St. Nicholas appears to have been a portion of the plan which could not be completely ascertained. The position assigned to St. Osyth's chapel was justified by foundations discovered at the east end of the south aisle of the nave.^a

Behind the inn stables, Mr. Nichols says, which are built upon a part of the ancient burying ground of the priory, in a close called the Dovecote close, of about twelve

acres, held by the master of the inn, the site of the conventual buildings may still be traced, with strong marks of foundations. No walls, he says, remain; but the fragments, in various places, bear evident indications of their destruction by fire. In digging among the ruins in 1791, various cornices and capitals of pillars, paving tiles, coats of arms, &c. were found.^b Among these were two tiles, each bearing a bell with a sword and key at the sides, probably some device of Belvoir.

Bishop Tanner, in his *Notitia Monastica*, notices a CHARTULARY of *this Priory* as, in 1680, in the possession of the Duke of Buckingham: it was probably the same manuscript noticed by Peck in 1731 as then in the possession of the Duke of Rutland. Excerpts from this, or some other Chartulary, are preserved among Dodsworth's manuscripts in the Bodleian library, vol. lv. fol. 140; vol. lxvii. fol. 203; vol. lxxviii. fol. 70; and in the Harleian MS. 2044, fol. 96.

Bishop Tanner also notices "Apographa quarundam Cartarum ad hunc prioratum spectantium MSS. in Museo Ashmol. Oxon. Wood, xxxii. fol. 65;" together with the following references to public records:

"Rot. Pat. 2 Edw. I. m. 1, dorso, de terris in Horingwold. Pat. 3 Edw. I. m. 81, de terris in Granebye. Plac. in com. Leycestr. 12 Edw. I. rot. 7, de servitiis in Brauston, et advoc. eccl. de Norton. Pat. 35 Edw. I. m. . .

"Pat. 2 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 10, de semita in Talington claudenda. Pat. 14 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 6, de terris in Wels-torp, Barkeston, Rodemill, &c.

"Cart. 7 Edw. III. n. 36, pro terris et ecclesiis. Pat. 11 Edw. III. p. 1, m. ult.

"Fin. Nottingh. 1 Hen. V. Hill. rot. 137, pro annua pensione e rect. de Colwyke.

"Rec. in Scacc. 13 Hen. VIII. Hill. rot. 4, Nottingh."

Cartae ad Belberense Coenobium in agro Lincolnensi spectantes: Cellam Sancti Albani.

NUM. I.

Fundatio Cellæ de Belvero.

[Ex Registro Cartarum Abbatiae de S. Albano in Bibl. Cottoniana, fol. 120.]

Hæc est conventio inter abbatem Paulum, et Robertum de Belvedeir. Robertus inceperat ecclesiam sanctæ Mariæ juxta castellum suum, quam quia ipse, sæculi curis obstantibus, ad perfectum pro velle suo producere non poterat, consilio domini L. archiepiscopi, concessit illam ecclesiæ sancti Albani, Anglorum protomartiris, in cellam, tali pacto, quod abbas Paulus eam perficeret, et post ibidem quatuor ex conventu monachos statueret, qui suscepto beneficio, pro animâ Roberti comitis et Willielmi regis, ejusdemque Roberti et uxoris suæ A. necnon et filiorum et parentum suorum dominum exorarent.

Qua ex re effecti sunt uterque Robertus et A. ejus uxor in capitulo, fratres ecclesiæ sancti Albani, pleniter ut monachi; concedentes, ut post obitum eorum apud sanctum Albanum, corpora illorum sepelirentur, si in Anglia more-

rentur, vel apud ecclesiam sanctæ Mariæ, quam juxta castellum suum fundaverunt; et hoc tamen non nisi licentia abbatis ecclesiæ sancti Albani. Dederunt etiam, et concesserunt singuli post mortem eorum ubicunque morirentur vel sepelirentur portionem totius suæ substantiæ ecclesiæ sancti Albani, et sanctæ Mariæ in potestate abbatis et fratrum.

Beneficium autem quod Robertus, concedente A. uxore sua, præfatæ ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ tunc ad præsens donavit, hoc est; sed postea plura se daturum ex conventionem sponndit, nam omnium terrarum quascunque per Dei adjutorium, et concessum regis, in suum dominium adquirere quoquomodo posset, dedit et concessit decimas eidem ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ. Imprimis itaque dedit ad præsens villam unam quæ vocatur Horingwald, cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus, tam liberè et quietè sicut ipse habebat illam à rege. Juxta castellum etiam suum concessit et dedit quatuor carucas terræ, cum pratis ad illas pertinentibus, et viginti acras terræ juxta ecclesiam, ad construendas officinas, cæterasque domos monachis necessarias, et hominibus eorum, quietas et solutas ab omni consuetudine sicut

^a Hist. Leic. p. 80, ut supr. with the Plan, ibid. Pl. XIX. fig. 30.

^b Ibid. Pl. XIX. figg. 1-20.

ipse tenebat eas à rege. Dedit etiam et concessit decimas vinearum suarum omnium, et sedem molendini in proxima aqua, et concessit decimas decem villarum ad præsens, ex suo videlicet dominico, annonæ omnium rerum, de quibus decima danda est, et datur, semota quidem tertia parte presbiteri villæ.

Hæ sunt villæ, quarum decimas tunc ad præsens dedit, et concessit, et sicut dictum est, postea se daturum spopondit. In Hortuna itaque dedit decimam, et unum hominem cum suo orto et terram et unum bovem. In Frantuna verò et Sapertuna dedit decimas et unam hominem tantum, cum suo orto, et terram ad unum bovem. In Risenduna dedit decimam, et unum hominem, cum suo orto et terram ad unum bovem. In Stochis autem et Wibertestona dedit decimas, et unum hominem, cum suo orto, et terram ad unum bovem. In Segetuna dedit decimam, et octo acras terræ, quatuor ex una parte, et quatuor ex altera parte villæ, et hortum tantum. In Medburna dedit decimam tantum. In Wiwella dedit decimam, et terram decem boum, et unum hominem, cum suo orto; in Wlstanestorp decimam.

Has terrulas dedit et concessit esse liberas et quietas ab omni consuetudine, præcipiens, et concedens, ut in unaquaque villa habeat ecclesia prata adjacentia supradictis terrulis, et pasturam sicut ipse dominus Robertus habet, ad suum opus. Hujus doni et conventionis testes sunt isti, Beringerius domini Roberti filius, Robertus de Aquila, Ivo de Tigerivilla, et filius ejus Beringerius, Ascelinus de Vals, Willielmus de Boisrohard, Rogerus Calvus, Richardus de Lintod, Willielmus filius ejus. Odardus de Hottot, Walterus filius Willielmi de Walterivilla. Ex hominibus Beringeri Radulfus de Tuito, Reginaldus de Aitona, Gilbertus de Branstona, Odardus de Lintod. Ex hominibus sancti Albani, Turstanus dapifer, Wlbaldu, Amalgerus, Aschellus cocus. Hugo de Lasp, Serlo camerarius, Willielmus Longus.

Mortuâ verò A. uxore Roberti, concessit Robertus ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ, pro anima uxoris suæ unam caruatam terræ in Sapertuna, eadem conventionem et quietudine qua dederat alia superius, consensu et voluntate filiorum suorum Willielmi et Galfridi, coram supradictis testibus.

Defuncto etiam post aliquantum temporis intervallum Roberto, Willielmus filius ejus, et hæres Honoris renovavit apud sanctum Albanum, in capitulo fratrum conventionem patris et matris suæ, et confirmavit, et concessit ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ, et sancti Albani omnia quæcunque pater et mater ejus antea dederant et concesserant, desiderans et postulans dari et concedi sibi, in ecclesia sancti Albani, eandem societatem, quam pater ejus et mater habuerant.

Quâ devotè suscepta, donum parentum pariter, et suum confirmavit, prius in capitulo, deinde super altare sancti Albani, et postea super altare sanctæ Mariæ posuit, concedens seipsum ecclesiæ sancti Albani plene fratrem, et monachum, dans et concedens ecclesiæ sancti Albani et sanctæ Mariæ suam porcionem totius suæ substantiæ, post suum obitum, ubicunque moriretur, et si in Anglia contigisset eum mori, delegit apud sanctum Albanum, vel apud ecclesiam sanctæ Mariæ juxta castellum suum sepeliri, et hoc licentia abbatis ecclesiæ sancti Albani, erat enim frater ecclesiæ eadem conventionem, qua pater ejus fuerat. Postea Willielmus concessit ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ terrulam illam, quam tenebat Walrannus præbendarius suus in Hungretona, et decimam omnium denariorum suorum qui sibi reddentur de terra sua, quoquomodo reddantur sibi vel suis hæredibus semper in posterum.

NUM. II.

Nomina Fundatorum, ac etiam Advocatorum, necnon et Benefactorum.

[Ex quodam Registro prioratus de Belvero penes Thomam dominum Brudnell.]

MEMORANDUM quod in capitulo de Belvero jacet Robertus de Toteneyo fundator illustris, et juxta eum Willielmus de Albeneio primus, scilicet Brito, in parte boreali.

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Item ante hostium capituli, jacet Symon de Ropsley, et juxta eum Oliverus de Dencurth jacet in parte australi. Item in veteri ecclesia, ante crucem, jacet Willielmus de Albeneio secundus, scilicet Meschines, et juxta eum Adaliza uxor sua in parte australi, et secunda uxor sua, nomine Cecilia, jacet sub pariete veteris ecclesiæ. Item Willielmus de Albeneio tertius, jacet apud Novum-locum, et cor ejus sub muro contra summum altare de Belver, à parte boreali decenter reconditum. Item Willielmus quartus jacet ante magnum altare ejusdem ecclesiæ, et cor ejus apud Croxton. Item in parte occidentali, prope capitulum, jacet Odinellus de Albeneyo, et juxta eum, jacet Matildis de Umframvill mater ejus, et juxta eum versus borealem, jacet Albreda Biseth, uxor Willielmi quarti, et inter eam, et murum capituli jacet Richardus de Staunton rector ejusdem ecclesiæ. Item Robertus de Roos jacet apud Kyrkham, et viscera ejus ante summum altare de Beuver, juxta corpus Willielmi quarti de Albeneio, ex parte australi, qui obiit xvj. die kalendas Junii anno mclxxxv.

Item Isabella de Roos, uxor Roberti de Roos, jacet apud Novum-locum juxta Stamford, obiitque anno mcccj. Item Willielmus de Roos, filius ejus, jacet apud Kirkham. Item Matildis de Vaus, uxor dicti Willielmi, jacet apud Pentaney, et viscera ejus in capella sanctæ Mariæ, scilicet in pariete. Item Matildis, uxor Jacobi Roos jacet in pariete inter capellam beatæ Mariæ, et presbyterium sumptuosè sculpta. Item jacet dominus Rogerus de Gravele rector ecclesiæ de Wolstrop sub fenestra dictæ capellæ, in parte australi honorificè. Item jacet Thomas Wante inter claustrum sanctæ Catherinæ et dictæ capellæ. Item in medio dictæ capellæ versus gradum, jacet dominus Willielmus de Beuver prior egregius. Et juxta eum dompnus Willielmus frater ejus, ac ejus successor, ex parte boreali, et juxta eum dominus Lambertus, quondam subprior de Beuver. Item ad ostium capellæ sanctæ Catherinæ jacet Rogerus, frater dicti prioris, ac etiam infra, nepos ejus. Item Gilbertus Suttere jacet ad finem altaris summæ ecclesiæ parochialis de Beuver, ex parte australi. Item Margeria uxor ejus jacet sub fenestra præfate ecclesiæ parochialis ex parte australi.

NUM. III.

Carta Radulfi de Raynes.

[Ex autographo in Bibliotheca Hattoniana.]

RADULPHUS de Raines, et Walterus, et Willielmus fratres ejus, omnibus fidelibus tam præsentibus, quàm futuris, salutem. Notum sit universitati vestræ, nos, pro salute propria, nec non et pro salute omnium parentum et amicorum nostrorum, tam vivorum quàm defunctorum, concessisse, et præsentem cartam confirmasse Deo, et ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Belveer, et monachis ibidem Deo servantibus, quatuor bovatas terræ, et in liberam dedisse elemosinam, cum toftis, et pratis ad easdem bovatas pertinentibus in eisdem locis, et culturis, quibus dimensæ, et sicut dimensæ in nostra præsentia fuerant, et prædictis fratribus nostro assensu assignatæ in villa de Stachederna imperpetuum. Proinde volumus quatinus prædicti monachi possideant totam memoratam terram, liberam et quietam ab omnibus querelis, consuetudinibus, et exactionibus, et ab omni seculari servitio. Nos autem eam, sicut liberam elemosinam nostram, contra omnes homines warrantizabimus, et defendemus, nihil inde nobis reservantes nisi orationes fratrum, et beneficia loci. In cujus rei memoriam, hujus scilicet donationis, et libertatis, supradicti monachi, mihi Radulfo pellicionis monachi, cum botis quibusdam sex denariis singulis annis persolvent. Præterea sciendum, quod memorati fratres dederunt mihi quinque marcas argenti, ut liberiùs et libentiùs fieret ista donatio, et unam loriam. Testibus Willielmo de Albeneio seniore et Cicilia uxore ejus, Willielmo juniore filio eorum, Rogero Bigot, Roberto de Tote-neio, Radulfo de Albeneio, Roberto de Ropesleia, Eudone de Albeneio, et Gaufrido fratre ejus, Roberto Brutone, Gamaliele presbitero, Roberto clerico, Rogero de Burgo, Waltero Herdebi, Hugone filio Godefridi, Gaufrido janitore, Thoma de Horningewald, Henrico de Botesford, et Waltero fratre ejus.

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NUM. IV.

Carta Johannis de Daiencourt.

[Ex autographo in Bibliotheca Hattoniana.]

JOHANNES de Daiencourt omnibus fidelibus, tam præsenti-
bus quam futuris, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse, et
præsenti carta mea confirmasse, in puram et perpetuam ele-
mosinam, Deo, et ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Belveer et mo-
nachis ibidem Deo servientibus, pro salute propria et uxoris
meæ, et pro salute animarum patris mei Walteri, et Oliveri
fratris mei, necnon et pro animabus omnium parentum et
amicorum meorum, unam carucatam terræ in Grenebi, cum
omnibus pertinentiis suis, in toftis et croftis, in pratis, et
pascuis, et chaueseis, et in augmento acrarum, in villa, et
extra, ita plenariè, et integre possidendam, sicut pater meus
Walterus eis dederat, et ego, et sicut meliùs vel plenariùs
habuerunt tempore patris mei Walteri, vel die quo Hen-
ricus tertius fuit coronatus, liberam et quietam ab omni sæ-
culari servitio, consuetudine et exactione, nihil mihi inde
reservans imposterum, vel hæredibus meis, nisi orationes
fratrum prædicti loci. His testibus, Daniele decano de . .
. . . Richardo Furmento, Radulfo de Daiencourt, Fulcone
del Alvei, Richardo Pateric, Roberto filio Galfridi de Stan-
ton, Rogero de Daiencourt, Jordano de Sancta Maria, Ser-
lone de Pleseleche, Symone filio Ricardi, Eustachio de . .
. . . Mauritio de Crenwele, Ricardo de Hortona, Adam
de sancta Maria, Radulfo filio Roberto de Frumen-
ton, Radulfo de Barcheston, Benedicto de Flamestoda,
Henrico, Richardo dispensatore.

NUM. V.

Carta Regis Henrici I.

[Ex Carta origin. apud Belver. Nich. Hist. Leic. vol. ii. P. i. p. 24.]

HENRICUS rex Angliæ, Roberto episcopo Lincoln. et
omnibus baronibus suis, Francis et Anglis, totius Angliæ
salutem. Notum sit omnibus regionis Angliæ tam modernis
quam successoribus meis, quod concedo sanctæ Mariæ et
sancto Albano protomartyri Angliæ octo dies ad Natale
sancti Joh. Baptistæ habere feriam plenam per octo dies.
Et volo et præcipio ut Ricardus abbas et successores [ejus]
eam teneant in pace et honorifice; et omnes venientes et
redeuntes de eâ firmam pacem meam habeant. Dat. apud
sanctum Albanum iij. Septembris.

NUM. VI.

Carta Roberti de Toteneio.[Ex Registro de Belvoir penes Matheum Hales de Hospitio Lincolnensi
armigerum, 1629, fol. 27.]

NOTUM sit omnibus, tam præsenti-
bus quam futuris, quod ego Robertus de Toteneia concedo Deo et sanctæ
Mariæ de Belvoir et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus,
pro salute animæ meæ, et patris et matris meæ, et fratrum
meorum, cæterisque amicorum meorum, et pro animabus
omnium prædecessorum meorum, triginta sticcas anguilla-
rum in Aburna, villa mea, de redditu anguillarum molen-
dini mei, quas recipient singulis annis, die sancti Mathiæ.
Et hanc donationem concedit et sua carta confirmat Williel-
mus de Albeneio frater meus et dominus. Et sunt testes
hujus donationis hii, Galfridus clericus de Aburna, Williel-
mus de Albeneia, Rogerus Bigot, cum aliis, &c.

NUM. VII.

*Agnes de Toteneia confirmat Donationes patris sui Roberti
de Toteneyo.*

[Ibid. fol. 34 b.]

NOTUM sit omnibus filiis sanctæ Dei ecclesiæ, quod ego
Agnes de Toteneio confirmo donationem elemosinarum quas
pater meus Robertus de Toteneio, et mater mea Adelais de-
derunt ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Belvoir, et nominatim tes-
timonium perhibeo, et confirmo donationem de una bovata
terræ in Asclakheby, et duabus partibus decimæ de dominio,
scilicet, in bladis, in vitulis, in agnis, velleribus, caseis, in

porcellis, in apibus et pomis, et in omnibus rebus de quibus
decima solet dari. Hoc autem specialiter confirmo quia sit
de matrimonio meo.

NUM. VIII.

Carta Henrici de Rya.

[Ibid.]

HENRICUS de Rya, karissimo amico Reginaldo de
Warena salutem et amorem. Mando vobis et obnixè
precor, quatinus pro amore Dei, et sanctæ Mariæ, et om-
nium sanctorum, et mei, monachos de Belveer in omnibus
locis manuteneatis. Sciatis bene me concessisse, et warenti-
zasse donationem Roberti avi mei, et Agnetis matris meæ,
et mei, decimæ de dominio de Aslacheby, monachis de Bel-
veer, Deo, et sanctæ Mariæ servientibus; scilicet, duas partes
in bladis, in vitulis, in agnis, in velleribus, in caseis, in por-
cellis, in apibus, in pomis, et in omnibus rebus de quibus
decima solet dari. Valete, et faciatis illis monachis habere
decimas quietas, ne ampliùs deteriorentur inde.

NUM. IX.

*Carta Willielmi de Albineio de donatione Ecclesiæ de
Redemelina, in Com. Leic.*

[MS. Peck, Mus. Brit. Donat. 4936.]

SCIANT omnes tam futuri quam præsentes quod ego
Willielmus de Albineio, assensu Willielmi filii et hæredis
mei, et Matildis uxoris meæ, et Cecilie matris meæ, necnon
et Radulphi de Albineio fratris mei, hominumque meorum,
concessi et dedi Deo et ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Belvere
et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, pro salute animæ
meæ, necnon et pro salute omnium antecessorum, omnium-
que parentum et amicorum meorum, ecclesiam de Red-
melinā cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, jure perpetuo possi-
dendum. Volo igitur ut monachi jam dicti loci memoratam
ecclesiam cum pertinentiis suis omni tempore liberè rema-
neant, quietè et honorificè, sicut liberam decet elemosinam.
Quod et scripti mei attestatione confirmo, ne in posterum ab
aliquo immutetur. Testibus, Roberto capellano, Thoma
presbytero de Wibardstun, Johanne dapifero, Yweno de
Albeneio constabulario, Gaufrido de Chauvenni, Osmundo
de Chauvenni, Willielmo de Vallibus, Simone filio Willielmi,
Radulpho filio Willielmi, Alardo de sancto Hilario,
Radulpho filio Holdewi.

NUM. X.

Carta W. de Albeneio.[Ex Registro de Belvoir penes Matheum Hales de Hospitio Lincolnensi
armigerum, 1629, fol. 37.]

WILLIELMUS de Albeneio, Brito, omnibus fidelibus,
clericis et laicis, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse, et con-
firmasse ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Bellovidere, et monachis
ibidem Deo servientibus, mansuram illam quæ fuit capellæ
meæ, cum domibus, et terris quæ ad eam pertinent, pro
salute animæ meæ, et uxoris meæ, et puerorum meorum,
et omnium antecessorum meorum; et hoc idem concessit
fœmina mea, et filii mei. Testes, Robertus Brito, Iwarinus
Ridel, et Godefridus Clement, et Iwainus de Albineio, et
Gaufridus de Chaluennio, et Radulfus de Arches, et Ur-
sellus de Crasmore, Rogerus capellanus, et Alanus capella-
nus, et Radulfus filius Osur.

NUM. XI.

Carta Willielmi de Albineio tertii.

[Ibid. fol. 39.]

UNIVERSIS sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis ad quos præsens
scriptum pervenerit, Willielmus de Albiniaco tertius salu-
tem. Ad universitatis vestræ notitiam volo pervenire, me
pro salute animæ meæ et anima Agathæ uxoris meæ, et præ-
cipuè pro anima Margeriæ quondam uxoris meæ, &c. de-
disse Deo et ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Belvero et monachis
ibidem Deo servientibus, in puram et perpetuam elemo-

sinam, de qualibet acra terræ totius domini mei in omnibus territoriis de Belvero, de Wlstop, de Botelsford, de Oskinton, et Stokes, unam garbam de quolibet genere bladorum, tam frumenti quam siliginis, ordeï, et avenæ, fabarum et pisarum, sive alterius leguminis, &c. His testibus, Willielmo de Albineio quarto, Odinello, Roberto, et Nicholao, filiis meis.

NUM. XII.

Carta Thomæ Domini de Ros.

[Ibid. fol. 3 b. Vide Cart. 7 E. III. n. 36.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit, Thomas dominus de Ros, de Hamelake, de Trussebout, et de Beavoir salutem. Sciatis quod per nos inspectis cartis, scriptis, donationibus, collationibus, confirmationibus, ac quietis clamationibus, factis Deo et ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ de Beauvoire, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, per nobiles progenitores, et antecessores nostros, videlicet, Robertum de Toteneio, Willielmum de Toteneio filium suum, Agnetem de Toteneio filiam dicti Roberti de Toteneio, Henricum de Rya filium Huberti de Rya, Agentem de Toteneio, Willielmum de Albeneio primum, Willielmum de Albeneio secundum, Willielmum de Albeneio tertium, Willielmum de Albeneio quartum, Ywynum de Albeneyo, Heliam de Albeneyo, et uxores eorundem, Isabellam filiam domini Willielmi de Albeneio, quæ fuit uxor domini de Ros (Roberti de Ros), domini de Beauvoire et de Hamelake, de certis parcellis feodi et domini de Beauvoire, prout in eisdem chartis, &c., parcellatim pleniùs continetur: nos dictus Thomas dominus de Ros, &c., omnia præmissa confirmamus, &c. His testibus, Thoma Chaworth, Johanne Cressy, Hugone de Aneslay, militibus, &c. Dat. in castro nostro de Beauvoire xxij. Aprilis anno octavo H. VI.

NUM. XIII.

Carta Philippi de Kyma.

[Madox. Formul. Anglic. p. 251, ex autogr.]

UNIVERSIS sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis tam præsentibus quam futuris, Philippus de Kyma salutem. Notum sit vobis me pro salute mea et Hawisæ sponsæ meæ, et liberorum nostrorum et omnium nostrorum, et pro animabus patrum et matrum nostrarum et liberorum nostrorum antecessorum, omniumque nostrorum, dedisse, concessisse, et hac præsentī carta meâ confirmasse Deo et ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ de Beauveir, et Johanni priori et successoribus suis, et conventui monachorum ibidem Deo servientium, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, ad fodiendum singulis annis perpetuo septies viginti kirvas turbæ in marisco meo de Kyma, juxta aquam quæ extenditur a Kyma usque ad terram Hekintonæ, quâ parte aquæ prædictæ prædictus prior et successores sui elegerint, in propinquiori loco et eis commodiori ad illas operandum et educendum. Testibus, Rogero Priore de Kyma, Willielmo filio meo, magistro Radulfo de Kyma, magistro Ricardo de Kyma canonico de Lincolnia, et aliis.

NUM. XIV.

Testamenti Margaretæ Domine de Roos, sepultæ Belveri, Prioratui quantum attinet.

[MS. Peck, Mus. Brit. donat. 4936, fol. 131, e Codice MS. olim ad Prioratum eundem spectantem, 1731, penes nobiliss. Ducem de Rutland.]

ITEM lego meum optimum animal, nomine principalis, secundum consuetudinem.

Item lego unam cupam argenteam et deauratam, pro corpore Dominico imponendo, ad summum Altare prioratus prædicti.

Item lego in die sepulturæ meæ priori ejusdem prioratus vj^s. viij^d. et cuilibet monacho ejusdem domus iij^s. iiij^d. et capellano ecclesiæ parochialis ibidem iij^s. iiij^d.

Item lego xl^{li}. pro plumbo emendo et cooperatione Dormitorii et Refectorii prioratus prædicti. Ita tamen quod prior et conventus ejusdem prioratus ac successores sui, qui pro tempore fuerint, invenient ibidem duos monachos quo-

tidie celebrantes; unum viz. in Capella S. Nicholai, et alterum in Capella S. Cithæ, pro anima mea et animabus omnium benefactorum et amicorum meorum, ac omnium fidelium defunctorum, per quinque annos integros immediate post obitum meum sequentes et plenarie completos.

Item lego x. marcas ad ornamentum capellæ B. Mariæ ibidem; ita viz. quod dicti prior et conventus, ac successores sui, qui pro tempore fuerint habeant quotidie unam Collectam pro anima mea, scilicet istam, 'Domine, pro tua pietate miserere animæ ancillæ tuæ et famulæ tuæ,' &c. per quinque annos præscriptos: et eandem Collectam præscriptam, post prædictos quinque annos, si placuerit, intuitu caritatis, prolixius continuari.

Item lego, in quolibet die anniversarii mei, durantibus septem annis, priori dicti prioratus iij^s. iiij^d. et cuilibet monacho ibidem ejusdem domus xx^d. et capellano ecclesiæ parochialis ibidem xx^d.

Item volo, quod prælagata ecclesiæ et prioratui prædictis, una cum integra summa pecuniæ prædictæ quæ se extendit ad lvj^{li}. xij^s. iiij^d. in die obitus mei tradantur, sine dilatione et libenter, in custodia Prioris et Conventus Prioratus prædicti, solvenda et distribuenda per Priorem et Subpriorem ibidem, qui pro tempore fuerint, per quinque prædictos annos, juxta voluntatem et ordinationem meam præscriptam. Ita tamen quod prædicti Prior et Conventus obligent se et successores suos in dicta summa lvj^{li}. xij^s. iiij^d. ad omnia prædicta in forma præscripta, perimplendum, vel ad resolvendum executoribus meis tantam summam in qua defecerint inde insolvendam ut per ea celebrando secundam meam ordinationem præscriptam.

NUM. XV.

Juramentum Prioris.

[Ibid. fol. 41. Ex MS. cl. Gale, fol. 180 a.]

Ad majorem futuri temporis certitudinem, formam juramenti quod ipsi priores in prima ipsorum creatione præstabant hic duximus inserendum; quæ talis est.

Ego A. Prior de Belvero, juro, quod ab hac hora (ut antea) ero fideliter obediens tibi domino A. Dei gratia abbatī de S. Albano, tuisque successoribus canonice intrantibus. Privilegia et immunitates monasterii S. Albani et Cellarum ejusdem pro viribus manutenebo et defendam; necalicui hiis privilegiis seu immunitatibus obviare satagenti consilium, auxilium, vel favorem clam vel palam præstabo. Possessiones et jura ad prædictum prioratum de Belvero spectantes non vendam, nec alienabo, nec impignorabo; nec de novo in feodi firmam nisi quatenus jura et constitutiones dicti monasterii S. Albani concedam; nec sine vestra speciali licentia, (vel capituli tempore vacationis) prædictum prioratum ultra summam in dictis Constitutionibus limitatam alligabo. Possessiones, redditus, et jura dicti prioratus indebite alienata, districta, vel occupata, prout commodo potero repetam; et ad jus et proprietatem procurabo reduci. Nec etiam, vestra sine licentia (vel capituli tempore vacationis) petita et optenta, Corrodiam vendam. Ad ecclesiam vel ecclesias, aut vicariam, vacantes non præsentabo; nec maneria vel ecclesias ad firmam dimittam. Neque silvas vendam vel destruiam. Pro aliis non fidem dabo; nec aliquem ina tam; sicut Dominus me adjuvet et hæc sancta Dei Evangelia.

NUM. XVI.

Juramentum Subprioris.

[Ibid.]

Ego A. juro, quod Sigillum commune Prioris de Belvero, in quantum ad me spectat, fideliter custodiam; nec aliquod Scriptum prædicto sigillo, nisi quatenus in constitutionibus monasterii nostri S. Albani permittitur, vel alias per abbatem monasterii nostri de S. Albano, aut tempore vacationis ejusdem loci per Capitulum specialiter concessum fuerit, sigillari consentiam, aut, in quantum resistere possum, permittam. Alienationibus rerum ejusdem prioratus, infeodationibus, vel quibuscunque aliis contractibus ipsis Prioribus in præfatis Constitutionibus prohibitis clam vel

palam, consilium vel consensum non præstabo; sed pro viribus impediam et resistam eisdem; et si debito modo resistere non potero, hæc omnia abbati monasterii S. Albani, vel tempore vacationis ejusdem loci capitulo sine mora dispendiosa, in quantum possum referam. Sicut me Deus adjuvet et hæc sancta Dei evangelia.

NUM. XVII.

De Libris quos contulit D. Ricardus de Luton Prioratui, necnon de Anniversario ejusdem Domini Ricardi, post mortem, ibidem celebraturo.

[Ibid. fol. 133, ex MS. cl. Gale, fol. 13 a.]

MEMORANDUM quod subscriptos Libros contulit dominus Ricardus de Lutona Deo et Ecclesiæ S. Mariæ Virginis de Belvero et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, viz. Unum Psalterium, unum Gradale, unum Troparium; in uno volumine. Item unum Psalterium, unum Gradale, unum Troparium; in alio volumine. Item unum E. Pastorale; unum Aspiciens; unum Processionale; unum Diurnale; et unum Consuetudinarium; in diversis voluminibus. Item, unum Librum in quo continetur Tractatus de Grammatica; Prædicationes super Omelias totius Anni; Proverbia Auctorum. Item unum Librum in quo continetur Algorismus. Compotus. Institutio Novitiorum. Esopus. Tractatus de septem Sacramentis. Casus in quibus Sacerdos non potest absolvere proprium parochianum. Ars Chilindri. Modus temperandi Colores et faciendi. De Virtutibus simplicium Medicinarum Antidotariæ synonymæ practicæ multæ variæ et probatæ. Pro hoc beneficio, de assensu et voluntate venerabilis patris domini Johannis Dei gratia abbatis de S. Albano, concesserunt Prior et Conventus de Belvero prædicto Ricardo, quod, post hujus vitæ terminum, die obitus ipsius, singulis annis habeat in conventu Placebo et Dirige et Missam matutinalem; et a quolibet sacerdote unam missam; et ab aliis qui inferioris sunt ordinis quinquaginta Psalmos. Anima dicti Ricardi, et animæ omnium fidelium defunctorum requiescant in pace; Amen, Amen, Amen. Et licet hoc Anniversarium non sit principale, tamen a precentore consuetudo singulis annis in Capitulo recitabitur. Anima dicti Ricardi requiescat in pace.

NUM. XVIII.

A Declaration of Richard Beuyr, alias Wyn (one of the Monks), touching the Convent's Right to the Vicarage of Claxton in Com. Leicest. as also the Condition of the Priory at the Suppression of Monasteries, and some Years before.

[Ibid. fol. 138, ex ipsa originali Carta pergamenica apud Belv. 15 Aug. 1732.]

FORASMUCH as hyt ys conwenient and necessary for every man to declare the trewth in all causys of conscience wher he hath interest, I dane Rycharde Bever, otherwyse Rycharde Wyn, born in Baldocke, monke; and made priest in prioure Randyll's days in the monnastary of Bever, and ther beyng won of the convent contyneally contyeneuyng all master pryoure Hamtyll's tyme, so forth contynwally wntyll the dat hereof and after; doo affirme and tak on my conscyence and fidelyte, that master prioure Hamtyll and the convent in hys tyme never gave Vosance or Advocation of the vycorage of Claxton to Mr. Torvey, but won; and that was abowt the begynnyng of hys beyng Prioure. The which Vosance master Torvey, on certain considerations him movyng, abowt too yers after, browght in to owr chapter howse, and surrenderd and deliverd hyt up agen to master prioure . . the convent; and then was made brother of our howse, with other plesures done to hym. And the sayd Vosance was never after deliverd owt of our howse ayen by the consent of hus the convent, nether in master prioure Hamtyll's days nor after, ne no other priours days. Wherfor yf hyt be abrode ayen in [any] persons hands, hyt was delivered forthe only by

* According to a pen drawing by Mr. Peck a fragment of this seal remained appendant; of a small oval form. The Virgin Mary

Master Prioure, without concent of the convent. And hyt ys to be knowne, that master Hamtyll was prioure of Bever abowt ix. yeres. And the number of the convent (by syde the prioure of Bever) in hys tyme and in other prioures tymes after hym, was never abowe iij. or iiij. at the most. And ther was none of the convent contynewally contynewynge all Mr. Hamtyll's tyme, frow his begynnyng to hys latter ende, but only I; for all the other wer than sykk and removed to and fro att the wyll of my lord abate of Synt Albance. And for an affirmacyon of thys to be my owne Dede I have subscribyd my name, and seyled hyt wyth my owne hare, this xx. day of November, in the yere of our Lord God m.cccc.xxxviij. Beryng wytnes, Harry Dalby, John Basse, Wylliam Corchwre. Also for a forther evydens thys to be my Ded, the Father of our howsse hath putte his commen seylle *ad causas** in the day and yere abow-sayd.

NUM. XIX.

Prioratus de Belvero.

[From Cardinal Wolsey's Book, 18 Hen. VIII. in the Augmentation Office.]

COMPOTUS dompni Henrici Amptyll administratoris reverendissimi domini cardinalis prioratus prædicti ibidem videlicet a festo sancti Johannis Baptistæ anno regni domini regis nunc Henrici 8^{vi}. 17^{mo}. usque idem festum extunc proximum sequens anno regni ejusdem domini regis 18^{vo}. scilicet per unum annum integrum.

Arreragia.

Nulla prout patet in pede ultimi compoti anni proximi præcedentis.

Summa nulla.

Redditus et Firmæ.

Sed respondet de lxxix^{li}. xiiij^s. de redditibus et firmis in diversis locis prout particulariter patet per diversa compota annorum præcedentium cum c^l. de firma rectoriæ de Plumger in manibus dicti computantis occupantis ad usum hospicii prioratus prædicti.

Summa lxxix^{li}. xiiij^s.

Redditus Assisi.

Et de xxiiij^{li}. de redditibus assisi ibidem per annum, prout patet quamplurimis compotis præcedentibus.

Summa xxiiij^{li}.

Penciones et Porciones.

Et de xviiij^{li}. vij^s. iiij^d. de diversis pencionibus et portionibus, prout patet particulariter tam in compoto de anno ij^{do}. præcedente, quam in diversis alijs compotis præcedentibus.

Summa xviiij^{li}. vij^s. iiij^d.

Venditio Lanæ et Pellium.

Et de viij^{li}. iiij^s. de precio lanæ hoc anno venditæ, prout patet per librum dicti computantis. Et de l^s. de pellibus bovis hoc anno similiter venditis, ut patet per librum prædictum.

Summa x^{li}. xiiij^s.

Summa totalis oneris cxxxij^{li}. xiiij^s. iiij^d.

Redditus resolutus cum resolutione decimarum et alijs allocationibus.

Idem computat in redditu resolutu domino papæ et alijs, prout patet per particular. in compoto de anno secundo

and child in the centre. The inscription beginning *Fig. patris* . . .

præcedente unacum x^{li}. allocatis pro firma decimarum de
Plumger et teriarum dominicalium de Belvero eo quod
reservat. ad usum hospitij Prioratus prædicti xvij^{li}. vj^s. x^d.

Summa xvij^{li}. vj^s. x^d.

Soluciones Domino Regi cum alijs.

Et in denarijs solutis domino Regi hoc anno, prout patet
per librum dicti computantis super hunc compotum osten-
sum et examinatum, viij^{li}. Et in denarijs solutis domino
Rosse pro terris ab eo conductis hoc anno, ut patet per
librum prædictum, viij^{li}. viij^s. iij^d.

Summa xvj^{li}. viij^s. iij^d.

Feoda et Vadia.

Et in feodis sive vadijs diversorum officiariorum pri-
oratus prædicti hoc anno prout allocatum est in compotis
præcedentibus, c^s.

Summa c^s.

Augmentatio Vicariarum.

Et solut' pro augmentatione diversarum vicariarum,
prout patet per librum dicti computantis super hunc com-
potum ostensum et examinatum, vj^{li}. ix^s. x^d.

Summa vj^{li}. ix^s. x^d.

Salarium Prioris cum stipendijs Confratrum.

Et in denarijs solutis tam pro stipendio dicti compu-
tantis quam pro stipendijs quatuor confratrum monachorum
cuilibet eorum xl^s. per annum, prout patet per librum præ-
dictum, xij^{li}.

Summa xij^{li}.

Stipendia Famulorum Hospicij.

Et in denarijs solutis pro stipendijs famulorum hospicij
ibidem, qui diatim famulantur infra prioratum prædictum
hoc anno, prout patet per librum prædicti computantis, ubi
nomina cum summis eorundem particulariter annotantur,
xj^{li}. vj^s. viij^d.

Summa xj^{li}. vj^s. viij^d.

Emptio Piscium salsorum.

Et in denarijs solutis pro salsis piscibus Fung et alijs
piscibus salsis emptis hoc anno, ut patet per librum præ-
dictum, x^{li}. xj^s.

Summa x^{li}. xj^s.

Expensæ cotidianæ pro Achatibus recentibus.

Et in solut' pro expensis cotidianis in hospitio dicti
Prioratus hoc anno, ut patet per librum prædictum quam
jornal' inde fact' et penes computantis remanent', xvj^{li}. ix^s
iij^d.

Summa xvj^{li}. ix^s. iij^d.

Expensæ necessariae.

Et in expensis diversis tam dicti computantis equitantis
a Belvero usque London' pro compoto suo audiendo et de-
terminando quam pro diversis alijs expensis necessarijs, prout
patet per librum prædictum, viij^{li}.

Summa viij^{li}.

Expensæ Husbondriae.

Et in expensis husbondr' ibidem hoc anno, videlicet
tam pro trituratione, ventulatione, et alijs expensis tempore
autumpni, prout patet per librum prædictum, quam pro
diversis ferramentis emptis ad usum husbondriae prædict'
prout in dicto libro plenius liquet, lxx^s.

Summa lxx^s.

Reparationes Ecclesiae et alibi.

Et in denarijs per dictum computantem solutis pro
diversis reparationibus factis super ecclesiam prioratus præ-
dicti hoc anno, prout patet, tam per librum dicti computantis
quam per librum de particulis ostensum et remanentem,
xvj^{li}. xij^s. vj^d.

Summa xvj^{li}. xij^s. vj^d.

Summa allocationum prædictarum cxxiiij^{li}. xiiij^s. vj^d.
Et debet viij^{li}.

Remanentia Jocalia infra Prioratum de Belvero prædicta.

j. Pixid' argent'.
j. Crux argent'.
iiij. Calices.
ij. Candebris.
Tribulum et Attul' argent'.
Pelvis cum lavetorio argent'.
iiij. Crat.
ij. Salfaria.
ij. Salsaria.
iiij. Sipi mirrei.
xviij. Cocliaria.

Priory of Hatfield Peverell,

IN

ESSEX.

A Cell to St. Alban's Abbey.



MAGELRICA, the wife of Ranulph Peverell, who had been mistress to King William the Conqueror, to atone for her past vices, is stated to have founded here, in the time of King William Rufus, a college of secular canons, dedicated to St. Mary Magdalen. Here, also, she is said to have passed the remainder of her days, till her decease, about the year 1100.

William Peverell, her son, in the time of Henry the First, converted this foundation into a Priory of Benedictines, which he dedicated to the Virgin Mary, and made subordinate to the abbey of St. Alban.^a

He confirmed all that had before belonged to the church, and which had been given to it by his father and ancestors; adding thereto his own mansion, and all his other houses, for habitations for the monks, with three fields near the church; lands at Alvelwood, Haiod, Copincho, and Colingar; a mill at Aichaham; the tithes of Meldon, and Done; the churches of Achaton, Aselona, and Christesaie, with their tithes, and the tithes of Weston.^b One of these churches, Morant says, the names of which are so strangely disfigured, was Assington in Suffolk.

On the 14th of March, 1231, the greater part of this priory was destroyed by fire. The particulars are detailed from Matthew Paris's History, in the Note below.^c

In the thirteenth of Edward the First, upon a controversy concerning the advowson of the Priory, between Humphrey de Bohun earl of Hereford and Essex plaintiff, and Roger abbat of St. Albans defendant, it was finally agreed in the king's court at Chelmsford, before Solomon de Roffa and others the king's justices itinerant, that the advowson should remain with the abbat, and that it should be freed from any other claim by the said Humphrey de Bohun and his heirs.^d

Another suit was carried on in the eighteenth of the same reign, respecting the patronage of the church of Assington already mentioned, between Sir Andrew de Ne-

vil knight, and the prior and convent, before the king's justices at Westminster: till, at length, Sir Andrew, by an instrument dated at London in the month of May that year, for himself and his heirs, quitted all his right and claim which he had or should have to the said advowson or patronage to the abbat and convent of St. Albans and the prior and convent of Hatfield Peverell, and their successors; for which he, his wife, and children, were to be commemorated by the said abbat and monks, and their successors, in their public prayers.^e

Newcourt mentions a third suit, in the time of Henry the Eighth, between this Prior and Convent and the abbat and convent of Bileigh, concerning the tithes of certain lands in Hatfield Peverell and in the neighbouring parish of Ulting.^f

King John, in his charter confirming all their possessions to the monks of St. Albans, calls this cell *HREFEUD*; ^g and in the bull of confirmation by Pope Honorius III., in 1218, it occurs by the name of Hethfeld.^h

Of the

PRIORS of this HOUSE

the names of very few are recoverable.

ALEXANDER DE BURGO occurs prior in the early part of the thirteenth century. He was succeeded by

RICHARD DE BRANTFIELD.ⁱ This was in the time of William de Trumpington, abbat of St. Albans, who died in 1233.

WILLIAM TRENT, prior here, occurs among the persons buried at St. Albans in the Harleian manuscript num. 3775: some time in the fourteenth century. He was interred in the cloister, before the lowest step of the door entering into the chapter-house.

WILLIAM EVERSDON, prior of Hatfield in the time of Edw. III. is said to have left his house to join Henry Spenser bishop of Norwich in his military expedition into Germany and France.^k

..... WHITCHURCH, once prior here, has been already named in a Note to the Account of the Cell of Wallingford.^l

JOHN WHYTBY occurs prior in the time of abbat Whethamstede.^m

^a Compare Lel. Collect. tom. i. p. 55. Newc. Repert. Eccl. vol. ii. p. 316. Morant, Hist. of Essex, vol. ii. p. 130. Tann. Notit. Mon.

^b See the App. of Instruments, Num. I.

^c "Anno Domini 1231, combusta est cella Sancti Albani de Hatfeld, decimo septimo kalend. April. videlicet etiam cum turri et omnibus officinis adjacentibus. Salvatis tantum presbyterio, cum vestimentis, calicibus, et libris: et similiter horreis et granario. Alia autem omnia utensilia, scilicet cippi argentei, et macerini, cum cochlearibus, et mensalibus; et omnibus quæ in refectorio et dormitorio habebantur, et ollis æneis, et denariis, et etiam campanis liquefactis, combusta perierunt."

Mat. Par. edit. 1684, Auctar. Additam. p. 1157.

^d Num. II.

^e Num. III.

^f Newc. Rep. vol. ii. p. 316. See further particulars, *ibid.* p. 615.

^g See the App. to St. Albans Monast. Num. XVII.

^h *Ibid.* Num. XXI.

ⁱ "Loco vero Alexandri de Burgo prioris de Haethfeldia substitutus est Richardus de Brantfield abbas bajulus." Mat. Par. edit. 1684. Vit. Ab. S. Albani, p. 1053.

^k Newcome, Hist. St. Albans, p. 255.

^l See the present Volume, p. 278, Note ^a.

^m Hearn. Chron. Whethamst. p. 335.

JOHN MOUSTON occurs prior in 1396, at the election of John Moote abbat of St. Albans.^a

WILLIAM occurs, summoned to a convocation of the clergy in the diocese of London, as prior, on May 1st, 1437.^b And

JOHN in 1439.^c

GREGORY WYNWYK was prior at the re-election of John Wethamstede to the abbacy of St. Albans in 1451.^d

RICHARD SNOWDALL was the last prior.^e

Morant says, the crown becoming possessed of the revenues of this house, King Henry VIII., on the 5th of February, 1537, in pursuance of indenture of agreement made between him and Giles Leigh, Sir John Almeyn, and others, did grant to the said Giles the priory of Hatfield Peverell; and also the rectories vicarages, and advowsons, of Hatfield Peverell, and of Acton, and Assington in Suffolk, with all their rights and appurtenances; and all portions or pensions, viz. 11*l.* per annum out of the vicarage of Acton for a ferm, and 4*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* out of the vicarage of Assington; with all manors, messuages, lands, tenements, pastures, and woods, in as full and ample manner and form as they had been previously enjoyed by the prior.^f

This priory was endowed at the Suppression with lands, according to Dugdale, to the amount of 60*l.* 14*s.* 11*d.*; according to Speed, to 83*l.* 19*s.* 7*d.*

The present parish church of Hatfield Peverell is that which belonged to the Priory. An ancient statue in one of

the windows is mentioned by Weever as the image of Ingelrica the foundress.^g

The site of this priory was sold in 1768, under an order of Chancery, to John Wright, Esq. This gentleman pulled down the mansion-house, formerly a part of the conventual buildings, which adjoined the Church, and erected a more elegant house upon an eminence at a little distance, now the residence of his grandson, Peter Wright, Esq. This building is also called The Priory.

From Newcourt's Repertorium it appears that the monks of Hatfield Peverell had the tithes of certain demesnes in Bradwell juxta Mare in Essex;^h a yearly pension of six marks from the church of Debden;ⁱ tithes in Hatfield Peverell and Ulting, which have been already noticed, with others in Little Badow;^k and the advowson and patronage of Waltham Parva.^l

Bishop Tanner gives the following references to public records:

"Fin. Suff. 3 Hen. III. n. 82, pro advoc. eccl. de Assington. Fin. 9 Hen. III. m. 6. Claus, 10 Hen. III. m. 18, de grava vocat. Westhey. pertinent. ad manerium de Hatfield.

"Plac. in com. Suff. 14 Edw. I. assis. rot. 33 d, pro advoc. eccl. de Assynton.

"Claus. 12 Edw. III. p. 3, m. 9.

"Claus. 12 Hen. IV. m. 11, pro cantar. Thomæ de Ultyng."

Cartae ad Hatfield-Peverell Coenobium in agro Hertfordensi spectantes (Cellam S. Albani).

NUM. I.

Charta W. Peverelli, loci Fundatoris.

[Ex Registro Abbatiae S. Albani in Bibl. Cottoniana, fol. 127.]

R. DOMINO suo venerabili Londinensi episcopo, omnibusque archidiaconis suis et canonicis, et nominatim W. decano. W. Peverellus salutem. Sciatis me dedisse ecclesiae sanctae Mariae de Hatfelda, meam propriam mansionem, et omnes domos meas, ad componenda habitacula monachorum, quos ibidem constituo, cum omnibus ad eandem ecclesiam pertinentibus, et quae ab antecessoribus meis, et patre meo, eidem ecclesiae collata et data fuerunt, et Drogo capellanus tenebat, et Radulfus. Aduxi etiam, super hac, tres campos juxta praedictam ecclesiam, et Alvelwodam, et Haiodam, et terram Aschiltilli venatoris, videlicet Copincho, et Colingas, et molendinum cum molendinario, et terram ejus de Aichaham, et duos rusticos, Sigar et Olviel, et Edricum fabrum de nemore, et decimam denariorum meorum de Meldona, et rectam decimam de Done de omnibus rebus de quibus recte datur decima; et ecclesiam de Achaton, cum terra et decima; et ecclesiam de Aselona, cum terra et decima; et ecclesiam de Chrislesae, cum terra et decima; et decimam de Westona. Ego autem pro recognitione de meo proprio, do ecclesiae sancti Albani duas marcas argenti, in die ejusdem festivitatis, per unumquemque

annum. Haec omnia constitui pro anima regis Willielmi, et regis Henrici, et patris mei, et matris meae, et pro anima mea, et antecessorum meorum. Quam donationem et constitutionem precor, ut dominum, et amicum quatinus benignè concedatis, et monachos Dei amore et mei manuteneatis, et adjuvetis.

NUM. II.

[*Transactio judicialis, finalis Concordia vulgò dicta.*

[*Ibid.*]

Hæc est finalis Concordia facta in curia domini regis apud Chelmeresford in crastino animarum anno regis Edwardi filii regis Henrici tertio-decimo, coram Salomone de Roffa, Waltero de Hopton, Richardo de Boyland, Roberto magistro Thoma de Sothinton, et Waltero Scirthesl. justitiariis itinerariis, et aliis domini regis fidelibus, tunc ibi praesentibus, inter Umfridum de Bohun comitem Herefordiae et Essexiae, petentem, et Rogerum abbatem de sancto Albano deforciantem, per Rogerum filium Thomae de Bacheswrthe positum loco suo ad lucrandum vel perdendum, de advocatione prioratus de Hatfield-Peverell, unde placitum fuit inter eos in eadem curia, scilicet qd. praedictus comes recognovit advocationem praedicti prioratus esse jus

^a Newcombe, p. 276. It was in the time of this prior, when various advances of money were made by the heads of the different cells to assist in defraying the expences incurred by abbat Moote, that the cells of Belvoir, HATFIELD, and Beaulieu were excused, on account of their being so much in debt. Ibid. p. 287.

^b Harl. MS. 6955, p. 36.

^c Ibid. p. 37.

^d Newcome, p. 345.

^e Willis, Mit. Ab. vol. ii. p. 79.

^f Pat. 29 Hen. VIII. p. 11. Morant. Hist. Essex, vol. ii. pp. 130, 131.

^g Weever, Fun. Mon. p. 640.

^h Newc. Rep. vol. ii. pp. 83, 84.

ⁱ Ibid. p. 208. See also Plac. de Banco, 28 Edw. III. fol. 197.

^k Newc. Rep. vol. ii. p. 615.

^l Ibid. p. 633.

ipsius abbatis, et ecclesiæ suæ de S. Albano, et illam remisit, et quietam clamavit de se et hæredibus suis prædicto abbati, et successoribus suis, et ecclesiæ suæ prædictæ in perpetuum. Et dem abbas recepit prædictum comitem, et hæredes suos in singulis beneficiis, et orationibus, quæ de cætero fient in ecclesia sua prædicta in perpetuum.

NUM. III.

Carta Andreæ de Nevill.

[Ibid.]

SCIANT præsentis et futuri, quod ego Andreas de Nevile miles, remisi, et quietum clamavi de me et hæredibus meis in perpetuum, abbati et conventui sancti Albani et suis successoribus, ac priori et monachis de Hattfeld-Peverell, et eorum successoribus, totum jus et clamium quod habui vel habere potui, seu aliquo modo mihi jure accidere poterit, in advocacione seu patronatu ecclesiæ de Assinton in comitatu Suffolc. unde dictum priorem in curia domini regis per breve de recto, unde magna assisa implacitavi apud Westmonasterium coram justiciarijs domini regis in banco. Ita quod nec ego Andreas, nec hæredes mei, seu aliquis nomine meo, vel hæredum meorum, aliquid juris vel clamii in dicta advocacione, seu patronatu, de cætero aliquo modo exigere, seu vindicare poterimus in perpetuum. Pro hac autem remissione et quietâ clamatione, prædicti abbas et monachi receperunt me, uxorem meam, et liberos nostros in fraternitate, et commemoratione omnium orationum et beneficiorum quæ in dictis ecclesiis fient in perpetuum. Et ut ista remissio et quietâ clamatio firma, stabilis, et inconcussa in perpetuum perseveret, huic præsentis scripto sigillum meum apposui. His testibus, dominis Willielmo de Pakenham, Godefrido de Beumond, Johanne de Beumond, Roberto de Bosco, Richardo de Cokefeld, Richardo de Comherde, militibus; Richardo de Gofeld, Rogero de Coldeford, Johanne Gernun, Rogero de Heham, et aliis. Dat. apud London, mense Maii, anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis H. xvij.

NUM. IV.

Priorat. de Hattfeld Peverell.

[From Cardinal Wolsey's Book, 18 Hen. VIII. in the Augmentation Office.]

COMPOTUS dompni Ricardi Stendon administratoris reverendissimi domini Cardinalis prioratus ibidem, viz. a festo natiuitatis sancti Johannis Baptistæ anno regni domini regis nunc Henrici octavi xvij^o. usque idem festum extunc proxim. sequent. anno regni ejusdem domini regis xvij^o. scilicet per unum annum integrum.

Arreragia.

Idem oneratur super compotum de lxxiiij^s. vij^d. de arreragijs ultimi compoti anni proxim. præcedent. prout in pede ejusdem compoti plenius liquet.

Summa lxxiiij^s. iiij^d.

Redditus Assis. cum Redditibus et Firmis.

Et de lxxj^{li}. v^s. j^d. de redditibus et firmis tam customariorum tenencium quam ad voluntatem domini ibidem hoc anno prout patet in quamplurimis compotis præcedentibus.

Summa lxxj^{li}. v^s. j^d.

Penciones, Porciones, et Decimis cum Oblationibus.

Et de x^{li}. ix^s. iiij^d. de diversis portionibus, pencionibus, et decimis cum oblationibus Prioratus prædicti pertinentibus sive spectantibus prout particulariter patet in quamplurimis compotis præcedentibus.

Summa x^{li}. ix^s. iiij^d.

Recept. forinsec'.

Et de liij^s. iiij^d. de vicario de Hattfeld prædicta re-

ceptis pro mensa sua pro toto anno diversis diebus deductis ex antiqua consuetudine sibi debet. hoc anno ex conventionem inter eosdem facta.

Summa liij^s. iiij^d.

Summa totalis oneris } iiij^{xx}. viij^{li}. ij^s. iiij^d.
cum arreragijs . . . }
d quibz

Redditus resoluti cum resolutione decimarum et aliorum.

Idem computat in redditibus resolutis annuatim ex-euntibus prout allocatum est in compotis præcedentibus, ac ut patet libro dicti computantis de particulis.

Summa vj^{li}. xiiij^d.

Salaria Prioris et Conventus, ac Vicarij ibidem.

Et in denarijs solutis pro salarijs, viz. dicti computantis lx^s. iiij. monachorum, cuilibet eorum xl^s. per annum; et vicarij de Hattfeld prædicta viij^{li}. per annum in toto, prout allocatum est in compotis præcedent. xvij^{li}.

Summa xvij^{li}.

Feoda.

Et in feodo Thomæ Boneham armigeri capitalis Senescalli hoc anno, xiiij^s. iiij^d. Et in feodo Subsenescalli hoc anno, vj^s. viij^d. Et in feodo Thomæ Hegge ballivi ac collectoris redditum et firmarum ibidem, xl^s.

Summa lx^s.

Stipendia famulorum Hospicij cum liberationibus.

Et in stipendijs famulorum hospicij dicti Prioratus hoc anno, ut patet per librum de particulis ubi nomina cum summis eorundem particulariter annotantur et declarantur, vij^{li}. xvij^d.

Summa vij^{li}. xvij^d.

Expense necessariæ emptæ tam pro Hospicio quam pro Ecclesia.

Et in diversis necessarijs emptis tam pro ecclesia et pro hospicio quam pro agricultura terrarum ejusdem Prioratus, viz. pro cera vino ferramentis et alijs infra tempus hujus compoti xxxix^{li}. ij^s. ij^d.

Summa xxxix^{li}. ij^s. ij^d.

Expense forinsecæ.

Et in expensis forinsecis factis hoc anno, viz. in cæna Domini et vigilia Omnium Sanctorum pro anima fundatoris nostri unacum elemosina data pauperibus ac regardis et alijs expensis ejusdem computantis equitantis ad diversos locos circa negotia ejusdem Prioratus diversis vicibus ut patet per librum prædictum xlv^s. iiij^d.

Summa xlv^s. iiij^d.

Reparationes.

Et in denarijs per supradictum computantem solutis pro diversis reparationibus factis super dicto Prioratu et alijs tenementis hoc anno, viz. tam pro vadijs carpentariorum, tegulariorum, sarratorum, et aliorum laborantium ibidem quam pro tegulis, clavis, et alijs necessarijs emptis et provisus hoc anno ut patet per librum prædictum, lxxvj^s. iiij^d.

Summa lxxvj^s. iiij^d.

Solutiones Domino Regi.

Et in denarijs per supradictum computantem solutis domino regi hoc anno pro tertia parte solutionis cujusdam

subsidij nuper ei concessi ut patet per librum prædictum
iiij^{li}. x^s. iiij^d.

Summa iiij^{li}. x^s. iiij^d.

Summa allocationum prædictorum iiij^{xx}. iiij^{li}. vij^s. ix^d.

Et debet cxiiij^s. vij^d.

Remanentia Jocalia infra Prioratum de Hatfeld Peverell
prædict^s.

Viz^t.

- iiij. Calices argent^s et deaurat^s.
- j. Pax argent^s et deaurat^s.
- j. Stella deaurat^s.
- j. Turibulum argent^s.
- j. Ciphus Anglice a Putte.
- j. Altus ciphus cum coopertorio.

NUM. V.

*Prioratus de Hatfeld Peverell, in Comitatu Essex. Cella
Monasterij Sancti Albani.*

[From the Surveys of Monasteries in the Augmentation Office, in the
reign of Hen. VIII. and about the time of the Dissolution, but
without the date of the year.]

Spiritualia.

Videlicet,

Rectoria de Hatfeld Peverell
valet per annum xvj^{li}. xiiij^s. iiij^d. Rec-
toria de Acton valet ad firmam per
annum xj^{li}. Rectoria de Assington
in comitatu Essex valet per annum
iiij^{li}. xiiij^s. iiij^d. Portio decimarum
valet per annum, videlicet, in Blum-
sham xxvj^s. viij^d. in Depden iiij^{li}. in
Colward ix^s. in Witham xx^d. in
Westham lx^s. et in Mawdewitth
xlvj^s. viij^d. Pencio valet per annum,
videlicet, de vicario de Waltham xl^s.
de rectore de Fayrestede viij^s. et de
rectore de Acton vj^s. viij^d. xlvj^{li}. v^s. iiij^d.

Temporalia.

Essex.

Manerium de Hatfeld Peverell
valet in redditibus et firmis per an-
num xx^{li}. x^s. vij^d. Firma diversarum
terrarum in occupatione prioris per
annum viij^{li}. x^s. Perquisitis curia-
rum cum communi fine iiij^s. ix^d. Ven-
ditione bosci communibus annis xl^s.
Redditibus et firmis in Witham iiij^s.
vj^d. Ulting xvj^s. v^d. Wodham Mor-
tymere vij^s. Totteham Magna lvj^s.
viij^d. Tolshunt Darcy xiiij^d. Tarling
iiij^s. vj^d. Boveham xx^s. viij^d. Badowe

Parva xx^d. Westham x^s. Depden
xij^d. Bradwell juxta Mare iiij^s. iiij^d.

Acton v^s. xxxvij^{li}. xiiij^s. iiij^d.

Summa iiij^{li}. iiij^{li}. xix^s. vij^d.

Inde

Allocationes et Deductiones.

Denarijs solutis archidiaconatui
Colecestræ pro procurationibus et
sinodalibus per annum pro ecclesijs
prædictis x^s. annuis pencionibus so-
lutis, videlicet, vicario ecclesiæ paro-
chialis sancti Andreæ de Hatfeld Pe-
verell ex fundatione Willielmi Peve-
rell militis fundatoris prioratus præ-
dicti x^{li}. abbati monasterij sancti Al-
bani pro subjectione xiiij^s. iiij^d. eidem
abbati pro contributione vj^s. j^d. ob,
et dicto abbati pro annuali cens^s xiiij^s.
iiij^d. xj^{li}. xj^s. ix^d. ob.

Elemosina distributa pauperibus
in pane et potu ad valenciam xij^d.
per septimanam pro anima fundatoris
prædicti liij^s. in die coenæ Domini xx^s.
et in die anniversaria dicti fundatoris
xl^s. cxij^s.

Redditibus resolutis diversis per-
sonis, videlicet, domino de Hatfeld
Bury pro terris vocatis Betts et Fa-
vills iiij^s. vj^d. Edwardo Walgrave ij^s.
xj^d. et Thomæ Grey j^d. vij^s. vj^d.

Feodis Johannis Blake capitalis
senescalli xiiij^s. iiij^d. Henrici Pentney
auditoris x^s. et Willielmi Malery re-
ceptoris iiij^{li}. ciij^s. iiij^d.

Summa xxiiij^{li}. iiij^s. vij^d. ob.

Et valet clare lx^{li}. xiiij^s. xj^d. ob.

NUM. VI.

Abstract of the Grant to Legh, 29 Hen. VIII.

[From the Repertories in the Exchequer.]

Essex. } REX 25 die Febr. anno 29, concessit Egidio
Suff. } Legh armigero domum et scitum nuper pri-
Midd. } oratus de Hatfeld Peverell ac manerium de
Hatfeld Peverell, ac etiam rectorias, &c. de Hatfeld Peverell
et Lytle Waltham in com. Essex. et Acton et Assington in
com. Suff. necnon omnia illa maneria, &c. in villis, &c. de
Hatfeld Peverell, Witham Mortymer, Woodham
Water, Magna Totham, Acton, Westham, Tolshunt Darcy,
Tarsynge Parva Badowe, Debden, Bradwell juxta
Coggyshall, Bradwell juxta Mare, Parva Totham, Blouny-
sham Hall, Acton, Assington, Nantwich, Parva Waltham,
Fairsted, Stratford Langthorn, Colwarde et Burneham in
com. Essex. Suff. et Midd. nuper prioratui spectan. ha-
bendum ei et hæredibus suis imperpetuum.

Priory of Hertford.

A Cell to St. Alban's Abbey.



ALPH de Limesey is recorded in the Registers of St. Alban's abbey to have given to that Monastery as a cell, in the time of abbat Paul, the church of Hertford which he had recently built, endowing it with one hide of land in Hertford, the church with two hides and a half, a mill, and certain pastures in Piritone, two parts of the tithe of his demesnes in Cavendish and

Hoccetun, two parts of his tithe with a carucate of land in Ychentune, &c. His posterity were to remain patrons of the Cell or Priory: and the abbat of St. Albans, within a year, was to send six of his monks to serve the church of Hertford, and if more lands were given to the priory by Ralph, to add to the number of the monks proportionately.^a

Hadewise the wife of Ralph de Limesey, with her husband's consent, gave to the church of Hertford the land which had previously been Nigel de Bradewell's, appertaining to her dower, upon certain conditions; one of which was, that, upon her death, an additional monk should be received into the priory to pray for her husband's soul and hers, his office to be continued in succession for ever.^b

Alan de Limesey, the son of Ralph and Hadewise, confirmed his father's grants, further empowering the monks to hold courts.^c

Gerard de Limesey, the son of Alan, gave them the church of Ichentune.^d

John de Limesey, son of Gerard, confirmed the donations of his successive ancestors: further giving them two parts of the tithe of his pannage, as well as of his demesnes in Hulverley.^e

Richard de Puteo gave the monks of Hertford eight acres of land in Bibbesworth, toward the support of their kitchen: John de Limesey, from whom he had originally received this land, being one of the witnesses to his charter.^f

In 1278, when King Edward I. by his Justices caused numerous Inquisitions to be made concerning the privileges of his crown, and actually seized into his hands many of the liberties belonging to the religious, the abbat of St. Albans was summoned to answer by what warrant he claimed to possess divers liberties in different manors and places, as well in what belonged to the principal Monastery as to the Cells. This was the case at the Cell of Hertford;

at which place the abbat was brought before John de Ryegate and others, on the morrow of All Souls in the 6th of Edw. I. to answer to the claims of some other persons on the lands held by this priory: but the abbat claimed, under the grants of King Henry the Second, King Richard I. and King John, view of frank-pledge, chattels of felons and fugitives, and free-warren in all the lands belonging to the priory; and on view of those grants the abbat's rights were approved.^g

In the 12th of Edward II. a great dispute arose between the monks of this cell and the burgesses of the town of Hertford, about right of common. It was agreed that the latter should release all right and claim to the pasture of a meadow, called Wildmarsh, and that the monks should grant them common in two moors, called the Holms; and that in all other commonable lands they should pasture together.^h

Gilbert Mareschall earl of Pembroke, who was killed by a fall from his horse at a tournament held at Ware on the 5th of the kalends of July, 1241, died at the priory of Hertford, where his bowels were afterwards interred before the high altar. Matthew Paris, who notices this occurrence,ⁱ under the year 1245, makes the following mention of his brother Walter Mareschall in relation to this priory: it is in chronicling his death: "Hujus etiam sequebatur vestigia fratrum penultimus Comes Marescallus Walterus. Qui cum certissime promisisset redditum sexaginta solidorum Domui Sanctæ Mariæ, scilicet Monachorum de Hertfordia, et inde scriptum confecisset: eo quod ibidem mortuus est frater ejus Comes Gilebertus, et ibi remanent ejusdem viscera sepulta: oblitus est fidei et promissionis suæ, quam fecerat pro redemptione fratris sui; et post multas prioris dictæ domus inutiles vexationes, illusor est et transgressor manifestus inventus."^k

The following are all the names of the

PRIORS of HERTFORD

which the Editors of the new Monasticon have been able to recover.

RALPH is stated to have been the name of the first prior.^l

JOHN DE ST. ALBAN was admitted prior in 1223.^m JOHN prior of Hertford, probably the same person, occurs again in 1235:ⁿ in which year he was made abbat of St. Albans.^o

NIGELLUS was prior about A. D. 1240.^p

THOMAS MARTEL was elected A. D. 1253.^q

^a See Num. I.

^b Compare Num. II.

^c Num. III.

^d Num. IV.

^e See Num. V.

^f Num. VI.

^g Compare Stevens, *Contin. of Monast.* vol. i. p. 129. Newcome, *Hist. St. Albans*, p. 189.

^h Stevens, *ut supr.*

ⁱ *Mat. Par. Hist.* edit. 1684, p. 503.

^j *Ibid.* p. 602.

^k Willis's *Principals of Relig. Houses* in Tanner, edit. Nasmith, p. xlii.

^m MS. Cole, vol. xxvi. fol. 195 b. "Joh. monachus de sancto Albano presentatus ad Prioratum Hertf. die Lunæ prox. post festum Epiphan. in present. Jocelini episcopi Bathon. Rob. archid. Hunt. &c. An. xiv. pontif. Hugonis Wells episc. Linc." Harl. MS. 6950, p. 88.

ⁿ See *Mat. Par.* *ut supr.* p. 1062.

^o See the present Work, vol. ii. p. 192.

^p Willis, *Mit. Ab.* vol. ii. p. 327.

^q "Fr. Tho. Martel monach. de sancto Albano ad pres. Abbatis et Conv. sancti Albani ad prioratum de Hertf. an. 1, Henr. de Lexinton episcopi Lincolniensis." Harl. MS. 6950, p. 194.

WILLIAM DE HERTFORD was admitted prior in 1270.^a
JOHN LONGNEY occurs in 1338.^b

WILLIAM WYNSLOWE, prior of Hertford, was present at the election of John Moote abbat of St. Albans in 1396.^c

NICHOLAS occurs in 1400.^d

WILLIAM GILES occurs prior 1420.^e

WILLIAM ELLIS in 1423.^f

JOHN WELLYS, 1451.^g

THOMAS WALDEN.^h

JOHN BENSTED, 1 Hen. VII. 1483.ⁱ

WILLIAM DIXWELL, 10 Hen. VII. 1495.^k

JOHN CHILLINGWORTH occurs prior 2 Hen. VIII. 1511.^l He was succeeded by

THOMAS HAMPTON, who, according to Willis, was elected about the 5th Hen. VIII. 1514.^m A manuscript note, however, of Mr. Thomas Baker's, in a copy of the Mitred Abbies, says, "An. 1512-13, conceditur magistro Thomæ Hampton, monacho, Priori de Hertford, licentiatō ad prædicand. per privilegia Monasterii sui, ut possit uti bireto quum prædicat extra Universitatem propter infirmitatem capitis sui, sic quod solvat Universitati xl." ⁿ

This priory, which, according to Newcome, maintained twelve monks and a prior, was valued in the Exchequer, as Stevens informs us, at 86*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.* though Sir William Dugdale rates it at no more than 72*l.* 14*s.* 2½*d.* It was dissolved in the 26th Hen. VIII. when the manor coming

to the crown, the king, by his letters patent, dated in the 29th of his reign, granted it, together with the site of the monastery, &c. to Anthony Denny, Esq. afterwards Sir Anthony Denny, and Joan Champernoun, with remainder to the heirs of the said Anthony.^o Stevens says, from Chauncy, that his sons sold it to Martin Trots, Esq. Afterwards it came to Richard Willis of Horingsly in the county of Cambridge. His son Thomas Willis rebuilt the church belonging to the priory, an. 1629, and dedicated it to St. John Baptist. Afterwards he sold it to Sir John Harrison, about 1638.^p "The reader may here observe," Stevens adds, "how short a time this estate, got by sacrilege, continued in any family."^q

A few original charters belonging to this priory are preserved among those formerly presented to the British Museum by Lord Frederick Campbell. An enumeration of them will be found in the Note.^r

That there was an appropriate SEAL belonging to the prior and brethren of this cell, is evident from the close of more than one of the instruments relating to its possessions. The Editors of the new Monasticon, however, have not yet been fortunate enough to meet with an impression.

Of the priory itself, situated in the east part of the town of Hertford, no remains are now visible. A modern house has been erected on its site.

Cartae ad Hertfordense Coenobium spectantes : Cellam Sancti Albani.

NUM. I.

[Ex quodam Registro Sancti Albani in Bibliotheca Cottoniana.]

RADULFUS de Limesey donavit ecclesiam, quam exstruxit apud Hertford, ecclesie sancti Albani in cellam, non

^a Willis, Mit. Ab. vol. ii. p. 327.

^b Principals of Relig. Houses in Tann. Not. Mon. p. xlii.

^c Newcome's Hist. St. Albans, p. 276.

^d Ibid.

^e Willis, Mit. Ab. vol. ii. p. 93.

^f Princip. of Relig. Houses, ut supr.

^g Ibid. He was present that year at the re-election of abbat Whethamstede.

^h Newcome, p. 276.

ⁱ Mit. Ab. vol. ii. p. 93.

^j Ibid.

^k Ibid.

^l Ex Reg. Acad. Cantabr.

^m See an abstract of the grant, Num. VII. The following was the return relating to this priory in 1553, 2 & 3 Phil. et Mar. "HERTFORD super Priorat. Feod. Roberti Stepneth sen^r. ibidem per sigillum conventual. per annum xl."

ⁿ Chauncy, Hist. Hertf. p. 256.

^o Stevens, Contin. of Monast. vol. i. p. 229.

^p They are,

1. L. F. C. iv. 13. Indentura facta inter Priorem et Confratres ecclesie Beatæ Mariæ de Hertford ex una parte, et Margeriam Wynchester et Ceciliam filiam suam ex altera parte de duobus tenementis in villa de Hertforde, & Rich. II.

2. L. F. C. vi. 1. Carta Johannis filii Symonis filii Jeremiæ quam fecit ecclesie et monachis sanctæ Mariæ de Hertford de annuo redditu ij. solid. in villa de Hertford, A. D. 1258.

3. L. F. C. vii. 6. Carta Johannis abbatis de sancto Albano qua assignavit ecclesie Beatæ Mariæ de Hertforde annuum redditum ij. sol. A. D. 1258.

4. L. F. C. x. 12. Carta Ricardi de Puteo de viij. acris terræ in

pro quolibet munere, vel mercede terrena, sed purè, pro redemptione animæ suæ, et uxoris suæ A. et filiorum suorum, et pro amicitia abbatis de sancto Albano, et prioris et omnium ibi Deo servientium, concedente uxore sua, et concedentibus filiis suis, et laudantibus hominibus suis, cum

Bibbeswrtha quas dedit ecclesie sanctæ Mariæ de Hertford, et specialiter Coquinæ Monachorum.

5. L. F. C. x. 13. An indenture of lease between Thomas prior of the howse and chyrche of Our Ladye nexte Hertforde and William Emysley hedborowe of the said towne, of a pece of ground in a Crofte called Mymmes for sixty years, 2 Feb. 11 Hen. VIII.

6. L. F. C. x. 14. Rentale prioris de Hertford infra burgum in parochia monachorum, extract. de veteri rotulo de tempore domini Johannis Rowbyri et Willielmi London et Roberti Aston, sc. temp. r. r. Edw. I. II. III.

Bishop Tanner, in his Notitia Monastica, gives the following further references:

Chauncy, Hist. Hertf. p. 399, of tithes in Almshoe; p. 401, of the impropriate rectory of Piriton.

In Thoroton's Nottingh. pp. 292, 293, of a portion of tithes in Woodborough and Eperston.

Dugd. Warw. edit. 1730, p. 340, of the advowson of Stockton rectory; pp. 342, 345, of Long Itchingdon for a time; p. 942, of a pension of two marks out of the church of Solihull.

Newc. Repert. Eccl. vol. i. p. 792, of the rectory and advowson of the vicarage of Amwell.

Year Books 34 Hen. VI. Mich. 2.

Registum Brevium juridicalium, fol. 41 b.

App. ad Cod. Juris per r. patrem Edm. Gibson episc. Lond. p. 33, de augmentatione vicariæ de Piriton.

M8. Dodsworth in Bibl. Bodl. vol. lxxviij. fol. 70, de cella de Hertford.

Processus super augmentatione vicariæ ecclesie de Pyriton Linc. dioc. huic prioratui appropriat. A. D. 1400, in Registro Thomæ Arundel archiepiscopi Cantuar. fol. 100, &c.

Brev. in Scacc. 6 Edw. II. Pasch. . .

Pat. 37 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 25, pro terris in Pereton, &c.

amicis, Francigenis, et Angligenis, tali pacto, ut ecclesia prius dicta ædificetur, et in nullo penitus minuat. Et abbas P. de sancto Albano, et sui monachi debent eam extruere, et honorare, et exaltare, in quantum melius poterint, secundum illud beneficium, quod ipse Radulfus de Limesey donavit prius nominatæ ecclesiæ: beneficium autem hoc est, quod dedit illi ecclesiæ, scilicet unam bonam hidam terræ apud Hertford, ubi illa ecclesia ædificata est, et ecclesiam de Piriton, cum tota decima sua, et hominum suorum, infra et extra villam manentium. Et duas hidas terræ, et dimidiam ibidem, molendinum etiam unum, et pasturam bobus de carucis monachorum, pariter cum bobus dominicarum carucarum prædicti Radulfi in Piritone; et porcis eorum pastionem pariter cum dominicis porcis prædicti Radulfi in quemcumque boscum suum illos pascendos miserit; et duas partes omnium decimarum de dominico suo in Cavendish, et Hoccetun, et duas partes decimæ suæ de Ychentune, et unam carucatam terræ, cum bobus et servis ibidem; et decimas suas de Hulverleie, in bosco et in plano, et decimas hominum suorum, scilicet de Ichetune, et decimas Ansgoti de Caldecote, et decimas Walteri de Bibbesurd, et de terra sua juxta Piriton, et decimas Hugonis Samson de Aperstone, et de Torp, in perpetuam elemosinam, honorificè, liberè, et quietè in omnibus, et per omnia. Debet etiam prædictus Radulfus de Lymesey, et omnes posteri sui, cellam de Hertford, cum omnibus rebus, quas donavit, defendere contra omnes homines, et protegere, et diligere, et promovere, sicut puram et liberam elemosinam, et concessum regis facere habere, qui confirmet suam donationem prænominatæ suæ ecclesiæ de Hertford.

Sciendum est autem quod, pro hoc beneficio, debet abbas sancti Albani, post primum annum providere sex monachos, de sua congregatione, ad serviendum Deo et sanctæ Mariæ in præfata ecclesia de Hertford, pro anima Radulfi de Limesey, et uxoris suæ, et omnium posterorum suorum. Si verò, Deo inspirante, Radulfus ibi plus donaverit, secundum illud et abbas plures inveniet ibi Deo servientes. Pro qua re abbas P. et monachi sancti Albani susceperunt Radulfum in fratrem, et monachum, et uxorem suam, similiter in sororem, filium verò eorum in beneficio ecclesiæ. Sciri etiam debet quod ipse Radulfus debet jacere ad sanctum Albanum, et pariter uxor ejus, nisi præfata eorum ecclesia ad tantum honorem perveniat quod ibi melius velint jacere: ubicunque tamen jacuerint, licentia abbatis jacebunt, et tantum facient monachi pro eis, quantum facere debent pro monacho suo. Hujus donationis testes sunt, Radulfus prior, E. dapifer regis, W. Marmiun, W. camerarius. Testes verò Radulfi de Limesey sunt, Fulco de Mustervell, R. filius Tuoldi, Hugo, Sampson, Oilardus, Angotus.

NUM. II.

Carta Radulphi de Limesia.

[Ibid.]

RADULFUS de Limesia concessit Hadwisæ uxori suæ, ut daret terram Nigelli de Bradewella, quæ est ex dote sua, illam videlicet quam habuit in dominio suo, ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Hertford, hac conventionem, ut, dum illa vixerit, habeat tres præbendas in illa ecclesia, quando illi placuerit, aut aliis tribus quibus voluerit dare. Post obitum autem ejus, monachus unus recipietur in illa ecclesia, pro anima mariti sui, et pro sua, et quando ille morietur, alius loco illius recipietur, et sic usque in finem. Huic donationi est conventus sancti Albani assentiens, et testificans. Ex alia parte testes sunt, Turgistus et Levinus presbyteri, et Raerus filius domini, et Robertus de Statford nepos domini, et Radulfus le Manant, et Hugo Saman, et . . . de Flamentvilla, et Roll. de Essel, et Robertus le Manant, et Gilbertus Niger, et Gaufridus Parvus, et Columbanus de Grae.

NUM. III.

Carta Alani de Limesey.

[Ibid.]

SCIANT omnes homines mei, Franci et Angli, præsentis et futuri, quod ego Alanus de Limesey concessi et confirmavi, in perpetuam elemosinam, Deo et ecclesiæ

sanctæ Mariæ de Hertford, et monachis sancti Albani, qui Deo serviunt ibi, omnem donationem omnium rerum, quas pater meus Radulphus de Limesey illis dedit pro salute animæ suæ et pro anima uxoris suæ Hadewisæ, matris meæ, scilicet, totam terram quam possident monachi prædicti apud Hertford, in bosco, in plano, in pascuis, in pratis, et ecclesiam de Amwelle, cum omnibus decimis et pertinentiis suis, et totam decimam pannagii de bosco meo qui est ibidem, et ecclesiam de Piritone, cum omnibus decimis domini mei, et hominum meorum ibidem, et duas hidas terræ ibidem, et dimidiam; molendinum insuper unum, et pasturam bobus monachorum, cum bobus carucarum domini mei ibidem, et pastionem porcis eorum, cum porcis domini mei, in quemcumque boscum missi fuerint ad pascendum; et duas partes omnium decimarum in dominiis meis, videlicet, de Kavenedishe, et Hocetune, et Ykentune, et præterea unam carucatam terræ ibidem, et dimidiam hidam terræ apud Bradewelle, et duas partes decimarum terrarum mearum, quæ sunt excultæ, et erunt excolendæ apud Hulverley, et duas partes pannagii de toto bosco meo ibidem.

Dono etiam et confirmo libertatem curiæ prædictis monachis, ita ut nullus ministrorum, vel hominum meorum quicquam in eorum rebus, aut possessionibus, contra ipsorum voluntatem agere præsumat. Insuper etiam concedo eis et confirmo ecclesiam de Ybentone, cum omnibus libertatibus suis et pertinentiis, in liberam elemosinam possidentiam. Hanc verò donationem, et omnium aliarum rerum confirmationem, feci Deo, et prædictis monachis apud Hertford commanentibus, laudantibus hominibus meis, Francis et Anglis, pro animabus patris mei et matris meæ, et pro salute mea, et filii mei, et ideo volo et præcipio ut monachi sancti Albani prædicti omnes elemosinas patris mei, et meas hic nominatas, liberas, et ab omni servitio sæculari quietas, possideant in æternum. Quia ego Alanus, et hæredes mei pariter protegemus omnia quæ sunt donata prædictis monachis, et confirmata defendemus, contra omnes homines, sicut bonam et liberam elemosinam nostram. Et ad testimonium hujus donationis et tuitionis has præsentis literas sigillo meo signavi, et communivi. Isti sunt testes, Radulfus prior, Gabriel, Dunstanus, Robertus, Dionisius, monachi, cum militibus meis, Rodberto Manant, et Ansgoto de Kaldecote, Waltero filio matris suæ, Johanne Heyrune, cæterisque hominibus meis, videlicet, Willielmo Blancheflur, Toxegaro, Radulpho de Boskervill, Quaillet, et aliis pluribus Francis atque Anglis.

NUM. IV.

Charta Gerardi de Limesey.

[Ibid.]

GERARDUS de Limesey universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis salutem. Notum sit universitati vestræ me dedisse et præsentis scripti attestatione confirmasse, Deo et ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Hertford, et monachis sancti Albani ibidem Deo servantibus, ecclesiam de Ichentuna cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, in liberam et quietam elemosinam, pro salute animæ meæ et uxoris meæ Amiciæ et Johannis filii mei, et omnium parentum meorum, tam vivorum quam mortuorum. Et dimidiam virgatam terræ in Piritona quam Marcherus tenuit, similiter in liberam elemosinam. Et hæc donatio facta est concessione Johannis hæredis mei. Volo autem et firmiter præcipio ut hæc prædicta omnia teneant monachi omni exactione et inquietudine soluta et libera. His testibus, Halen. de Bidun, Amicia uxore mea, Trianno fratre meo, Malerba, Radulfo filio Willielmi, Willielmo de Mountpincun, Roberto Blancheflur, Radulfo de Riner, Willielmo de Pinchtun, et aliis.

NUM. V.

Charta Johannis de Limeisi.

[Ibid.]

JOHANNES de Limeisi omnibus hominibus suis et amicis, Francis et Anglis, clericis et laicis, et omnibus fidelibus sanctæ Dei ecclesiæ tam præsentibus quam futuris, salutem. Notum sit universitati vestræ me pro salute animæ, et omnium parentum et amicorum eorum, pro animabus quo-

que patris et matris meæ et omnium antecessorum meorum, concessisse, et præsentī scripto confirmasse, Deo et ecclesiæ sancti Albani et monachis ejusdem monasterii apud Hertford manentibus totas terras et redditus et decimas et quas-cunque possessiones Radulfus de Limeisi, avus patris mei, dedit et concessit, et quæcunque Alanus de Limesei avus meus postmodum auxit. Præterea concedo et confirmo eis dimidiam hidam apud Bradwellam, et apud Cavendis xxx. acras, et apud Ychentonam quandam terram quæ vocatur Grascroft, quas terras pater meus Girardus eis dedit, et concessit, et ecclesiam de Ychentona, cum integritate omnium ei pertinentium, quam Alanus avus meus dedit eis, et pater meus Girardus eis concessit, et confirmavit. Confirmo etiam eis duas virgatas terræ in Hicleford, quas Gerardus pater meus eis dedit, cum Roberto filio Angoti, et dimidiam virgatam terræ in Piritona, quam Marcherus tenuit, quam pater meus Girardus eis dedit. Confirmo iterum eis decimas pagnagii de nemore meo de Bibeswrra, quas Radulfus de Limeisi avus patris mei eis dedit, at Alanus de Limesi avus meus, et Girardus de Limesi pater meus eis dederunt, et confirmaverunt. Et si casu aliquo contingat novalia fieri in prædicto nemore, dono et confirmo eis plenarie decimas et cæteras omnes obventiones ex illis novalibus. Confirmo etiam eis duas partes decimarum pagnagii mei de Huverleya provenientes, ut sicut eis in primo soluta fuit decima pagnagii illius nemoris, sic postmodum si obvenierint eis reddantur decimationes novalium. Confirmo etiam eis duas partes decimarum pagnagii mei de Huverleya, et etiam duas partes dominii mei in eadem villa, ut in decimis et aliis obventionibus quæ Deo solent pervenire.

Confirmo autem eis duas partes manipulorum et aliarum decimarum dominii mei de Cavenedis, et duas partes decimarum virgulti mei in eadem villa. Volo etiam et præcipio ut boves dominicorum maneriorum suorum de Piritona cum bobus diffusè et averiis meis pascant in herbatis meis ex quo boves mei pascere cœperint, et quamdiu pascent. Cum his omnibus prædictis dono eis libertatem scutagii de toto tenemento eorum de Hertford, et de toto tenemento eorum in todo feodo meo. Et si contingeret quod terra mea de Hertfordsira forisfacturam incurreret pro defectu meo, vel dapiferi mei ad comitatum post festum sancti Michaelis, quietos illos clamo in perpetuum de forisfactura quæ spectat ad terram suam. Unde volo, et concedo, et omnibus hominibus meis firmiter præcipio, ut prædicti monachi et eorum homines quæcunque eis vel à me vel ab antecessoribus meis concessa seu donata sunt, teneant, et habeant in bosco et in plano, in pratis, et in aquis, in pascuis, et in herbatis.

Et insuper libertatem curiæ suæ eis concedo, ita ut nullus ministrorum vel hominum meorum quicquam in eorum rebus vel possessionibus contra ipsorum voluntatem agere præsumat, nec eorum homines alibi quam in sua curia pro qualibet causa quæ ad me vel homines meos spectare possit ire vel respondere cogantur. Sed quæcunque de feodo meo in quolibet loco ad eos pertinent, per ipsos vel eorum ministros nullo contradicente liberè disponantur.

Hæc igitur omnia quæ prædicta sunt concessi eis et confirmavi in perpetuam elemosinam quieto jure possidenda, benè et liberè, et honorificè, cum omnibus libertatibus, et liberis consuetudinibus, cum quibus aliqua elemosina meliùs, et liberiùs, et honorabiliùs debet possideri. Testibus his,

Nigello priore de Hertford, Waltero sacrista, Ernasio sub-priore, magistro Adamo de Warewic, Willielmo Britone, et aliis fratribus monachis. Testibus etiam his militibus, Johanne de Harun, Alano de Limeisi fratre meo, Hugone de Colingeham, Waltero Hacun, Radulfo filio Willielmi, Richardo de Puteo, Willielmo de sancto Michaeli, Simone Doisell, Roberto monacho, Woodman, Baldwino fratre ejus. Item testibus Johanne Manant, Waltero de Bibeswrra, Girardo filio Willielmi, et multis aliis. Valet.

NUM. VI.

Carta Ricardi de Puteo.

[Cart. antiq. Mus. Brit. L. F. C. x. 12.]

RICARDUS de Puteo omnibus hominibus suis, Francis et Anglicis, tam præsentibus quam futuris salutem. Sciat me dedisse et hac mea carta confirmasse Deo et sanctæ Mariæ Herefordiæ et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus viij. acras terræ in Bibeswrthia libere et quiete ab omni seculari cervitio de feodo meo quas Johannes de Limesi dedit michi pro humagio meo et servitio meo, et pro pecunia mea; et hanc donationem nominatim facio Coquinæ Monachorum, pro salute animæ meæ, et patris mei, et matris meæ, et fratrum meorum, et omnium amicorum meorum; et qui hanc donationem infringerit, maledictionem Dei et sanctæ Mariæ et nostram incurrat. Hiis testibus, Johanne de Limesi, Johanne de Harun, Waltero filio Hugonis de Bibeswrt, Hugone de Cholingeam, Wiscardo Leidet, Reginaldo de Puteo, Roberto Puteo nepote Ricardi, Roberto clerico de Bibeswrt, Reginaldo capellano Herefordiæ.

NUM. VII.

Account of the Possessions of Hertford Priory, abstracted from the Grant made in the 29th Hen. VIII. to Denny and Champernon.

[From the Repertories in the Exchequer.]

REX nono die Februarii concessit Anthonio Denny et Johannæ Champernon scitum nuper prioratus Beatæ Mariæ juxta Hertford. Ac eciam maneria regis vocata Hertford prioris, et Pirton et Bybbesworth in com. Hertf. et Ichington in com. Warr. Ac advocaciones, &c. sancti Johannis Evangelistæ infra villam de Hertford, et Pyrton, Ikylford, et Amwell in dicto comitatu; necnon omnia annuitates, portiones, decimas, &c. in Chesthunte, Almescho, Langley, Hoddysdon, Kympton, et Ikylford in com. Hertf. Stokeford et Stoughton in com. Warr. Lowgham, Wodeborowth, et Epereston in com. Nott. et Cavendissh in com. Suff. Ac omnia alia dominia, mesuagia, &c. in Hertford, Pirton, Ikylford, Amwell, Ware, Bybbisworth, Kympton, Chesthunt, Almescho, Langley, Hoddysdon, Brikenden, et Thele in com. Hertf. Ichyngton, Souillyhyll, Makestoke, et Stoketon in com. Warr. Lougham, Woodborowth, et Eperston in com. Not. Stokeford et Stoughton in com. Bedf. Cavendissh in com. Suff. Canfeld in com. Essex, Netherfilkyn in com. Oxon. et Elneton in com. Northt. ac alibi, nuper prioratui spectan. habend. eis et hæredibus ipsius Anthonii.

Priory of Tinnmouth,

IN

NORTHUMBERLAND.

A Cell to the Abbey of St. Alban.



tery it will be found that the Editors have been much indebted to the Collections of the late indefatigable Mr. Brand.

A religious House is said to have been erected here in the earliest ages of Christianity, soon after the introduction of the monastic institution into our island. Leland, from one of the Chronicles of St. Albans monastery, states that Edwin, king of the Northumbrians, sometime between 617 and 633, erected here, of wood, a place of residence for nuns; in which his own daughter, Rosella, afterwards took the veil. Brand, however, conjectures that it was a religious house for persons of both sexes. Oswald, a succeeding king of the Northumbrians, who began his reign in the year 634, soon afterwards caused this structure of wood to be taken down, and raised upon the site a new edifice of stone: a circumstance which doubtless gave rise to the opinion of those writers who assert this Oswald to have been the original founder of Tinnmouth monastery.^a

Mention occurs of an Oratory dedicated to St. Mary at this place, soon after it had been rebuilt of stone, where a great number of persons of distinction assembled under a regular rule for the performance of divine service. The monastery had, by this time, acquired such a reputation for local sanctity, that persons dying in the neighbourhood were usually brought to be interred in it:^b and amongst them Oswin king of Deira, one of the provinces of the then divided kingdom of Northumberland, is particularly noticed, who was slain by Oswy king of Bernicia on the 13th of the kalends of September, 651.^c

Egfrid, king of Northumberland from 671 to 685, is another personage to whom the foundation of Tinnmouth has

ANMER, from Leland and Cressy, says, this Monastery was formerly called Dunemuth, or Donnemade. The history of its first foundation is obscure. As far as the Saxon period goes, the reader must form his own judgment from the testimonies adduced. In later times, the facts are more correctly to be ascertained from records. In compiling the present Account of this monas-

been ascribed.^d The Danes certainly committed great ravages in Northumberland during his reign: and Brand conjectures that, in the confusion, the monastery of Tinnmouth might have been destroyed; the restoration of which by Egfrid's munificence would reconcile the apparent discordancy of the accounts, and leave his claim unimpeachable as a re-founder.^e

Osred, king of the Northumbrians, appears to have been interred in this monastery in 792.^f

The monastery of Tinnmouth now underwent a succession of misfortunes. It was plundered by the Danes in the year 800;^g and entirely destroyed in the irruption under Inguar and Hubba in 866.^h Nothing occurs of the rebuilding at this period; but, in 870, a monastery of nuns is mentioned at this place as having been also plundered.ⁱ Lambard says that Tinnmouth was again ravaged by Halfden the Danish king in 876.^k The last mischief done to this monastery by the Danes is stated to have been in the reign of Athelstan king of the West Saxons, between 924 and 940.^l

Brand says it is no wonder that, after having been so often plundered and destroyed, this place should have lain so long in ruins, that the remembrance of King Oswin, the sainted patron thereof, was utterly lost.

After some respite from the invasions of the Danish pirates, to whom its exposed situation on the sea coast rendered it an easy and defenceless prey, and who, by their repeated depredations, appear to have left nothing that could induce them to return, the then bishop of the diocese obtained it of the earls of Northumberland; and, after filling it anew with religious, restored therein the celebration of divine service. It was not, however, till the latter end of the reign of Edward the Confessor that the bones of the royal martyr, St. Oswin, were discovered. Leland says they were discovered on the 5th of the ides of March, 1065.^m

Matthew of Westminster relates the circumstances of a vision, in which Oswin himself appeared to one Edmund, the sexton of this place, to whom he pointed out the place of his own interment. Judith, wife of Tosti earl of Northumberland, giving credit to the sexton's vision, ceased not to exert her influence with Egelwine, then bishop of Durham, till he had ordered search to be made for the royal bones, which are said to have been discovered in an oratory, according to the saint's directions, on the day above mentioned.

^a Brand's Hist. of Newc. up. Tyne, vol. ii. pp. 65, 66.

^b See a passage to this effect from Leland, in the App. of Instrum. Num. I.

^c See App. Num. II.

^d Tann. Notit. Mon.

^e Hist. of Newc. tom. ii. pp. 68, 69.

^f Chron. Sax. edit. Gibs. p. 65. See also Sym. Dunelm. Script. X. Twysd. col. iii. "Corpus ad hostium Tyni fluminis perlatum est, et in basilica ejusdem eximii cœnobii sepultum."

^g Lel. Collect. tom. ii. p. 344, from Mat. Westm. See Num. II.

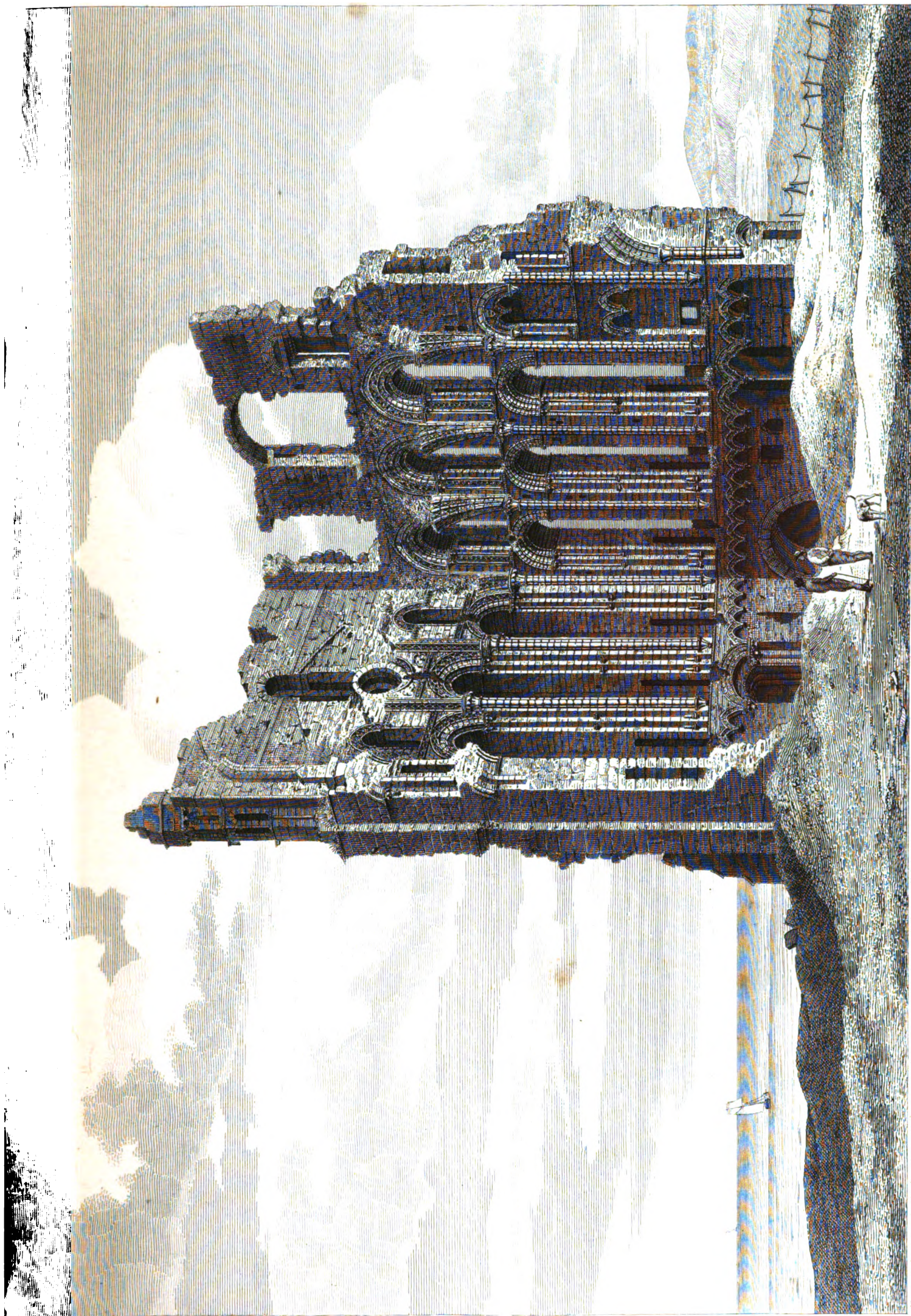
^h Compare Num. I.

ⁱ Compare Mat. Westm. Flores Hist. edit. Francof. 1601, p. 162, sub an. DCCCLXX. "In hac quoque persecutione diabolica destructa referuntur nobilissima monasteria, in margine maris sita, id est cœnobium Lindisfarnense monachorum—cœnobium etiam Tynemuense sanctimonialium, Gyrwiense monachorum, et Wiremuthense," &c.

^k Topograph. Dictionary, p. 360.

^l Lel. Collect. tom. iii. p. 40. See Num. II.

^m Ibid.



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The Great Wall of China

The royal remains, after having been enclosed in a coffin, and honoured with every kind of funeral pomp, were re-committed to the earth.^a

Tosti earl of Northumberland, according to some writers, rebuilt this monastery from the foundation :^b Tanner only says he repaired and endowed it.^c

About the year 1074, Waltheof earl of Northumberland gave the church of Tinmouth, with all its lands and possessions, together with the body of St. Oswin, to the monks of the neighbouring monastery of Jarrow, to which place they removed the sacred remains of the royal saint.

Albrey, appointed earl of Northumberland, on the murder of Walcher bishop of Durham, A. D. 1079, confirmed the above grant of Tinmouth, made by his predecessor, Waltheof, to the monks of Jarrow, who, by this time, had been removed to the church of Durham.

Finally, A. D. 1090, Robert de Mowbray, earl of Northumberland, having re-endowed the monastery of Tinmouth, and filled it with black monks whom he had brought from St. Albans in Hertfordshire, on account of some displeasure which he had conceived against the then bishop of Durham, took it from that Church, and made it a Cell to the said Monastery of St. Alban for ever.^d A minute statement of the particulars attending this last change will be found in the Appendix of Instruments, in the words of Simeon of Durham.^e

In 1093, the body of Malcolm, king of Scotland, and, according to Brand (who dates this occurrence in 1094), the body of his son Prince Edward, both slain on St. Brice's day, were interred in this monastery.^f

In 1095, Robert de Mowbray entering into a conspiracy against King William Rufus, his property became forfeited : notwithstanding which, the king confirmed the grants both of him and his homagers, north and south of Tyne, to the church of St. Oswin. The royal charter on this occasion is dated at Newcastle.^g

On the 13th of the kalends of September, 1110, the body of St. Oswin was removed from Jarrow to the monastery of Tinmouth ; the latter being called the new monastery of Tinmouth.^h

Matthew Paris, in his account of the life of Richard de Albini, abbat of St. Albans from 1097 to 1119, states that that abbat decreed, with the unanimous consent of his convent, that the church of Tinmouth should pay annually to the church of St. Alban (on the feast of that saint) the sum of thirty shillings : the subordinate convent to be free from any other demand. The abbat of St. Albans was to keep in his own hands Anebell and Coket-island, with the churches of Bywell and Woodhorne : and when he chose to come down to Tinmouth, with twenty attendants, they were to be supported by that house for fifteen days ; but, if the abbat's journey was on business particularly concerning Tinmouth, then he and his retinue were to be supported solely at the expence of that monastery.ⁱ

King Henry the First, by a charter dated at Brantone, addressed to the bishop of Durham and to all his other barons in Northumberland, confirmed to God, the Virgin Mary, and St. Oswin, to the abbat of St. Albans and the monks of Tinmouth, all the tithes in Northumberland which Earl Robert and his homagers had given them : these were the tithes of Corbridge, Ovington, Wylam, Newburn, Dis-sington, Callerton, Elswick, Bothall, Warkworth, Anebell, Rothbury and Wooler.^k

By another charter, dated at Westminster, he granted to the monks of Tinmouth the court and customs which Robert de Mowbray had held in the time of William Rufus, previous to his forfeiture.^l

Simeon of Durham, under the year 1121, gives an account of an attempt made that year by the monks of Durham to recover possession of the monastery of Tinmouth from the church of St. Alban ; on which occasion they urged the repentance of Earl Mowbray for having taken it out of their hands, as an argument to prove the injustice of not restoring it. It need hardly be added that the attempt was ineffectual.^m

Richard of Hexham informs us, that on the 4th of the ides of January, 1138, William son of Duncan, nephew of David king of Scotland, invaded England : and, after him, that King David himself, with his son Henry, ravaged Northumberland, and committed the most horrid barbarities. Tinmouth bought off its destruction on this occasion with the sum of twenty-seven marks of silver, which the prior and convent paid to the king of Scotland.ⁿ King David's charter of protection to the monastery, dated on the day of St. Barnabas in that year, will be found in the Appendix of Instruments.^o

Robert de Gorham, who was elected abbat of St. Albans in 1151, visiting his Cell of Tinmouth, is said to have presented it with a cloak or pall of the value of ten marks.^p

King Henry the Second, by a charter granted (according to Brand) after the year 1175, restored and confirmed to the monastery the lands which he had seized on account of the flight of one Adgar into Scotland, and the war of the Scottish king : these were Eglingham, Bewicke, and Lilburne, which the said Adgar had held of the monks of Tinmouth, and which, by an inquisition taken by the king's order, were found to be their escheat and demesne. The king also confirmed at the same time what the abbat and monks of St. Albans had provided and appointed concerning their churches of Eglingham and Apelton, appropriated to hospitable purposes for ever, as appeared by their charter in that behalf.^q

In 1189, King Richard the First, by a charter dated at Canterbury Nov. 4th, confirmed to the monks of Tinmouth all their lands and privileges.^r

Brand says, by a grant remaining in the Augmentation Office, about the date of 1190, it appears that Henry de Bulemer gave, in frank-almoigne, and confirmed to St. Os-

^a Mat. Westm. Flores Hist. p. 428. Brand, Hist. of Newc. ut supr. p. 71. Compare also App. Num. II.

^b Brand, ut supr. p. 71. Hutchinson, Hist. Northumb. vol. ii. p. 350. Lel. Collect. ed. 1770, tom. i. p. 103, says, "Robertus Mowbray co. Northumbrie primus fundator. temp. Conquest. Tostius co. Eboraci frater Heraldi primus fundator per alios."

^c Notit. Mon.

^d Brand, ut supr. p. 72. See the particulars of this last foundation in the words of Mat. Paris, Append. Num. III.

The Cottonian MS. Vitellius A. xx. noticing Mowbray's endowment of this Cell, speaks of the contemporary gift of the church of Conscliff by Gospatric of Newcastle, "qui venit ad Conquestum Angliæ." Brand, vol. ii. p. 386, supposes this person to have been the son of Gospatric, earl of Northumberland. See Num. IV.

^e Num. V.

^f Simeon of Durham mentions the interment of the king's body only under 1093. A. D. 1093. "Rex Scottorum Malcolmus et primogenitus filius ejus Eadwardus cum multis aliis, in Northymbria die festivitatis sancti Bricii, a militibus Rodberti Northimbrorum comitis occisi sunt.—Corpus vero regis, cum suorum nullus remaneret qui terra illud cooperiret, duo ex indigenis carro impositum in Tynemuthe sepe-lierunt." Sym. Dunelm. Script. X. Twysd. col. 218.

^g See Num. VI. For an account of Robert de Mowbray the reader is referred to Dugdale's Baronage, vol. i. pp. 56, 57. After his rebellion, according to Ordericus Vitalis, he was carried prisoner to Windsor, and there detained by Rufus, and afterwards by King Henry the First, for the space of almost thirty-four years till his death. An-

other account states him to have been shorn a monk in the abbey of St. Albans, where he is said to have died in 1106, 7 Hen. I.

^h Lel. Collect. tom. iii. p. 180. See Num. II.

ⁱ "Item dictus abbas Ricardus, assensu conventus unanimi, decrevit ecclesiam de Thinemue solvere ecclesie sancti Albani (videlicet festo ejusdem) triginta solidos, sub tali forma 'Ut nec ipse abbas nec aliquis ex parte sua, aliud quicquam exigit ab ipsa ecclesia, aut suis hominibus. Sic tamen quod abbas retineret in manu sua, Ambellam, et insulam de Koket, et ecclesiam de Biwella, et ecclesiam de Wudeborne. Et si quando abbas illuc ire voluerit cum viginti hominibus, per quindecim dies in sumptibus ejusdem ecclesie perendinaret.' Si vero pro negotio fratrum de Thinemue abbati eundi causa existeret, in sumptu ejusdem ecclesie, associatis cum quibusdam feodatis, qui de jure et consuetudine armigerorum vices gerere debent, viam faceret atque moram. Quos et ipse feodavit et ad illud assignavit." Mat. Par. edit. 1684, p. 1006.

^k See Num. VII.

^l Num. VIII.

^m See Brand, Hist. of Newc. vol. ii. p. 75. Compare the passage of Simeon of Durham, Num. IX.

ⁿ See Brand, ut supr.

^o Num. X.

^p Speaking of his installation, Matthew Paris says, "Ordinatus autem, dedit huic ecclesie [sc. S. Albani] pallium decem marcarum, quando a conventu susceptus est ; quod postea de licentia conventus, dedit ecclesie sancti Oswini de Thinemue." Vit. Abbat. S. Albani, edit. 1684, p. 1015.

^q App. Num. XI.

^r Brand, ut supr. vol. ii. p. 76 ; and Note 7.

win of Tinmouth, and the monks serving God in that place, for the health of his soul and the souls of his ancestors, twenty-eight acres and a half of land in his demesne in the fields called Jesemuth, near Newcastle-upon-Tyne.^a The same Henry de Bulemer gave also in frank-almoigne to the prior and convent of Tinmouth the moiety of a fishery called Accusyare in the water of the Tyne.^b

In 1196, Hugh Pudsey, bishop of Durham, confirmed to the monks of Tinmouth all their tithes in Northumberland and the bishoprick of Durham.^c

Madox, in his History of the Exchequer, p. 275, informs us, that many towns and persons, at various times, in the reigns of King Richard the First and King John, were fined in various sums, for grants and confirmations of divers sorts of liberties, franchises, and exemptions, according to the tenor of the respective records; and instances the abbat and monks of St. Albans, who, in the year 1204, were fined twenty-five marks and a palfrey, for the monks of Tinmouth, for the confirmation of a charter granted to the latter by King John; and that the monks of Tinmouth paid fifty marks on the same account.^d The Charter of King John, here alluded to, confirmed to the monks of Tinmouth all their lands and possessions: these were Tinmouth, with its appurtenances, Seaton, Preston, both the Chirtons, Millington, Whitley, Erdesdon, the two Backworths, Seghill, Morton, Bebside, both the Dissingtons, Ulsington, Bewick, Eglington, Lillburne, Anibell, Hawkeslaw, Elswick, Wylam, Weltdon, half the vill of Copun, Carleberry, and Morton in bishoprick, Helleshaw, and the land of Royley and Denum; with the churches of Tinmouth, Woodhorn, Whalton, Bolum, Bewick, Eglington, Hertburne, and Connyscliff; Hereford on Blyth, the tithes of Hertnes, with those of Middleton on Tees, of Corbridge, Rothbury, Warkworth, Wooler, and Newburn; together with the liberties granted them by a former charter of King Richard his uncle.^e

In 1205, King John granted to the monks of Tinmouth an exemption from the payment of cornage.^f Mr. Brand says, it appears from the records of this house, that several villages in Northumberland paid cornage both to the abbat of St. Albans and to the prior of this house.^g

Somewhere about, or soon after this time, two thirds of the tithes of Bothal were given by Richard Bertram to Tinmouth monastery.^h

Brand says, in the time of John abbat of St. Albans, who was elected in 1235, and died during the reign of Edward the First, the church of Norton appears to have been given to the monastery of Tinmouth, for the purpose of mending their ale, and for extraordinary acts of hospitality. The church of Eglington, which had been given to this

house by R. de Marisco, bishop of Durham, to mend their ale, was at the same time made their private property. At this time, also, Walter bishop of Durham gave them two thirds of the church of Hertburne, worth a hundred and fifty-three marks, to enable them to increase their hospitality. The abbat of St. Albans kept the church of Norton in his own hands, and the prior of Tinmouth paid him yearly two hundred and forty marks for the churches of Eglington and Hartburn.ⁱ

In 1243, the prior of Tinmouth contributed five marks to the aid which was levied by King Henry the Third to marry his eldest daughter.^k

The substance of a compromise which took place respecting the cell of Tinmouth in 1247, between the abbat and convent of St. Albans, in conjunction with the prior and convent of Tinmouth, on one part, and the bishop and chapter of Durham on the other, has been already stated in the Account of St. Albans monastery. The bishop had demanded obedience from the Prior. It was finally determined, upon an appeal to the Pope, that the Priors, though appointed by the abbey and removable by its authority, should be presented to the bishop for institution, and swear canonical obedience.^l In 1248, however, the bishop of Durham, in violation of this compromise, appears to have renewed his vexatious claims: but the king being appealed to, he commanded the bishop to desist, upon pain of his displeasure.^m The bishop's attempt on this occasion was to extort money from the church of Tinmouth, either to repair or raise some new fabric in the church of Durham.ⁿ

In 1255, an agreement was made, the tenor of which is not exactly explained, between the prior of Tinmouth and Sir John de Baliol, knight: the latter is stated to have exercised great rapacity and injustice towards the monastery.^o

In 1269, King Henry the Third granted a charter to the monastery of Tinmouth for a market to be held at Bewick: and another of general liberties in 1271.^p

In 1279, judgment was given in the King's Bench against the prior of this house, who claimed a market at Tinmouth.^q

In 1292, there appear to have been great disputes between the burgesses of Newcastle upon Tyne and the prior of Tinmouth, concerning which judgment was given in Parliament in 1306: when the prior of Tinmouth, having built a shore at North Shields within the flood-mark of the Tyne, was ordered to remove it at his own cost.^r

King Edward the First's claim to the advowson of this monastery in 1293, directed to the sheriff of Northumberland, has been already noticed in the Account of St. Albans.^s The king, however, not only dropped his suit,

^a See Num. XII.

^b Num. XIII.

^c Brand, ut supr. p. 78, from Selden's History of Tythes, 4to. p. 325.

^d Brand, ut supr.

^e See Num. XIV.

^f Claus. 6 Johan. m. 5. Quod monachi de Tynemuth sint quieti de cornagio. Tann. Notit. Mon.

^g He quotes the Tinmouth Chartulary at Northumberland House, fol. 67, for the following enumeration:

"Cornag. domini abbatis de termino apostolorum Petri et Pauli et Abbotstuth.

De Erdesden, vj^a.

De Seton, xlj^a.

De Whitelei, xl^a.

De Preston, xl^a.

De Est-Chirton, xl^a.

De Middel-Chirton, xl^a.

De Milneton, iijj^a.

De Sighal, xl^a.

De Bacworth, iijj^a, vj^a. quadr.

De Copun, xvj^a.

De elemosinar. pro Herford, v^a. ob.

De Anbell et Hawkeslawe, xl^a.

De Elstewyk, xiv^a.

De Wylom, xx^a.

De Dissinton, v^a.

Cornag. prioris in festo S. Michaelis.

De Sighal, xijj^a. ob.

De Bacworth. viijj^a. ob. quadr.

De Dissinton, xijj^a. ob.

De Wissington, xijj^a. ob.

De Whitlei, xijj^a. ob.

De Flatford et Wylom, xijj^a. ob.

De West-Chirton, xv^a.

^h See Num. XV.

ⁱ Brand, ut supr. p. 82.

^j Madox, Hist. Exch. fol. edit. p. 414.

^k See vol. ii. p. 193. The "Concordia" will be found in the App. to the present Account, Num. XVI.

^l See the king's letter in Mat. Paris, edit. 1684, p. 647.

^m Brand, ut supr. p. 84. In this same year Matthew Paris notices the death of Earl Patrick, a Scottish nobleman, who, though his body was interred at Tinmouth, is stated to have been a great enemy to the monastery in his life-time.

ⁿ M.CC.xlvij. "Obiit insuper comes Patricius, qui inter magnates Scotiæ potentissimus habebatur. Obiit autem cruce signatus, in comitatu domini regis Francorum peregrinans. Qui creditur crucem assumpsisse, ut Deo et beato Oswino reconciliaretur. Injuste enim vexaverat et damnificaverat domum de Thinemua, beati Albani Cellam, et ejusdem beati regis et martyris Oswini speciale domicilium, ubi et ejusdem corpus jacere dignoscitur." Mat. Par. edit. 1684, p. 655.

^o A. D. 1255. "Eodemque anno facta est Concordia inter episcopum Dunelmensem Walterum, et Johannem de Baillol militem, super pluribus controversiis inter ipsos motis. Similiter est pax reformata inter priorem de Thinemua et dictum Johannem. Ipse enim Johannes supra quod deceret, et animæ suæ expediret, avarus, rapax, et tenax; tam ecclesiam de Thinemua, quam ecclesiam Dunelmensem, diu ac multum injuste vexaverat, et enormiter damnificaverat; necnon et alias ecclesias," &c. Mat. Par. ut supr. p. 787.

^p Brand, ut supr. p. 84.

^q Ibid. from MS. Aubone.

^r Brand, ut supr. pp. 9, 85.

^s See vol. ii. p. 194. See also the Plac. de Quo Waranto in the Append. to the present Account, Num. XIX.

but granted the abbat a charter of confirmation for it in the same year.^a

By a grant from John Lord Greystock and Sir Robert Somervill, made in the year 1296, the monks of Tinmouth monastery had carriage roads for themselves and their tenants through Benton moors, with liberty of pasture for twenty-four beasts of any kind. This grant was confirmed by Ralph Lord Greystock in 1391, 14 Rich. II.^b

King Edward the First, after his victory over the Scots in 1298, visited and remained for some time in Tinmouth monastery.^c

In the next year, by a charter dated at Westminster February 20th, King Edward the First confirmed to the prior of Tinmouth all pleas within his liberty of Tinmouth, as well those of the crown as others, concerning his men, lands, and tenements, to be pleaded and determined by his own justices, the king's justices not being permitted to enter the said liberty; restoring, at the same time, other liberties and free customs which had been seized into the king's hands. In this Charter the body of St. Oswin is mentioned as resting in a certain shrine within the church of Tinmouth.^d

A. D. 1303, the queen of Edward the First resided at Tinmouth monastery while the king was on his last march to Scotland.^e

In 1303, also, a charter was granted to this monastery for an annual fair at Tinmouth; but, the year following, on a petition from the town of Newcastle, it was revoked.^f About this time, likewise, a Quo Warranto occurs to the abbat of St. Albans and the prior of this house, to show on what authority they claimed the reception of all felons coming within the grith of Tinmouth.^g

March 15th, 1307, King Edward the First, for a certain fine, pardoned the prior of Tinmouth for acquiring possessions in Herford, Bebbeset on Blythe, Coppon, East Backworth, West Backworth, Tynemuth, and Preston, without a licence of mortmain.^h

This year, also, on the morrow of the feast of the apostles Peter and Paul, Simon, the prior of this monastery, caused a pillory to be erected in the village of Tinmouth.ⁱ

In 1315, a chantry was founded at Tinmouth for the soul of John Lord Greystock, who died in the year 1306. The founder was Ralph, son of William Fitzralph, lord of Grimethorp, in the county of York, a kinsman of the deceased.^j

In 1317 the priory of Tinmouth appears to have suffered much from the depredation of persons of the neighbouring country, who originally took up arms in retaliation for the incursions of the Scots; and who, in the absence of an English force to defend the border, made their warfare the pretext for general plunder. One of their captains, Gilbert de Middleton, did much mischief to the priory and its possessions. Such is Walsingham's account.^k Brand, from the Tinmouth Chartulary and the Annals of John de

Trokelow, calls these persons Shalvadores, or Savaldores; at the head of whom he says occur Sir William de Middleton Knt. and Walder de Seleby, who committed great depredations on the priory of Tinmouth; but having been taken prisoners and sent up to London, they were there tried and condemned, and suffered death upon the gallows.^l

From a wardrobe account of King Edward II. it appears that in 1322 the queen of that monarch resided for some time at Tinmouth monastery:^m it appears also, on the same authority, that upon the last day of September, 1323, the body of Ada, a bastard son of King Edward the Second, was buried in the conventual church.ⁿ

A. D. 1326, King Edward the Second granted licences of mortmain to the church of Tinmouth, for mesuages and lands in Backworth, Moreton, Whitley, and Milnton:^o as also in Newcastle upon Tyne, the last of which are said to be situated "super les stathes" in that town.^p

From a charter of Edward the Third, granted in 1328, it should seem that some of the reputed liberties of this house had been adjudged in the beginning of his reign to the king; but which he then regranted to the abbat of St. Alban and the prior and monks of Tinmouth in as ample a manner as ever, from the especial devotion which he bore to the two martyrs St. Alban and St. Oswin.^q

In 1336, mention occurs in the Tinmouth Chartulary of the new chapel of St. Mary at Tinmouth.^r

In 1347 the prior of Tinmouth lent the king twenty marks toward defraying the expences of the siege of Calais.^s

June 26th, 1349, the king granted a licence of mortmain to Henry de Burnetoft, chaplain, &c. to assign to the prior and convent of Tinmouth lands and tenements in East Moreton, Milnton, and Backworth, Tinmouth, Preston, and East Chirton: as also to Richard Scot, of Newcastle upon Tyne, to assign to them sixty-six acres of land and pasture for twelve oxen in Elstewyk, worth 26s. 8d. per annum.^t

May 24th, 1355, the king granted a licence of mortmain to this convent for tenements in West Morton, East Backworth, West Backworth, Preston, &c.^u

In the year 1357 an inquest was taken at the suit of the prior of Tinmouth, who claimed Fenham as part of his manor of Elswick. By this inquest, which is of record in Chancery by return of the justices of record, and was taken before the chief people of Northumberland, it was found that that village had been all along parcel of the town of Newcastle upon Tyne, and was held by farm of the crown.^v

May 6th, 1361, the king granted a licence of mortmain for tenements in Wolsington, Morton, and Middle Chirton to the prior and convent of this house.^w

Feb. 20th, 1379, King Richard the Second granted a licence of mortmain to the prior and monks of Tinmouth, to hold possessions, to the value of twenty pounds per annum, to enable them to repair the walls of their fortifications, which had been damaged by encroachments of the sea. The Priory is described in this curious grant as having been, and being to the then king and his progenitors, "a

^a See Num. XX.

^b Brand, ut supr. p. 86. See also Wallis's Hist. of Northumb. vol. ii. p. 260.

^c Ibid. from Wallis, vol. ii. p. 265.

^d See Brand, ut supr. from an authenticated copy of the original charter preserved in the Tower of London.

From the Wardrobe Account of the 28th Edw. I. published by the Society of Antiquaries, p. 333, it appears that on Dec. 8th, 1299, that king offered a clasp of gold of the value of six marks at the shrine of St. Oswin of Tinmouth. "Firmaculum auri, pretii vj. marc. offertur per Regem ad feretrum sancti Oswini apud Tinemuth viij^{to}. die Decembris." The following occurs, *ibid.* p. 39, under the same year, "xx. die Junii, in Oblationibus missis per Johannem de Langele usque Tine-muth. ad offerend. nomine Regis ad feretrum Sancti Oswini in ecclesia Prioratus *ibid.* vij. solid."

^e Wallis's Hist. of Northumb. vol. ii. p. 265, citing Holinsh. Chron. vol. ii. p. 312. Mr. Brand says, among other charges exhibited soon after this time against Hugh Spencer, occurs the following very singular one: "En retournant" (from Scotland) "vous Hugh, votre pere, et Robert de Baldoc fausement et traytrouement consallatez nostre seigneur le roy a lesser madame la royne en grant peryl de corps en la priore de Tynmouth en la marche de guerre." Knyghton, de Event. Angl. col. 2548.

^f Brand, ut supr. p. 87. Rot. Parliam. tom. i. p. 165.

^g Ibid. from the Tinmouth Chartulary at Northumberland House, fol. 193.

^h Ibid. from an authenticated copy of the original in the Tower of London.

ⁱ VOL. III.

^j Ibid. from the Tinmouth Chartulary, fol. 191 b. "Memorandum quod in crastino apostolorum Petri et Pauli, anno Domini Millesimo ccc. septimo, et anno regni regis Edwardi tricesimo quinto frater S. prior de Tynemuth per consilium amicorum levare fecit in villa de Tynemuth collistrigium, hoc est pillori, eo quod tale judicium pertinet ad assisam panis et cerevisie quam dictus Prior predecessores sui habuerunt sicut communiter dicitur a tempore quo non extat memoria per libertates contentas in cartis regum Anglie, sed tali judicio, hoc est pillori, per suam negligentiam usi non fuerunt usque ad crastinum apostolorum Petri et Pauli supradictum; item die Translationis sancti Thomae martiris anno Domini supradicto et anno regni Regis similiter supradicto idem Rex apud Burgum super Saund, non procul a Karliol, diem clausit extremum."

^k Brand, p. 89. Wallis, Hist. Northumb. vol. ii. p. 262.

^l Walsingh. Hist. edit. 1574, p. 87.

^m Brand, ut supr. p. 90. Joh. de Trokelowe Annales Edwardi II. p. 40 et seqq.

ⁿ Ibid. p. 91. ^o Ibid. p. 92.

^p Cart. 19 Edw. II. 12 Julii.

^q Brand, ut supr. Tann. Notit. Mon.

^r See Num. XXI.

^s Brand, p. 93.

^t Ibid. p. 95. Rot. Parliam. vol. ii. p. 254.

^u Brand, ut supr. p. 99, from an authenticated copy of Pat. 22 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 28.

^v Ibid. from the Tinm. Chartulary, fol. 105.

^w Ibid. Rot. Parliam. tom. ii. p. 348.

^x Tinm. Chartulary, fol. 105.

certain fortified and walled place of defence against the enemies of the kingdom."^a

May 4th, 1380, the king granted a licence of mortmain to Ada de Fenrother, clerk, William de Meryngton, chaplain, Hugh de Brandon, William de Chevyngton, and William de Seton, to assign to the prior and convent of Tynmouth the manor of Denton and Redewode near Mewburn, excepting out of the said manor an annual rent of ten marks, and another of one mark. As also to Alan Whiteheved, vicar of Tynmouth, and Robert Fenrother, to assign to the said prior and convent eight mesuages, eight tofts, and three hundred and sixty-two acres and a half of land in Tynemouth, Monkseaton, Est Chirton, Middle Chirton, Preston, East Mureton, Backworth, Coupon, Wylom, and Eglyngtham, worth 4*l.* 16*s.* 0*½d.* per annum.^b

In 1381, some of the monks of St. Albans, who had been concerned in the insurrection of Wat Tyler, are said to have made their escape from thence, and to have fled to Tynmouth priory.^c

In 1385, King Richard the Second granted to the prior and convent a charter for the appropriation of the church of Haltwhistle in Tyndale.^d

On Nov. 13th, 1392, the same king, for a fine of twenty marks, granted a licence of mortmain to Alan Whiteheved vicar of Tynmouth, John de Dalton chaplain, Robert de Anebell chaplain, &c. to assign to the prior and convent of Tynmouth eight mesuages, &c. in the town of Newcastle upon Tyne.^e

A similar license was granted, in the year following, to the prior and convent for tenements in Elswick, Newbigging, Widdrington, Cuppon, &c.^f

Roger Thornton, by his will, dated the Thursday before Christmas, A. D. 1429, bequeathed a noble to every monk of Tynmouth.^g

Brand says, in 1523, Robert Lambert and others having murdered Christopher Radcliff at Shereston, in the diocese of Durham, and the former having taken sanctuary in the priory of Tynmouth, Cardinal Wolsey, then archbishop of York, being struck with the heinousness of the crime, and offended at so shameful an evasion of justice, wrote to Lord Dacre, warden of the marches, to use every exertion to get him out from thence, in order to his suffering condign punishment. Hearne, in his edition of Otterbourne and Whethamstede, vol. ii. p. 579, has given the letter as follows: "My lord, I commaunde me hertelay unto you: and wher of late an heynous murdre was committed at Shereston within my bishopricke of Duresme by one Robert Lambert, Richard Littlefare, William Turnour, Robert Johnson, and other, which (as I am informed) murdred one Cristofer Radcliff, and after the same murdre committed the said R. Lambert fledd unto the priorie of

Tynmouthe for refuge and saintuarie and ther as yet remaynithe (as it is saied) I wille and desire you that by all means and politique wayes, which ye can devise, ye endeavour yourself with diligence for thapprehending and taking as welle of the said Robert Lambert as of thother malefactours, whiche (as I am informed) gos abrode within that my bishopricke as yet unpunished. And after that ye have taken them or ony of them to be delyvered into the handes of Sir William Boulmer knight my sheref there, in his keaping to remayn, untill such tyme as they may be ordred by the kinges lawes and receyve punisment according to their demerites: and in so dooing ye shall minstre unto the king our soveraigne lorde right acceptable service in the furtherance of his lawes to the terrible example of other like offendours. Thus I committ you to God. From my place at Westminster the 12th daye of June. Your lovyng frende T. Car^{lis}. Ebor."^h

By an inquisition taken at Whalton, Nov. 20th, 1535, it appears that the church there paid yearly to the monastery of Tynmouth 8*s.* 4*d.* that the prior and convent of Tynmouth had presented last to it, but that William Blythman was patron for that turn (it being then vacant) by right of advowson granted to him by the prior and convent of Tynmouth, under the common seal of their house.ⁱ

PRIORS OF TYNMOUTH.

ST. HEREBALD, the companion of St. John of Beverley archbishop of York, who died in 721, appears to have been a monk, and afterwards prior of Tynmouth.^k

RUELENDUS prior of Tynmouth, without any date, occurs in the extracts which will presently be given from Leland's Collectanea.^l

REMIGIUS was prior in 1092.^m

GILBERT is named as prior of Tynmouth in the time of Henry the Second in the Placita de Quo Waranto. He was succeeded by

AKARIUS.ⁿ

WILLIAM DE BEDFORD occurs, according to Willis, in 1124:° but this is probably a mistake for 1224, as in the latter year (as will presently be shown) a prior of this name was certainly existing.

RALPH GUBIUN resigned the priorate in 1216. The circumstances attending his resignation are curious, as they afford a remarkable instance of the ancient use of trial by duel in cases of decision of right. The prior having failed in his cause, determined upon relinquishing his office. Abbat William de Trumpington, however, entertained him thenceforward at St. Albans, as his chief counsellor and companion.^p He was succeeded at Tynmouth by

^a Brand, ut supr. p. 96. See the Instrum. Num. XXIV.

^b Ibid. p. 97, from the Tinn. Chartulary, fol. 113.

^c Brand, ut supr.

^d Ibid. p. 99.

^e Ibid. from an authenticated copy of the original record in the Tower.

^f Ibid.

^g Ibid. p. 101.

^h Ibid. p. 104. Wolsey's letter is here quoted from Hearne's Appendix to Otterbourne and Wethemstede, vol. ii. p. 579.

ⁱ Ibid. p. 105, from Bishop Tunstall's Register, p. 23.

^j See Brand, vol. ii. p. 69.

^k Lel. Collect. tom. iii. p. 180. See the App. of Instrum. Num. II.

^l Willis, Mit. Ab.

^m See App. Num. XIX.

ⁿ Willis, Mit. Ab.

^p "Abbas igitur Willielmus corpore strenuus, ætate floridus, mente alacer Thynemum et alias cellas suas, gratia visitationis, ut reformanda reformaret, adire disponit."—"Et cum abbas domum pervenisset, cogitavit prædictos excessus corrigere. Ipsoque tempore venit dominus Radulphus Gubium multum vexatus super quibusdam exactio-nibus quibus vexabatur, per Simonem de Thynemum, duo conradia monachalia exigentem jure perpetuo, ex dono cujusdam abbatis hujus ecclesiæ ad ecclesiam istam. Ducens secum unum magnum pugilem, nomine Willielmum Pigun, quia diffinitum fuit judicialiter, ut illa quæstio per duellum rationaretur. Quod et ita factum est, et victus magnus pugil noster, et obtinuit adversarius noster Simon. Unde Prior multum confusus, nunquam voluit redire ad prioratum suum, sed sponte se deponens, in capitulo veniam petens, ait Abbati, 'Domine, si recolitis, bene dixistis apud Thynemum mihi sustine fili parumper. Sustinui Domine, jam satis est. Remittatis mihi, quia jam senui. Convenit ut mihi de cætero vacem.' Et Abbas, 'Fili ut sanctus Martynus loqueris, qui ait, Domine, si populo meo sum necessarius, non recuso laborem, nec fatiscentem causabor ætatem. Necessarius es populo meo, id est, Conventui tibi commissio, nec adhuc ætate deficiis vel desipis. Sustine adhuc.' Et cum instaret prior adhuc lachrymis,

ut absolveretur, dimisit eum abbas in pace, et ait, 'Et ego tibi remitto.' Et habuit abbas tota vita sua præcipuum consiliarium et comensalem." Mat. Par. edit. 1684, pp. 1052, 1053.

It was in the time of Ralph Gubiun that abbat William de Trumpington settled the ceremonial for the abbats of St. Albans in their visits to Tynmouth. Matthew Paris says,

"Et incidenter nostræ occurrit memoriæ dicendum arbitror quid agendum cum venerit abbas de Thynemum. Quando abbas Thynemum adierit, habebit sex de terra sancti Albani armigeros, qui, propter hoc, optime et honorifice de substantia ecclesiæ infedantur. Videlicet: unum de feodo quem tenuit aliquando Willielmus de Acta miles: alium de feodo quem tenuit aliquando Thomas de Wauz miles: alium de feodo quem quandoque tenuit Willielmus de Wike: alium de feodo quem quandoque tenuit Robertus de Thebrugge: alium de feodo quem aliquando tenuit Nicholaus Dispensator: et alium de feodo quem tenuit quandoque Gulielmus de Öckerse. Hii sex in expensis abbatia euntes erunt et redeuntes: sed in equis propriis. Qui dicentes erunt et fortes ad portandum, de consuetudine, pannos unius monachi (si opus sit) ad postenam unius armigeri. Si autem in itinere moriatur equus alicujus armigeri horum prædictorum, Abbas solvit ei pro jactura restauranda, decem solidos. Sciendumque quod Abbas tenetur petere licentiam a rege, ut liceat ei tam remotas partes Regni adire, et regno regis Scotiæ conterminas; quotiescunque Thynemum adire disposuerat. Quo cum venerit modeste se gerat, castigata familiâ: non tyrannus et dissipator victualium et instauracionis domus illius, ut quondam Abbas Symon, laudabilis quidem, sed in hoc nequaquam. Qui cum omnia obraserat, ducti sunt ante ipsum boves cum aratro: et dictum est ei lachrymabiliter, omnia devorata sunt, tantummodo residui sunt hii nostri boves agricolæ nostri, ecce et hii vobis præsentantur devorandi. Et tunc abbas merito in seipso confusus, suis dixit, 'Ascendite eamus hinc,' et reliquit domum omnibus bonis annuis spoliata, in ejus opprobrium sempiternum. Sed potius studeat abbas secum pensare, ob quam causam illuc venerat; videlicet ad reformatio-

GERMANUS:^a who afterwards became abbat of Selby in Yorkshire.^b

WILLIAM DE BARTON occurs prior in 1223.^c There seems some ground for suspecting that he may be the same with *William de Horton*, mentioned by Mr. Brand as having been prior of this House some time in the reign of King Henry the Third.^d

WILLIAM DE BEDEFORD occurs Oct. 4th, 1224. Brand says he died Oct. 29th, 1242.^e

RALPH DE DUNHAM is conjectured by Mr. Brand to have been the next prior. He mediated a peace between the king of England and the king of Scots in 1244.^f "Radulphus," probably this prior, occurs in the Belvoir obituary. His death is noticed on August 13th, but without the addition of any year.^g

ADA DE MEPERDESHALE was probably the next prior.^h His successor in the office was

WILLIAM BERNARD.ⁱ Mr. Brand says, that in the Tinmouth Chartulary, fol. 203 b,

SIMON occurs as prior of Tinmouth in 1293.^k In 1295, however,

ADA DE TEWYNG occurs prior.^l He appears to have aided King Edward the First in the claim set up by that monarch to the advowson of this monastery. Newcome, who relates the seizure and banishment of this prior by John de Berkhamsted abbat of St. Albans, calls him Adam de Telbing.^m

SIMON was, in all probability, restored to the priorate upon Tewyng's removal, as he again occurs in that office in 1301. Brand supposes him to have been the same with SIMON DE WALDEN, whose death on April 17th, without the year, is mentioned by Peck from the Belvoir Obituary.ⁿ

RICHARD DE TEWYNG occurs prior in 1320, 14th Edw. II.^o and again in 1339.^p He has been already mentioned in the Account of St. Albans: see vol. ii. p. 197. The Cottonian manuscript Nero D. vii. gives him a great character for his prudent administration of Tinmouth.^q He died, according to the Belvoir Obituary, on September 29th.

THOMAS DE LA MARE, or MORE, occurs prior in 1340.^r He was chosen abbat of St. Albans in 1350.^s In 1347, as prior of Tinmouth, he lent the king twenty marks towards defraying the expences of the siege of Calais.^t

CLEMENT OF WHETHAMSTEDE is stated by Newcome, in his history of St. Albans, to have been the immediate successor of DE LA MERE in this priory.^u

JOHN WHETHAMSTEDE occurs prior in 1396, among

the persons who attended the election of John Moote abbat of St. Albans.^x Upon Whethamstede's own election to the abbacy in 1420, he presented the priory of Tinmouth with a massive chalice of pure gold.^y

ROBERT DE RHODES is said to have been prior of Tinmouth in the time of Henry VI.^z His death is placed on the 25th of July.^{aa}

JOHN LANGTON occurs prior in 1451, among the persons who voted at the re-election of Whethamstede as abbat of St. Albans.^b He was afterwards suspended for contumacy and disobedience.^c He died Aug. 21, the year unknown.^d

NICHOLAS BOSTON was made prior, according to Newcome, in 1478.^e Brand says he occurs in 1483.^f Newcome names

WILLIAM DURWELL as succeeding him about 1481.^g An entry, however, in a Chartulary of St. Albans among Dr. Rawlinson's manuscripts at Oxford, quoted by Brand, makes it probable that BOSTON was restored.^h

JOHN occurs prior of Tinmouth in 1504.ⁱ This was JOHN BENESTEDE, who, in August, 1505, succeeded to the abbacy of Whitby in Yorkshire, on the death of William Evesham.^j

THOMAS GARDINER occurs abbat in 1528.^k Cole, in one of his manuscripts now in the British Museum, vol. xxvi. fol. 227 b, says, "In an old MS. Visitation of the North by Thomas Tong, Norroy king at arms, in the year 1530, lent to me by the late worthy Dr. Zachary Grey, p. 8, is the following entry relating to this prior. 'These be the armes of My Lorde the Prioure of Tynmouthe, whose name ys Gardener; and the seide prioure is descended of the noble Queene Katheryne wyff to King Henry V. and daughter to Charles king of Fraunce: for the said Queene Katheryne was after maryed to Owen Tudor, by whome he hadde yssue Edmonde erle of Riche-monde and Jasper duke of Bedforde; which Jaspas begott a bastarde daughter called Ellyn marryed to William Gardener, who was father to my lorde the priour. Be yt noted, that Malcolyn kinge of Scotlande was slayne at Anwicke by Roberte Mowbraye erle of Northumberlande and founder of Tynmouthe: and the saide Malcolyn lyeth buried in the sayde monasterye of Tynmouthe in the chapter house. Be yt noted, that the sayde pryoure of Tynmouthe hathe geven unto mee Norroye kinge att armes of the northe partes thys pedigree and armes of his owne reporte, whyche he doth seye att all tymes he shal be redy to veryfye, and prove before the kinge and his concill

nem ordinis et morum, et ne defectus ibi fuerit in necessariis temporalibus vel spiritualibus. Paternoque more bonique pastoria, gregem sibi visitabit deputatum. Sed quia secus fit frequenter, et ut non pascant sed pascantur, ibidem abbates adveniunt et ultra modum morantur: permittit nos Dominus a nostris similiter opprimi, justo judicio superioribus." Hist. Major, edit. 1684, p. 1051.

^a "Loco vero Radulphi Gubum, Prioris de Thynemus, appositus est Germanus, de ipsis partibus borealibus oriundus." Ibid. p. 1053.

^b The circumstances attending Germanus's election to the abbacy of Selby are thus related in another part of Matthew Paris's History:

"Dum autem talia feliciter consummarentur, et apud Deum et homines ecclesia hæc [sc. S. Albani] gratiosè prosperaretur, bonæ recordationis dominus Germanus monachus hujus ecclesie, et Prior de Thinemue, electus et creatus est in abbatem de Seleby, ad reformationem ordinis qui ibidem deperierat (Elya abbate cedente) per archiepiscopum Eboracensem Henricum Mordac, in cujus diocesi dicta ecclesia de Seleby esse dignoscitur. Præfuerat enim idem Elyas abbas dictæ ecclesie suæ, pastor nescius et remissus, sed archiepiscopo defuncto Henrico, memoratus Elyas, expulso Germano irreverenter se intravit in abbatiam de Seleby; se faciens abbatem exclamari. Germanus vero ad domum suam, scilicet sancti Albani rediens, honorifice ab abbate Roberto et toto conventu (ut decuit) susceptus est. Misit igitur abbas Robertus, unum monachum de nostris, Romam festinanter, super tali injuria querimoniam domino papæ repositurum. Qui audita tali presumptione, commotus est valde; talem tantamque abusionem terribiliter compescuit et punivit: similiter et Osbertum, archidiaconum, hujus rei incentorem: et sic honorifice restitutus est Germanus in domum suam de Seleby, Elya cum confusione repulso." Mat. Par. edit. 1684, p. 1018.

^c See Brand, vol. ii. p. 82, from the Tinmouth Chartulary, fol. 210.

^d Brand, Hist. Newc. vol. ii. p. 85, Note 7.

^e Ibid. p. 83. Whether William de Bedeford retained his priorate at Tinmouth after 1224 seems problematical, as, according to the *Annales Ecclesie Wigorn.* Angl. Sacra, tom. i. p. 486, he was preferred in that year to the Priorate of Worcester. "In crastino S. Edmundi præ-

fecit nobis Episcopus in priorem secundum formam provisionis venerabilum virum M. Willielmum de Bedeforde Priorem de Tinemuthe."

^f Brand, ut supr.

^g MS. Peck, Donat. Mus. Brit. 4396, p. 190.

^h Brand, ut supr. p. 85, Note 7. ⁱ Ibid.

^j Ibid. p. 86, Note b. ^k Ibid. p. 86.

^l Newcome, Hist. St. Albans, p. 196.

^m See Brand, p. 87, from the Tinmouth Chartulary, fol. 168 b.

ⁿ Brand, p. 90, Note a. ^o Ibid. p. 93.

^p "Ricardus de Tewyng, prior cellæ nostræ de Tynemuthe suis laboribus et industria adquisivit annum redditum xx^l. s. ad species conventus sancti Albani. Hic vir tanto regimini per omnia optimus rexit dictam cellam nobiliter in magna temporis districtione, quando nec colonus arare, nec seminator serere per quatuor annos jugiter metu hostium fuit ausus. Sed iste nichilominus et locum custodivit, et non solum monachos industria sua honeste exhibuit, verum sed octoginta armatos ad loci tutelam per dictum tempus non sine magnis expensis detinuit intra locum." MS. Cotton Nero D. vii. fol. 51 b.

^q Willis, Mit. Ab.

^r See the present Work, vol. ii. p. 197. ^s Brand, ut supr.

^t Hist. St. Albans, p. 246. ^u Ibid. p. 276.

^v Brand, ut supr. vol. ii. p. 101.

^w Ibid. p. 101, from Grey's Chorographia, p. 10.

^x MS. Peck, Donat. Mus. Brit. 4396, p. 190.

^y Newcome, ut supr. p. 345.

^z Compare Walt. Hemingf. edit. Hearne, vol. i. App. p. 165. Brand, ut supr. p. 102.

^{aa} MS. Peck, ut supr.

^{bb} Hist. St. Albans, p. 390.

^{cc} Brand, ut supr. p. 103.

^{dd} Newcome, p. 396.

^{ee} "Perpetuitas concessa Nicholao Boston, priori de Tynemuth mensis Novembris die decimo nono anno Domini millesimo cccc.lxxxij^o." Brand, p. 103, Note 7.

^{ff} Brand, p. 103, from Ridpath's Border History, p. 478, Note.

^{gg} See the Harl. MS. 6972, fol. 43, e Reg. Archiep. Ebor.

^{hh} Brand, p. 104.

that his pedigree and armes ys true also.^a The arms of Thomas Gardiner tricked in the MS. are *Sable* a chevron between three bugle-horns *Ar.* strung *Or.* impaling the arms of Eleanor his mother, viz. Quarterly, France, and England, debruised with a bend sinister *Or.* and all within a bordure *Az.* semeé with martlets *Or.*

Gardiner continued prior of Tynmouth till very near the time of the dissolution of the house. His name occurs among the "Comperata" communicated by certain of the visitors to Lord Cromwell previous to the Suppression.^b

ROBERT BLAKENEY was the last Prior. He occurs in 1539, in an Instrument in Madox's *Formulare Anglicanum*, p. 367, by which the house, in distress for want of money, borrowed a hundred marks of Sir Thomas Clifford, Knight:^c in which year, also, on January 12th, with fifteen monks and three novices, he surrendered his priory to the king.^d In the List of Pensions remaining in the Augmentation Office the pension which was allowed to the abbat on this occasion is first put down at 86*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and afterwards apparently corrected to 80*l.* The novices had forty shillings a year each.^e

HENRY occurs among the names of the priors of Tynmouth in the Belvoir Obituary, but without any date of year.^f

According to Dugdale, the separate yearly revenue of this priory, subordinate to St. Albans, in the 26th of Hen. VIII. amounted to 397*l.* 10*s.* 5½*d.* Speed says, to 511*l.* 4*s.* 1½*d.* The former appears to have been the clear value.

^a See also MS. Harl. Brit. Mus. num. 1499, fol. 49. Sandford, in his *Genealogical History*, edit. 1707, calls Stephen Gardiner bishop of Winchester, by mistake, lord prior of Tynmouth: confusing him with this Thomas Gardiner.

"TYNEMOUTH.		
Sodom.	Robertus Halle,	} per voluntar. pollut.
	Robertus Gathed,	
	Stephanus Hexham,	
	Willielmus Facett,	
	Georgius Gaspur,	
	Thomas Hayton,	
	Willielmus Heresden,	
	Thomas Gardenor, prior.	

Superstitio. Hic habent feretrum sive monumentum sancti Oswini regis et martyris in veneratione, et calicem sancti Cuthberti, digitum sancti Bartolomei, ac zonam beatæ Margaretæ, parturientibus, ut putatur salutiferam.

Fundator dux Norfolchiæ.

Redditus annuus v*l.* ix*l.*" MS. Cotton. Cleop. E. iv. fol. 156 b.

^c Brand, p. 106.

^d See Num. XXVIII.

^e See Num. XXIX. In "a breve certificate made upon the dissolutions of diuerse monasteres and priores ther surrendrid in the months of Decembre, Januar, and Februar, in the xxxth yere of the regne of oure sou'ane lord King Henri theght," for the counties of York and Northumberland and the bishoprick of Durham, preserved in the Harleian manuscript num. 604, fol. 92 b, we have the following return of Tynmouth monastery; in which it is observable that the abbat's pension is rated at fifty pounds only.

"Name of the howse, with the keper of it"	Tynmouth priorat.
Clere valew of the possessions over and above the annuall reprisez	Richard Bellesez.
The nombre of the prior and brethren, with their pensions	Dxxxvij <i>l.</i> x <i>l.</i> xj <i>l.</i> ob.
The clere money remanyng of the yerely possessions	Prior ^{li} .
The stok, store, and domesticall stuff sold, w th . detts receyvyd	xvij <i>l.</i> confr. iij <i>l.</i> x <i>l.</i> vij <i>l.</i> xij <i>l.</i> iij <i>l.</i> d.
Rewards, with porcions payd unto the prior	ccc. iij <i>l.</i> x <i>l.</i> ix <i>l.</i> ij <i>l.</i> vij <i>l.</i> d. ob.
The remaner of the price of goods and catalls sold	c. iij <i>l.</i> x <i>l.</i> v <i>l.</i> xij <i>l.</i> iij <i>l.</i> d.
Leade and bells remanyng	Confr. ov' liij <i>l.</i> vj <i>l.</i> vij <i>l.</i> d. iij <i>l.</i> x <i>l.</i> xvij <i>l.</i> x <i>l.</i>
Woods and underwoods	Servien. xij <i>l.</i> vij <i>l.</i>
Playt and jewells	lxxvij <i>l.</i> ij <i>l.</i> vij <i>l.</i> d.
	Lead, reservat.
	Bells, vj <i>l.</i>
	xl. acr.
	Aur. lxij <i>l.</i> unc.
	Argent. m <i>l.</i> cccxvii <i>l.</i> unc. et dim.
	Beads, ryngs, et girdells per

According to Mr. Sharpe's Roll, the following were the payments to persons connected with this monastery still remaining in charge in the 2d and 3d of Philip and Mary:

"TYNEMOUTH. Annuit. Johannis Marshall et Philippæ uxoris ejus per annum x*l.* Roberti Shepperde per annum xxvj*l.* vij*l.* d. Per-

On March 9th, 30 Hen. VIII. the king demised to Sir Thomas Hilton, Knight, the site of the late monastery of Tynmouth, with all the houses, edifices, barns, stables, &c. for twenty-one years, at the annual rent of 163*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.* The site, however, with the demesne lands and their appurtenances, were granted in fee, in the 5th of Edward VI., to John Dudley, earl of Warwick, afterwards duke of Northumberland.^h

The possessions of the monks of Tynmouth are thus enumerated by Mr. Brand. They had twenty-seven villis, or manors, in the county of Northumberland, with their royalties; viz. Tynmouth, Milnton, Shields, East Chirton, East Preston, Monkton, Whitley, Murton, Ersden, Backworth, Seghill, Wolsington, Dissington,ⁱ Elswick, Wylam, Hertford, Cowpon, Bebside, Welden, Hauxley,^j Ambell, Eglingham, Bewick, Lilburn,^k Flatworth, Middle Chirton, and West Chirton. They had a manor-house in the village of Benwell.^l They returned the king's writs^m within these respective lordships, and were exempt from cornage. They had the lands of Royeley and Denum. They had the tithes of Corbridge, Ovington, Wylam, Newburn Dissington, Callerton, Elswick, Bothall, Warkworth, Ambell, Rothbury, and Wooler, in Northumberland; with those of Hertnes and Middleton upon Tees, in the bishoprick of Durham. They had also the impropriations and advowsons of Tynmouth, Woodhorn, Whalton, Bolam, Bewick, Eglingham,ⁿ Hartburn,^o Shilbottle, and Halteswell, in Northumberland, with the impropriation and advowson of Conscliff, in the bishoprick of Durham. Several me-

civalli Creswell per annum xl*l.* Fulconis Aconde per annum xxxij*l.* iij*l.* d. Simonis More per annum xl*l.* Roberti Richardesonne per annum xij*l.* iij*l.* d. Jacobi Tindringer et Johannis Elmeden per annum xxxij*l.* Johannis Storie per annum xij*l.* iij*l.* d. Willielmi Rosse per annum xxvj*l.* vij*l.* d. Beatrix Herbert vid. per annum liij*l.* iij*l.* d. Anthonii Mitfurthe per annum c*l.* Thomæ Hiltonne per annum xl*l.* Thomæ Wallis per annum liij*l.* iij*l.* d. Johannis Beduell per annum xl*l.* Roberti Warrington per annum xl*l.* Penc. Thomæ Castel per annum vj*l.* xij*l.* iij*l.* d. Roberti Butlande per annum vj*l.* Roberti Forman per annum cvj*l.* vij*l.* d. Willielmi Carlil per annum c*l.* Stephani Hexham per annum c*l.* Clementis Westmynster per annum c*l.* Anthonii Gardynere per annum c*l.* Roberti London alias Leighton per annum c*l.* Willielmi Fawcett per annum cvj*l.* vij*l.* d. Thomæ Durham per annum xl*l.* Georgii Faithes per annum xl*l.* Roberti Charytie per annum xl*l.*"

^h MS. Peck, ut supr. p. 190.

ⁱ Brand, ut supr. p. 109.

^j Tann. Notit. Mon. Brand, ut supr. p. 112, note (*), says, "A. D. 1557, Queen Mary, in the 5th year of her reign, Aug. 16th, for a fine of 100 marks let to Thomas earl of Northumberland the house and scite of the late monastery of Tynmouth for twenty-one years from the feast of the Annunciation, A. D. 1560, at the annual rent of 53*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*" Harleian MS. num. 240, *Rentale Reginæ Mariæ*, p. 63 b. "Northumbr.—Regina 16 Augusti, anno quinto, pro fine centum marc. ad firmam dimisit Thomæ comiti Northumbr. domum et scitum nuper Monaster. de Tynmouth cum pertinen. pro xxi. ann. a festo Annunc. beatæ Mariæ Virginis, quod erit in anno Domini 1560, pro annuo reddito 53*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*" rot. 77. This might have been previous to the grant in fee.

^k "Willielmus Delavale dedit huic ecclesiæ villam quæ Ducentima appellatur in regione Northanhumborum." Supplement. *Historiæ Aureæ J. de Tynmouth*, remaining in the college library of Benet College, Cambridge.

^l In the ministers' or bailiffs' accounts in the county of Northumberland from Michaelmas, 30 Hen. VIII. to the same term in the 31st of that king, remaining in the Augmentation Office, the following occurs in the account of Auxley villa:—"Et de xxvj*l.* vij*l.* d. de pretio lxxx. piscium sals. provenien. de custum. pro quatuor cobullis piscant. ibidem ex antiquo usu."

^m "Matildis regina dedit nobis Bewyk et Lilleburne."

ⁿ "Et de xxij*l.* iij*l.* d. de firma manerii [de Benwell] cum turre et aliis edificiis eidem annexis, necnon gardini eidem pertinen. cum uno clauso vocato South-Close continente iij. acras prati, et uno clauso vocato North-Close continente iij. acras prati, quæ omnia et singula nuper fuerunt in manibus et occupatione dicti Prioris ibidem solvend. ad term. S. Martini et Pent. æqualite." Robert Blakeney, the prior, Mr. Brand says, seems to have retired to the manor-house of Benwell after the Dissolution.

^o In Fitzherbert's *Natura Brevium*, p. 514, is preserved a copy of an ancient Roll in the Exchequer, of what abbeys or priories the king ought to have a corrody and pension, either or both; by which it appears that in the abbey of Tynmouth was one pension.

^p "Ricardus de Marisco, Dunelmensis episcopus, compatiens debilitatem potus conventualis contulit intuitu pietatis ad nostræ cerevisiæ meliorationem ecclesiam de Eglingham, ob quam rem meruit memoriam sempiternam." MS. in Benet College library, ut supr.

^q "Walterus Dunelmensis episcopus ad incrementum hospitalitatis hujus domus contulit nobis ecclesiam de Hertburne." Ibid. In the ministers' or bailiffs' accounts above mentioned, under the head of "Pensiones et porciones Tynmouth," occur xij*l.* iij*l.* d. paid annually from the rectory of Hartborne by the possessors of the late monastery

suages in Newcastle upon Tyne^a were also their property.^b They had a weekly market at their town of Bewick, and an annual fair at Tinmouth; also a harbour called the Prior's harbour.^c

In an ancient manuscript account of Castles and Towers in Northumberland, preserved in the Cotton library, MS. Julius F. x. fol. 155, Tinmouth castle, the tower of Whitley near it, and that of Coquet-island, are said to belong to the prior of this House. "Castrum de Tynmouth, Prioris de Tynmouth; turre de Whitle juxta Tinmouth, Prioris de Tinmouth; Coketelande, Prioris de Tynemouthe." Newcome, in his Hist. St. Albans, p. 244, speaking of the invasion of England by the Scots in 1346, while the English were fighting at Cressy, says, from another MS. in the Cotton library, that Ralph Neville, then keeper of the Marches, intended to send all the Scots prisoners to Tinmouth, under pretence of confining them there in the Castle, but in reality to eat up the prior and live upon the church; but Thomas de la Mare, then abbat of St. Albans, hastened away to the king, who had just arrived at Langley, and petitioned him that he would protect the cell and church of Tinmouth, and suffer no one, *not even the Prior*, to lodge prisoners in the castle.

It was, in all probability, partly owing to the security afforded by this Castle, and partly to the general remoteness of the situation, that Tinmouth Priory was frequently used as a *prison-cell*, to which the abbats of St. Albans were accustomed to send their refractory monks. William Pigun was confined here for clandestinely affixing the abbey seal to a forged grant in the time of abbat John de Cella;^d and Reimond, the prior of St. Albans, was banished here, after having been spoiled of his books, and stripped of every thing, in the time of abbat William de Trumpington, A.D. 1214.^e

Of the muniments formerly belonging to the priory of Tinmouth, the CHARTULARY in the possession of the Duke of Northumberland has been frequently quoted in the preceding account.^f No other Register of this monastery is at present known.

Bishop Tanner has the following references to public records, chiefly in addition to those which have been already quoted.

"Cart. Antiq. G. 21.

"Cart. 5 Joh. m. 12, n. 99.

"Plac. de banco, 10 Hen. III. Hill. rot. 18, pro maner. de Cherinton. Cart. 53 Hen. III. m. 2, pro mercat. apud Bewyke. Cart. 55 Hen. III. m. 4 et 7, de libertatibus.

"Pat. 21 Edw. I. m. . Plac. in com. Northumb. 21 Edw. I. assis. rot. 2, dorso, rot. 8, 9, dorso; rot. 21, 22, et 24, dorso; et 26, 27, de maner. de West Cherton. Cart. 27 Edw. I. n. 31. Cart. 32 Edw. I. n. 14, pro feria apud Timmouth. Pat. 35 Edw. I. m. .

"Pat. 6 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 10, dorso, pro return. brev. Cart. 9 Edw. II. n. 39. Pat. 19 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 35, pro mess. et terris in Bokeworth, Moreton, Whitby, et Milneton; et p. 2, m. 4, pro mess. in Novo Castro.

"Cart. 2 Edw. III. n. 75. Claus. 2 Edw. III. m. 35. Pat. 2 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 35, pro ten. in Woodham et Seton: Pat. 9 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 7 vel 8. Pat. 13 Edw. III. p. I, m. . Pat. 19 Edw. III. p. 3, m. 4 vel 5. Pat.

of Newminster; iiijth. xiiijth. iiijth. from the vicarage of Hartbourne; iiijth. xiiijth. iiijth. from the vicarage of Woodhorne; xiiijth. iiijth. annual pension from the rectory of Whalton, and xiiijth. iiijth. a certain portion of tithes from the parish of Wooler. Under the head of "pensiones cum cenodal." occur xiiijth. iiijth. annually paid from the rectory of Haultwyssell to the bishop of Durham; also vjth. viijth. ibid. to the prior of Durham: lastly, forty marks per annum to the vicar of Tinmouth.

^a The following account of their property in Newcastle upon Tyne occurs ibid. "Novum Castrum super Tynam. Computus Anthon. Herioton ballivi et collectoris reddit. ibidem pertempus prædictum—sed respondet de iijth. de reddit. et firmis octo burgag. in tenura viij. tenentium &c. in le Kayesye—et de vjth. de firma 1 burgag. in Hallowebanke &c.—et de xth. de firma iij. burgagiorum in Pilgramestrete—et de iijth. viijth. de firma unius burgagii in vico vocato le Sydegate in tenura Thomæ Langton capellani—et de viijth. de firma 1 tenemen. in vico voc. le Gallogate—et de xiiijth. viijth. de firma iij. burgag. in vico voc. Westgate—et de xvijth. iiijth. de firma iij. burgag. in vico voc. le Middelstrete—et de xxth. de firma ij. burgag. in vico voc. Cloithe-Market, &c. Summa, ixth. xth. viijth."

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22 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 28 vel 29. Pat. 28 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 2, pro ten. in West Morton, East Bakworth, West Bakworth, Preston, &c. Pat. 34 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 18, pro ten. in Wolsington, Morton, et Middle Cherton.

"Pat. 3 Ric. II. p. 2, m. 13 vel 14. Pat. 4 Ric. II. p. 2, m. 3, pro ten. in Seton Monachorum, Est Chirton, Eglingham, Denton, &c. Pat. 5 Ric. II. p. 2, m. 1 vel 2. Pat. 8 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 2, pro eccl. de Hautwyssell in Tyn-dale approprianda. Pat. 15 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 7, pro mess. in Novo Castro. Ibid. m. 12, pro aliis messuagiis ibidem. Ibid. p. 2, m. 6 vel 7. Pat. 16 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 6, pro ten. in Elstwick, Newbigging, Wodrington, Cuppon, &c.

"Cart. 2 Hen. IV. p. 1, n. 4. Pat. 6 Hen. IV. p. 1, m. 35, pro maner. de Whitley.

"Pat. 3 Edw. IV. p. 3, m. 12.

"Rec. in Scacc. 11 Hen. VIII. Pasch. rot. 24."

The ARMS of this priory, given in the initial Letter of the present Account of Tinmouth, were *Gu.* three crowns, or coronets, *Or.* This coat is still remaining, in stained glass, in a window of St. Nicholas's church at Newcastle.^g

Of the COMMOM SEAL of this priory an oval impression in green wax, nearly perfect, is still appendant to the Surrender in the Augmentation Office; the deficiencies of which may be in some degree supplied by a fragment of the same seal appendant to another instrument. The area represents the Virgin Mary and child and St. Oswin, within two pointed niches of Gothic workmanship. In the upper part, between the canopies of the niches, is a head of a larger size, unknown. The inscription, SIGILL NE . PRIORATVS . SCE E . ET . BI . OSWINI . D HA .

The deficiency in the legend, which may be thus supplied by the fragment above mentioned, is in the latter part of the inscription, which runs thus, . . . EMVTHA. The instrument to which this fragment is appended is a conventual lease, dated 27 Hen. VIII.

Brand says, in a deed in the same repository, dated January 28th, 1490, a writing of a still older date is described as having been sealed with a double Seal: "unum scriptum sigillatum per Priorem et Conventum de Tynem-mouth sigillo Capituli sui, videlicet, in cera viridi cum ymagine SANCTI OSWYNI et in dorso ejusdem cum ymagine SANCTÆ MARIE VIRGINIS."^h

By the attainder of the Duke of Northumberland in the reign of Queen Mary, Tinmouth, with its adjacent possessions, reverted to the crown, in which it remained ungranted till the 10th of Queen Elizabeth.ⁱ The manor of Tinmouth, at this time, belongs to the Duke of Northumberland: but the site of the monastery is said to belong to the crown. Colonel Henry Villars, who was governor of Tinmouth castle during the whole of King William's and a part of Queen Anne's reign, had a lease of the site, upon a part of which he obtained permission to erect a light-house, barracks, a residence for himself, and other edifices; receiving, as a remuneration for the expense of supporting the light-house, one shilling for every English and sixpence for every foreign vessel anchoring in the harbour of Shields. These several buildings were constructed much to the injury of the priory remains. Colonel Villars also stripped the church of the lead with which, till then, it had been covered.

^b Compare Brand, ut supr. pp. 111, 112.

^c Hutchinson says, the Prior's harbour is now the public bathing place. Hist. of Northumberl. vol. ii. p. 353.

^d See the present Work, vol. ii. p. 189.

^e Ibid. p. 190. Newcome, Hist. St. Albans, p. 106.

^f Some short Excerpts from this Chartulary are preserved in the Cottonian manuscript Vitell. E. v. art. 9, "de baroniis et feodis."

^g See Brand, vol. i. p. 260.

^h Ibid. vol. ii. p. 107.

ⁱ "Domina regina fuit seisita de et in castro et manerio de Tynem-mouth nuper monaster. Sheles, East-Chirton, Preston, Monkseton, Whitley, Murton, Eresdon, Backworth, Wolsington, South-Dissington, Elswick, Benwell, Denton, Wylam, Hertford, Cowpon, Hauxley, Ambell, Eglingham, Bewick, Lilburn, Flatworth, Middle-Chirton, West-Chirton, Billimill, Whittingham, et Framlington." Escaet. de anno 10 Eliz.

Wallis's Hist. of Northumb. vol. ii. p. 263.

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The situation of this priory must have rendered it, when in a perfect state, extremely conspicuous at sea. Its remains stand upon a high rocky point, on the north side of the entrance into the river Tyne, about a mile and a half below North Shields. The buildings are of a reddish stone, the work of different periods; many of the arches being circular, and some pointed. Grose describes an oratory or chapel, which, in his time, remained remarkably perfect, at the east end of the ruins of the church. This has been since converted into a magazine for military stores; the windows walled up; and the ornamental parts considerably mutilated. The military arrangements here at the time of the threatened invasion from France, during the last war, contributed greatly to the downfall of what, at that time, remained.*

What this priory must have been in its best days may be in some degree gathered from a "Platte" or Plan of the peninsula on which it stands, made in the time of Queen Elizabeth, "after 160 fote to one inche," still preserved in the Cottonian manuscript Augustus I. vol. ii. art. 6. From this we learn, that, entering from Tinmouth town, over a wide moat and "draw-brydge," stood "the Ward House;" with what was called "the Vtter Forte" to the right; a neck of land projecting from which, and rounding off parallel with that part of the peninsula on which the abbey itself stood, formed "the Priour's Haven." A little to the left of the draw-bridge already mentioned was "the Gate House," in the way from which to "the Great Court," right and left, were the "Kylne" and "Constable Lodgyng," the "Backhouse," and "Mylne." To the left, near the brink of the cliff, was the "Gonners Lodge" and "the Pultre Yard:" then "the North Walk," with two barns, a barn-yard, a "garner," three sets of stables, and a cow-house. In the centre of the area which formed the complete site

was the "Abbey kyrke," to the east of which was "the Gardyn place." The west end of the abbey church, somewhat narrower than the main building, as being apparently without ailes, is marked as the "parysh kirk." North of this, apparently fronting to the Great Court already named, was the "Priors Lodgyng." The "Chapter House" and "Dortor," or dormitory, (continuing from which was the edifice named "Lords Lodgyng") adjoining the south side of the choir of the abbey church, forming the east side of the cloister; part of the parish church formed the north, the "Common Aule" the west, and the "Newe Aule" the south sides. South of the common hall were the "Boterye Aule and Ketchyn:" and then "the South Courte," occupying the remaining space to the cliffs which overlooked the Prior's haven. North of the buttery hall and kitchen was "the Ender Cowrt," with the "New Lodgyng" and "Bru house." The whole precinct of the abbey was surrounded by a strong wall; that part of the site toward Tinmouth, being unprotected by the sea, appears to have been rendered doubly strong by a wall and ditch. Adjoining the ditch to the south-west of the town of Tinmouth were the "olde Fish Pownds, now an olde dyke."

Another "Platte" or Plan of Tinmouth, a kind of bird's-eye view including the Castle, occurs in the same volume of the Cottonian manuscripts, art. 7, but without any explanation of the different parts of the building.

COQUET, or COQUEDA, in Coquet island, was a CELL to Tinmouth monastery. At what time it was made so does not appear. The island itself was famous for monks even in St. Cuthbert's time, as early as the year 684.^b The Cell to Tinmouth, of which some small ruins still remain, was granted as parcel of that priory, in the 5th of Edward the Sixth, to John earl of Warwick.^c

Cartae ad Tinumetense Coenobium in agro Northumbrensi spectantes: Cellam de S. Albano.

NUM. I.

Ex Libro cujusdam Monachi Sancti Albani de Vita Sancti Oswini.

[Lel. Collect. tom. iii. pp. 177, 178.]

OSRICUS rex Deirorum pater Oswini.

Oswinus propinquus Edwini clarissimi regis Northumbrorum.

Mortuo Edwino rege Northanhumborum successerunt

ei duo reges, quorum unus, filius patris sui Elfrici, erat Osricus nomine.

Alter filius Ethelfridi, qui ante Edwinum regnaverat, dictus Enfridus. Hii Northanhumb. gentem secundum quod antiquitus erat, in duas provincias dividentes, Osricus Oswini pater regis Deirorum, et Enfridus Berniciorum sibi gubernacula quasi successionis jure vendicarunt.

Oswinus adolescens, interfecto à Ceadwallo rege Osrico, exulavit per decem annos apud occiduos Saxones, Cedwalla tyrannice uno anno Northumb. reg. gubernavit.

* Compare Grose's Antiquities. Hutchinson's Hist. Northumb. vol. ii. pp. 341-343. Beauties of Engl. and Wales, vol. xii. Part i. pp. 86, 87.

^b "Alio tempore misit eadem reverendissima virgo et mater virginum Christi Aelfled, rogavitque virum Dei adjurans in nomine Domini, ut eum videre et de necessariis mereretur adloqui. Qui ascensa cum fratribus navi, venit ad insulam quæ Coquedi fluminis ostio præjacens, ab eodem accepit cognomen, et ipsa MONACHORUM cælibus insignis." Vita S. Cuthberti episc. Lindisfarn. cap. xxiv. edit. Smith, p. 247. See also Lel. Collect. vol. iii. p. 43.

^c Compare also Tanner.

Brand, vol. ii. p. 111, says, the following notices concerning Cokett Island occur in the Ministers' or Bailiffs' Accounts of the 30th and 31st Hen. VIII. already quoted:

"Insula de Cokett, &c. Computus Thomæ Bennett capellani et collectoris reddit. et firmar. ibidem per tempus prædictum. Sed re-

spondet de xx^s. de firma ejusdem insule voc. Cokett Island, scituat infra mare ex opposit. castrum domini regis de Warkworthe, cont. in se quatuor acras pasture una cum edificiis et una capella infra eandem insulam. Necnon cum tenemento, uno orreo, et iij. selion. terrarum arabilium jacen. in villa et campis de Axeley eidem insule pertinen. sic dimiss. Thomæ Bennett capellano. Ita quod dictus tenens reparabit omnia edificia prædicta sumptibus suis propriis et expensis. Necnon ibidem inhabitabit ac divina ibidem de die in diem celebrabit ad laudem Dei omnipotentis, recipient. tantummodo pensionem sive annuatim eidem per dominum regem per literas patentes durante vita ejusdem capellani concess. prout in eisdem literis patentibus plenius continetur. Solvend. ad terminum Sancti Martini et Pent. per æquales portiones, et de x^{li}. de quodam annuali redditu recept. de hæred. domini Percy comitis Northumbrie exeunt. de castro de Warkworthe ad sustentationem unius capellani Insule prædictæ ex antiqua concessione solvend. per manus receptoris terr. quæ fuere dicti nuper Comitis, nunc autem in manibus domini regis, videlicet pro uno anno."

Oswaldus Enfridi frater, ex Accha sorore regis jam dicti Edwini progenitus, devicto Ceadwallæ exercitu apud Denisburnam non solum fratris Enfridi successor fuit in regno Berniciorum, sed, quasi Edwino avunculo suo ab intestato succedens, per ix. annos, utramque in unam Northanhumb. redigens, summa cum æquitate rexit.

Interfecto Oswaldo à Penda rege apud Maserfelde, successit ei frater ejus nothus Oswi juvenis, xxx. agens annum, regnumque per annos xxvii. laboriosissimè rexit.

Oswinus, teste Beda, aspectu venustus, statura sublimis, affatu jucundus, moribus civilis, et manu largus.

Oswinus regno Deirorum vij. annis max. rerum omnium affluentia præfuit. Aidanus pont. Lindisfarn. familiarissimus Oswino. Divisio reg. Northumbr. causa odii inter Oswi et Oswinum.

Sanctus Aidanus episcopus studebat conciliare animos Oswi et Oswini.

Exactis in regno vij. annis quietis, duos postremos inquietos habuit. Nam Oswi omnibus modis agebat, ut, extincto Oswino, solus in Northanhumb. regnaret.

Oswinus cum exercitu occurrit Oswio in Wilfaresdune: sed postea volens declinare effusionem sanguinis, noctu solo comitatus Tondhere Tilsii filio in Gethlingum secessit ad domum Stuwaldi ducis, cui prædictum vicum et multa alia prædia donaverat, atque ob hoc fidum sibi autmaverat.

Hunwaldus Oswinum prodidit Oswio.

Oswius clam noctu Ethelwinum, domus suæ procuratorem, ad Hunwaldi domum cum armata manu misit: qui eo veniens Oswinum interfecit.

Tilsius, Tondheri pater, Oswinum impotem juvenem in domo sua nutrit et docuit.

Oswinus, à latere perfossus lancea, obiit anno regni ejus nono, xiiij. kal. Septemb. in loco qui dicitur Gethlingum, anno Domini dcli.

Tondhere Tilsii filius, obtulit se pro Oswino percutiendum, et postea cum rege suo occisus est.

Sic Lilla, regis Edwini miles, sicarii dolum prævidens, sese mucroni fideliter opposuit, dominum suum liberans viriliter occubuit.

Regina Eanfleda, propinqua Oswini, postulavit à rege Oswi ut donaret ibi locum monaster. construendo.

Quo concesso, constructum est in Gethlingo monasterium cui præfuit Trumhere jure abbatis, vir natione Anglus, sed ordinatus et edoctus à Scottis, qui et propinquus erat regis occisi. Qui vero postea sub rege Wulphero rege in provinciis Merc. Lindisfaranorum, et Mediterraneorum Anglorum episcopus effectus est.

Corpus Oswini ab eis qui truncaverant delatum est ad ostium Tinæ fluvii, ibique in oratorio sanctæ Mariæ sepulture traditum.

In quo loco virorum illustrium magna multitudo congregata erat, qui, sub ordine regulari, divino cultui serviebant: qui quidem in tantam excreverat honoris eminentiam, ut si quis per infra-jacentem provinciam in fata concessisset, ad eundem locum, pro reverentia et honore religiosæ gentis tumultandus deferetur.

Hinguar et Hubba hoc monasterium destruxerunt. Monachi metu persecutionis fugerunt ad quandam ecclesiam in fundo suo quam sanctus Cuthebertus dedicaverat. Quo comperto, Dani ipsam ecclesiam et omnes qui in ea erant igni succederunt, et omne loci nobilis ædificium in campi planitiem redegerunt.

Sanctus Aidanus episcopus non plusquam duodecim dies post occisionem regis Oswini, quem amabat, superfuit, id est prid. cal. Septemb. de seculo sublatus.

NUM. II.

Ex Libello de Translatione Sancti Oswini.

[Ibid. pp. 179, 180, 181.]

Ostium Tinæ flu. locus ab incolis regionis ob eminentis rupis securitatem ab hostibus celebrius frequentatus.

Jacuit penè neglectum corpus Oswini regis, usque ad tempora Tostii comitis et Egelwini episcopi.

Erat autem Tostius, ducis Cantiae Godwini filius, comes Northanhumb. Sywardo comiti succedens, non testamenti beneficio sed sancti Edwardi regis dono.

Oswinus martyr apparuit in somnis Eadmundo ædituo veteris ecclesiæ S. Mariæ de Tinemuth.

Juditha uxor Tostii comitis persuasit Egelwino ut quæreretur Oswini corpus.

Inventio corporis S. Oswini martyris, anno ab ejus passione ccccxiij. anno Domini mxxv. quinto idus Martii.

Anno eodem quo corpus S. Oswini translatum est, Thostius comes, Angliæ regnum expulsus, apud Baldvinum Flandrensem comitem cujus filiam sibi matrimonio copulaverat exulavit. Et sequenti anno Haroldi regis Ang. et fratris sui gladio, cum Norreganorum rege Haroldo, in loco qui tunc Standfordbrig, nunc verò Pons Belli dicitur, occisus est.

Thostio comite proscripto, hæreditas ejus ad fiscum devoluta est.

Gulielmus rex dedit comitatum Northumbr. Rodberto de Mulbray, viro stemmatum longa serie generoso, statura quidem procero, et militaris probitatis elegantia glorioso.

Rodbertus Mulbray cepit Oswinum excolere, et eccl. in qua ejus corpus requiescebat, quia infra ambitum ejus castri de Tinemuth erat fundata, et prædiorum copia donavit, et monachos de S. Albani monasterio assumptos inibi collocavit. Cujus tamen monasterium de Tinemutha, ut dicitur, comes Thostius jecerat à fundamentis.

Corpus Oswini translatum in novum monasterium de Tinemuth, anno Domini m.x. xiiij. kal. Septemb.

Insula Coquedi flu. ostiis præjacens distat xx. pass. mil. à Tinemuth.

Novum Castellum olim Monkecester dicebatur.

Rodbertus tribunus militum Gul. Bastardi regis.

Nigellus de Albaneio unus ducum Gul. regis, cum esset in partibus Northumb.

Nigellus de Wast miles in eodem comitatu, propinquus et charus Nigello Albeneio.

Leowricus puer, regnante Stephano, piscator in monasterio sancti Oswini, in piscandum Scardeburge captus, quo tempore Ranulfus comes Cestrensis summo mane superveniens die quadam, villam ipsam de Scardeburg armata manu confregit et rapinis vastavit, ac inter ceteros captivos Leowricus Maltonam in vinculis ducitur, &c. ut Leowricus opere sancti Oswini liberatus sit à vinculis.

Ruelendus prior de Tinemuth.

Robertus de Gorham abbas sancti Albani.

Faramannus institutor Novi Castelli.

Potentum de Northumbr. potentiss. Odinellus de Umframvilla ad castelli sui resartienda tecta, indebitè exactionibus vicinos suos compellebat, et in ceteros colonos maximè S. martyris Oswini. Ausum autem tanti sceleris fovebat impunitas, hinc, quia Odinellus præpotens erat: hinc quia filiam ejus matrimonio sibi copulaverat, qui magistratus regios in Angl. gerebat, cujus autoritate talia presumebat.

Erat autem in Colebrigia civitate sateltes regius, qui nec Deum timebat nec sanctum martirem Oswinum reverebatur. Hunc jussit Odinellus rusticorum de Wilum possessiones invadere, erant enim coloni sancti martyris Oswini de Tinemuth, et non longe distabant à castello, ut vel sic eos compelleret venire ad ædificationem castelli.

Gervasius abbas Westmonaster. Stephani regis Angliæ filius.

Sleveleia villa.

Boldune villa.

Villa de Edenesburc.

[Ibid. p. 428, ex libro incerti auctoris de episcopis Lindisfar. et Dunelmensibus.]

GULIELMUS abbas S. Vincentii a Gul. Magno Dunelm. episcopus designatus. Hic monachos Girwicensis et Weremutenses Dunelmum transtulit expulsis canonicis.

Comites Northumbr. donaverunt monachos Girwicen. ecclesiam S. Oswini de Tinemuth: unde reliquias S. Oswini in Girvium translata, quæ tamen postea Tinemutham retulerunt.

Albrius comes Northumbr. donationem de Tinemuth confirmavit ecclesiæ S. Cutheberti.

Robertus Mowbray comes Northumbr. abstulit Tinemuth monachis Dunelmensibus, et dedit Paulo abbati et monachis S. Albani.

[Ibid. p. 539.]

WALTHEVUS comes Northumbr. dedit Tinemuth cum

corpore S. Oswini monachis de Girwy. Quo tempore obtulit et Morekarum puerum monachi disciplina erudientum.

Ossa S. Oswini translata a Tinemuth ad Girwi permissione Walthevi comitis.

[Ibid. tom. ii. p. 340, e libro cui titulus Flores Historiarum.]

A. D. dccc. Ecclesiæ de Hertenes et de Tinemuth spoliatae sunt a Danis.

Tinense monasterium sanctimonialium a Danis depre datum.

[Ibid. tom. iii. p. 40.]

[Chronicon autore Monacho Albanensi, sed incerto nomine.]

OSWINUS rex et martyr sepultus Tinemutæ.

Edredus rex Deirorum, ibidem sepultus.

Henricus, heremita Coketensis insulæ, ibidem sepultus.

Edwinus rex Northumbrorum, sacellum erexit Tinemutæ ex ligno, in quo Rosella ejus filia postea velum sacram accepit.

S. Oswaldus monasteriolum de Tinemuthe ex ligneo lapideum fecit.

Monasterium de Tinemuthe bis destructum, semel per Angarum et Hubonem, iterumque per Danos tempore Ethelstani regis.

Dani Tinemutha utebantur pro pugnaculo atque adeo receptaculo cum transfretarent ex Dania et Norwegia in Angliam.

In Coqueda insula cœnobiolum est monachorum Tinemutensium

Locus ubi nunc cœnobiolum Tinemuthense est, antiquitus à Saxonibus dicebatur Penbalcrag. Leland. Penbalcrag rectius, i. e. caput valli in rupe. Nam circa hunc locum finis erat valli Severiani.

NUM. III.

De fundatione Cellæ de Tynmouth.

[Mat. Par. Hist. Major, edit. 1684, p. 13.]

A. D. 1090. CIRCA hos denique dies Robertus de Molbraio Northambrensis comes, divina inspiratione tactus, volens ecclesiam beati Oswini de Tenemutha jamdudum desolatam restaurare, atque ibi Deo et sancto martyri Oswino monachos servituros constituere, consilio amicorum suorum, Paulum ecclesiæ sancti Albani abbatem convenit, petens obnixius et devote ut ex monachis suis aliquos illuc transmittere dignaretur: promittens omnia quæ ad victum et vestitum necessaria sunt se eis affatim suppeditaturum. Petitioni quidem abbas prædictus non defuit: nam quosdam illuc ex sancti Albani monachis mitti procuravit: quos cum Comes præfatus maneriis, ecclesiis, redditibus, piscariis, molendinis, et rebus omnibus locupletasset, et literis suis prædicta omnia ab omni sæculari servitio exempta et penitus libera confirmasset, dedit prædicto abbati Paulo ejusque successoribus, et ecclesiæ beati Albani Anglorum prothomartyris, ecclesiam Tinemuthanam cum omnibus appendicibus suis, pro salute propria et omnium antecessorum suorum, sive successorum, in perpetuum possidendam: ita quidem ut abbates sancti Albani qui pro tempore fuerint cum consilio ejusdem loci conventus liberam habeant dispositionem Priorum et Monachorum, tam in illis constituendis quam removendis, prout viderint expedire. -

[Ibid. in Vit. Abbat. scilicet PAULI xiiij. abbatia.]

—EJUSDEM quoque tempore; Robertus de Mumbray, vir illustris, comes scilicet Northanhimbrorum, de religione ecclesiæ S. Albani certificatus per abbatem Paulum, in ecclesia sanctæ Mariæ de Thynemue (in qua corpus beati Oswini regis et martyris requiescit) monachos ecclesiæ sancti Albani fecit collocari, et ipsam cum omnibus pertinentiis, regis et archiepiscopi Lanfranci benevolentia, Cellam fore sancti Albani constituit.

[Ibid. Additamen. p. 1118.]

SCIENDUM est, quod Robertus de Mumbray miles

strenuissimus Comes Northanhimbrorum antequam moreretur aliquot annis visu privabatur; annosus nempe fuit Deoque devotus, effectus est monachus apud sanctum Albanum; ubi multo tempore sanctissimè vivens, migravit ad Dominum, et sepultus est honorificè in loco non multum remoto a capitulo. Ubi postea Symon abbas sancti Albani capellam construxit sancti Symeonis. Ita videlicet, quod corpus jacet intumulatum in medio capellæ, sed propius altari. Iste Robertus, cum esset vir audacissimus et bellipotens, vicit et interemit Malcolmum regem Scotiæ, quem de licentia regis Henrici Angliæ primi audacter diffudit. Et, propter regiam excellentiam, fecit corpus regis occisi honorificè intumulari in ecclesia de Thynemue; quam idem Comes construxerat. Scotis tamen postea corpus sui regis frontosè postulantibus, concessum est et datum corpus cujusdam hominis plebei de Sethtunc; et ita delusa est Scotorum improbitas. Fundavit autem Comes iste magnificus Prioratum de Thynemue; et ibidem monachos congregavit de domo sancti Albani, tanquam ab electissima domo inter omnia cœnobia Angliæ, ubi etiam se vovit monasticum habitum suscepturum, et sepulturam in loco memorato. Quæ omnia, Deo sibi propitio, feliciter consummavit.

NUM. IV.

De Fundatione Cellæ de Tynmouth; et præcipue de Advocatione Ecclesiæ de Conesclive eidem anneza.

[MS. Cotton. Vitell. A. xx. fol. 76 b.]

TEMPORE regis Willielmi primi post Conquestum Angliæ habuit Robertus de Mubray comitatum Northumbr. In quo tempore idem comitatus fuit membrum regni Scotiæ; et tunc fuit quidam Egelricus episcopus Dunelm. et postea frater ejus Egelwynus factus est ejusdem loci episcopus: et in eodem tempore, Paulo existente Abbate de sancto Albano, data est Cella de Tynem. a dicto Roberto comite ecclesiæ sancti Albani; et in eodem tempore quidam nobilis de Novo Castello qui venit ad Conquestum Angliæ dedit ecclesiam de Cunnesclive ecclesiæ sancti Albani et sancti Oswyni de Tynem. ut dominus et verus patronus, quam tempore dicti regis et postea tempore filii sui Willielmi Rufi quodam Willielmo existente episcopo Dunelm. monachi de sancto Albano habuerunt et pacifice possederunt. Quidam Jacobus dicti G[ospatri] nobilis filius dat et confirmat donum patris sui super collatione dictæ ecclesiæ de Conesclive. Gilbertus filius dicti Jacobi dat et confirmat donum patris sui super eadem collatione; et sic usque in hodiernum diem sunt monachi de sancto Albano et sancti Oswyni de Tynem. in pacifica possessione advocationis dictæ ecclesiæ de Conesclive sine alicujus hucusque reclamacione; ita quod statum suum in hujusmodi nunquam postea mutaverunt. Post magnum tempus postea Henricus rex Angliæ fecit escambium de tribus villis pertinentibus ad manerium suum de Corbrigg pro villa de Conesclive et quibusdam aliis villis, et habuit unam amicam de genere Guydonis de Baylol seu antecessorum suorum quam maritaggio conjunxit cuidam antecessori Willielmi baronis de Greystok, et cum eadem amica sua villam de Conesclive donavit eidem, excepta ecclesia ejusdem villæ quam dare non potuit, eo quod antequam villam habuit de Conesclive, ecclesia monachis sancti Albani sicut dictum est data fuit tempore Roberti prædicti comitis Northumbr. Istis rationibus videtur quod nullum jus super advocationem ecclesiæ de Conesclive ad baronem de Graystok, nos injuste vexantem, debeat pertinere. Quærantur matriculæ episcopales, et invenietis quot rectores ad dictam ecclesiam de Conesclive per nos sunt præsentati, et nullus per ipsum baronem vel per suos antecessores.

NUM. V.

De Corpore Sancti Oswini, et de possessione Ecclesiæ de Tinemuthe, et illius violenta ablatione.

[Simeon Dunelm. Hist. cap. iv. Script. X. Twysd. col. 52.]

ECCLESIAM sane sancti Oswini in Tinemuthe jamdudum donantibus Northymbriæ comitibus monachi cum adhuc essent in Gyrvum possederant, unde etiam ipsius sancti ossa ad se transferentes, in ecclesia sancti Pauli

secum non parvo tempore habuerunt, quæ postmodum ad priorem locum retulerunt. Deinde præfati antistitis Willielmi tempore comes Northanimbriorum Albrius hoc donum renovavit, ipsamque ecclesiam cum suo presbitero ecclesiæ sancti Cuthberti perpetuo possidendam adjecit. Quæ cum jam per quindecim annos velut deserta sine tecto durasset, eam monachi culmine imposito renovarunt, et per tres annos possiderunt. Cum vero postea Robertus de Mulbreio in comitatum Albrii successit, propter inimicitias quæ inter episcopum et ipsum agitabantur, sancti Cuthberti monachos de ipsa ecclesia expulit, eamque Paulo abbati monasterii sancti Albani martyris tradidit. Qui videlicet abbas a Dunelmensibus monachis frequenter admonitus, rogatus, et prohibitus ne aliena invaderet, audire noluit quia potius suos illuc ad habitandum misit. Quos non multo post ipse secutus, repente ibi infirmitate corripitur: et dum domum redire tentaret, moritur. Ipse quoque comes postea in eadem ecclesia quam sancto Cuthberto abstulit, res omnes et honorem cum sui corporis libertate amisit.

NUM. VI.

Cella de Tynemutha, de Fundatione.

[Ex Registro quodam S. Albani in Bibl. Cottoniana, fol. 106.]

ANTIQUUM scriptum non signatum reperi inter vetustissimos rotulos, cujus tenor talis est, 'Willielmus rex Anglorum, T. archiepiscopo, et W. Dunelmensi episcopo, et omnibus baronibus suis, Francis et Anglis, salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse Deo et sancto Albano ecclesiam de Tynemuda et omnia quæ ad eam pertinent in terris et decimis, et aquis, et consuetudinibus in Nort de Tine, et in Suth de Tine, et in Anglia, cum omnibus quæ Robertus comes de Northumberland et sui homines dederant sancto Oswino, antequam mihi forisfactus esset. Et volo et præcipio ut sanctus Albanus habeat prædictam ecclesiam cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus et teneat cum pace et honore et omni consuetudine jure perpetuo. Testibus Eudone dapifero, et P. de Valoniis, apud Novum-Castrum.' Illud scriptum melius est omnibus antedictis, quia dat ecclesiam de Tynemuda abbati de sancto Albano, et omnia ad eam pertinentia. Et si omnia, ergo advocacionem sive patronatum ut videtur. Istud scriptum habetis signatum apud vos, quia memini ne vidisse tale scriptum signatum apud vos, et credo firmiter. Plures alias cartas habemus apud nos tangentes spiritualia et temporalia, sed quia specialiam sive singularem mentionem non faciunt de abbate de sancto Albano, non mitto vobis transcripta earum quia in placito nostro, super patronatu vobis valere non poterunt.

NUM. VII.

Carta Regis Henrici Primi.

[Ibid.]

HENRICUS rex Angliæ R. episcopo Dunelmensi, et omnibus baronibus suis, Francis et Anglis, de Northumberland salutem. Sciatis me dedisse Deo et sanctæ Mariæ, et sancto Oswyno, et abbati de sancto Albano, et monachis de Tynemuth, omnes decimas suas per Northumbreland, quas Robertus comes, et homines ejus donaverant eis; scilicet decimas de Colebrige, et illas de Ovington, et de Wylum, illas etiam de Neuburn, et illam de Discington, et de Calverdon, et de Elstwyce, et illas etiam de Bothall, et de Werkworth, et de Anebell, similiter et de Roubyr, et de Wullour. Et volo ac præcipio quatenus supradictus abbas et monachi de Tynemuda bene et integrè habeant illas et liberè teneant in mea pace, et quod nullus eis inde aliquid auferat super meam forisfacturam. T. Nigello de Albineo apud Brantonam.

NUM. VIII.

Alia Carta ejusdem Regis Henrici.

[Ibid. fol. 107.]

HENRICUS rex Angliæ, vicecomitibus suis de Everwykeshyre, et de Northumberland, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse sancto Oswino de Tynemutha curiam suam et

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consuetudines suas sicut unquam Robertus comes melius habuit tempore fratris mei, antequam forisfactus esset. Præcipio ut illam ecclesiam, habitationes, homines, et omnes suas res manuteneatis et defendatis ab omni injuria, sicut me diligitis, quia mea propria elemosina est. Teste Petro de Valoniis, apud Westmonasterium in Pentecoste.

NUM. IX.

De Monachis Dunelmensibus.

[Simeon Dunelm. sub. an. M.CXXI. coll. 243, 244.]

MONACHI Dunelmenses facta de ecclesia quæ est in Tynemutha proclamatione in capitulo sancti Petri Eboraci præsentibus episcopis Turstino prædicto, Ranulfo Dunelmensi, et Homo sancti Ebrouini aliisque multis, hanc sui juris fuisse conquesti sunt ex concessione Waltheofi comitis, quando consobrinum suum, scilicet materteræ suæ filium, Morkarum puerum parvulum eis ad nutriendum Deo in Gyrwensi monasterio contradidit. Quem sic eis in ipsa ecclesia de Tynemutha commendatum, inde ad Gyrvum navigio ipsi monachi perducentes, diligenter nutrire, et in Dei servitium educare studuerunt. Ab hoc, inquit, tempore nostri fratres monachi Gyrwenses curam illius loci susceptam gesserunt, Edmundo ac postmodum Eadredo monachis illorum ipsi ecclesiæ deservientibus cum presbytero Elwaldo, qui et canonicus Dunelmensis ecclesiæ fuerat, unde et ad Dunelmum quotiens suæ vicis ebdomada imminabat, ad celebrandas per ebdomadam missas transire consueverat. Wlmarum quoque nostræ congregationis monachum, aliosque per vices fratres qui ibidem officia divina peragerent, illuc de Girwa transmissos meminimus. Ossa sancti Oswini etiam ut placuit pro tempore ad se in Girvum fratres nostri transtulerunt, indeque in priorem locum cum voluerunt reportarunt. Postremo cum Albrius honorem comitatus suscepisset, ipse quoque nobis in Dunelmum translatis, eundem locum donavit. Unde mox ex capituli totius sententia monachus noster Turchillus illuc mittitur, qui renovato ecclesiæ ipsius culmine, per multum tempus habitavit ibidem, donec postea a Rodberto de Mulbreio comite, propter odium quod contra episcopum Willielmum habuerat, per ministros ipsius comitis Gumerum et Rodbertum Taca violenter expelleretur. Non multo post abbas monasterii sancti Albani Paulus prædictum ecclesiam a comite impetravit, quam visurus cum venisset Eboracum, Turgotus qui tunc Dunelmensis ecclesiæ prioratum gerebat, missis illuc monachis et clericis, in præsentia archiepiscopi Thomæ senioris, multarumque magnæ reverentiæ personarum, canonica illum auctoritate prohibuit, ne locum juris ecclesiæ Dunelmensis sibi usurparet, et sic sacrorum canonum et fraternæ caritatis violator existeret. At ille indigna respondens illud prohibitum nihili pendit. Sed cum illo pervenisset, correptus infirmitate, dum rediret, non longe ab Eboraco in Seterintun vitam terminavit. Taliter ecclesiam de Tynemutha amisimus.

NUM. X.

Carta Davidis Scotorum Regis.

[Ex Registro ut supr. fol. 108.]

DAVID rex Scotorum, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, vicecomitibus, baronibus, et omnibus probis hominibus suis totius terræ suæ Francis et Anglis, et Scotis, et Galwensibus, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et dedisse ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ, et sancti Oswini martyris de Tynemutha, et fratribus ejusdem loci et dominicis hominibus, et rebus ad prædictam ecclesiam pertinentibus, et omnibus illis hominibus, qui in pace sanctæ Mariæ, et sancti ejusdem loci in die sancti Barnabæ apostoli in millesimo centesimo et trigesimo octavo anno ab Incarnatione Domini fuerunt, meam pacem in perpetuum de me et omnibus hominibus meis, pro anima patris et matris meæ, et regis Alexandri fratris mei qui pacem Dei et suam firmiter prædictæ ecclesiæ concessit, et pro anima Matildæ reginæ Angliæ, sororis meæ, et animabus antecessorum et successorum meorum, Henrico filio meo hanc pacem annuente. Ideoque volo et firmiter præcipio, ut hanc pacem firmiter possideant, et vos eandem eis teneatis, quandiu ipsi nobis et hominibus nostris pacem tenere

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voluerint. Et prohibeo, quod nullus eis, aut hominibus vel rebus suis super nostram firmam defensionem, injuriam vel contumeliam, aut vim ullo modo facere præsumat. Et quicumque hanc pacem tenere noluerint sicut ego concedo confirmante de me, et Henrico filio meo, et nostra familiaritate et nostra amicitia sit omnino alienatus. Præsentibus testibus, Gospatritio comite, Hugone de Morvill, et Mansero Marmiun, et Roberto Foliot, et Hugone de Auco, et Hugone Briton. apud sedem de Norham in junio.

NUM. XI.

Carta Regis Henrici II.

[Ex eodem Registro, fol. 114. Vide etiam Cart. 9 E. II. n. 39. Et Pat. 3 R. II. part. ii. memb. 14.]

HENRICUS rex Angliæ, dux Normanniæ, et comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis totius Angliæ, salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse, et hac carta mea confirmasse Deo et sancto Albano, et sancto Oswino, et abbati et monachis sancti Albani qui apud Tynemutham morantur, terram illam quam ceperam in manu mea propter fugam Adgari in Scotiam et werram regis Scotiæ, scilicet Eglevingeham et Bewicke, et Lilleburn cum suis pertinentiis, quam idem Adgar tenuerat de abbate sancti Albani, et de monachis suis de Tynemutha in vita sua ad firmam, quod inquisitum fuit per liberos homines de visneto per præceptum meum, et recognitum quod erat eorum escaitum et dominicum. Concessi præterea, et hæc cartâ mea confirmavi hoc quod abbas et conventus de sancto Albano providerunt et statuerunt de ecclesiis suis de prædicta Eglevingeham et de Apeltona ad usus hospitum in perpetuum, sicut carta abbatis et capituli testatur. Testibus R. Wintoniensi, et G. Elyensi episcopis, Richardo de Lucy, Willielmo filio Audel . . . dapifero, Aluredo de sancto Martino, Roberto Marmyon, Hugone de Cressy, Randulpho de Glanville, Roberto de Stuteville. Apud Gaititonam.

NUM. XII.

Carta Henrici de Bulmer de viginti Acris Terræ in campis de Jesemu.

[Ex orig. in Archiv. Curie Augustat. Brand, Hist. Newc. up. T. vol. ii. p. 77.]

UNIVERSIS sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis ad quos præsentis literæ pervenerint Henricus de Bulemer salutem. Sciatis me caritatis intuitu concessisse et dedisse, et hac præsentî carta confirmasse Deo et beato Oswino de Tynemu, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, pro salute animæ meæ et pro salute animarum antecessorum meorum, viginti et octo acras et dimidiam terræ de meo dominico in campis de Jesemu, unde octo acræ sunt in illa cultura quæ vocatur Weneflat, et quatuor acræ in illa cultura quæ vocatur Magna Milneside sicut ipsa est longa et lata usque in Thesam, et duæ acræ et dimidia in illa cultura quæ vocatur Parva Milneside sicut ipsa est longa et lata usque in Thesam, et duæ acræ et dimidia in illa cultura quæ vocatur Huwehalen, et tres acræ in illa cultura quæ vocatur Sandirig, et sex acræ in illa cultura quæ est proxima illi domui quæ fuit Radulfi Baard versus austrum, et duæ acræ et dimidia in una alia cultura in australi parte rivuli de Litteldene in occidentali parte chimini sicut itur ad Bentun et jacent inter culturas Radulfi Baard. Et præterea totum herbagium quod habui in occidentali parte de Litteldene sicut via se extendit a chimino Novi Castelli usque ad chimum de Bentun et ita deorsum sicut rivulus currit ab occidentali parte ejusdem rivuli et ita deorsum per rivulum donec perveniat ad caput illius culturæ versus orientem quæ vocatur Welleflat habend. et tenend. in puram et liberam et perpetuam elemosinam, &c. Hiis testibus Gilberto de la Wal, Patricio filio Edgari, Waltero Gratherd, Milone filio Huberti, Radulfo de Witelithe, Waltero serviente, Petro de Mulsham, Nigello de Dichington, Jordano de Bacworth, Ada de Hertford, Radulfo capellano, Simone filio Milonis, Daniele filio Nicholai, Johanne cum barba, Johanne filio Ivete de Novo Castello, et multis aliis.

NUM. XIII.

Carta de Piscaria in Tyna quæ vocatur Accusyare.

[Ex orig. in Archiv. Curie Augustat. Brand, ut supr. p. 78.]

OMNIBUS videntibus vel audientibus has literas tam futuris quam præsentibus Radulfus dictus prior de Tynmouth et ejusdem loci conventus salutem. Noverit universitas vestra nos concessisse et dedisse et hac mea præsentî carta confirmasse Willielmo Sellario de Novo Castello et hæredibus suis medietatem illius piscariæ cum pertinentiis in Tyna quæ vocatur Accusyare quam Henricus de Bulmer nobis in pura elemosina dedit, et carta sua confirmavit, habendam et tenendam in feodo et hæreditate sibi et hæredibus suis de nobis et successoribus nostris libere, solute, honorifice, et quiete reddendo annuatim unam libram ceræ ad festum sancti Oswini in Augusto pro omnibus serviciis et consuetudinibus, et pro omnibus exactionibus et querelis. Hiis testibus, Radulfo de Gawgi, Jordano Hayrn, Gervasio de Bouter, Willielmo de Bic, Waltero Graffhard, Gilberto de la Vale, Radulfo de Witelithe, Gilberto de Hoghill, Daniele filio Nicolai, Reginaldo filio Lenwini, Malgero, Swano nepote Grunteri, Thoma de Carleolo, Arnaldo de Horneby, Roberto aurifabro, Johanne cum barba, Nicolao Scot, Ricardo Nigro, Hugone clerico, Thoraldo, Widone, et aliis multis.

NUM. XIV.

Carta Regis Johannis.

[Ex Registro ut supr. fol. 113. Vide etiam Rot. Cart. de an. 2 E. III. memb. 20, num. 75.]

JOHANNES Dei gratia rex Angliæ, &c. Notum facimus vobis nos concessisse, et præsentî carta nostra confirmasse Deo et ecclesiæ sancti Oswini de Tynemutha et monachis sancti Albani ibidem Deo servientibus, omnes homines suos, et omnes terras suas, et omnes possessiones suas, videlicet villam de Tynemutha cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, Seton, et Preston, et Chirton, et aliam Chirtonam, Millington, Whyteley, Erdeston, Backwrth, et aliam Backwrth, Seyhall, Morton, Bebesete, Dissington, et aliam Dissington, Wlsington, Bewyck, Egelingham, Lilleburn, Anibell, Havekeslaw, Elstwyk, Wylum, Weltevene, et dimidiam villam de Copun, Carleberrye, et Morton in Halwerkestock, Helleshow, et terram de Royeley et Denum. Hæc omnia concessimus jam dictis monachis in redditibus et homagiis, in pratis et pascuis, in nemoribus, et turbariis et omnibus aliis rebus et jam dictas villas et terras pertinentibus, cum soca et saca, on strand, on stream, on wode et feld, tol, et theam, gritbreche, hamsoke, et pecunia quæ pertinet ad murdrum, forstall, danegeld, infangenetheof, utfangenetheof, blodwyth, wrech, cornagio, ut habeant super omnes terras suas, et super omnes homines suos ubicunque sint intra burgum et extra, in tantum et tam plenè sicut proprii ministri nostri exquirere debent ad opus nostrum. Præterea concessimus eis ecclesiam de Tynemutha, et Wodehorn, et de Whalton, et de Bolum, et de Bewyk, et de Egelingham, et de Hertburne, et de Cunesclue, cum capellis et omnibus aliis rebus ad easdem ecclesias pertinentibus.

Concessimus etiam eis Hereford super Blyth, et decimam de Hertnes, et decimas de Middleton super Theysam, et decimas de Corbrigg, et de Rouber, et de Werkewrth, et de Wollouere, et de Neuburn, et omnia molendina sua cum prædictis libertatibus possidenda. Et nolumus ut aliquis hominum nec Francus, nec Anglicus, de terris eorum, neque de hominibus eorum ullo modo se intromittat, nisi ipsi, et ministri sui quibus ipsi committere voluerint. Et quoniam concessimus Deo et ecclesiæ sancti Oswini de Tynemutha, et monachis sancti Oswini, et sancti Albani ibidem Deo servientibus, pro redemptione animæ nostræ, et parentum nostrorum, omnes libertates et libera consuetudines quas regia potestas liberiores alicui ecclesiæ conferre potest, prohibemus super forisfacturam nostram, ne aliquis eas aliquo modo infringere præsumat.

Prohibemus etiam ne in ipsorum terris, vel domibus minister, dapifer scilicet, vel pincerna, camerarius, dispensator, janitor, vel præpositus, contra ipsorum voluntatem et assensum, tempore nostro, vel successorum nostrorum per manum alicujus principis, vel justiciarii quocunque tempore

ponatur, sicut carta regis Richardi avunculi nostri rationaliter testatur, &c. Datum per manum S. præpositi Beverlaci apud Eboracum, vigesimo quinto die Februarii, anno regni nostri quinto.

NUM. XV.

Carta Ricardi Bertram.

[Ibid. fol. 118.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus has litteras inspecturis, Richardus Bertram salutem. Noveritis me pro salute animæ meæ et uxoris meæ, et antecessorum et hæredum meorum, confirmasse et confirmando dedisse Deo et ecclesiæ sancti Oswini de Tynemutha, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, duas garbas, quas habent ex dono antecessorum meorum, et in præsentia ex me, de dominicis meis de Bothall liberè percipiendas, et sicut puram eleemosinam nostram pacifice in perpetuum possidendas, sicut continetur in transactione inter ecclesiam de Tynemutha, et ecclesiam de Bothall super eisdem decimis confecta, et per iudices a domino papa delegatos formata, et eorum sententia diffinitiva et sigillis roborata. Et ut hæc mea confirmatio et donatio stabiles in perpetuum perseverent, eas sigilli mei appositione roboravi. Hiis testibus, domino Rogero Bertram, Roberto de Wircestræ, Thoma de Oggell, Daniele de Novo-Castro, Waltero Graffard, Simone de Tynemutha, Jordano de Bacworth, Radulpho de Morton, et multis aliis.

NUM. XVI.

Concordia facta inter Episcopum Dunelmensem et Abbatem Sancti Albani.

[Mat. Par. Hist. Major, edit. 1684, pp. 634, 635.]

UNIVERSIS sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis ad quos præsens Scriptum pervenerit, Michael archidiaconus de Stowa, iudex à domino papa delegatus, et Nicolaus cancellarius Lincolnensis subdelegatus domini archidiaconi Norhamptoniæ, conjudicis dicti Archidiaconi de Stowa, salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra, quod cùm contentio mota fuisset, auctoritate apostolica, coram nobis thesaurario Lincolnensi, tertio conjudice, totaliter excusato, inter venerabilem patrem Nicholaum Dei gratia episcopum Dunelmensem nomine ecclesiæ suæ Dunelmensis ex parte una, et Johannem eadem gratia Abbatem de sancto Albano et ejusdem loci conventum, et priorem et conventum de Thinemua, nomine Monasterii de Thynemua ex altera, super visitatione ecclesiæ parochialis de Thynemua, et obedientia, quam exigebat idem episcopus a priore de Thynemua, et aliarum ecclesiarum parochialium quas in sua diocesi obtinent monachi de Thynemua memorati: tandem interveniente consensu capituli Dunelmensis, lis inter ecclesias hoc amicali fine conquievit in perpetuum. Scilicet, quòd præfatus dominus Dunelmensis et successores sui, per se, vel per officiales suos diocesanos, officium exercebunt in illa parte ecclesiæ de Thynemua, in qua parochianis divina celebrantur sine onere procurationis. Ita quòd de monachis, seu alia parte ecclesiæ, sive etiam de ipsa cella, se nullatenus intromittant. Salvis etiam in omnibus aliis privilegiis et indulgentiis dictorum monachorum. Cellæ verò de Thynemua per abbatem prædictum, vel, vacante Abbatia, par Priorem sancti Albani, de consensu sui Capituli, præficiantur Priores, et amovebuntur, secundum tenorem privilegiorum suorum. Qui præfecti adeant episcopum, et præsententur eidem, canonicam obedientiam eidem promittentes, ratione ecclesiarum parochialium, quatenus privilegia monasterio sancti Albani indulta, permittunt. Ita tamen, quod prætextu illius obedientiæ, priores de Thynemua non vocentur ad synodum, capitula, vel aliquem conventum ecclesiasticum, contra tenorem privilegiorum suorum. Vicarii autem in ecclesia de Thynemua successivè instituendi, a priore et conventu de Thynemua, de assensu abbatis eorundem, prænominato episcopo et successoribus suis præsentabuntur. Qui quidem admissi, eidem Episcopo de spiritualibus, et Monachis memoratis de temporalibus respondeant. In præmissorum autem testimonium, huic Scripto in modum chirographi confecto, parti scilicet penes prænominatos abbatem et conventum sancti Albani, priorem et conventum

de Thynemua remanenti, et parti penes ecclesiam Dunelmensem remanenti, præfatus episcopus et capitulum Dunelmense, jam dicti abbas et conventus sancti Albani, prior et conventus de Thynemua, sigilla sua unà cum sigillis nostris mutuo ad invicem apposuerunt. Actum anno Domini millesimo ducentesimo quadragesimo septimo, mense Maii, in præsentia prænominatorum episcopi et abbatis, præsentibus etiam domino abbate de Novo Monasterio; de Nottingham, de sancto Albano, et de Salopesbiry archidiaconis; magistris Hugone de Stanbrige, Willielmo de Burgo, et Odone de Cilkenni, et domino Johanne francigena, et multis aliis.

NUM. XVII.

Taxatio Bonorum Temporalium Prioris et Conventus de Tynemuth facta per Obedientiar. et Ministros eorum in crastino Dominicæ Annunciationis, Anno Domini M.CC.XCII.

[E Registro Priorat. Tynem. penes nobiliss. Ducem Northumb. fol. 64. Brand, ut supr. vol. ii. p. 591.]

PRIOR et Conventus de Tynemuth habent decem maneria, videlicet Tynemuth, Preston, Seton, Bacworth, Flatford, Bebeset, Elstewyk, Wylom, Anebell, et Bewyk.

Apud TYNEMUTH habent quatuor carucatas terræ, quarum unaquæque valet annuatim per communem æstimationem, deductis expensis, xxvij^s. Summa cvij^s.

Habent ibidem annuum redditum in pecunia numerata c^s. x^d.

Habent ibidem annuum redditum in mensura, videlicet xix. quarterias brasii, per quarterium ij^s. vj^d. Summa xxij^s. vj^d.

Habent et sex molendina quæ pertinent ad Tynemuth, quorum unumquidque valet annuatim per communem æstimationem iiij. marc. Summa xvjⁱⁱ.

De pasturis, boscis, stagnis, piscariis, furnis, columbariis, vel pondere nihil.

De tannaria et redd. del Sheles, nihil quia sunt in manu regis.

De carbonariis annuatim communiter estim. lxj^s. iij^d.

De placitis et perquisit. curiæ, xxvij^s.

Habent ibidem vaccas xiv. quarum fructus xj^s. viij^d.

Habent ibidem oves matrices vj^{xx}. et iiij. quarum fructus xlj^s. iiij^d. videlicet ovis iiij^d. Summa xxxivⁱⁱ. xiiij^s. vij^d.

Apud PRESTON habent ij. carucatas terræ quarum quelibet communiter æstim. valet per annum xxvij^s. Summa liiij^s.

Habent ibidem de annuo redditu in pecunia numerata xxiiij^s iij^d.

Habent ibidem de annuo redditu in mensura xxxvij. quarter. et dim. brasii, per quarter. ij^s. vj^d. Summa iiij^{li}. xij^s. vj^d. Summa viijⁱⁱ. x^s. ix^d.

Habent apud SETON ij. carucat. terræ, quarum quelibet communiter æstim. valet annuatim xxvij^s. Summa iiij^{li}. xij^d.

Habent ibidem de annuo redditu in pecunia numerata, xlvi^s. x^d.

Habent ibidem de annuo redditu in mensura lxx. quarter. bras. per quarterium ij^s. vj^d. Summa viijⁱⁱ. xv^s. Summa xvⁱⁱ. ij^s. x^d.

Apud BACWORTH habent i. carucatam terræ et dim. quæ valent annuatim deductis expensis, xxxj^s. vj^d.

Habent ibidem de annuo redditu in pecunia numerata iiij^{li}. xiv^s. vj^d. q. Summa vjⁱⁱ. vj^s. quad.

Apud FLATFORD habent i. carucatam terræ quæ, deductis expensis nil valet.

Habent ibidem multones v^{xx}. et iiij. quorum medietas sunt hogges. Fructus eorum iiij^s. iiij^d. Fructus aliorum qui sunt multones viij^s. viij^d. Summa xiiij^s.

Apud BEBESSET habent i. carucatam terræ quæ, deductis expensis, valet annuatim dimid. marc.

Habent in villa de Copoun quæ jungitur dicto manerio de Bebeset, de annuo redditu in pecunia numerata xlvi^s. x^d. Summa liij^s. vj^d.

Apud ELSTEWYK habent i. carucatam terræ quæ valet annuatim, deductis expensis, viij^s.

Habent ibidem de annuo redditu cum *Novo Castro* juncto eidem manerio, lxxv^s.

Habent ibidem de annuo redditu iij^{li}. cinimi prec. lib. j^d. ob. Summa iij^d. ob.

Habent ibidem vaccas xvj. quarum fructus j. marc.

Habent ibidem oves matrices vj^{xx}. et iij. quarum fructus xlj^s. iij^d. viz. ovis iij^d. Summa vj^{li}. xvij^s. ob.

Apud WYLYM habent i. carucatam terræ quæ valet annuatim, deductis expensis, xij^s.

Habent ibidem de annuo redditu, in pecunia numerata, lxij^s.

De uno molendino ibidem l^s.

De bracia et carbonar. ibidem xx^s. Summa vij^{li}. iij^s.

Apud ANEBELL habent ij. carucatas terræ, quarum quælibet communiter æstimat. Valet annuatim, deductis expensis, xxj^s. Summa xlij^s.

Habent ibidem de annuo redditu, in pecunia numerata, xlvj^s. vij^d.

Et in *Werkeworth*, quæ jungitur eidem villæ, xl^s.

Et in *Houkeslawe*, quæ similiter jungitur eidem villæ, xlv^s. x^d.

Habent in dicta villa de Anebell xlij. quarter. bras. prec. quarter. ij^s. vj^d. Summa cv^s.

Apud BEWYK habent iij. carucatas terræ quarum quælibet communiter æstim. valet annuatim, deductis expensis, xx^s. Summa iij^{li}.

Habent ibidem de annuo redditu, in pecunia numerata, xv^{li}. x^s.

Habent ibidem iij. molendina quorum quodlibet communiter æstim. valet annuatim xl^s. Summa vj^{li}.

Capiunt ibidem de pasturis, peteris, et brueris, xij^s.

Capiunt ibidem de placitis curiæ et aliis perquis. xj^s.

Habent ibidem vaccas xv. quarum fructus xij^s. vj^d.

Habent ibidem oves xvij^{xx}. quarum vj^{xx}. sunt oves matrices, et valent annuatim xl^s. Et vj^{xx}. sunt multones et valent xx^s. Et v^{xx}. sunt hogges et valent x^s. Summa totius manerii xxx^{li}. xv^s. vj^d.

Habent in villa de *Erdesdon* de annuo redditu, in pecunia numerata, xvij^s. iij^d.

Habent ibidem de annuo redditu in mensura iij^{xx}. ij. quarter. bras. pr. quarter. ij^s. vj^d. Summa x^{li}. v^s.

Item in villa de *West Chirton* de annuo redditu, in pecunia numerata, x^{li}.

Item in villa de *Midil Chirton* de annuo redditu, in pecunia numerata, xj^s. x^d.

Item ibidem de annuo redditu in mensura lij. quarter. brasii pret. quarter. ij^s. vj^d. Summa vj^{li}. x^s.

Item in villa de *Est Chirton* de annuo redditu, in pecunia numerata, xj^s. x^d.

Item ibidem de annuo redditu in mensura xl. quarter. bras. per quarter. ij^s. vj^d. Summa c^s.

Item habent in villa de *Welleden* de annuo redditu, in pecunia numerata, x^{li}.

Item ibidem in pondere ij. lib. ceræ pret. lib. vj^d.

Item in villa de *Dissington*, lxij^s.

Item ibidem de quodam molendino, xvj^s.

Item in villa de *Wolsington*, xl^s.

Item in villa de *Morton*, lij^s. vj^d.

Item habent in quodam loco qui dicitur *Morhouses* unam carucatam terræ quæ, deductis expensis, valet annuatim dim. marc.

Item habent in villa de *Hertlawe*, x^s.

Item habent in villa de *North Seton*, vij^s.

Item habent in villa de *Wideslade*, v^s.

Item in villa de *Haliwell* dim. marc.

Item in villa de *Milneton*, iij^{li}.

Item in villa de *Whitelei*, xx^s.

Item in villa de *Herford*, xiv^s.

Item in *Hertenesse* inter duas aquas, xx^s.

Item de finibus, releviis, et aliis casualibus communiter æstim. xxxij^s. Summa xxiiij^{li}. x^s. v^d.

Summa omnium Bonorum temporalium præcedentium ix^{xx}.^{li}. xvj^s. vj^d. ob. q. Decima xix^{li}. xij^s. ob. qu.

Ista summa non concordat cum Rotulo taxatorum. Nam in rotulo eorum sic dicitur: Prior de Tynemuth habet annuatim in bonis temporalibus ad valorem cc^{li}. Decima xx^{li}.

NUM. XVIII.

Taxatio omnium Bonorum Spiritualium.

[Ex eodem Chartul. fol. 56. Brand, ut supr. p. 593.]

TAXATIO decimarum Ecclesiæ de Tynemuth sine vicaria:

De villa de Tynemuth, xij. marc. De Whitelei, ix. marc.

De Seton Mon. xij. marc. De Erdesdon, xij. marc. De Preston, vij. marc. De tribus Chirtons, xij. marc. et dim. De Milneton et Sheles, v^s. De duabus Bacworth, xl^s. De Sighal xj. marc. De Haliwell, vij. marc. et dim. De Neusum, iij. marc. De North Seton, xvij. marc. De Hertelawe, xvij. marc. De molendinis v. marc. De lana et agnis, lxix^s. De aucis et porcellis, v^s. vj^d. De feno et lino, xl^s. De cerag. xl^s. De baptister. et pur. xx^s. De mortuar. et pannis defunctorum vend. lxx^s. De annuis oblationibus, vj^{li}. x^s. De minutis rebus propter consenciam, xl^s.

Summa cxj^{li}. xij^s. x^d. de quibus deducuntur xl^{li}. viz. pro elemosinis liberaliter factis xxx^{li}. et pro pitanciis monachorum. x^{li}. Et sic remanet de claro, lxxj^{li}. xij^s. x^d. Unde decima, vij^{li}. iij^s. iij^d. ob.

De decimis et pensionibus ad dictam Ecclesiam aliunde pertinentibus:

De Elstewyke, xij. marc. De Wylom, lxx^s. De Wolour, iij^{li}. De Bothal, xx^s.

De Herteborn, pro pensione, vij^{li}. De Wodehorn, pro pensione, iij^{li}. xvij^s. iij^d.

Summa, xxix^{li}. vij^s. iij^d. Decima, vij^{li}. x^s. ij^d.

Taxatio decimarum Ecclesiæ de Wodehorn sine vicaria:

De Wodehorn, xxv. marc. De Seton, xxiv. marc. De Widerington, xij. marc. De Haiden, v. marc. De Chibburn, xl^s. De Linem. et Hirst, c^s. De Ellington, xij. marc. De molend. ejusdem villæ, xv^s. De Dringge, xl^s. De Creswell, xij. marc. De Linton, vj. marc.

Summa, lxxv^{li}. xx^d. Decima, vij^{li}. x^s. ij^d.

Taxatio decimarum de Horton:

De Horton, xx. marc. De Copoun, vij. marc. De Bekeset, xl^s.

Summa, xx^{li}. xij^s. iij^d. Decima, xlj^s. iij^d.

Summa totalis decimarum præcedentium allocat. xx^{li}. pro elem. et pitanc. ix^{xx}. xvj^{li}. xvj^s. j^d.

Decimæ de Ellewyk et Oveton inter duas aquas. Taxantur ad xxv. marc. Decim. ij. marc et dim.

Summa omnium bonorum spiritualium præcedent. ccxiiij^{li}. ix^s. v^d.

Portiones Sacristæ de quibus decima dari debet, et sunt superius nominatæ.

De pensione de Whalton, i. marc. De annuis oblationibus, cx^s. De mortuariis et pannis defunctorum vend. xlv^s. De bapt. et pur. xx^s. De lino, xx^s. De pensione de Herteborn, iij^{li}. De decimis de Wylom, xxx^s. De decimis de Wollour, iij^{li}. De decimis de Linem. et Hirst, c^s. De decimis de Rubor, iij^{li}. De Morhouses, vj^s. vij^d.

Summa, xxix^{li}. v^s. Decima, lvij^s. vj^d.

Portiones Camerarii de quibus decima dari debet, et sunt superius.

De decima de c^s. De pensione de Wodhorn, iij^{li}. xvij^s. De pensione de Herteborn, iij^{li}. De decima de Bothal, xx^s. De West Chirton, xj^{li}.

Summa, xxvj^{li}. xvij^s. iij^d. Decima, vij^s. ix^d. ob.

De terris suis dimissis ad firm. xl^s. præter redditum suum.

Et est sciendum quod Sacrista et Camerarius respondent priori pro portionibus suis et prior ulterius pro tota decima.

Summa totius decimæ prestandæ, pro omnibus bonis spiritualibus, xxj^{li}. viij^s. iij^d. ob.

Summa totius decimæ prestandæ, pro omnibus bonis temporalibus, xx^{li}.

Summa decimæ utriusque videlicet bonorum spiritualium et temporalium, xlj^{li}. viij^s. iij^d. ob.

Summa unius denarii de qualibet marca prædicta, lj^s. ix^d. ob.

Summa omnium bonorum spiritualium, ccxiv^{li}. ij^s. xj^d.

Summa omnium bonorum temporalium, cc^{li}.

Summa utriusque, viz. spiritualium et temporalium, cccxiv^{li}. ij^s. xj^d.

Summa medietatis dictorum bonorum, ccvij^{li}. xvij^s. ob.

Summa quintæ dictorum bonorum, iijj^{xx}. lvj^s. vij^d.

Summa decimæ dictorum bonorum, xlj^{li}. viij^s. iij^d. ob.

NUM. XIX.

Placita de Quo Waranto et de Rageman coram H. de Cressingham et sociis suis Justiciariis domini Regis itinerantibus apud Novum Castrum super Tynam in Comitatu Northumbriæ in crastino Sancti Hillarii anno regni Regis Edwardi filii Regis Henrici xvj^o.

[Ex orig. in domo Capitulari Westmon. asservato.]

Dominus Rex, per Willielmum Inge qui sequitur pro eo, petit versus Abbatem de sancto Albano Advocationem Prioratus de Tynemuth, ut jus, &c. Et unde dicit quod dominus Henricus rex proavus domini regis nunc fuit in seisinâ de prædicta Advocatione prædicti prioratus ut de feodo et jure tempore suo, tempore pacis, tempore cujus post decessum cujusdam Gilberti quondam prioris de Tynemuth monachi ejusdem ecclesiæ de Tynemuth tempore vacationis ejusdem ecclesiæ, de licentia prædicti domini Henrici regis veri patroni ejusdem ecclesiæ, elegerunt de seipsis in Priorem quendam commonachum suum Akarium nomine, qui per electionem suam de assensu ejusdem domini Henrici regis fuit admissus et institutus in eadem absque hoc quod in aliquo fuit intendens seu subjectus alicui abbati de sancto Albano. Et quod tale sit jus prædicti domini regis prædictus Willielmus offert verificare pro ipso domino rege, &c.

Et Abbas venit et defendit jus ipsius domini regis quando, &c. Et dicit quod ipse non intendit quod dominus rex velit de seisinâ antecessoris sui de tam longinquo tempore responderi, &c.

Et Willielmus Inge petit judicium pro ipso domino rege de prædicto abbate tamquam indefenso, &c. Et abbas super hoc petit billam sibi consignari ac si hoc quod dixerit in forma exceptionis proposuisset ad quod justic. hic ei responderunt quod si vellet hoc dictum suum in forma exceptionis proponere libenter recipient, &c. et secundum quod viderint expedire judicabunt, &c. et aliter ei inde billam non consignabunt, &c. Et abbas respondet ulterius et dicit quod multi Regum Angliæ, progenitores regis nunc, per plures cartas quas profert concesserunt et confirmaverunt prædecessoribus prædicti abbatis, abbatibus de sancto Albano prædictum prioratum de Tynemuth. Et defendit jus ipsius domini regis et seisinam antecessoris sui, &c. ut de feodo et jure; et totum, &c. et ponit se in jur. patriæ loco magnæ assisæ domini regis et petit rec. fieri utrum ipse majus jus habeat in prædicta advocatione prædicti prioratus ut de jure ecclesiæ suæ sancti Albani an prædictus dominus Rex.

Et Willielmus dicit pro domino Rege quod dominus rex debet in curia sua se ascertainare de jure suo omnibus

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modis quibus competentius sibi viderit expedire. Et dicit quod diversæ cartæ et alia munimenta per quas dominus rex de jure suo certiorari poterit restant in custodia cujusdam Willielmi de Kirkeby monachi de Tynemuth de ballio consilii domini regis, et petit quod liberentur in curia hic, &c. quibus visis et lectis quædam statim calumpniatæ fuerunt per abbatem pro rastura, &c. dicens quod fides eis non est adhibenda, &c. sed quædam inter alias invenitur in hæc verba sine rastura, &c. 'H. Rex Angl. vicecomitibus et cunctis ministris suis de Norhumbr. salutem. Sciatis quod retineo in manu mea domum de Tynemuth et monachos, et nolo quod abbas de sancto Albano neque prior Dunolm. de ipsis amplius se intromittat sed monach. de Tynemuth Priorem sibi eligant et ille prior clericos, ad habitum et professionem ibidem recipiat. Et volo et præcipio quod ecclesiam de Tynemuth ab omni injuria defendatis et manutenetis quia mea propria elemosina est, &c. T. Nig. de Alb. apud Donelm. &c.' Et est ibi quædam alia Carta rasa sub eisdem verbis, &c. Dicit etiam idem Willielmus quod dominus rex aliis diversis modis per prædictum Willielmum de Kirkeby, et Johannem de Thorpelow celerarium de Tynemuth, Ricardum de Luton quondam præcentorem prædicti prioratus, Thomam de Shetheford nunc præcentorem, &c. Robertum de Elsewyk et Willielmum de Redford monachos ejusdem prioratus, et Willielmum vicarium de Tynemuth, et Henricum de Hardene, super jure suo prædicto poterit certiorari, et petit quod loquela ista adjornatur coram ipso domino rege. Dicit etiam quod si dominus rex admittere velit prædictam mysam jurat. loco magnæ assisæ, &c. ex quo prædicta mysa est de mero jure, &c. non est aliqua consideratio ad aliquod tempus exhibenda, &c. Dies datus est eis coram domino rege et ejus consilio in proximo parlamento post Pascham, &c. Et dictum est prædicto Henrico de Harden qui secutus est pro ipso domino rege simul cum prædicto Willielmo Inge quod tunc sit ibi ad sequendum, &c. Et dictum est similiter priori de Tynemuth quod tunc sit ibi, &c. et quod inveniat prædicto Henrico rationabiles expensas, &c. Dicitur est etiam prædicto abbati quod tunc habeat præfatos monachos suos, &c. ad certificandum consilium domini regis, &c. et quod nullum eorum qui pro jure domini regis aliquatenus secuti sunt, &c. per se nec per suos viliperdat nec gravet in aliquo seu molestiam inferat sub gravi forisfactura, &c. Et similiter præceptum est vicecomiti quod venire faciat ibi præfatum vicarium ad præfatum terminum, &c. Et quatuor cartæ in quodam pixide sub sigillo H. de Cressingham liberantur præfato abbati ad deferendum ibi, &c. ad liberand. præfato consilio domini regis, &c. Et recordum cum brevi originali mittitur dominio regi, &c. rot. 1.

NUM. XX.

Pro Abbate de Sancto Albano, de Advocatione Prioratus de Tynemuth.

[Pat. 21 Edw. I. m. 19.]

REX omnibus ad quos, &c. salutem. Sciatis quod cum Advocationem prioratus de Tynemuth in comitatu Northumbriæ, nuper in curia nostra coram dilectis et fidelibus nostris Hugone de Cressingham et sociis suis justiciariis nostris itinerantibus in eodem comitatu, per Breve nostrum de recto, versus abbatem de sancto Albano petivissemus ut jus nostrum: nos caritatis intuitu, et ob reverentiam beati Albani prothomartiris Angliæ necnon et pro salute animæ nostræ ac etiam claræ memoriæ Alianoræ quondam reginæ Angliæ consortis nostræ, et animarum omnium antecessorum nostrorum remisimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris præfato abbati de sancto Albano omnem actionem quam ergo eundem abbatem habuimus in advocatione prioratus prædicti seu ejus pertinen. quibuscunque, volentes et concedentes pro nobis et hæredibus nostris quod prædictus Abbas de sancto Albano et ejusdem loci Conventus habeant et teneant advocationem prædictam cum pertinentiis ut jus ecclesiæ suæ prædictæ de Sancto Albano sibi et successoribus suis sine occasione vel impedimento nostri vel hæredum nostrorum in perpetuum. In cujus, &c. Teste rege apud Westm. secundo die Maii.

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NUM. XXI.

Placita de Quo Waranto et de Rageman, coram H. de Cressingham, &c. ut supr. 21 Edw. I.

[Ex originali in Domo Capitulari Westmonast. asservato.]

ABBAS de sancto Albano summonitus fuit quod esset hic ad hunc diem ostens. quo waranto clamat habere amerciamenta hominum suorum de Tynemuth, Whiteley, Copun, Anewelle, Haukeswelle, Seton, Preston, Churton, Mulneton, Ordesdon, Bachewrth, Morton, Bepeset, Wylm, Bewyk, Eggelingham, et Lilleburn, et Prioris sui de Tynemuth in quibuscuque curiis Regis fuerunt amerciati sine licentia et voluntate ipsius domini regis et progenitorum suorum, &c.

Idem abbas et prior de Tynemuth summoniti fuerunt quod essent hic ad hunc diem ostens. quo warranto clamant receptare omnes homines felones venientes infra Gritheros de Tynemuth, et habere furcas et tumberellum in Tynemwe et Bewyk, wreckum maris in Tynemuth, Wytheley, Copun, Anebelle, et Haukeslawe, liberam warennam in omnibus dominicis terris suis in Whytley, Tynemuth, Seton, Preston, Churton, Mulleton, Crusdon, Bachewrth, Morton, Bepeset, Wybun, Bewyk, Orgelingham, Lilleburn, Anebelle, Haukeslowe, et Copun; infangenthef, weyf, emendas assisæ cervisiæ fractæ et catall. hominum suorum felonum et fugitivorum in villis prædictis, et esse quieti de communibus finis et amerciamendis, com. et sectis com. et wapp. quæ ad coronam et dignitatem domini regis pertinent sine licentia et voluntate ipsius domini regis, &c.

Et abbas et prior per attornatum suum veniunt et dicunt quod prædicti abbas et prior habent coram domino rege nunc omnes cartas et munimenta sua, &c. Et nichil aliud ostendunt nec aliud dicunt, &c. Ideo ad iudiciam de eis tanquam indefens. &c. Postea attornatus prædictorum abbatis et prioris dicit quod omnes prædictæ libertates sunt in manu domini regis, &c. et fuerunt de literis impetrati, &c. Ideo prædictæ libertates reman. in manu domini regis, &c. Et quia prædicti abbas et prior clam. libertates prædictas de quibus non fuerunt in seisinâ, ideo ipsi in misericordia, &c. Et prior amercietur ad viginti solid. &c. rot. 4, d.

NUM. XXII.

Carta de Anno 2 E. III. n. 3.

[Cart. 2 E. . . n. 31. Vide etiam Pat. 3 R. II. p. 2, m. 13.]

REX archiepiscopis, &c. salutem. Sciatis quod cum dilectus nobis in Christo prior de Tynemuth quæ est cella abbatie de sancto Albano, per cartas progenitorum nostrorum quondam regum Angliæ coram nobis in curia nostra nuper clamasset habere omnia placita infra libertatem suam de Tynemuth, tam de corona quam alia placita communia de hominibus suis et terris et tenementis infra eandem libertatem qualitercumque emergentia, per justic. suos proprios ibidem placitanda et terminanda, ita quod iusticiarii aut alii ministri nostri, libertatem prædictam intrare non debeant ad aliqua huiusmodi placita ibidem tenenda vel officium aliquod de aliquibus libertatem illam tangentibus exercendum, necnon et quasdam alias libertates, et liberas consuetudines, quibus idem prior et prædecessores sui priores ejusdem loci à tempore confectionis cartarum prædictarum sine temporis interruptione usi fuerunt rationabiliter ut dicebat. Quæ quidem libertates pro eo quod compertum fuit in curia nostra prædicta quod prædictus prior et prædecessores sui prædicti aliquas libertates coronam nostram tangentes, super nos et coronam nostram prædictam occupaverant minus justè, nobis per considerationem ejusdem curiæ tanquam forisfactæ fuerunt adjudicatæ et cum aliis libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus quas clamabant infra libertatem prædictam, ad ipsos per cartas prædictas pertinere, in manum nostram captæ:

Nos ob specialem devotionem, quam erga gloriosos martires beatos Albanum et Oswynum, cujus quidem Oswyni corpus in quodam feretro infra ecclesiam de Tynemuth requiescit, gerimus et habemus, necnon ob salutem animæ nostræ et animæ celebris memoriæ Alianoræ quondam re-

ginæ Angliæ consortis nostræ et etiam animarum progenitorum nostrorum prædictorum, volentes dilectis nobis in Christo abbati de sancto Albano, et prædicto priori ac monachis sancti Albani in prædicta ecclesia de Tynemuth Deo servientibus gratiam in hac parte facere specialem, omnes libertates et liberas consuetudines prædictas, sic nobis adjudicatas et in manum nostram captas, prædictis abbati priori ac monachis pro nobis et hæredibus nostris restitui-mus et reddidimus, habendas et tenendas sibi et successoribus suis abbatibus de sancto Albano, prioribus de Tynemuth, et monachis in prædicta ecclesia de Tynemuth Deo servientibus et servituris imperpetuum, adeo integrè tam in terris et aquis quam locis aliis quibuscunque sicut ipsi eas ante dictam captionem per cartas prædictas habuerunt et tenuerunt.

Volentes et concedentes pro nobis et hæredibus nostris prædictis, quod iidem abbas prior et monachi et successores sui prædicti libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus prædictis adeo plenè utantur de cætero sicut ipsi libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus illis rationabiliter uti et gaudere consueverunt à tempore confectionis cartarum earundem usque ad diem captionis dictarum libertatum et liberarum consuetudinum in manum nostram, sicut prædictum est. Quare volumus, &c. Dat. per manum nostram apud Westm. xx. die Februar. per breve de privato sigillo, et duplicatur.

NUM. XXIII.

Rentale de Tynemuth factum Anno Domini m.ccc.lxxviii.

[Ex Registro de Tynemuth, fol. 1. Brand, ut supr. p. 594.]

CONSUETUDINES et Opera quæ homines de Tynemuth facere debent et ab antiquo consueverunt facere.

Omnes de Tynemuth qui terras tenent semel in anno arabunt ad cibum prioris cum aratris suis, et illud herciabunt ad cibum suum proprium. Omnes illi qui terras tenent et tofta, tres precar. facient in autumno cum uno homine tantum, et quartam precariam cum tota familia sua præter hospitissam ad quam quatuor jurati ejusdem villæ erunt messoris. Omnes selfodes facient quilibet res precarias tantum. Omnes quindecim tenentes facient quilibet unum inlade sine cibo et garb. viz. de campo de Tynemuth ubicunque fuerint assignati per cellerarium. Unusquisque eorum unam caret. car. de Seton de la Vale et habebunt cibum et garbam præter ulryg, qui cum alio socio faciet cariag. ut supradictum est.

Homines de Tynemuth custodient prisiones, et si evernerit aliqua evasio solvent pro qualibet evasione viij^{li}. sterling. Et illi qui sedent super ten. capital. voc. xv. habebunt communiam pasturæ tempore aperto præter in tempore warrecti nullus habebit communiam in le howes inter Northwell howes et le Somer. Immo omnibus anni temporibus et seperale prioris.

Item prior potest facere sibi quoddam seperale pro voluntate sua tempore aperto, tam de terris tenentium suorum villæ de Tynemuth quam de suis infra quod seperale nullus prædictæ villæ communicabit nisi cum averiis suis cum quibus facit le boner, et vadit ad aratra sua. Et in omnibus aliis locis præter claustrum, et præter le midhope et le howes prædicti xv. tenentes habebunt communiam pasturæ tempore aperto, ad omnia averia sua, exceptis porcis ad quos nullus habebit communiam aliquo tempore anni. Item unusquisque cotarius villæ de Tynemuth habebit communiam cum animalibus suis in communi mora, videlicet in Schiremore omnibus temporibus anni et non alibi. Et omnia loca vasta vocata Balkes sive pastur. sunt seperale solum Prioris. Nec aliquis tenens ten. ex terr. vel ten. sine terr. potest alienare vel dare aliquam partem suæ tenuræ sine fine faciend. in curia dicti Prioris. Et si hæres sanguine debet habere ingressum in hæreditatem suam dabit relevium, vel duplicabit firmam suam in ingressu suo, et faciet fidelitatem et sect. curiæ de tribus septimanis in tres septimanas. Et omnes tenentes de Tynemuth, cum contigerit, solvent layrewyt pro filiabus vel ancillis suis, et etiam merchet pro filiabus suis maritandis, præter dominum Philippum de Marston qui liberatus est de illo servitio.

Nec aliquis eorum potest cariare aliquod bladum in

autumpno priusquam prior cariaverit vel inceperit cariare, et hoc secundum cursum per quem Prior cariaverit. Et solvent pro effusione sanguinis, si contigerit, viij^s. Quolibet braciator, sive pistor, sive carnifex, amerciabitur ter in anno propter assisam fractam. Et quilibet braciator dabit tolnetum de cerivisia sua priusquam aliquam vendat, videlicet de qualibet bracina ij. lag. et quartam de meliore cerevisio, et ij. lag. et j. quart. debilioris cerevisiæ, et molere debent ad xij. vasselum. Et in adventu primo novi abbatis sancti Albani ad Tynemuth dabunt xv. tenentes xl^s. sterling'. voc. Welcom Abbatis.

NUM. XXIV.

Carta Ricardi II. Regis.

[Ex Chartulario de Tynem. fol. 114. Brand, ut supr. vol. ii. pp. 96, 97.]

RICARDUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ et Franciæ et Dominus Hiberniæ omnibus ad quos præsentis literæ pervenerint salutem. Sciatis quod nos considerantes qualiter Prioratus de Tynemuth super rivolum de Tyne ad ingressum maris in com. Northumbriæ situatus, quædam placea fortificata et murata ad resistendum maliciem inimicorum progenitorum nostrorum, et nostrorum ac regni nostri Angliæ fuerat et existit et tam tarde per crecionem et superinundationes maris muri ejusdem prioratus sunt debilitati et in periculo ruinæ. Ita quod ultra sustentationem prioris et monachorum ibidem, possessiones eidem prioratui spectantes, quarum una magna pars jacet tam prope ad marchiam Scotiæ quod de longo tempore dicti Prior et Monachi proficuum suum inde prout debent habere non potuerunt per magnum tempus, ad reparationem murorum prædictorum non sufficiebant. De gratia nostra speciali, et in auxilium et relevationem status dicti Prioratus, qui occasione prædicta in multo est deteriorata ut accepimus, concessimus et licentiam dedimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, dilectis nostris in Christo Priori et Conventui Prioratus prædicti quod ipsi terras, tenuras, et redditus cum pertinentiis, usque valorem viginti librarum per annum juxta verum valorem eorundem tam de feodo suo proprio quam alieno, exceptis terris, tenementis, et redditibus quæ de nobis tenentur in capite adquirere et recipere possint ab ipsis qui eadem terras, tenementa, et redditus ex devotione vel per aliam causam ipsi priori et conventui dare, assignare, vel legare voluerint, et eadem terras, tenementa et redditus cum pertinentiis habendum et tenendum eisdem priori et conventui et successoribus suis imperpetuum, Statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis edito non obstante, &c. In cujus rei, &c. Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium vicesimo die Februarii anno regni nostri tertio.

NUM. XXV.

Modus faciendi le Conveyes apud Whiteley.

[Ex Registro Priorat. de Tynmouth, fol. 68. Brand, ut supr. tom. ii. p. 595.]

MODUS faciendi servitium quod dicitur le Conveyes apud Whiteley, videlicet quod omnes homines de Prioratu de Tynemuth, omnes equi et omnes canes ejusdem prioratus, et omnes prehendingantes in dicto prioratu, ac omnes servientes prioris apud manerium de Preston, et serviens messor et caretarius cum uno equo de manerio de Seton, et omnes servientes in bargia qui dicuntur kelters, et quatuor trituratores, et ventilator vel ventilatrix, venient quolibet anno ad Natale Domini in festo Sanctorum Innocentium apud Whiteley citra villam de Whiteley. Et ibi dominus ejusdem villæ eis obviabit, et eos congrue et honorabiliter recipiet, et eis in prædicto festo Innocentium, et in crastino per illos duos dies et duas noctes inveniet omnia necessaria ita quod congrue sint hospitati et pastu, videlicet quod omnes homines prædicti serviantur de duobus cursibus congruis et sufficientibus, et caseo ad nonam, et tota libera familia similiter de duobus cursibus et caseo ad cœnam. Ac etiam quod armigeri et pares sui servientur in diebus carniū de integris gallinis pro secundo cursu ad cœnam. Scilicet inter duos una gallina et duo de minori statu semper de medietate gallinæ cum carnibus recentibus assatis pro secundo

cursu ad cœnam servientur. Et omnes bubulci et pares sui de grossis carnibus et caseo ad cœnam servientur. Ita quod omnes tam liberi quam bubulci bonam habeant cerevisiam et congruam. Et quod semper duo habéant unum lectum sufficientem et statibus eorundem competentem. Et quilibet equorum habebit bonum foragium, exceptis pallfridis Prioris qui de fœno, vel pisis loco fœni, retroactis temporibus, serviebantur et recepti fuerint et hospitati infra manerium de Whiteley. Et quilibet equorum habebit dimidiam bolam bonæ avenæ. Et si quid superfuerit de eadem præbenda per custodem granarii ad granarium Prioratus caria-bitur de quibus servitiis dominus Simon de Walden quondam prior de Tynemuth, prædecessor domini prioris nunc, fuit seisitus per manus Johannis de Whiteley quondam domini de eadem qui omnes prædictos servientes, una cum pallfridis et omnibus aliis equis de stablo dicti prioris in domo sua recepit, hospitabatur, et pascebat, ac omnia alia necessaria eis et omnibus equis et canibus sufficienter et honorabiliter invenit. Tamen per aliam vicem, ad instantiam dicti Johannis, omnes bubulci et garciones ac aliqui equi et canes tunc senescallo dicti prioris Johannæ de Budden hoc gratiose permittente hospitati et procurati fuerunt ad domos tenentium præfati Johannis de Whittleley in Whiteley.

NUM. XXVI.

Cokshotes de Wylom.

[Ibid. Brand, ut supr.]

CONCESSUM est Waltero filio Ricardi tenere illud Cokshot quod Johannes de Wylom prius tenuit in orientali bosco de Wylom a die Mercurii prox. post festum sancti Lucæ Evang. anno regni Regis E. tertii a Conquestu xij. usque eundem diem anno revoluta redd. inde domino Priori x. gailos silvestres. Concessum est Rogero Marke tenere per idem tempus illud Cokshot quod idem Rogerus prius tenuit in prædicto bosco redd. viij. gallos silvestres. Concessum est Ricardo fil. Willielmi tenere per idem tempus illud Cokshot quod Willielmus prius tenuit in prædicto bosco redd. vj. gallos silvestres. Summa xxiv. gall.

NUM. XXVII.

Priorat. de Tynmouth.

[From Cardinal Wolsey's Book, 18 Hen. VIII. in the Augmentation Office.]

COMPOTUS dompni Johannis Stonewell prioris sive administratoris ibidem, viz. a festo sancti Michaelis archangeli anno regni regis Henrici octavi xvij^{mo}. usque idem festum extunc proximo sequente anno regni ejusdem domini regis xvij^{vo}. scilicet per unum annum integrum.

Arteragia.

Nulla.

Redditus et Firmæ.

Sed respondet de ccxxv^{li}. xij^s. iiij^d. de redditibus et firmis in diversis locis prioratui prædicto pertinentibus sive spectantibus prout patet per rentale inde de particulis super hunc compotum ostensum et examinatum ac penes dictum computantem remanen'.

Summa ccxxv^{li}. xij^s. iiij^d.

Firma Terrarum dominicalium.

Et de ciiij^{xx}. xj^{li}. viij^s. viij^d. de firma terrarum dominicalium prioratui prædicto pertinentium tam circa villam de Tynmough prædicta quam alibi in diversis alijs locis ut patet per rentale prædictum.

Summa cciiij^{xx}. xj^{li}. viij^s. viij^d.

Decimæ Garbarum.

Et de lxx^{li}. viij^s. iiij^d. de exitibus decimarum et fœni in quam plurimis parochijs et villatis prædicto prioratui spec-

tantibus prout patet per rentale supradictum super hunc compotum examinatum ultra xxvj^{li}. pro firma decimarum infra prioratum de Tynmouth hoc anno eo quod dictæ decimæ tam piscium quam aliarum decimarum reservantur ad usum hospicii prioratus prædicti prout dictus computans asseruit super hunc compotum.

Summa lxx^{li}. viij^s. iiij^d.

Fines Minuti.

Et de xxx^{li}. per supradictum computantem receptis de diversis tenentibus suis pro finibus minutis cum præfato computante factis pro terris et tenementis scituatis et jacentibus in diversis villis et villatis prædicto prioratui pertinentibus sive spectantibus hoc anno.

Summa xxx^{li}.

Venditiones.

Et de ciiij^{xx}. viij^{li}. x^s. viij^d. per prædictum computantem receptis, viz. de precio corream xij^{li}. iiij^s. lanæ xiiij^{li}. vj^s. viij^d. salis lxj^{li}. carbonum x^{li}. frumenti brasij et aliorum grains x^{li}. piscium x^{li}. ovium xij^{li}. sic diversis personis vendit. diversis vicibus infra tempus hujus compoti prout satis constat auditori super hunc compotum.

Summa ciiij^{xx}. viij^{li}. x^s. viij^d.

Perquisiti Curiarum cum alijs Casual'.

De aliquo proficuo proveniente de placitis et perquisitis curiarum aut de vagijs sive extrahuris necnon de bonis felonum et fugitivorum ac de vendicione boscorum sive subboscorum hoc anno non respondet hic eo quod hujusmodi casualia infra tempus compoti accidentia ignorantur auditori quia prædictus computans nondum comparuit.

Summa nulla.

Summa totalis oneris hoc anno xviiij^{ro}. ultra xxij^{li}. pro firma decimarum piscium in parochia de Tynmouth prædicta et iiij^{li}. pro firma aliarum decimarum infra eandem parochiam eo quod dictæ decimæ reservantur ad usum et pro expensis hospicii prioratus prædicti Dccvj^{li}. viij^d.

Viz.

Redditus et firmæ iiij^s. iiij^{xx}. viij^{li}. x^s.
Venditiones c. iiij^{xx}. viij^{li}. x^s. viij^d.
Fines minuti xxx^{li}.
Alia casualia nt

Et pro misis custis et expensis ibidem factis appositis et solutis infra prædictum idem computans adhuc computabilis existit.

NUM. XXVIII.

Sursum Redditio Prioratus de Tynmouth.

[Ex originali in archiv. Curie Augmentat. Brand, ut supr. vol. ii. p. 106.

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit Robertus Blæykney, alias dictus Robertus Blayk-

ney prior Monasterii sive Domus de Tynmouth, Ordinis sancti Benedicti, Dunelm. diocesis, et ejusdem loci Conventus, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noveritis nos præfatum Priorem et Conventum unanimi assensu et consensu nostris animis deliberatis certa scientia et mero motu nostris, ex quibusdam causis justis et rationalibus animas et conscientias nostras specialiter moventibus ultro et sponte dedisse et concessisse, ac per præsentis dare et concedere, reddere, deliberare, et confirmare illustrissimo in Christo principi et domino nostro Henrico octavo Dei gratia Angliæ et Franciæ regi, Fidei Defensori, domino Hiberniæ, et in terra supremo Capiti Anglicanæ ecclesiæ totum dictum Monasterium nostrum de Tynmouth prædictum, et totum scitum, fundum, circuitum, et præcinctum ejusdem Monasterii nostri de Tynmouth prædicti, necnon omnia et singula maneria, dominia, mesuagia, gardina, curtilagia, tofta, &c. &c. In quorum testimonium nos præfati Prior et Conventus Sigillum nostrum commune præsentibus apponi fecimus. Dat. in domo nostra Capitulari duodecimo die mensis Januarii anno regni regis Henrici octavi tricesimo.

Per me Robertum Blakeney, Priorem.
Per me Thomam Castell, presbyterum.
Per me Henricum Woddall, presbyterum.
Per me Robertum Bowland, presbyterum.
Per me Robertum Forman, presbyterum.
Per me Robertum Hawll, presbyterum.
Per me Thomam Bennet, presbyterum.
Per me Willielmum Carlel, presbyterum.
Per me Robertum Gatshe, presbyterum.
Per me Willielmum Erisden, presbyterum.
Per me dominum Stephanum Hexam, presbyterum.
Per me Antonium Gardener, presbyterum.
Per me Georgium Jasper, presbyterum.
Per me Clementem Westmynster, presbyterum.
Per me Robertum London, presbyterum.
Per me Willielmum Facet, presbyterum.
Per me Thomam Dorram,
Per me Robertum Charyte, } novicii.
Per me Georgium Faithe, }

NUM. XXIX.

[In a Book of Pensions remaining in the Augmentation Office.]

TYNEMOUTH nup Pōrat.

Rob'tus Blackneys nup pōr lxxvj^{li}. xiiij^s. iiij^d. iiij^{xx}. li.
Thomas Castle vj^{li}. xiiij^s. iiij^d.
Henricus Woddall vj^{li}.
Rob'tus Bolland vj^{li}.
Rob'tus Fforman v^{li}. vj^s. viij^d.
Rob'tus Halle vj^{li}.
Thomas Bennett vj^{li}.
Willms Carliell v^{li}.
Rob'tus Gateshed v^{li}. vj^s. viij^d.
Willms Erisden vj^{li}.
Steph'us Heph'm v^{li}.
Anthonius Gardener v^{li}.
Georgius Jasper v^{li}.
Clemens Westminster v^{li}.
Rob'tus London' v^{li}.
Willms Ffacet v^{li}. vj^s. viij^d.
Tho'ms Durh'm xl^s.
Rob'tus Charitie xl^s.
Georgius Ffaithe xl^s.

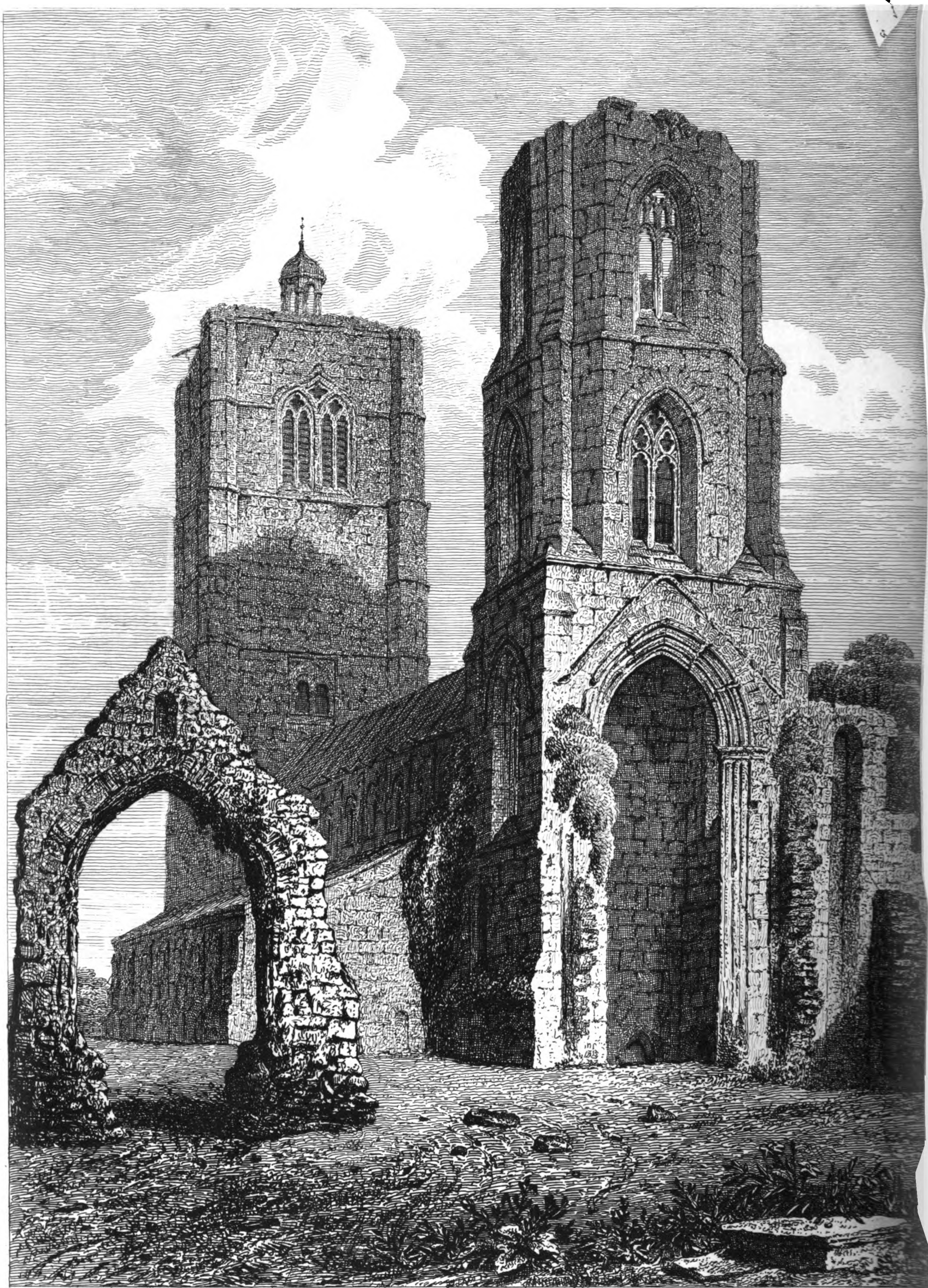
COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 31 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

MONASTERIUM DE TYNMOUTHE.

Com' Northumb'			£.	s.	d.
Tynmouthe, Castrum de Tinmouth, Flattworth, West Cherton, Wedrington, Grasswell, Wod- horne, Wodhorneston, Irrington, Linton, Holle- well, Newson, Harteley, Monkeseton, Whitley, Sighell, Midle Cherton, Preston, Morton, Eris- den, Hakworth, Erisden, Hagworth, Seton, Dalavall, Harteley	Firm' Terr' Dominical' cum Decim' .	163	1	5	
Villa de Tynmouthe	Redd' lib' Tenenc'	3	17	10	
- - - - -	Fin' et Sect' Cur' relaxand'		nult		
- - - - -	Redd' et Firm' Husbondr' et Cotag' .	26	0	6	
- - - - -	Firm' Harbag'	2	15	11	
- - - - -	Assis' Panis et Servis' cum Pannag' Porcorum	1	10	0	
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'		nult		
Preston	Redd' Tenenc' Husbondr'	6	13	4	
- - - - -	Firm' Cotag'	1	1	0	
- - - - -	Firm' Harbag'	7	3	4	
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'		nult		
Est Cherton	Redd' Husbond'	9	6	8	
- - - - -	Firm' Cotag' cum Pannag' et Decima Feni	0	8	0	
- - - - -	Redd' Granorum	5	5	0	
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'		nult		
Middil Chirton	Redd' Husbond'	6	13	3	
- - - - -	Firm' Cotag'	0	2	0	
- - - - -	Decim' Feni cum Pannag' sive Tak' Porcorum	0	4	0	
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'		nult		
Whitley	Redd' Husbond'	8	6	8	
- - - - -	Firm' Cotag'	0	9	4	
- - - - -	Decim' Feni cum Pannag' Porcorum	0	4	2	
- - - - -	Redd' Granorum	0	16	8	
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'		nult		
Monke Seton	Redd' Husbond'	10	0	0	
- - - - -	Firm' Prat' cum Pannag' et Decim' Feni	1	16	8	
- - - - -	Libera Firma	0	3	0	
- - - - -	Redd' Granorum	11	13	4	
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'		nult		
Morton	Redd' Husbond'	4	8	0	
- - - - -	Firm' Cotag'	0	6	0	
- - - - -	Decim' Feni cum Pannag' Porcorum	0	4	8	
- - - - -	Redd' Granorum	1	17	4	
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'		nult		
Earesden	Redd' Husbond'	8	0	0	
- - - - -	Decim' Feni cum Tak' Porcorum .	0	8	0	
- - - - -	Redd' Granorum	9	6	8	
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'		nult		
Bakworth	Redd' Husbond'	10	1	8	
- - - - -	Decim' Feni cum Tak' Porcorum .	0	8	4	
- - - - -	Redd' Granorum	10	0	0	
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'		nult		
Sighell	Libera Redd'	0	18	9½	
- - - - -	Redd' et Firm'	1	1	0	
- - - - -	Decim' Feni	0	5	0	
Hallewell	Redd' et Firm' cum Decim' Feni .	0	11	4	
Harteley	Redd' et Firm' cum Decim' Feni .	0	6	6	

Com' Northumb'		£.	s.	d.
Northshells	Firm' Cotag'	16	3	10
- - - - -	Firm' Salinarum cum Piscar'		nult	
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'		nult	
Elstewych Dominium	Libera Redd'	2	13	8½
- - - - -	Redd' Husbond'	20	0	0
- - - - -	Firm' Claus' cum Cotag'	1	2	0
- - - - -	Firm' Miner' Carboun'	70	0	0
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'		nult	
Benwell	Redd' et Firm'	15	0	0
- - - - -	Firm' Molend'	1	0	0
- - - - -	Firm' Piscar'	5	18	8
- - - - -	Firm' Manerij	1	3	4
- - - - -	Firm' Miner' Carbonum 5 6 8		nult	
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'		nult	
Denton cum Dissington et Wolsington	Redd' liberorum Tenencium	1	5	4
- - - - -	Redd' et Firm'	6	0	0
- - - - -	Firm' Miner' Carbonum	20	0	0
- - - - -	Firm' Piscar'	4	0	0
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'		nult	
Wylome	Redd' Tenenc' ad Vol' Dñi R'	9	16	0
- - - - -	Firma Piscarie	2	13	4
- - - - -	Tak Porcorum cum Decim' Feni, Lini, et Gallin'	0	8	10
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'		nult	
Cowpone	Redd' liber' Tenenc'	2	12	4
- - - - -	Redd' et Firm'	7	5	8
- - - - -	Firm' Miner' Carbon' cum Molend' Vent'	3	0	0
- - - - -	Firm' Salinarum	9	0	0
- - - - -	Assis' Panis et Servic'	0	6	8
Bebsyde	Firm' Graung'	5	0	0
West Hareford	Redd' libor' Tenenc'	0	2	2½
- - - - -	Redd' et Firm'	2	0	0
Ambell	Redd' et Firm'	15	13	6
- - - - -	Vendic' Granor'	5	6	2
- - - - -	Firm'	1	14	10
Axelye	Redd' et Firm'	19	0	7
- - - - -	Firm'	1	13	6
Bewyke	Redd' Assis'	1	13	4
Bewyke Magna	Redd' et Firm'	22	0	8
Newe Bewyke	Firm'	6	13	4
Whipperden, Est Lylleborne, Eglinghāne	Firm' Tenemen'	24	12	11
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'		nult	
Crawceton	Libera Firma	10	0	0 et 1 lb piperis
Novum Castrum sup' Tinam	Redd' et Firm'	10	10	8
Gatesyde jux ^a . Novum Castrum	Redd' et Firm'	2	1	8
Insula de Cokett, Castrum de Warkeworthe, Donkayn, Woodhorne, Ellyngton, Meresfen	Redd' et Firm'	15	4	8
Com' Dunolm'				
Harte, Rigg, Seton, Newebigenge				
Tynemouth Rectoria, Cowpon, Seton Dalavayll, Est Chirton, Halywell, Newesome, Hartleye, Whiteley, Sighell, Middell Chirton, Preston, Morton, Earesden, Warkworthe, Bakworth, Burdone, Oweton, Elwyke, Blithe	Firm' Granorum Decimal'	29	5	0
Haltwysell Rectoria, Wyelome, Elstwyke	Firm' Granorum Decimal'	21	6	8
Woddern Rectoria, Elyton, Wetherington, Crassewelle, Woddherne, Hirste cum Elington, Hutton, Horton	Firm' Granorum Decimal'	5	10	0
	Pençones et Porçones	6	13	4



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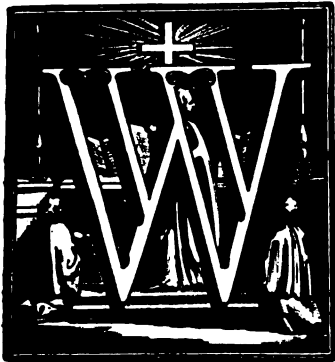
Wymondsbury Abbey, Norfolk.

Monastery of Wymondham, or Windham,

IN

NORFOLK;

Anciently a Cell to the Monastery of St. Alban, but afterwards an independent Abbey.



WILLIAM de Albini, or Daubeney, chief butler to King Henry the First, was the founder of the priory of Wymondham. Dugdale, in the former edition of the *Monasticon*, upon the authority of John de Oxenede, a monk of St. Benet of Hulme, gives the year 1139 as the date of the foundation.* Tanner, however, considers that it could not have been so late; not only

because the founder's gifts to it were confirmed by King Henry the First, but because Roger Bigod, who occurs as a witness to the charter of foundation, died in 1107. Richard abbat of St. Alban's, moreover, who is mentioned in the charter died in 1119.^b The actual time of the foundation of Wymondham monastery must therefore be placed very early in the reign of Henry the First.

The foundation charter gives the minute particulars of the endowment, both as to lands and privileges; adding, that on vacancies in the priorate the monks were to elect a new Prior out of their own convent, and present him to the founder or patron, who was not to refuse confirmation of the choice unless he could show sufficient cause. By this charter, also, the Priory was made subordinate to St. Alban's abbey; whenever the abbat came to Wymondham, it was directed that he should be honourably entertained; and in token of the dependence of the Priory, as a cell to St. Alban's, the Prior of Wymondham was to pay a mark of silver every year, on the chief festival of St. Alban, to the abbat. The charter further covenanted, that if William de Albini himself, or the King, or any of his successors, should convert the Priory into an Abbey, that then it should become independent altogether, free from the mark

a year, and all other acknowledgment. Richard de Albini a near relation of the founder, was at this time abbat of St. Alban's, and, with his convent, consented to the arrangement.^c

William de Albini, by a second charter, granted at the time of the interment of his wife Maud, gave to the monastery the manor of Happisburgh; confirming his donation by the delivery of a cross of silver filled with relics, which, with a gold ring and a cup of silver for the eucharist, he offered upon the altar of the church. William de Curciona, of Curson, one of the witnesses to this charter, is also stated to have given at this time to the monks twenty acres of land and all his tithe in Stanfield.^d

King Henry the First's Confirmation is the next charter to be named, recognizing William de Albini's grants, and adding numerous privileges and immunities. By this charter the tenants of the convent were permitted to buy and sell toll free in all cities and places in the kingdom where previous charters to the contrary had not been granted: the king's officers were also prohibited by it from entering or intermeddling with the priory lands unless by consent, the prior being allowed his own officers to keep his liberties.^e

Soon after this the founder granted a third charter to the convent, bestowing upon them the wood called Snitswood in Wymondham, the vivary of Tipford, and certain meadow-land before the door of the church.^f

A separate charter of Henry the First is extant, confirming the manor of Hapesburgh;^g and another, granting to the monks a fair in Wymondham for three days, on the eve, the day, and the morrow of the Nativity of the blessed Virgin.^h

William de Albini, earl of Sussex, grandson to the founder, confirmed the different grants of his grandfather to this monastery, together with those of William earl of Arundel, his father; adding the confirmation of various gifts of land of a smaller kind, which are minutely specified.ⁱ

* See *Mon. Angl.* former edit. tom. i. p. 337. Upon comparing the original passage in the *Chronicle* alluded to, MS. Cotton. Nero D. II. fol. 218 b, it appears to refer not to the foundation of the monastery of Wymondham, but to the time of the founder's death. "M.C.XXXIX. Willielmus pincerna regis, fundator cœnobii de Wymundham, ob." Weever, *Fun. Mon.* p. 811, by some mistake, places the first William de Albini's death in 1156, 3 Hen. II., in which he is followed by Blomefield. It is singular that Dugdale, in his *Baronage*, vol. i. p. 118, should say that the date of his death was unknown. The epitaph at Wymondham for the founder, according to Weever, was,

"Hunc pincerna locum fundavit, et hic jacet, illa
Quæ dedit huic domui jam sine fine tenet."

Another inscription, on the monastery wall, of a later date, said, "Pray

ye for the soul of William de Albany founder of this abbey." See *Blomef.* vol. i. p. 736. The second William de Albini died in 1176. See *Mat. Par.* edit. 1684, p. 110.

^b *Notit. Monast. Norf.* *Mat. Paris*, edit. 1684, p. 1005, in the Life of this Richard, says, "Diebus autem ipsius abbatis Richardi, procurante ipsius industria, et qua affluebat eloquentia et religione, qua præ omnibus Angliæ abbatibus pollebat, data est huic ecclesiæ [S. Albani] ecclesia sanctæ Mariæ de Wymundham in Cellam, cum omnibus ad eandem pertinentibus, sicut carta Henrici primi regis Anglorum testatur senioris."

^c See the *Append. of Instrum. Num. II.*

^d Num. III.

^e Num. IV.

^f Num. V.

^g See Num. VI.

^h Num. VII.

ⁱ See Num. X.

Blomefield says, other benefactors whom he had met with were

"Robert de Rusteyng, who gave the monks a marsh in Snetesham called Nothere, and forty acres in Sharnbourn of the fee of Nicholas de Sharnbourn, for his own and Aldred his wife's soul, and those of the Albanies his lords.

"Ralph de Verli gave them many lands in Snetesham."

"Donatus, prior of Windham, granted to Alan son of Robert de Snetesham five acres of the demesnes of Windham convent in Snetesham, and six acres there which Cecily de Verli gave to that monastery, and one acre which the said Alan purchased of the fee of Roger de Pavely, all which Alan was to have for ever, paying xxvij^d. per annum to the Priory; the witnesses were, Robert son of Richard of Windham, Samson the sub-prior, Benet the monk, Alured the chaplain, Roger the deacon, Nigel the butler, Reginald the cook, Herbert the ostler, Jeffrey the chamberlain of Windham, and many others.

"William le Venter of Burnham gave six acres in Burnham.

"Hugh earl of Arundel gave a windmill, house, and two acres in Barwick, with the church of Berwic.

"Isolda, daughter of Alured or Ailward de Plesseto, gave them sixty acres and an half in Besthorp, with her body to be buried in Windham, and lands in Atleburgh and Finebergh, with the consent of William de Arderne her son.

"In 1256, Ralph son of William de Bukenham, and Hugh Beaufoe gave William prior of Windham the advowson of Newton, in exchange for lands in South-Wotton.

"William de Alneto or Alney gave lands in Flitcham.

"Roger de Verli gave lands in Pykenham.

"Matthew Peverel and Alice his wife gave them tenants and their services in Melton, with other lands. Roger de Hereford, Jeffry Clerk, Hugh Noble, and Richard son of Ribald gave lands there.

"Reginald de Montcorbin and Ralph gave them lands in Wiclewood.

"Geffry son of Eudo gave land in Nelond. Roger Malherbe of Tacolneston gave lands there.

"William son of Walter, and Waryn son of Ralf of Wramplingham, gave lands in Wramplingham.

"William son of William de Albani the founder gave them the chapel of St. Thomas the Martyr in Windham which he had founded.

"Robert de Bavent gave land and part of the church of Besthorp.

"Ansketill de Stanfield gave thirty acres in Windham.

"William de Uvedale gave William Palmer and his tenement.

"They had half a mark rent of the gift of Roger Rosai of Elingham, and of Ralf Bainard.

"Eustace de Riffei, William son of Odard, Fitzwalter, &c. gave lands in Wiclewood.

"Hugh son of Alward, Hugh son of Ulf, Richard de Dunham, and Reginald de Montcorbin, gave land in Ketringham, of Anschetil's fee.

"Robert Fulcher gave land in Fritton.

"Baldwin son of Eudo gave land by Thorp Park.

"Matthew Peverel's mother gave lands in Brakene.

"Hodierne and Richard Noth gave lands in Witton.

"Eudo de Melles gave ten acres in Besthorp. Most of these were given before 1182.

"King Stephen granted the prior a three day fair in Windham, viz. on the eve, day, and morrow of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary, and also confirmation of the market there.

"Richard Fitz-Hammon gave lands in Snetesham.

"William earl of Arundel granted them to be toll-free in Lynn, and all his other market-towns.

"Adam son of Alvered gave lands in Carleton.

"Robert de Carleton-Rode gave lands in Stanfield.

"William Curson gave lands in Ketringham.

"William Bloet gave lands in Ormersbei and Depedale.

"In 1249, the priors of Windham and Penteny agreed to divide the tithes of Sir Richard Curson's sheep feeding in Windham and Ketringham, Sir Richard Curson being witness.

"Cecily daughter of Odard de Snetesham gave them lands there.

"Roger de Rustein gave them a mill there.

"Sir Robert Tharum kn^t. and Estace de Bavent gave lands in Sharnborn and Snetesham, with all the heath his lord the third earl of Arundell gave them in Swangey, with a marsh and two hundred sheep, for which the monks were obliged to find a chaplain in St. Mary's church at Snetesham, at the altar of St. James there, to pray for him and his family.

"John de Ferthington granted to Richard Noth, son of Gilbert de Kimburle, lands in South-Wotton, and common of pasture for 100 sheep; and he gave them with all his lands in South and North Wotton and Geywood to the prior.

"Thomas son of Thomas de Ingaldethorp gave them twenty seven acres of land in Sharnbourn.

"The prior of Langley agreed to pay this prior xxiv^d. per annum for Peche's marsh, which they had of the gift of Robert fitz Roger.

"Balderic of Taverham, son of William, son of Alexander de Drayton, gave lands in Kesewic and Drayton.

"John son of Robert le Mason of Norwich gave them the advowson of the church of St. Bartholomew in Berstrete in Norwich, and the official of William de Raleigh bishop of Norwich confirmed it to them.

"Stephen de Camois gave them a windmill in Floke-thorp, with the scite and suit, saving to himself the grinding for his family, and the tithe to the church of St. George of Hardyngham.

"The prior and bishop granted leave to Sir Richard Curson kn^t. to have a chapel and chaplain in his house at Stanfield in Windham, on condition it was no way detrimental to the mother church.

"In 1251, Walter the archdeacon gave the vicar an acknowledgment that he would receive only a mark a year from his vicarage for procurations.

"Edw. I. granted to the prior free-warren in all his lands, manors, and demesnes, by Charter dated at Carnarvon in the 12th year of his reign, and particularly in Windham, Hapisburg, Snetesham, Bury, the Wottons, Wiclewood, Cringlethorp, Carleton, Wramplingham, Riston, and Sharnborn.

"The prior agreed with Walter parson of Grimston to receive a pension of xl^d. per annum in lieu of all tithes due to him out of the antient demesne lands of the Earl of Arundel in 1242.

"The rector of Melton St. Mary paid vj^d. a year for a portion of tithe corn.

"In 1308, Reginald Bone aliened lands here and in Happsburgh to the prior.

"In 1314, Thomas de Cailli gave a mesuage and thirteen acres in Windham."

Soon after the death of William de Albini, the founder, the abbats of St. Alban's monastery began to extend their jurisdiction over that of Wymondham. At first they confined their claim to the confirmation of the Prior elect; but about the year 1300 they assumed the power of presenting the prior to it; usually admitting, contrary to the foundation charter, the monks of their own abbey. The descendants of William de Albini, who were the legitimate patrons of Wymondham, were, in consequence, continually embroiled in quarrels with the abbats.

Matthew Paris has given a long detail of circumstances relating to the struggle between William earl of Arundel, the son of the founder, and abbat Robert de Gorham, which at last ended in a compromise.*

* See the charter of the third William de Albini, earl of Sussex, confirming Ralph de Verli's donations, in the Appendix of Instruments, Num. XI.

b Blomef. Hist. Norf. fol. edit. vol. i. pp. 731, 732.

c See Num. XII.

Connected in some degree with this assumed jurisdiction was a subsequent quarrel between the same abbat and Thomas bishop of Norwich; the former denying the canonical subjection to the bishop of the priories both of Binham and Wymondham. By a composition, however, made in 1228,^a episcopal obedience was to be in future yielded by the respective priors for their parish churches and vicarages; the priors were to be presented to the bishop, and to attend his synod; but in point of visitation, the monasteries were to be both subject to the abbat of St. Albans only, Binham priory paying annually twenty, and Wymondham forty shillings to the bishop in lieu; the abbat reserving power to elect the respective priors, remove the monks, and do every thing in the two priories, exclusive of the bishop, which was allowed by the rule of the order of St. Benedict.^b

After this, Isabel de Albini countess of Arundel claimed the sole power of confirming the Prior, agreeable to the founder's charter. Blomefield says, at the death of prior William de St. Alban, in 1262, she not only claimed the presentation, but sued for it at Rome. In the month of October, 1264, however, the countess entered into a compromise with the abbat, on condition that he made William de Horton, a monk of St. Albans, prior; and in future, on every vacancy of the priorate, the countess and her heirs were to name two monks of St. Albans, one of whom the abbat was to present to the bishop.^c

At a subsequent period, when Sir Robert de Tateshale came to be patron, hearing that the abbat of St. Albans designed to visit Binham, he entered the monastery, and shut up its different gates, preventing the Prior from meeting the abbat, and alleging that the monks of St. Albans had forfeited all their right there, if they had ever had any, by reason that John de Berkhamstede the abbat had refused to deliver a certain quantity of bread and ale from the convent, which they were obliged to do, having always done it to his ancestors; that is to say, four loaves and four flaggons of ale every day, whenever he came to his manor of Wymondham. The abbat, fearing the power of Sir Robert de Tateshale, at last acceded to the demand, and then was received into the priory. John Maryns, the next abbat of St. Albans, suffered this allowance (estimated to be of the value of 8*l.* per annum) to go unpaid; in consequence of which, at the death of Adam Polein prior of Wymondham, in 1303, the king's escheators seized and took possession of the monastery, placed a guard upon the gates, and summoned the tenants of the priory manor the next day to do their homage; but the Prior not being buried it was respited; and afterwards, the tenants refusing this homage as not customary, their goods were seized and detained, on the pretence that Robert de Tateshale, heir of Sir Robert de Tateshale, was a minor and in the king's custody, and injured by the non-payment of bread and ale, and that a prior could not be presented: but the abbat of St. Albans sent, with the king's consent, John de Stevenache to be prior, who was accordingly received as such, and the tenants' goods restored.^d

PRIORS of WYMONDHAM.

NIGEL, the first prior, is named in the charter by which William de Albini, the founder, gave to the monastery the manor of Hapisburgh.^e Blomefield erroneously places the date of 1130 against his name.

ALEXIUS was prior in 1136.^f

GALIENUS.^g

RALPH DE NUERS is said to have been the first prior who was chosen and presented by the abbat of St. Albans.^h He held the priorate at the time of the great struggle between William earl of Arundel and Robert de Gorham

abbat of St. Albans. Blomefield assigns to him the date of 1160.

NICHOLAS.ⁱ

REYMUND, prior of Wymondham, occurs in an instrument dated in 1187.^k

DONATUS.^l

RALPH DE DUNSTABLE, A. D. 1200.^m According to Blomefield,

RALPH DE STANHAM was presented to this priorate, in 1210, by William de Gisney governor of Montjoy priory, by leave of the abbat of St. Albans and the founder. But this Ralph de Stanham appears to have been the same person with *Ralph de Whitby*, according to Matthew Paris, who succeeded

ALEXANDER DE LANGLEY here, in 1217. In the account of William de Trumpington abbat of St. Albans, Matthew Paris says, "*Alexandrum vero de Langeleia, instantia comitis Harundellie patroni cellae de Wymundham, promovit abbas Gulielmus in Priorem illius ecclesiae. Quod cum pervenisset, ita sibi alienus infatuatus est, ut penitus inutilis, cito post remitteretur. Loco vero Alexandri RADULPHUM DE WITEBIA subrogavit.*" "*Radulphusque cognomento DE STANHAM ad Prioratum de Wymundham est vocatus, in temporalibus et spiritualibus vir providus et circumspectus. Nostrae tamen non erat monachus professionis, fuerat enim monachus de Witebia, et prior domus illius. Et persecutionem ibidem aliquando passus, ad sinum protectionis beati Albani, ubi et receptus, sapienter confugit. Habuit etiam idem Radulphus (quia aliquando Prior extitit domus memoratae) quandam Cellulam vel Heremitorium, sibi specialiter (ob sui reverentiam personae) assignatum, quod ad Domum de Witebia pertinebat. Ut ibidem a facie persequentium, sibi vacans, tutius latitaret; ibique sancte et irreprehensibiliter, antequam in claustrum sancti Albani se recepisset, per aliquod tempus habitavit.*"ⁿ

RALPH DE WHITBY had not held the priory of Binham a great while, when he was accused to the abbat of St. Albans, at his visitation, of wasting the revenues of the cell, and (which was probably in the eye of the abbat a greater enormity) of courting the favour of the Earl of Arundel, the patron of the priory, too much. The abbat, having enjoined amendment, departed, but soon after recalled the prior. Matthew Paris, in his account of abbat Trumpington, just quoted, tells us:

"Tandem ad cellam de Wymundham usque pervenit. Ubi facta inquisitione diligenti de statu interiori et exteriori, dictum est ei quod prior illorum (videlicet dominus Radulphus de Witebya) domum de Wymundham enormiter damnificando, Cellulam suam de Witebye de qua venerat, et ad quam quandoque redire disposuerat, de bonis Ecclesiae de Wymundham clanculo surreptis, instauravit. Et quia extraneus fuit, ad aliena anhelavit: similisque erat pastori tentoria inhabitanti, qui in crastino tendit ad ulteriora. Dicebatur insuper quod supra modum gratiam Comitis de Harundel suorumque captavit, et in damnum Ecclesiae, non modicum comparavit. Quem plius, ut dictum erat, diligebat, quam vel Deum, vel Abbatem, vel aliquem fratrum suorum. Quae omnia conferebat abbas in corde suo, usque ad tempus retributionis dissimulans; tamen ad horam corripuit eum super talibus excessibus, et dimisit in pace."^o

Prior Ralph de Whitby's retirement to the hermitage which had been assigned him by his monastery of Whitby, is noticed a few sentences afterward:

"Igitur sine strepitu citò post hoc revocatus est prior de Wymundham, Radulphus de Witeby, qui non excessus pristinos ut decuit, emendavit. Qui veniens ad sanctum Albanum, abbatem et conventum decenter sed breviter salutavit; gratias agens eis de sibi impensis beneficiis et honoribus. Postea ivit ad Heremitorium suum, sive Cellu-

^a Num. XIII.

^b Compare Blomef. vol. i. p. 72. See also Newcome's Hist. of St. Albans, pp. 182, 183.

^c Blomef. ut supr. p. 7.

^d See App. Num. III.

^e Blomef. vol. i. p. 732.

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^f Ibid.

^g Ibid.

^h Ibid.

ⁱ Ibid.

^k MS. Cotton. Titus C. viii. fol. 61, and in another instrument without date, fol. 53 b.

^l Blomef. ut supr.

^m Ibid.

ⁿ Vit. Abb. S. Albani, edit. 1684, p. 1049.

^o Ibid. p. 1052.

lam sibi à domo de Witeby, pridem assignatam, quam invenit providè omnibus bonis redundantem. Ubi cum aliquot annis sanctè vixerat, viam ibidem universæ carnis est ingressus."^a

WILLIAM DE FESCHAMP was appointed prior upon Ralph de Whitby's recall, by the abbat of St. Albans, but was objected to by the earl of Arundel, the patron of the house. In consequence,

THOMAS MEDICUS was appointed. Newcome calls him THOMAS MEAD. He had travelled into the Holy Land with the earl's father, who dying there, this Thomas had carefully brought the dead body to England, and given it interment at Binham.^b Blomefield says Thomas was made prior about the year 1224.^c

WILLIAM OF ST. ALBANS was made prior in 1257. He died on St. Gregory's day, 1262, and was buried in the choir of the church.^d

WILLIAM DE HORTON has been already noticed as appointed to the priorale, at the request of the patron, by the abbat of St. Albans, in 1264. He also was buried at Wymondham.^e

WILLIAM DE WALTHAM, appointed by the abbat of St. Albans.^f

ROGER DE HERE, or HARE.

ADAM POLEYN, or PULLEYN, appointed in 1286. He died on Dec. 25th, 1303, and was buried at Wymondham.^g

JOHN DE STEVENACHE, or STITHENACHE, was appointed prior of Wymondham in 1303. The patron of the priory being at that time a minor, the royal assent was necessary for the confirmation of his appointment.^h He had been cellarer of the abbey of St. Alban from 1299 to 1302, and was in various ways a benefactor to that monastery.ⁱ Blomefield makes

RALPH to have been his successor in the priorate here in 1308:^k but it appears from an original Court-Roll of the manor of Crokesley in Rickmersworth parish, in the county of Hertford, that *John de Stevenache* was again cellarer of St. Alban's abbey in the 3d and 4th of Edw. II. still holding the priorate of Wymondham.^l

JOHN DE HURLEE, or HURLE, was appointed prior by Hugh abbat of St. Albans in 1317.^m

RICHARD DE HETHERSETE, appointed by Richard, abbat of St. Albans, in 1334.ⁿ

HENRY DE STUKELEY, 1337.^o

NICHOLAS DE RADCLEF, or RADCLIFF, S. T. P. 1368.^p

WILLIAM KILLINGWORTH, 1380, archdeacon of St. Albans.^q

THOMAS WALSINGHAM, 1394.^r He was present in the chapter-house of St. Albans, and voted at the election of John Moot, abbat of that monastery, Oct. 18, 1396.^s

JOHN SAVAGE, 1400.^t

WILLIAM BORDON, 1405.^u Upon his resignation, JOHN ISHAM was appointed, 1416.^x

WILLIAM ALNWKYK, 1420.^y He resigned the same year on being nominated to the bishoprick of Norwich.

WILLIAM BORDON, or BOYDON, was again appointed prior in 1420.^z

JOHN HATFIELD, LL.D., 1425.^a

PETER WALEYS, or WALLIS, 1437.^b

STEPHEN LONDON, D.D., 1446;^c who, in 1448, became the first of the

ABBATS of WYMONDHAM.

Weever says, John, the seventh of that Christian name, abbat of St. Albans, could not endure a certain monk of the house whom he had made archdeacon, whose name was *Stephen London*, because he would tell him of his faults: therefore, to be rid of his company, his admonishments being distasteful, he persuaded the archdeacon to take upon him the charge of the priory of Wymondham, then void of a prior. The archdeacon accepted of it, and was admitted Prior by the bishop of Norwich in 1446, and, being a worthy man, pleased both his flock and Sir Andrew Ogard knight, his founder, very well; which more displeased the abbat, who within a year sent express commandment to discharge him of his priorship. This was but ill taken by himself and his patron, insomuch, that in 1447 the prior and Sir Andrew petitioned the King that they might have his licence to obtain a bull from the pope to erect Wymondham into an abbey; and set forth that the founder, William de Albini, had reserved liberty in the foundation deed for the King, and the Patron or Founder, to do so at any time. They complained also that the Abbats of St. Albans had presented monks of St. Albans to the priorship, contrary to the founder's intention, which had tied the office to the election of the monks of Wymondham out of their own number. The premises appearing true, the king licensed Sir Andrew Ogard to procure a bull from the pope, which he did from Pope Nicholas the Fifth in 1448, when WYMONDHAM was converted into an independent ABBEY. Stephen London, then prior, was made the first abbat. The future abbats, agreeably to the charter of foundation, were to be elected out of the monks of the convent, unless all consented to the contrary: they were to be admitted as the Priors had been, by the bishop of Norwich, and presented to the founder or patron, who could refuse none unless for notorious crimes.^d

The different privileges and immunities which this monastery enjoyed as a cell to St. Albans it afterwards continued to enjoy in its own right, as an independent abbey;

^a Vit. Abb. S. Albani, edit. 1684, p. 1053.

^b "Loco autem Radulphi de Witeby, prioris de Wymundham, Gulielmum de Feschamp virum minus quam expediret discretum subrogavit abbas. Sed merito a comite de Harundel, domus illius patrono, reprobatus, ab abbate tandem est cassatus. Loco cujus substitutus est Thomas Medicus, qui cum Comite patre ejus qui tunc fuit in Terra Sancta, fuerat peregrinus, et cadaver ejus in ipsa terra defuncti de transmarinis partibus reportavit. Et apud Wymundham reverenter tumulavit." Ibid.

^c Hist. Norf. vol. i. p. 732. His name occurs in one or two instruments in the Cottonian Chartulary Titus C. viii. foll. 42 b, 53 b, 65 b.

^d Blomef. ut supr.

^e Ibid.

^f Ibid.

^g Ibid.

^h Ibid.

ⁱ The Cottonian MS. Nero D. vii. fol. 51, has the following entry: "Johannes Stithenache quondam prior Cellæ nostræ de Wymundham contulit huic Monasterio [S. Albani] capam de xamitto viridi, insertam tabernaculis et imaginibus aureis factis opere plumario, qua non est decentior aut formosior in hoc loco. Dedit et albam de eadem secta cum stola et manipulo. Provisit etiam tam ad opus itinerantium quam in choro et in claustris residentium multum utiles libros quamplures. Et dedit unum ciphum argenteum ad descum in refectorio, de pondere quinquaginta solidorum. Fecit insuper fieri totum pavimentum in australi parte ecclesiæ, a libro præcentoris usque ad ascensum versus altare quatuor cereorum."

^k Hist. Norf. ut supr. vol. i. p. 732.

^l MS. Donat. Mus. Brit.

^m Ibid.

ⁿ Ibid.

^o Ibid.

^p Ibid.

^q Ibid.

^r Ibid.

^s Ibid.

^t Ibid.

^u Ibid.

^x Ibid.

^y Ibid.

^z Ibid.

^a Ibid.

^b Ibid.

^c Ibid.

^d Ibid.

^e Ibid. Cole, in one of his MSS. vol. xxvii. has preserved the following as a manuscript note of Mr. Thomas Baker in a copy of Willis's Mitred Abbies, "Nicholas de Radclef malens cedere prioratui, &c. abbas [sancti Albani] ut cunctus luceret episcopum [Norw.] nullam jurisdictionem habere in ipsum Priorem vel in Fratres apud Cellam suam de Wymundham—Priorem cessare jussit ab officio prioratus, et eundem archidiaconum Monasterii esse præcepit. Polycron. Continuât. MS. ad an. 1380. T. B."

^f Blomef. ut supr.

^g See Newcome's Hist. St. Albans, p. 276.

^h Blomef. ut supr.

ⁱ Ibid.

^j Ibid.

^k Ibid.

^l Ibid.

^m Ibid.

ⁿ Ibid.

^o Ibid.

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^q Ibid.

^r Ibid.

^s Ibid.

^t Ibid.

^u Ibid.

^v Ibid.

^w Ibid.

^x Ibid.

^y Ibid.

^z Ibid.

and thus remained till the general Dissolution of religious Houses.

Upon Stephen London's death, with the joint consent of the monks and their patron,

WILLIAM BOKENHAM was elected abbat in 1466. He had been first a monk of Norwich, and afterwards prior of the Cell belonging to that house at Yarmouth.^a

JOHN KERTELYNG was elected abbat in 1471.^b

JOHN SHILGATE, or SHILDGATE, was elected in 1502.^c Weever says he was buried at Kenninghale, in Norfolk.^d

THOMAS CHANDELER, 1511; whom Blomefield calls "a monk of St. Faiths."^e

THOMAS CHAMBERLAIN, 1514.^f

JOHN BRANSFORTH, D. D. 1517.^g

JOHN bishop of Lechlin, in Ireland, 1520.^h

WILLIAM CASTLETON, 1526. He resigned this priory for that of Norwich, where he continued till the Dissolution; finally becoming the first Dean of the cathedral.

ELIGIUS or ELISHA FERRERS, D. D., the last abbat, was elected in 1532.ⁱ Cole says he was prior of St. Albans in 1529.^k After the Dissolution he became archdeacon of Suffolk and prebend of Norwich. He died in 1548.

In 1534, this abbat, with Thomas Lyn, Edmund Shawe precentor, and eight other monks, subscribed to the king's supremacy. At the Dissolution the abbat had a pension assigned to him of 66*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*^l

At its Suppression, the monastery of Wymondham was found in a regular state; no crimes being laid to the charge of the abbat or any of the monks, except four, who, it was

pretended, owned themselves incontinent. These were Thomas Lynne, Richard Cambridge, Robert Colchester, and John Wyndham.^m

After the Dissolution, the site of this abbey, together with the manor, was given by the king, in 1545, to Henry Howard earl of Surrey, during the life of Thomas duke of Norfolk his father, if the earl so long lived; paying into the Court of Augmentations 9*l.* 7*s.* 7*d.* a year.ⁿ The grant was subsequently made to the earl in fee simple.^o Afterwards this site and manor belonged to Queen Mary. Queen Elizabeth, in 1564, granted both to Sir Walter Haddon, knight, to be held by the fee-farm of 11*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.* per annum.^p

The revenues of this monastery are very differently estimated by Dugdale and Speed. Dugdale places the amount at 211*l.* 16*s.* 6½*d.*: Speed at only 72*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.* So also in Stevens's Supplement, vol. i. p. 28, "Summa inde 72*l.* 5*s.* 4½*d.* Summa clara, 55*l.* 18*s.* 0½*d.*" Bishop Tanner, from a manuscript Valor in the Registry at Norwich, however, confirms Dugdale's estimate, with a slight variation, making the sum 211*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* This, he adds, seems most reasonable, not only from the number of the religious maintained here, but from the amount of the pension granted to the abbat at the Dissolution.^q The Ministers Accompts of the 26th of Hen. VIII. estimate the revenues of Wymondham at 263*l.* 18*s.* 2½*d.*^r

Of the MANUSCRIPTS relating to this priory now remaining, the principal one is the Register of Wymondham preserved in the Cottonian library, marked Titus C. VIII. A small folio, consisting of a hundred and four leaves.^s

^a Blomef. ut supr.

^c MS. Cole, vol. xxvi. fol. 217 b.

^d Fun. Mon. p. 859.

^f Ibid.

^h Ibid.

ⁱ MS. Cole, vol. xxvii. fol. 217 b.

^k Blomef. ut supr. Bishop Kennett, in his MS. Diptycha, by some mistake, says, "*Wymondham com. Norf.* Pensio LUDOVICO FERRYS nuper abbati, LXVth. xijth. iiijth."

^m The following were the annuities and pensions to persons belonging to this monastery still remaining in charge in the 2d and 3d Phil. and Mary.

"WYMONDHAM nuper Monasterium. Feod. Ricardi Hoo auditoris ibidem per annum xijth. iiijth. Annuat. Georgii Farys per annum xlth. Thomæ Carrowe per annum lxvjth. viijth. Roberti Agas per annum xlth. Penciones. Thomæ Essex per annum vjth. Roberti Cornewall per annum xlth. Johannis Beeston per annum iiijth. xijth. iiijth. Johannis Borough per annum xlth. Roberti Barrye per annum cvjth. viijth."

ⁿ Blomef. vol. i. p. 732, in noticing this grant, calls the earl of Surrey Thomas.

^o See the Particular of this grant, Num. XXII.

Norff. rex. vijth. die Aprilis concess. Henrico comiti Surr. reversionem Domus et Scitus nuper monasterii de Wymondham et manerium de Wymondham, ac al. terr. ibidem. ro. cxv. Original. 37 Hen. VIII. p. 5.

^p Compare Blomef. ut supr. Tann. Notit. Mon.

^q Compare Tann. Notit. Mon. Norf. LXXVI. note q.

^r See the Append. of Instrum. Blomefield, vol. i. p. 732, says, The whole of the spirituals of the monastery in Wymondham were taxed in 1428 at eighty marks, and the temporals at 13*l.* 4*s.* 9*d.* The whole of the spirituals, he adds, which belonged to this house in Norfolk, were taxed, at the same time, at 170*l.* 10*s.* per annum, and the temporals at 152*l.* 16*s.* 1½*d.*: so that they were taxed both for spirituals and temporals in Norfolk at 323*l.* 6*s.* 1½*d.* These different accounts are not very easily to be reconciled.

^s Among the charters in this manuscript, besides transcripts of numerous papal bulls and privileges to St. Alban's monastery, the following appear the most important. The volume has double paging: the present references are to the more modern figures on the leaves.

1. Carta Henrici II. regis Angliæ de confirmatione, fol. 13 b.

2. Carta Willielmi comitis de Albineio pincernæ regis Henrici de nemore de Snitwud, et de vivario de Tipford, et de prato ante portas jacente, fol. 14.

3. Carta regis Stephani de feria habenda ad Nativitatem beatæ Mariæ, ibid.

4. Confirmatio regis Stephani de donatione Willielmi de Albineio pincernæ regis Henrici, ibid.

5. Confirmatio regis Ricardi I. 12 Nov. anno regni x^o. fol. 14 b.

6. Carta Johannis regis ecclesiæ S. Albani concessa de Cellis et possessionibus: anno regni primo, fol. 15.

7. Carta Willielmi comitis Cicestræ, et confirmatio de donationibus patris ejus, fol. 15 b.

8. Carta Willielmi comitis Sussexiæ secundi, fol. 16.

9. Confirmatio Willielmi comitis Sussexiæ de donationibus avi sui et patris sui, fol. 16 b.

10. Confirmatio et carta Willielmi comitis Sussexiæ de donationibus

bus antecessoris sui Willielmi de Albineio pincernæ regis Henrici, et avi sui, et patris sui, fol. 17.

11. Carta ejusdem de ecclesia de Nordwthune, fol. 18 b.

12. Carta Willielmi comitis de Arundel de ecclesia de Beestorp, ibid.

13. Carta Willielmi comitis Sussexiæ de tolneto, ibid.

14. Carta ejusdem de decimis bestiarum, ibid.

15. Carta ejusdem de molendino ad ventum sito in Estfeld, fol. 19.

16. Confirmatio Willielmi comitis Sussexiæ de terra quam tenebant de Sawalo coco, ibid.

17. Carta ejusdem de hominibus prioris, ibid.

18. Breve missum a domino Willielmo comite Sussexiæ Johanni Norwic. episcopo, ibid.

19. Carta Willielmi comitis de Warennæ, fol. 19.

20. Carta Willielmi comitis Sussexiæ de xl. solidatis terræ, fol. 19 b.

21. Carta et confirmatio ejusdem de marisco in Snetesham, ibid.

22. Confirmatio Radulphi de Verli, ibid.

23. Confirmatio Willielmi comitis Sussexiæ tertii de donationibus et confirmationibus Radulphi de Verli et prædecessorum suorum, ibid.

24. Confirmatio Capituli Norwyc. de omnibus possessionibus de Wymondham, A. D. 1250, fol. 20.

25. Carta Gilberti de Vledene de redditu xij. denariorum ad coquinam monachorum, fol. 22 b.

26. Cartæ de terris in Keteringham, fol. 24, 24 b, 25, 26.

27. Compositio inter Reimundum priorem de Wymondham et ecclesiam de Wramplingham, fol. 27.

28. Carta Benedicti de Ansgervill et uxoris ejus de advocacione ecclesiæ de Neuton, fol. 27 b.

29. Carta eorundem de advocacione ecclesiæ de Norwtton, fol. 28.

30. Carta Rad. fil. Ansgoti de Hapesburg, fol. 29 b.

31. Carta regis Henrici I. de confirmatione, fol. 31 b.

32. Carta Henrici I. regis Angliæ de feria in villa de Wymundham, fol. 32 b.

33. Carta ejusdem regis de manerio de Hapesburg, ibid.

34. Carta Henrici II. regis de ecclesia de Snetesham, fol. 33.

35. Obligatio Johannis regis Angliæ ad curiam Romanam, A. D. 1213, ibid.

36. Compositio inter priores et conventus de Wymundham et de Penteney, A. D. 1249, fol. 34.

37. Cartæ de Wiklewde, foll. 38, 40.

38. Cartæ de Snetesham, foll. 41, 42, 43, 44, 45.

39. Cartæ de Scarneburne, foll. 45 b, 49, 49 b.

40. Cartæ de Kangham, fol. 46.

41. Cartæ de Suthwttun et Northwttun, foll. 47, 48, 49, 50 b, 51.

42. Compositio inter priorem et conventum de Wymundham et rectorem ecclesiæ de Feringes, fol. 49 b.

43. Carta Rogeri de Verli de Pikeham, fol. 50.

44. Carta Hugonis de Verli, ibid.

45. Carta Johannis de Merlai de decimis de Flicham, A. D. 1229, fol. 51 b.

46. Compositio inter priorem et conventum de Wymundham et J. rectorem ecclesiæ de Flicham, fol. 52.

47. Carta J. Dei gratia episcopi Norwici de decimis de Flicham, ibid.

Bishop Tanner refers to another Register, formerly in the possession of Sir William Le Neve, and afterwards of Sir Edward Walker.*

The Cottonian manuscript Otho B. iv. destroyed in the fire at Westminster in 1731, contained a metrical account of the change of Wymondham from a Cell to an Abbey, from the pen of Whethamstede, the literary abbat of St. Albans. Weever has given some extracts from it in his account of Wymondham in the *Funeral Monuments*.^b

Of the FABRIC, Blomefield says, "The founder of the monastery, at the foundation, had his seat or manor house by the stream that runs southward of the church, all which he gave to the monks, who inhabited in it while the monastery was building, the earl removing his seat to another place north-west of the church. It seems he pulled down the old parish church, and in its place built the present one, with the quire which is now in ruins. It was at first in shape of a cross, and consisted of a quire or chancel, with the chapel of Our Lady on the north side of it; a tower at the west end between the nave and chancel, which is still called the abbey steeple; a nave; north aisle; and south aisle, over which, till the Dissolution, the monks lodgings were joined to the south side of the church. The

two transepts, or cross chapels, made the cross; that on the north side was the chapel of St. Margaret, and that on the south side the chapel of St. Andrew and the abbey vestry. The monastery itself was a large square court, the church making its north side, and the high wall or gable, now standing on the east side, was the chapter-house. When it was demolished, the south aisle of the church, which was leaded, was demolished also; but the king gave the parishioners ground out of the scite to make the present south aisle on, viz. eighty feet in length and twenty eight in breadth, the old aisle being only eleven feet broad.

"In the 31st year of King Henry the VIIIth, the parishioners and inhabitants of the town, desirous to save their noble church from destruction, petitioned the king to have the following parts of the church, which was to be destroyed by the late act, as belonging to the monastery, granted to them, they paying for the bells, lead, &c. according to their value. First, the Abbey Steeple as it stands, with the bells as they hang, giving weight for weight for the bells: the lead being twenty one foot broad, and as much long, containing, at twenty feet square to each fodder, one fodder sixteen feet: the Vestry belonging

48. Carta Thomæ episc. Norwici de eisdem, fol. 52.
49. Confirmatio magistri A. de Bekles offic. Norwic. episcopi de decimis de Flicham, fol. 52 b.
50. Compositio inter priorem et conventum de Wymundham et Rectorem ecclesiæ de Grimmetune, fol. 53.
51. Carta abbatis de Langele de redditu xxiiij. solidorum, fol. 53 b.
52. Compositio inter priorem et conventum de Wymundham et rectorem ecclesiæ de Wramplingham, ibid.
- * 53. Carta prioris de Wymundham de ecclesia de Kangham, ibid.
54. Cartæ de Bestorp, foll. 55, 55 b, 56, 75, 75 b, 86, 87.
55. Cartæ de Morleia, foll. 56, 56 b.
56. Cartæ de villa de Wymundham, foll. 57, 57 b, 58, 58 b, 59, 59 b, 60, 61 b, 73, 89, 89 b, 90.
- * 57. Carta Johannis filii Roberti le Masun de advocacione ecclesiæ sancti Bartholomei de Norwic. fol. 60 b.
58. Evidentia patronatus ecclesiæ sancti Bartholomei de Norwyc. fol. 61.
59. Carta Reymundi prioris de terris in villa de Karletona, ibid.
60. Carta Hugonis comitis Arundeliæ de quodam molendino adventum in Berwic. fol. 61 b.
61. Carta Hugonis de Albini fil. Willielmi comitis Arundeliæ de ecclesia de Berewic. fol. 61 b.
62. Cartæ de Fretune, foll. 63, 63 b.
63. Carta domini Stephani archiepiscopi Cantuar. fol. 64.
64. Carta Rogeri Bigot comiti Norfolchiæ, fol. 64 b.
65. Conventio facta inter Radulphum priorem et conventum de Wymundham et Rogerum Rusteng ut capellam habeat quamdiu vixerit in curia sua in parochia de Snetesham, fol. 64 b.
66. Compositio inter eosdem, fol. 65.
67. Compositio inter priorem et conventum de Wymundham et Ricardum de Curcum de capella, fol. 65 b.
68. Sententia lata pro priore et conventu de Wymundham contra decanum de Wakestunesham, A. D. 1240, fol. 66 b.
69. Compositio facta apud London inter episcopum Norwici et priores de Wymundham et de Bynham, coram decano London. et archid. Middelsex, A. D. 1228, fol. 67.
70. Carta domini Willielmi pincernæ regis Henrici fundatoris ecclesiæ de Wymundham de manerio de Hapesburg, fol. 67 b.
71. Cartæ de vicaria ecclesiæ parochialis de Wymundham, fol. 68 b.
72. Memorandum de vicaria de Snetesham, fol. 69.
73. De vicaria de Hapesburg, ibid.
- * 74. Adquisita domini Willielmi prioris de Wymundham, foll. 71, 71 b.
75. Carta de Netelehamstede, foll. 72, 72 b.
76. Confirmatio Johannis filii Rogeri de Gurnay de pecia prati in villa de Wymundham, fol. 76.
77. Carta Radulfi de Bukeham et Hugonis de Bellafago de advocacione ecclesiæ de Neuton, fol. 76 b.
78. Carta Hugonis de Bellafago de eadem, ibid.
79. Carta Radulfi de Bukeham de eadem, fol. 77.
80. Carta Radulfi de Bukeham de octodecim acris terræ cum pertinentiis in Suth Wtton, ibid.
81. Carta domini Hugonis militis de Bellafago de eadem, ibid.
82. Indentura de augmentatione vicariæ de Snetesham, A. D. 1274, foll. 77 b, 78.
83. Cartæ de Sarnebrun et Snetesham, foll. 78 b, 79, 79 b.
84. Cartæ de Fyneberge, foll. 79 b, 80.
- * 85. Litera Ysabellæ comitiessæ de Arundel, fol. 80.
86. Litera domini Bonifacii archiepiscopi Cantuar. A. D. 1253, fol. 80 b.
87. Cartæ de ecclesia de Bestorp, foll. 80 b, 81, 81 b, 82.
- * 88. Carta Willielmi prioris de Wymundham de lampade ardente ad altare Beatæ Virginis, fol. 82 b.

89. Cartæ de Burnham, fol. 84.

90. Carta Rogeri de Verli de Pykeham, fol. 85.

91. Carta Hugonis de Verli, fol. 85 b.

* 92. Carta Willielmi comitis Sussexiæ tertii, ibid.

93. Carta Walteri de Hagge de Crungethorp, ibid.

94. Carta Radulfi prioris de Wymundham de terris in Norfeld, fol. 86.

95. Carta Willielmi de Arderne de donatione Ysondæ, ibid.

96. Carta Ysondæ de Arderne de Bestorp, ibid.

97. Carta Warini de Munchenesi, fol. 86 b.

98. Confirmatio Ebrardi episcopi Norwic. de dono Mathei Peverel, ibid.

99. Carta Willielmi comitis Sussexiæ de donatione Ysondæ filii Adæ filii Aluredi de Plesseto de terris in Bestorp, fol. 87.

100. Cartæ de Meltune, foll. 88, 88 b, 89.

101. Cartæ Radulphi de Muncorbin, foll. 92, 92 b.

102. Cartæ Reginaldi de Monte Corbino, foll. 92 b, 93.

103. Carta Rogeri Malherbe de Tacolvestun, fol. 93 b.

104. Compositio inter priorem et conventum de Wymundham, et rectorem ecclesiæ de Coletune, fol. 94.

105. Cartæ de ecclesia de Karstone, foll. 94 b, 95.

106. Carta Benedicti de Angervilla de advocacione ecclesiæ de Neuton, fol. 95.

107. Cartæ de patronatu ecclesiæ de Coletune, foll. 95, 95 b.

108. Cartæ de Wramplingham, fol. 96.

109. Cartæ de terris in Hapesburg, foll. 96 b, 97 b.

110. Cartæ de Karletun, foll. 96 b, 97.

111. De redditibus debitis domui de Wymundham, foll. 98 b, 103.

* Registrum de Wymondham penes Will. Le Neve eq. aur. et armorum tit. Clarenceux regem, 1640, nuper penes dom. Ed. Walker.

^b Fun. Mon. pp. 809, 810.

Bishop Tanner has given the following references to manuscripts containing excerpts from the Registers of Wymondham: "Collect. ex registris prior. de Wymondham MSS. in Bibl. Bodl. Oxon. Dodsworth, vol. lxxviii. fol. 95; vol. cviii. fol. 126; in Bibl. Coll. Armorum Lond. n. 23; in Codice Autoris Notat. T. T. fol. 424 ad 450, modo in Bibl. Bodl. Oxon: et in Bibl. Harleiana, MS. 294, fol. 181."

He likewise gives the following references to public Records:

"Rot. fin. Norf. 9 Hen. III. n. 163, de advoc. eccl. de Colton. Fin. Norf. 12 Hen. III. n. 91, pro terris in Besthorp. Pat. 13 Hen. III. m. 5, dorso pro ten. in Hapesburgh. Pat. 16 Hen. III. p. 1, m. 8. Fin. Norf. 41 Hen. III. n. 25, pro advoc. eccl. de Newton.

"Cart. 12 Edw. I. n. 37, pro libertat. in Wymondham, Hapesburgh, Snetesham, North Wotton, Besthorp, Burnham, Crungethorp, Wilewood, Carleton, Wramplingham, Riston, et Sharnburn [Norf.] Plac. in com. Suff. 14 Edw. I. assis. rot. 24, pro reddit. in Finebergh. Plac. apud Norwic. 14 Edw. I." [See Append. Num. XVII.] "Coron. rot. 12. Assis. rot. 31, rot. 38, de annuo redditu quinque marcarum vicario de Besthorp; et rot. 61. Ibid. rot. 73, dorso, de Curia prioris in Wymondham. Quo War. rot. 4, dorso. Plac. de banco, 15 Edw. I. Hill. Norf. 25, de eadem.

"Inquis. ad quod damnum Norf. 2 Edw. II. 62, 63. Pat. 2 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 14, de terris in North Wotton. Pat. 8 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 5.

"Pat. 10 Edw. III. p. 2, m. .

"Claus. 5 Ric. II. m. 9, de wrecco maris apud Hapesburgh.

"Plac. coram rege, 12 Hen. IV. Trin. 11, inter Priorem et Inhabitantes de suspensione trium campanarum in turri super porticu ecclesiæ.

"Pat. 16 Hen. VI. p. 1, m. 8. Pat. 18 Hen. VI. p. 2, m. 13. Pat. 25 Hen. VI. p. 2, m. 25, de eccl. S. Botulphi in Morle cum capella S. Petri. Pat. 26 Hen. VI. p. 2, m. 31."

to the abbey, with all the right-up aisle on the south side of the steeple and parish church, to the cross-aisle, the lead being forty four feet long and eleven broad: the Monks Lodgings builded over the south aisle of the parish church, seventy six feet long, and eleven broad, all leaded: the Chapel of St. Margaret on the north side of the abbey steeple, the lead being twenty eight feet long, and twenty one broad: the Choir and Our Lady's chapel, with all the whole work as it standeth, to be taken down at pleasure, the lead sixty eight feet long, and thirty broad. Item, the whole chapel of Bishop Becket, standing in the midst of the town, with two little bells there hanging, to give warning to the people of every chance of fire, or other sudden business happening; the lead being seventy one feet long and thirty broad. The whole being seventeen fodder and thirty one feet of lead: all which the inhabitants paid the king for at the rate of four pounds the fodder, and the king gave them the timber-work of the roof of the chapter-house within the late abbey, with such stone, glass, and old windows there, as should be fit for the building of the new aisle."^a

By this, says Blomefield, it appears that the tower and bells at the west end, the nave, north aisle, north porch, and vestry over it, (with the land on the north side near the present church-yard,) at that time belonged solely to the parish; whose good intent (though they had paid the money) was frustrated by Serjt. Flowerdew, who stript the south aisle and abbey-vestry, and all the lodgings, the town-vestry, and part of the abbey steeple, of all their lead, and carried away all the freestone from the south cross aisle, the chapel of our Lady, and the quire (which he demolished in a good measure), and all the freestone from the foundation of a wall which the inhabitants had built between the rest of the abbey ground and the ground given by the king to enlarge the parish-church. Thus, he adds, the choir being demolished, and the beauty spoiled, the inhabitants pulled down the rest, and new built the present south aisle.

The site of the abbey contained thirty-three acres. The old wall at the west end of the tower was part of the charnel-house, which, with Becket's chapel, the abbey steeple, St. Margaret's chapel, the cross aisle, and vestry, with St. Mary's chapel, were granted to Connell and Pistor, as concealed lands, but to no purpose, the inhabitants showing they had a right to them already.^b

Blomefield says, after the inhabitants, by agreement with the prior, had quitted their common right in the quire, and had the nave and north aisle appropriated to them for a parish church, unwilling to have no other bells for their parish use than those in the abbey steeple belonging to the monks, they began to raise contributions, with consent of the lord of the town, to erect a tower at the west end of the church, and what by contributions and legacies given by persons that died here, in 1410 they took down a porch at the west end of the gable, and began the foundation of the noble tower which is now standing there, it being no less than fifty-six yards high. Upon this the prior and monks indicted the townsmen for breaking the porch and wall, and erecting a tower and three bells, and stopping up the

door between the nave and chancel, alledging that the church and all was theirs, and that the townsmen ought to come there at the sound of the abbey bells. This made great confusion, which lasted about a year, and then Thomas archbishop of Canterbury came hither in his metropolitical visitation and settled the matter between them; licensing the townsmen to build their tower and hang what bells they pleased in it, on condition they never rang them to disturb the monks, that is to say before six in the morning nor after six at night, it being their resting time, and that in the day-time they should be rung for divine service, or the dead only, unless on Christmas day, Easter day, at the coming of the king, archbishop, or bishop, or in case of any public enemies, thieves, fire, or robbery. Upon this Sir John Clinton, knt. went upon the work, and, with the assistance of many benefactors, not only built the tower but the upper part of the whole nave, as the different coats of arms cut on the outside of the north windows show. Blomefield says, it was a long time before this work was finished and the bells hung; from 1410 to 1476. In 1461, Nicholas Dote gave 6s. 8d. toward it. In 1464, William Cobald, chaplain, gave five pounds toward the building of it, by his will. In 1468, John Langforth of Wymondham was buried in the church, and gave 20s. to the tower. In 1472, John Westgate gave five marks. In 1473, John the official of the bishop was buried in the church, and gave 13s. 4d. to the tower.

Previous to the Dissolution there were Gilds in this church, of the Holy Trinity, St. Peter of Sutton, Our Lady, St. Margaret, St. Andrew, Watlefield gild, the gild of the Holy Cross, of St. John Baptist, of St. George, and of All Saints, all of which were endowed and supported lights.^c

The present church of Wymondham consists of a nave with its aisles, a large western tower, and another at the intersection of the nave by the transept. On the former of these, according to Camden, William Kett, one of the two incendiaries of the Norfolk insurrections, was executed in 1549.^d From the circular arches of the nave, the older parts of the building may be deemed coeval with the foundation of the monastery.^e At the east end and on the south side of the church are some fragments of walls.

The SEAL of this abbey was large and handsome: an impression of it, on red wax, is appendant to the Acknowledgment of Supremacy in the 25th of Henry the Eighth still remaining in the Chapter-House at Westminster. The device is on one side only, and represents, under a canopy, the blessed Virgin with her Child, sitting on an ornamented seat. On each side is an angel praying; and, in a niche below, a monk, also praying. Much of the legend is lost: the part which remains runs thus, SIG
 ECCLESIE . ET . CONVENTUS WY-
 M . . . EHAM.

The priory de MONTE JOVIS, MONTEGAUDIO, MOUNTJOY, or MONGE, in the parish of Haverland in Norfolk, was originally a CHAPEL or CELL belonging to the Convent of Wymondham.

^a Blomef. Hist. Norf. vol. i. pp. 733, 734.

^b Ibid. p. 734.

^c Ibid. pp. 734, 735.

^d Camd. Brit. Gough's edit. 1789, vol. ii. p. 94.

^e Blomefield says, "On the first N. pillar is the dedication stone, with the word MARIA in a cipher." Hist. Norf. vol. i. p. 738.

Cartae ad Wymundhamense Coenobium in agro Norfolciensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

[E Regist. de Wymundham penes Will. le Neve eq. aur. et armor. tit. Clarencieux, regem an. 1640, fol. 84 b.]

MEMORANDUM, quod Willielmus de Albaneio, pincerna regis Henrici, fundavit ecclesiam monachorum de Wymundham. Qui quidem Willielmus habuit unum filium Willielmum, comitem Arundeliæ; qui Willielmus comes habuit unum filium Willielmum, comitem Sussexiæ; qui Willielmus comes habuit unum filium Willielmum, comitem Sussexiæ; qui Willielmus habuit unum fratrem Hugonem, comitem Sussexiæ; qui Hugo moriebatur sine hærede de corpore suo, et quatuor sorores fuerunt propinquiores hæredes ejus, et diviserunt totum comitatum Sussexiæ inter eas: quarum unam desponsavit dominus le Fitz Allen, et aliam dominus de Montealto, et aliam dominus Robertus de Tathesale, et aliam dominus de Somerie, et advocatio ecclesiæ de Wymundeham allocata fuit domino Roberto de Tathesale, et uxori ejus, tenenda de se et hæredibus suis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam; qui quidem Robertus de Tathesale, habuit filium et hæredem Robertum de Tathesale, cujus erant tres filiæ, quarum unam desponsavit dominus Johannes Orby, aliam dominus de Dryby, et tertiam dominus Thomas Caily qui habuit unum filium et hæredem, scilicet Thomam Caily, qui obiit sine hærede de corpore suo, cujus sororem duxit Rogerus de Clyfton armiger prædicti Thomæ. Iste Rogerus habuit unum filium et hæredem, scilicet, dominum Adam de Clyfton, qui habuit filium et hæredem Constantinum de Clyfton, qui habuit filium et hæredem dominum Johannem de Clyfton, qui habuit filium et hæredem Constantinum de Clyfton, qui quidem Constantinus habuit unum filium et hæredem dominum Johannem de Clyfton, qui nunc est dominus de Wymundham.

NUM. II.

Carta Willielmi de Albaneio, de Ecclesia de Wymundeham.

[Ex Miscel. G. in C. C. C. p. 276.]

NORUM sit omnibus hominibus tam præsentibus quam futuris, quod ego Willielmus de Albeneyo, pincerna domini regis Henrici primi, do, concedo, et hac præsentis carta mea confirmo priori et conventui de Wymundeham, in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam, pro salute animæ meæ et uxoris meæ, patris mei et matris meæ, et omnium parentum meorum, totam ecclesiam de Wymundeham, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis universis viz. decimationes de dominio meo in bladis, pratis, harraciis, molendinis, vivariis, et omnibus aliis rebus unde decimationes provenire debent, cum reliqua tota decimatione totius villæ, et in eadem villa curiam propriam cum pomeriis, alnetis, vivariis ipsam curiam cingentibus, et molendinum de curia, et molendinum de Westwade, cum triginta acris terræ arabilis, et pastura eidem molendino adjacentibus, et nemus de Biskelmid, et parvum nemus de Suthwoode, vivarium de Tyfforde, Wicam et decem homines lancetos in Suthwode, juxta prædictam Wicam, et xiiij. libratas terræ arabilis jacentes in diversis peciis in eadem villa, videlicet in Northfild liiij. acras, in Estfeld octoginta acras, in Filfeld octoginta acras, cum quadraginta lancetis, et tenementis eorum in eadem villa, et xvij. liberos homines cum serviitiis et tenementis eorum in eadem villa.

Volo etiam et concedo quod prædicti prior et conventus habeant curiam propriam in eadem villa, et omnia

amerciamenta hominum suorum tam liberorum quam lancetorum in leta mea, in foro, in curia, et in quocunque loco amerciati fuerint; in Hukehame decimam herracii mei, et in nemoribus meis habere porcos sine pasnagio; et in Nelond, et in Moleffen, et in Brakne xl. solidadas terræ; in Wramplingham terras Grym, Elsey, et Ribaldi; in Colton terram quæ fuit Ulf presbyteri cum suis pertinentiis, et ecclesiam ejusdem villæ cum suis pertinentiis, et in eadem villa terram Adelstani et terram Coleman le Kinge; totum manerium de Happesburgh excepta terra Ansgoti camerarii, et ecclesiam, et forum cum omnibus pertinentiis suis videlicet wrech, thol, et theam, et omnibus aliis libertatibus et consuetudinibus; in Brunham duas carucatas terræ et unum faldagium, et unum molendinum, et xiiij. homines quos habeo in eadem villa; duas partes decimarum domini mei in eadem villa, ecclesiam de Snetisham cum pertinentiis suis; unam carucatam terræ cum faldâ propria in eadem villa; in Grimstone, in Flischam, et in Pykeham duas partes omnium decimarum mearum, et facultatem piscandi in vivariis meis: hæc omnia supradicta concedo et hac carta mea confirmo Deo et ecclesiæ sancti Mariæ de Wymundham et monachis ibidem Deo famulantibus, libera et quietâ ab omni consuetudine et servitio seculari et omnibus redditibus absoluta. Si verò ecclesia illa Priorem non habuerit, monachi qui ibidem morabuntur eligent sibi priorem de conventu suo, qui cum electus fuerit mihi præsentabitur, quem recusare non potero nisi aliquam causam rationabilem ostendero quare esse non debeat.

Abbas verò si apud Wymundham venerit, honorifice suscipiatur, qui singulis annis in primo festo sancti Albani unam marcam argenti debet recipere à monachis pro recognitione subjectionis quam ei debent; reliqua verò ad usum monachorum ejusdem loci remanebunt. Quod autem Richardus abbas et capitulum sancti Albani concessit mihi abbatiam facere, ita tamen quod abbas ibidem constituendus à rege vel à me eligatur de illis qui apud Wymondham morantur; et hoc liceat mihi facere cum voluero, et tunc libera erit abbatia et à marca argenti absoluta.

Hujus confirmationis sunt quamplures testes Angliæ; Rogerus Bigoth et filii ejus Ingulphus Merley, et Ingulfus prior Norwic. Stephanus prior Thetford, Radulphus filius Godrici et frater ejus Eudo, Willielmus Veltre, Albertus francigena, Willielmus Revel, Willielmus de Curtiona, Willielmus Myliers, Radulphus de Estre, Aldwardus de Wymundeham et filii ejus Ricardus, Hugo, et Paganus Edricus de Wymundham, Morellus de Merlai, et alii multi.

NUM. III.

Alia ejusdem Willielmi Carta de Manerio de Hapesburg.

[Ex Registro quodam S. Albani in Bibl. Cottoniana.]

WILLIELMUS de Albeneyo pincerna Henrici regis Anglorum, assistens ad exequias uxoris suæ Matildis, filiæ scilicet Rogeri Bigot, gemens, et plorans, et ad salutem ejusdem defunctæ prospiciens pro spe retributionis æternæ, pro salute regis Henrici et uxoris suæ Adelizæ reginæ, pro anima regis Willielmi patris sui, et Matildis matris suæ, et Matildis uxoris suæ, fratris quoque ejus, et antecessorum suorum, et pro anima Rogeri Bigot, et filiorum venerabilis Ebrardi Norwicensis episcopi, contradidit ecclesiæ sanctæ Dei genetricis et perpetuæ Virginis Mariæ de Wymundham, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, manerium quod vocatur Hapesburg, in elemosinam sempiternam, excepta duntaxat terra Ansgoti camerarii, et excepta una mansiun-

cula, quæ vocatur Eccles. Porro cum hoc idem manerium contigerat uxori suæ de patrio jure, et, ut creditur, divinitus inspiratus, hoc sibi et posteris in futurum prodesse prospiciens, Deo genetrici ejus, sicut dictum est, contradidit. Hanc donationem confirmavit ipse Willielmus de Albineyo, ipso die sepulturæ ejus, per crucem argenteam, in quæ reconditæ sunt reliquiæ de ligno Domini, et de præsepio ejus, et de sepulchro sanctæ genetricis ejusdem Domini nostri Jesu Christi, et per annulum ejus aureum, per cifum quoque argenteum, in modum sphaeræ, mira arte fabricatum, et ad Eucharistiam proprie conservandam. Quæ omnia super altare posuit, per manum supradicti episcopi, facta supplicatione, et completa Letania, jam missam celebraturi.

Hujus donationis testis est dominus et antistes supradictus. Sunt etiam testes hujus rei religionis viri venerabiles, Nigellus prior ejusdem loci, Ingulfus prior Norwici, Stephanus prior Tetfordiæ, Hugo prior Acris, et monachi alii, Willielmus, Lucas, Wibertus, Gregorius, Thomas, Johannes, Silvester, Paulinus, Florentius, Hugo, Eudo, Stephanus. Sunt et alii testes complures, filii scilicet ejusdem Willielmi, Nigellus et Oliverus, Willielmus capellanus, et Valerianus, et Johannes capellani, Galfridus de Merlay, Radulphus filius Godrici, et frater ejus Eudo, Willielmus Veltre, Albertus Francigena, et frater ejus Reginaldus, Willielmus Revel, Willielmus de Curciona, qui et ipsa hora dedit eidem ecclesiæ de Wymundham viginti acras terræ, et decimam suam de Stanfeld, de omnibus rebus de quibus solet decima dari. Testes sunt adhuc hujus donationis Willielmus de Milliers, Radulfus de Estre, Morellus de Merlay, Ailwardus de Wymundham, et filii ejus Richardus, Hugo, et Paganus, Adricus et Dunham, Adeliz. Bigot mater ejusdem defunctæ, Agnes de Bellafago, et filia ejus Almud, et Muriel neptis ejus et alii.

NUM. IV.

Carta Regis Henrici I.

[Ibid. fol. 45 b. Pat. 16 H. III. p. 1, m. 8.]

Ego Henricus Dei gratia rex Anglorum et dux Normannorum, ad consummationem magis, quàm ad præsentiam rerum respiciens, et cum electis agminibus sanctorum portionem habere desiderans, pro spe retributionis æternæ, pro animabus etiam patris et matris meæ, fratris, et antecessorum meorum, et pro anima mea, et uxoris meæ Matildis, et proliis nostræ, concedo Deo, et sancto Albano, et ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Wymundham, et monachis ibidem Deo famulantibus, in elemosinam sempiternam omnia quæ Willielmus, pincerna meus, eidem cellæ, munificentia liberali donavit.

Ipsam videlicet ecclesiam de Wymundham, et decimas domini sui et hominum suorum in eadem villa. Et in eadem villa curiam propriam, et duo molendina, et duo nemora, et vivarium de Tysford, et duo prata, et unum pomerium, et unum alnetum, et unum sokemannum, et decem libratas terræ, et omnes homines quas tenebat sub comite de Warrenna in eodem manerio, et in Hahilla quadraginta solidatas terræ, et in Bunkenham terram ad unum vakariam faciendam cum pastura villæ, et decimam equorum suorum, et porcos suos habere sine pasnagio in nemoribus suis, et in Redham unum mariscum, et in Elingeya duo millenorum anguillarum, et ecclesiam de Hapesburg, cum omnibus pertinentiis et libertatibus suis, et totum manerium de Hapesburge, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, excepta terra Ansgoti camerarii, et forum in villa de Hapesburge, cum omnibus pertinentiis, libertatibus, et liberis consuetudinibus ad forum pertinentibus, et totum Wrec in eadem villa, à divisa quæ est inter villam de Eccles, et de Hapesburge juxta mare, in longum versus occidentem, usque ad divisam inter hundredum de Hapesburge et Tunstede.

Ecclesiam quoque de Snetesham, cum omnibus pertinentiis et libertatibus suis, et in eadem villa unam carucatam terræ de laico feodo, cum una faldsoca ad eandem carucatam terræ pertinente, et in Brunham duas carucatas terræ, et tresdecim homines ad opera, et unum molendinum, cum omnibus libertatibus, et liberis consuetudinibus, quibus prædictus Willielmus tenuit de me. Et in eadem

villa, et in Flicham, et in Pykeham, et in Grimmestun, et in Kanhgam, in Risinges duas partes omnimodarum decimarum de dominico prædicti pincernæ.

Hæc omnia concedo eis et confirmo, et volo et firmiter præcipio, ut ea habeant et teneant, bene et in pace, liberè et quietè, integrè et honorificè, in bosco in plano, in terris et aquis, in pratis et pascuis, in viis et semitis, in urbe et extra urbem, et in omnibus locis, in quibus mea regia potestas illis libertatem dare potest, cum soca et saca, tol et theam, infangetheft, utfangetheft, flemthe, framth, blodwyrt, forestal, daniæld, wrec, murdre, cum pecunia quæ ad murdre pertinet. Et volo et concedo, quod illi et homines sui emant, et vendant in omnibus urbibus, et in omnibus cæteris quibus possum libertatem dare, ita liberè et quietè quod nullus exigat ab eis, vel accipiat tol, vel aliquam consuetudinem aliam de aliqua re, quam emant, vel vendant ad opus proprium.

Prohibeo etiam super forisfacturam nostram, ne aliquis ministrorum meorum, aliquo modo se intromittant, aut aliquam potestatem exercere audeant, vel exactionem facere in terris, vel hominibus, vel libertatibus suis, nisi ex consensu et voluntate eorum. Et habeant et constituent proprios ministros suos, qui homines, et terras, et libertates suas custodiant, et accipiant omnia ad ea pertinentia, ita liberè, et quietè, ad opus suum sicut proprii ministri mei debent ea inquirere, et accipere ad opus meum. Testibus Rogero, episcopo Sarum. Alexandro, episcopo London. Galfrido cancellario, et Milone de Gloucester. apud London.

NUM. V.

Carta Willielmi Comitis de Albeneio pincernæ Regis H. de nemore de Snitwude et de vivario de Tipford, et de prato ante portam Prioratus adjacentæ.

[Ex Registro quodam S. Albani, fol. 28, ut supr.]

POSTQUAM piissimus rex Anglorum Henricus, auctoritate et carta sua confirmavit, donationem terræ, et aliarum rerum, quas dedit Willielmus de Albineio, videlicet pincernæ ejus ecclesiæ sanctæ Dei genetricis Mariæ de Wymundham, idem Willielmus, in augmentum elemosinæ suæ, dedit eidem ecclesiæ, pro salute regis, et sobolis suæ, et pro anima patris sui, et matris suæ, et pro anima fratris sui Willielmi regis, quoddam nemus in eodem manerio, quod nemus vocatur Snitwde, et vivarium de Tipford, et pratum, cum terra ante portas prædictæ ecclesiæ adjacentis, et omnes homines quos tenebat, sub comite Willielmo de Warrenna in eodem manerio. Et ne monachi ibidem Deo servientes, incursu viatorum aliquam molestiam paterentur, transmutavit viam regiam juxta domum suam, quæ prius erat juxta ecclesiam, permissu regis. Teste Waltero de Glocestria, apud Waltham.

NUM. VI.

Carta ejusdem Regis de Manerio de Hapesburg.

[Ex Registro de Wymundham, MS. Cotton. Titus C. VIII. fol. 32 b.]

HENRICUS rex Angliæ episcopo de Norwic. et vic. et omnibus baronibus et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Norfolch salutem. Sciat is me concessisse ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Wymundham et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus manerium de Hapesbur' et x. libratas terræ in Wymundham qui prius positæ fuerunt ad operationem ejusdem ecclesiæ sicut Willielmus de Albini pincerna eis dedit, et concessit in elemosina pro anima patris mei et fratris mei et matris meæ, et pro remedio animæ meæ et Matildis uxoris meæ et omnium parentum meorum. Et volo et firmiter præcipio quod teneant ita bene et in pace, et honorifice, cum omnibus consuetudinibus suis, sicut prædictus Willielmus de Albineio nunquam melius tenuit. Teste Rogero episcopo Sar. Alexandro episcopo de London, Galfrido cancellario, Milone de Gloucestria. Apud London.

NUM. VII.

Carta Henrici I. Regis de Fera de Wymundham.

[Ibid.]

HENRICUS rex Angliæ episcopo Norwyc. et justiciariis

et vicecomitibus, et baronibus, et ministris, et omnibus fidelibus suis, Francis et Anglis, de Norfolch, salutem. Sciatis quia concessi monachis de Wymundham ut habeant feriam suam in villa de Wymundham iij. diebus, scilicet in vigilia Nativitatis beatæ Mariæ, et in die festi, et in crastino. Et omnes illi qui ad feriam illam venerint cum mercato suo ibidem commorantes et inde redeuntes meam firmam pacem habeant. Et prohibeo quod nullus super hoc eos, vel res suas injuste disturbent super x. libris forisfacturæ. Testibus Willielmo de Caisun et H. de Olli, apud Norwyc.

NUM. VIII.

Carta Johannis filii Roberti le Masun de Advocatione Ecclesiæ Sancti Bartholomæi de Norwico.

[Ibid. fol. 60 b.]

SCIANT præsentis et futuri quod ego Johannes filius Roberti le Macun de Norwyc pro salute animæ meæ et antecessorum meorum concessi et præsentis carta mea confirmavi Deo et ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Wymundham et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam Advocationem ecclesiæ sancti Bartholomæi in Norwyc in vico de Berstrete, cum omnibus ad dictam advocationem pertinentibus. Ego vero Johannes et hæredes mei warrantizabimus dictæ ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ et dictis monachis dictam Advocationem et omnes homines in perpetuum: et ut hæc mea concessio mea carta permaneat, huic scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis, &c.

NUM. IX.

Litera Ysabellæ Comitissæ de Arundel.

[Ibid. fol. 80.]

ISABELLA de Albeniaco comitissa Arond. dilectis et fidelibus ballivis suis de Wymundham salutem in Domino. Noveritis nos spontanea et bona voluntate concessisse domino Willielmo priori et conventui nostro de Wymundham liberum meatum plumbei conductarii de fonte de Estapil usque ad prioratum de Wymundham per medium terrarum nostrarum interjacentium. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras eisdem fecimus fieri patentes. Valete.

NUM. X.

Confirmatio Willielmi Comitis Sussexiæ de Donationibus avi sui et patris sui.

[Ex Registro quodam S. Albani, fol. 30 b.]

WILLIELMUS comes Sudsexiæ omnibus fidelibus præsentibus et futuris salutem. Noverint universitas vestra me, pro salute domini mei regis H. et hæredum suorum et pro amicis patris et matris meæ, et omnium parentum, et amicorum meorum, necnon et pro salute mea propria, et uxoris meæ, et hæredum meorum concessisse et præsentis carta confirmasse, in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam, Deo, et monachis sancti Albani in monasterio de Wymundham Deo servientibus, omnia tenementa, sive donationes quascunque bonæ memoriæ avus meus Willielmus de Albineio, pincerna regis, seu pater meus Willielmus comes de Arundell, vel aliquis hominum suorum et meorum de jure suo munificentia liberali prædictis monachis contulerunt.

In primis, ipsam ecclesiam de Wymundham cum omnibus pertinentiis suis universis, videlicet et decimas de dominio suo, de pratis, de bladis, parcis, haratiis, molendinis, et de vivariis, et de omnibus aliis rebus unde decimæ pervenire debent, cum tota decimatione ejusdem villæ. Concedo etiam eis et confirmo donum patris mei: à valuatione videlicet vivariorum meorum, et in anniversario avi mei facultatem piscandi in ipsis vivariis, per unam diem et noctem. Quod si memorata die tempus piscandi opportunum non fuerit, in aliam quamcunque maluerint diem, piscationem differre poterunt, et tunc liberam, ut supradictum est, piscandi habeant facultatem, et quicquid captum fuit cedit in usus eorum.

Præterea concedo eis, et confirmo in eadem villa curiam propriam, cum pomeriis, alnetis, atque vivariis curiam ip-

sam circumgyrentibus, et molendinum de curia, et molendinum de Westwade, cum xxx. acris eidem molendino adjacentibus de terra arabili, et pasturam et vivarium de Typford. Boscum quoque de Biskelund, et Wica, et essarta, et homines quos habent in Suthwda, cum minori bosco qui extenditur versus Morleyam, et totam terram quam habent in dominio in Northfeld, et in Estfeld, et in Silefeld, cum omnibus lancetis suis, et tenementis eorum, et terram Ricardi filii Adæ de Dunham, et in Branteslund terram Bondæ et Oschetel et totum feodum quod tenebat avus meus de comite de Warennia in eadem villa, et totam terram quam habent de feodo Rogeri filii Ansgoti in eadem villa, et in Harpesburhe, et tres acras in Popiland ex feodo Reginaldi forestarii, et in eadem cultura Godesacra, ex dono Nigelli Rustendene, et in Teldebotes Smethe, terram ad unam vaccariam faciendam, cum communitate pasturæ, et in Bucheham decimam aratii sui, et in nemoribus suis habere porcos suos sine pasnagio; et in burgo de Bukeham, ex dono Alexand. coci. vi. denaratas redditus. Præterea concedo et confirmo prædictis monachis advocationem ecclesiæ de Beestorp, et ipsam ecclesiam cum suis pertinentiis, quam habent ex dono patris mei.

In eadem quoque villa de Bestorp, ex dono Roberti de Bathwant culturam, quæ vocatur Sparwestoft: ex dono Roberti filii ejus quatuor acras et dimid. de fructeto, et tres acras de terra arabili. Quadraginta etiam solidatas terræ in Neeland, et in Moilseffen, et in Binchene, quas avia mea contulit prædictæ ecclesiæ de Wymundham. Necnon et in Wramplingham, terras quas tenent Robertus Grim, Elsi, et Ribald. in Colethun; et terram quæ fuit Ulf presbiteri, cum suis pertinentiis, et ecclesiam ejusdem villæ similiter, cum suis pertinentiis. In eadem villa terram, quæ fuit Turchilli presbiteri, cum ecclesia in eodem feodo fundata, et in Kerebrohc tenementum quod Johannes, et Lucas filius ejus de prædictis monachis tenuerunt.

Præterea concedo eis et confirmo totum manerium de Hapesburc, excepta terra quæ fuit Ansgoti, et ecclesiam et forum cum universis regiis dignitatibus et consuetudinibus quas avus meus habuit in eodem manerio. Et in Burh duas carucatas terræ in dominio, cum uno faldagio, et molendino: et omnes homines cum tenementis eorum quos habent de feodo meo, et cum duabus partibus decimarum omnium totius domini, quod fuit avi mei in eadem villa. In Snetesham unam carucatam terræ, cum falda propria, et omnes homines quos habent de feodo meo cum tenementis eorum: ecclesiam quoque ejusdem villæ, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et decimis, tam de molendinis, quam de bladis, et de aliis rebus omnibus quæ decimari debent. Et in Uthuna, ex dono Ricardi Noth, de quadam salina redditum duorum solidorum.

Porro in Fliccheham. in Grimestun, et in Pikeham, duas partes omnium decimarum totius domini quod fuit avi mei, tam de molendinis, quam de aliis rebus, et omnibus quæ decimari debent, cum uno mesuagio, et una acra ex dono Rogeri de Verli. In Helingeta tenementum, unde eis duo millenaria, et dimidium anguillarum annuatim eis persolvuntur, et unum marescum in Reddeham, et quinque acras, quæ vocantur Lenedelond, unam acram et unam rodam juxta crucem Levedu, et unam acram et unam rodam juxta Kepparderhou. Tres acras et dimidiam juxta Langheg. Ecclesia quoque Northwttun, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis, et advocatione ipsius.

Volo igitur et præcipio quatinus prædicti monachi omnia supradicta tenementa, cum omnibus dignitatibus, libertatibus, et consuetudinibus, et omnibus rebus cum quibus Willielmus avus meus ea unquam melius et liberius in vita sua tenuit, habeant et teneant benè et in pace in perpetuum. T. Rogero Bigod, Godefrido fratre comit. Radulpho de Munchanesi, et cæteris.

NUM. XI.

Carta Willielmi Comitis Sussexiæ tertii.

[Ex Registro de Wymundham, MS. Cotton. Titus C. viii. fol. 85 b.]

UNIVERSIS sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis, Willielmus comes Sussexiæ tertius salutem in Domino. Noverit dilectio vestra nos concessisse et hac præsentis carta nostra confirmasse Deo et ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ de Wymundham et monachis nostris ibidem Deo servientibus omnes donationes

et confirmationes quas eis fecerunt Radulphus de Verli et prædecessores ejus, in terris, redditibus, et omnibus aliis rebus in puram et perpetuam elemosinam secundum tenorem cartarum dicti Radulphi de Verli et prædecessorum ipsius. In hujus rei testimonium præsentis scripto sigillum nostrum apposuimus. Hiis testibus, &c.

NUM. XII.

Causa inter Abbatem S. Albani et Comitem de Arundell pro Cella de Wymundham.

[Mat. Par. Vitæ viginti trium S. Albani Abbatum, edit. 1684, p. 1033.]

IN narrationem gestorum abbatis Roberti, utimur ordine artificiali; id primò narrantes quod posteriùs gestum est; secundum eminentiam rerum earundem quæ contigerunt. Domuit enim Willielmum Comitem Harundellie, qui quasi fræneticus, in multos consuevit desævire. Est autem beato Albano cella monachorum apud Wymundham, ut prædictum est; quam fundavit Gulielmus de Albaneya pincerna regis Henrici primi; pater jam dicti Comitis Willielmi, in honore sanctæ Mariæ et sancti Albani. Contigit itaque Roberti abbatis tempore, quod prior de Wymundham (Radulphus scilicet de Nuers) vir quidem religiosus, sed in iram secùs quam deceret præceps; aliquando apud Hapesburc, prædium pertinens ecclesiæ de Wymundham, ut à suis ibi ecclesiæ suæ auxilium exigeret, pro incumbente aliqua necessitate; divertit. At illi in exactione, Priori restiterunt in faciem; unde Prior ira accensus in adiutorium exactionis suæ, vocavit comitis servientes. Qui diruerunt ostia, seras confringentes et repagula; servosque ecclesiæ crudeliter contractantes et nonnullos compedibus et cippo constringentes, prædam abegerunt. Servi autem confugientes ad beati Albani præsidium; in argumentum injuriarum, tulerunt secum seras contractas; vestibus conscissis, querimoniam lacrymabilem coram Abbate deposuerunt. Abbas vero interrogavit, de quo potiùs conquererentur, quasi auctore injuriæ; servientibus Comitibus, vel Priori. Servi responderunt, dolo Prioris illatam fuisse violentiam sub nomine Comitis. Abbas vero cogitans super hoc, in id consilii devenit; ut accederet ad locum; et cum fratribus et servientibus loci tractaret secretiùs ac districtius super hujus casus articulo. Et ecce properanti Northfolciam, octoque milliariibus distanti a Wymundham, occurrit Prior loci cum suis; et abbati suggestit, quod ab apparitoribus comitis didicerat, qui jam Wymundham venerant, ut abbati obstarent, et introitum ad cellam suam violenta manu negarent. Abbas autem seorsum suos convocans; quid facto opus sit super hoc consuluit. Dicente uno consultius fore transire ad Norwicum, et inde legatum ad comitem mittere, qui quereretur utrum hoc auctoritate comitis factum esset. Ait quidam fratrum junior, nondum vis illata est abbati, nec occasio querimonie locum habet, nisi præcesserit corporalis violentia. Eapropter eat dominus abbas ad cellam suam, et ingrediatur; audiatque et videat apparitionem vim facturum. Placuit Abbati junioris consilium; et ad cellæ suæ domicilium properavit. Et ecce nuncius occurrit nuntians cocum Abbatis spoliatum equo suo; qui Abbatem de more præcesserat, ut refectiones pararet. Quod monachi audientes qui ibidem erant, in prædonem irruerunt, et colaphis turpiter affectum, equum liberaverunt. Nec idcirco abbas lora retraxit, veniente occurret extra valvas totus loci Conventus, profitens unanimi voce, patrem spiritualement et dominum illius cellæ temporalem; et prosecutus est eum usque ad portam atrii domus Dei. Ibique volenti introire, obstitit Robertus de Millers abbas, cum multa satellitum turba. Cui abbas, "In qua potestate, Rogere, vetas me ingredi domum meam? Ea die qua suscepi curam regiminis in ecclesia sancti Albani, suscepi etiam curam domus hujus, quippe ex illius pendet cura, et comitatur tanquam filia matrem. Scio te regis hominem esse: et tu scis me illius Abbatem. Ex ejus auctoritate tibi interdico, ne vim nobis inferas." Et urgens calcaribus equum, ingressus est per medios apparitores, nullo resistente. Cui redeunti ab oratione, accessit jam dictus Rogerus et qui cum eo erant, supplicantes abbati ut recederet, ne iram comitis incurrerent, quàm intollerabilem sæpius præsenferant. Quibus ille dixit, "Ecce

advesperascit, et quò recedam tardè sic? Sustinete me et fratres qui mecum sunt, et uniuscujusque monachi ministrum; et omnes alios dimittam: donec ab ore comitis per nuntios proprios accipiam, utrum ipse an furor aliorum, contra me fecerit quod actum est. Quod cum ab ipso acceperim, vel hic securus in domo nostra permanebo, vel recedam, ut nostræ indemnitati prævideam; et factum quod petiit et promisit." Redeuntes à Comite Prior loci et Richardus de Sancto Claro, et Henricus de Gorham patruus Abbatis, quos Abbas ad comitem miserat pro colloquio habendo inter abbatem et comitem; sequenti quarta feria apud Athelburnam* comite expectante abbatis adventum, abbati suggererunt. Die ergo statuto, venit comes illuc agmine stipatus numero; venit et abbas cum paucis. Seditibus itaque partibus ex adverso, Comes primus sic orsus est, "Domine Abbas, ad hoc convenimus ego et tu, ut in communi consilio tractemus de cellæ meæ de Wymundham emendatione: quatenus videamus quid mihi, quid tibi, quid Priori meo competat, in prædicta cella. Ne si usurpaveris tibi quod meum est, vel ego mihi quod tuum est, fiat confusio in domo Domini, atque inter nos odii fomes utrobique damnosa. Ostende, proinde, imprimis chartam patris mei, et quicquid tibi donaverit chartæ autoritas tuum sit. Quam si non habeas, vellem scire quo auctore vendicas tibi in terra mea aliquid domini?" At Abbas, "Ad hoc equidem venimus, ut emendemus in monachis nostris de Wymundham pariter et illis de Bingham, ea quæ cura exigit spiritualis: hoc enim nobis est primum, querere, scilicet, regnum Dei. Deinde, ut non omittamus in exterioribus, quæ nostra indigent dispensatione. Pridie venientibus nobis Wymundham, ad officii nostri executionem, restiterunt nobis quos miseratis, et introitum negaverunt procaciter. Misimus ad vos, ut de ore vestro acciperemus si vestra autoritas intercessit, et inficiati estis. Colloqui vobiscum erat ardens desiderium: de die colloqui significastis, nosque in omnibus morem vobis gesimus. Ecce assumus: querimoniam lacrymabilem deposuerunt in auribus nostris rustici ecclesiæ de Wymundham: quod Officiales vestri irruerunt in eos, et tulerunt prædam eorum, confregeruntque seras arcarum, et contenta asportaverunt. Quod quàm detestandum sit in tempore pacifici regis, et in diebus pacis, facile est deprehendere. Illud imprimis eget emendatione: deinde procedendum est in aliis, juxta rerum exigentiam. De carta verò patris vestri non est modo quæstio, nec ad hoc modò venimus. Nulli quippe dubium est, quòd abbas sancti Albani habeat in ecclesia de Wymundham; omnibus enim notum est, quod Priores ponit: et cum rex exegerit, deponit: ipse quoque fratres loci visitat semel in anno, et si casus se ingesserit, pluries. In visitatione, protractionem facit moram: ut ex deliberatione morosa possit mederi animabus infirmis, providere in rebus exterioribus, si res ita disponantur ut expediat." Ad hoc Comes, "Si rusticis Ecclesiæ meæ, et hominibus Prioris mei, aliquid feci quod facere non debui, nihil ad te, mihi et Priori meo, bene conveniet. Tu enim in ecclesia de Wymundham, nullum omnino habes dominium, nisi quòd in signum subjectionis et ordinis debet tibi successoribusque tuis Prior loci reddere annuam marcam. Si volueris visitare fratres tuos de Bingham, debetur tibi in eundo unius noctis, et in redeundo alterius hospitium apud Wymundham: ita quod tredecim equorum numerum non debent excedere, qui te comitantur. Ita data est Cella à patre meo, abbati Ricardo: juxta quod taxatum est in carta patris mei, et ita faciam observari omnibus diebus meis." Abbas respondit; "De hominibus Ecclesiæ tuæ, vel Prioris tui de Wymundham, totum ad me, Priorem quippe hunc quem tuum perhibes, ego creavi, et jus quod habet vel in monachis, vel in rebus monachorum de Wymundham, me auctore possidet." Et conversus ad Priorem, ait; "Domine Prior, cujus es Prior? à quo habes curam tam extrinsecam quam intrinsecam, in hac ecclesia de qua loquimur de Wymundham?" Et ille; "Domine pater, à vestra paternitate." Tunc Abbas prosecutus est quod cæperat. "Si à me habet Prior nomen Prioris, et officium meum est quicquid possidet, meum est hominibus illi creditis, in justitia non deesse: meum in omnibus defectum Prioris supplere. Et hujus rei argumentum est annuæ marcæ solutio; quam etsi in signum subjectionis solvit, aut nomine suo,

* Attilbergam.

aut nomine Ecclesiæ solvit. Quod nomine ecclesiæ solvit, patet, quia successivè solvitur. Et si nomine ecclesiæ solvitur, subjecta est ecclesiæ quæ solvit illi cui solvitur. Si illam visitaturus advenero, mora mea non est taxanda vel dierum vel equorum numero. Quia Ricardus cujus tempore ecclesia de Wymundham in patrimonium S. Albani devoluta est, nec tredecim equorum numero contentus est, vel unius noctis hospitio veniens, nec alterius noctis recedens: neque cæteri qui nos præcesserunt Abbates. Alioquin unius diei spatio, non poterunt nobis a Wymundham detegere secreta cordis sui cuncti fratres nostri: quorum salus spiritualis pendet à consilio nostro. Ea propter oportet sapientem animarum medicum expectare et reexpectare; ut quod prima non poterit, secunda, vel tria, vel aliis sequentibus diebus, mederi valeat. Oportet enim sanctos et mundos esse, qui acceptam Deo hostiam pro animabus antecessorum vestrorum et omnium fidelium, sunt oblaturi. Clamant enim ad nos, et præcipuè quos in hoc mundo habuerunt speciales." Tunc comes iratus nimis, et furore solito actus, ait: "Quod dicis nunquam fuit, nunquam erit, quamdiu cingulo militari accinctus fuero." Surgensque invectus furia, infecto colloqui negotio, recessit. Porro abbas ad sua rediens, et apud Wymundham moram faciens, quantum res noviter emersa exigebat; Harpesburgum ire disposuit. Quod comitem non latuit. Et mittens apparitores, de quorum crudelitate magis confidebat, et impetu præsumebat; fidei interpositione astrictos adjuravit, ne permitterent abbatem portas de Harpesburc intrare vel quempiam de suis. Quod quidem factum est. Veniens quidem abbas cum suis illuc, non est permissus intrare. Quamobrem communicato cum suis consilio, misit sæpèdictum fratrem Nicholaum, ad comitem Legriæ qui præerat (ut dictum est) causis cognoscendis in Anglia: et in auribus illius quærimoniam injuriarum à Comite illatarum, deposuit. Et citatorias meruit ad Præsidentem provincie, quibus Comitem jam dictum citaret. Ut copiam sui et omnium fautorum in facto qui interfuerant illatæ abbati sancti Albani injuriæ apud Harpesburc faceret apud Northampton, die statuto responsurus abbati, super violentia, ut quærebatur sibi illata. Citatus itaque comes venit Northampton; et ante litis contestationem mediantibus qui utramque partem diligebant, promisit Comes se satisfacturum Abbati super violentia ad gratum ipsius in ecclesia de Wymundham: tamen Comiti Legriæ supplicaret, quatenus ejus interveniret licentia. Fidemque suorum interposuit: quod sine malo dolo pacto stare. Impetrata est ergo ab Abbate licentia: et veniens Norfolkiam Abbas, Comitis expertus dolum, infecto rediit negotio. Iterata est itaque querimonia ad Judicem Angliæ; et citatio similiter iterata. Convenerunt ergò Londoniæ: ibique iterata est pacis prolocutio, et in chyrographum redacta, ne Comes pro altero verbo ut consueverat resiliret. Iterum Abbas Norfolkiam rediit, infecto negotio; Comite non exhibente chyrographi testimonium. Et tunc tandem confugit ad ecclesiasticæ justitiæ remedium. Sanctus enim Tho. Doroberniensis archiepiscopus, comitem citavit, et utraque pars copiam sui fecit die statuto coram se et Comite Legriæ. Abbate itaque allegante rhethoricè (utpote vir nobilis et urbanæ eloquentiæ) de damnis et injuriis illatis, de dilationibus frustratoriis: Comes patuit discrimini anathematis. Sed detulit ei abbas, ex consilio optimatum regni. Dicebant enim quòd si Comes percelleretur anathemate, ecclesia de Wymundham, occasione ipsa quæ sub alis patrocinii ejus latitabat, grave pateretur dispendium. Proinde adhuc tractabatur, efficacius: de pace reformanda inter ipsos, et in eum casum deventum est, quòd comes carta sua confirmare debuit ecclesiæ de Wymundham, quicquid ei pater suus de suis prædiis concesserat. Et quia hoc verbum captiosum erat, abbas sæpius mediatoribus reformandæ pacis, dixit: "Si recesserimus ab hoc Consistorio, in hoc verbo Comes cartam patris sui sibi exhibere exiget; ut secundum formam Cartæ condatur. Ideo nolo vos latere, quod temporibus primi H. regis Angl. Monasteriis sive Ecclesiis Conventualibus noviter institutis, non exigebatur alia Carta nisi solius regis. Nullus enim prævalebat illis diebus congregationes in regno Angl. instituere, nisi ex regis permissione. Regis enim intercedat permissio, nisi patronus in manu resignaret ipsum monasterium vel ecclesiam, ut de cætero nulli nisi soli Regi, responderet de temporalibus. Inde contigit quòd aliam cartam quàm regis, nunquam (ut aliqui affirmant) habuimus de ecclesia

de Wymundham. Proinde si Comes voluerit confirmare monasterio de Wymundham omnia quæ in regis carta continentur, et præterea, alia quæque bonorum testimonio virorum sunt collata à patre suo prædicto Monasterio de Wymundham; omnem injuriam ei remitto; et quicquid restitutionis ab eo exigo; atque insuper, quadraginta marcarum summam donabo." Hoc dicebat abbas, ut ambitione simul et paupertate refertum Comitem, muneribus obcæcaret; et de cætero, quia præ manibus non habebat Cartas omnium quæ possidebat monasterium pro quo contendebat. Mediantibus igitur Gaufrido de Magnavilla juniore, scilicet Comite de Essexia, et Ricardo de Lucy, et aliis utriusque partis amicis, in hunc modum reformata est pax inter tam discordes viros. Comesque cartam suam fecit, et per sacramentum virorum in corde et corde loquentium, excepit ecclesiam de Resinges, et nonnullas decimationes, quæ quidem in carta regis continebantur; sed à monachis de Wymundham nunquam corporaliter possessæ fuerant; et idcirco amicitia, ut putabatur, reformata, simulatè est concepta, non in veritate solidata. Comes quidem rubore suffusus est non modico, quòd in tanto discrimine victus est à viro mediocri, et qui invincibiles edomuit, à simplici se victum confitebatur. Unde semper Comes postea cautè seria commutans in jocosa ait, "Per lanceam Dei, nomen tuum de cætero mutabitur, et vocaberis Robertus Matefelon: nomen adeptus, et tenens, ab effectu."

NUM. XIII.

Compositio inter Thomam Episcopum Norwicensem et Priores de Wymundham et Binham tempore Abbatis Willielmi.

[Mat. Par. in Vit. Abbatum S. Albani, edit. 1684, pp. 1060, 1061.]

UNIVERSIS præsentibus literas inspecturis, Martinus decanus Londoniensis, R. archidiaconus Middlesexie, et Magister de Arcubus, gerens vices episcopi Roffensis, salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra, quòd cum mota esset controversia coram nobis auctoritate literarum domini papæ inter venerabilem patrem Thomam episcopum Norwicensem ex una parte, et de Binham et de Wymundham priores ex altera; super obedientia et reverentia dicto episcopo à prædictis prioribus ratione parochialium ecclesiarum quas habent in episcopatu suo præstanda; et super visitatione, procuracione, et ordinatione vicariorum in eisdem ecclesiis. Tandem interveniente consensu et voluntate domini Norwicensis episcopi, et prioris et capituli Norwicensis, et domini abbatis sancti Albani et ipsius capituli, et dictorum priorum de Binham et de Wymundham, et ipsorum similiter conventus; in forma perpetuæ pacis inter partes, auctoritate nostra sub forma subscripta amicabiliter est compositum; videlicet, quod prædicti priores de Binham et de Wymundham præsentabuntur episcopo Norwicensi, qui pro tempore erit, et eidem facient canonicam obedientiam, et ad synodum venient, vel procuratorem aut excusatorem literariè mittent, et inter alios priores sedebunt. Habitu tamen itineris non mutato nisi valent; videlicet, in cappis et calcaribus, Item convenit, quod vicarii ad præsentationem dictorum priorum, instituantur per episcopum in singulis ecclesiis parochialibus, quas habent dicti priores in episcopatu Norwicensi. Videlicet, in ecclesiis parochialibus de Wymundham, de Binham, de Sneatesham, de Dersingham, et Happesburge, quos vicarios ad dictas ecclesias præsentatos episcopus Norwicensis pro tempore sine difficultate aliqua admittet; ita videlicet, quod taxationi vicariorum in ecclesiis de Happesburge et de Sneatesham, jam factæ, stetur. Vicariæ autem ecclesiæ de Dersingham, erit vij. marcarum in obventionibus altaris, secundum justam æstimationem bonorum virorum et juratorum de capitulo. In ecclesiis de Binham et de Wymundham ita fiat æstimatio vicariorum, quòd considerata æstimatione quæ facta fuit tempore vicesimæ assignabatur sexta pars illius æstimationis, in obventionibus alteragiorum perpetuis vicariis in dictis ecclesiis et episcopo pro tempore instituendis, vel octava pars æstimationis in certis portionibus illarum ecclesiarum de novo faciendæ, per viros fide dignos et juratos de capitulo. Ita quod episcopus inde habeat optionem. Item convenit quod pro visitationibus in prædictis ecclesiis parochialibus, ab episcopo vel ejus misso annuatim faciendis, habeat episcopus de Prioratu de Binham viginti solidos, et de Prioratu de Wymundham qua-

draginta solidos, per annum, in Synodo Paschali Norwicensi. Et facta est compositio, ita quod occasione ejusdem, non derogetur privilegium Monachorum Sancti Albani in aliquibus aliis articulis salvo etiam jure cujuslibet alterius, et salva sit domino abbati sancti Albani, potestas excessus monachorum corrigendi et amovendi, et substituendi Priores: secundum quod viderit expedire secundum regulam sancti Benedicti, et ordinis sui institutionem. Ad majorem autem securitatem, una cum sigillis nostris apposita sunt presenti Scripto sigilla Episcopi et Conventus Norwicensis, et Abbatis et Conventus Sancti Albani, et Priorum de Bingham et de Wymundham et eorum Conventuum. Acta in Ecclesia Sancti Pauli London. pridie nonas Novembris anno incarnationis Dominicæ M.CC.XXVIII.

NUM. XIV.

Carta Prioris de Wymundham de Ecclesia de Kanhham.

[Ex Registro de Wymundham, ut supr. fol. 53 b.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus hoc scriptum visuris frater Thomas Prior de Wymundham salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra me, tam de consensu venerabilis patris Johannis Dei gratia abbatis sancti Albani et ejusdem loci conventus, quam de consensu conventus de Wymundham assignasse ecclesiam omnium sanctorum de Kanhham cum tota terra ejusdem ecclesiæ pertinente, et cum omnibus aliis proventibus et pertinentiis suis Camerario de Wymundham qui pro tempore fuerit, quæ quidem æstimatione communi singulis annis valet duodecim marcas. Ita tamen ut proventus memoratæ ecclesiæ hoc modo dividantur: videlicet quod idem camerarius inveniet perpetuo ad altare beatæ Mariæ quando ejus servitium celebratur, singulis diebus, quatuor cereos ardentes, cum xx. solidis memorati proventus, una cum aliis redditibus, ad luminare ejusdem altaris assignatis nichilominus ut prius remanentibus. Idem etiam Camerarius erogabit in usus infirmorum qui in infirmitorio morantur singulis annis xx. sol. si illis indigeant infirmi ad medicinam et curationem medicorum inveniendas. Si autem non indiguerint tunc per camerarii dispositionem in officium suum expendantur prout melius viderit expedire. Inveniet etiam singulis annis duo coopertoria et quatuor stragulas pretii xx. solidorum ut dividantur inter fratres conventus, et illis deputentur qui magis eisdem indiguerint. Inveniet etiam ad ornamentum refectorii, et ad mandatum pauperum in die cænæ ij. marcas perpetuo. Ad quatuor autem anniversaria facienda singulis annis, videlicet duorum commitum Arundel, tertii et quarti, et bonæ memoriæ Thomæ de Blumville quondam Norwyc. episcopi, et bonæ memoriæ Johannis abbatis de sancto Albano scilicet primi, xl. sol. una cum tribus solidis annui redditus de Ricardo Sorel annuatim percipiendis, et iiij. sol. de Nicholao de Biskele singulis annis percipiendis. In singulis autem anniversariis prædictorum pascentur xij. pauperes per provisionem elemosinarii de Wymundham quos sumptibus celerarii reficere debeant. Et quicquid superest de memoratis proventibus prædictæ ecclesiæ cedat in usus ipsius camerarii et ejus obedientiæ loco illius redditus quam dictus camerarius solebat percipere apud Brunham, scilicet xxvij. sol. In hujus autem rei testimonium sigillum capituli de Wymundham una cum sigillo venerabilis patris Johannis Dei gratia abbatis de sancto Albano huic scripto appensum est.

NUM. XV.

Ordinatio de Decimis de Bestorp.

[Ibid. fol. 82.]

UNIVERSIS sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit, W. prior ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Wymundham et ejusdem loci conventus salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra nos unanimi assensu, et voluntate venerabilis patris nostri domini J. Dei gratia abbatis de sancto Albano, concessisse, dedisse, et attornasse, ac presenti Carta confirmasse omnes decimas quas habemus de ecclesia de Bestorp ad ista quæ subscripta sunt providenda, sustinenda, et perficienda in domo nostra de Wymundham; videlicet per manus elemosinarii qui pro tem-

pore fuerit, qui integre omnes prædictas decimas percipiet imperpetuum; salvis Priori qui pro tempore fuerit decimis domini sui in dicta parochia quas ante percipere non consuevit. Idem vero elemosinarius percipiet decimas de tenementis omnium terrarum in Carta domini S. episcopi quam inde habemus contentarum, exceptis decimis domini nostri in dicta parochia. Est autem nostra Ordinatio talis quod dictus elemosinarius inveniet de prædictis decimis in quinque festivitibus beatæ Virginis Mariæ, scilicet, in Natali Domini, in festo Purificationis, in festo Annunciationis Domini, in festo Assumptionis, in festo Nativitatis ejusdem, in qualibet dictarum festivitatum pro die quindecim sol. ad pascendum trescentos pauperes, ita quod unusquisque percipiat unum obolum, vel valorem unius oboli in pane et companagio: et in Nativitate beati Johannis Baptistæ quinque sol. ad pascendum centum pauperes, ita quod unusquisque habeat unum obolum vel valorem prædictum; et ad inveniendum unum cereum jugiter ardentem ante ymaginem beatæ Mariæ ad magnum altare quinque marcas, salvo tamen lumine cereorum et lampadum qui ibi solebant ardere, ita quod in nullo dictum lumen minuatur vel subtrahatur; et ad inveniendum annuatim quatuor tunicas de blancheto in conventu duodecim sol.; et ad augmentum mandati de cene sex sol. ita quod unusquisque monachus habeat duos pauperes; et ad perficiendum Anniversarium domini W. prioris nostri in conventu solempniter qui dictam ecclesiam adquisivit unam marcam; et ad pascendum ducentos pauperes in dicto anniversario decem sol. ita quod unusquisque pauperum percipiat unum obolum, vel valorem prædictum. Dictus siquid elemosinarius omnes decimas de prædictis tenementis percipiet præterquam de dominio prædicto et omnia præscripta plene inveniet. Totum autem residuum de prædictis decimis cedat in usus pauperum per manus prædicti elemosynarii. Et ut hæc nostra concessio, donatio, attornatio, ac cartæ nostræ confirmatio perpetuæ firmitatis robur optineat presenti scripto sigillum capituli nostri una cum sigillo venerabilis patris nostri, domini Johannis prædicti duximus apponendum. Istam concessionem, donationem, attornationem, et ordinationem conservantibus sit pax, gloria, et vita perpetua. Et si qui quod absit sint contradictores, rebelles, vel impeditores, vel qui subtraxerint vel minuerint prædicta de perpetrata malitia et iniquitate in extremo examine se reos noscant, ac omnipotentis Dei, et gloriosæ Virginis, ac omnium sanctorum et nostram indignationem incurrant.

NUM. XVI.

Carta Willielmi Prioris de Wymundham de Lampade ardente ad Altare beatæ Virginis.

[Ibid. fol. 82 b.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit Willielmus prior de Wymundham salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noverit universitas vestra de assensu et voluntate conventus nostri concessisse, dedisse, et hac presenti carta confirmasse altari beatæ Mariæ Virginis ubi missa in honore ipsius quotidie solemner celebratur, annum redditum sex solidorum de adquisitis nostris ad unam lampadem ardentem ibidem jugiter die ac nocte inveniendam: et annum redditum duodecim denariorum ad inveniendum luminare ad præsepe ante dictum altare nocte Natalis Domini, et omnibus festis principalibus. Quem quidem redditum custos ipsius altaris qui pro tempore fuerit ad omnia prædicta sustinenda et invenienda de hominibus et tenementis subscriptis percipiet; videlicet viginti et octo denarios de Ricardo Wygman pro duabus peciis terræ juxta boscum domini Godefridi de Miliers; et quatuordecim denarios de Radulpho de Westlode, quos Symon de Roda nobis per cartam suam vendidit; et quatuordecim denarios de Galfrido Bellore pro tribus acris terræ in Norfeud; et viginti et duos denarios denar. de Radulpho de foro de Wramplingham, de redditu Rad. de Byfeld, qui per manum Johannis de Wymundham dicto custodi solventur; et sex denarios de Hugone de Suwode carpentario. Idem vero custos dictam lampadem et dictum luminare ad prædictum præsepe sine aliquo impedimento vel subtractione de prædicto annuo redditu, loco prædicto sicut antedictum est, inveniet imperpetuum. Et ut hæc mea concessio, do-

natio, et hujus cartæ confirmatio, perpetuæ firmitatis robur optineat, sigillum meum et sigillum conventus nostri huic scripto sunt apposita.

NUM. XVII.

Placita de Quo Waranto coram Salomone de Roff. et aliis Justiciar. itinerant. apud Norwycum in Com. Norff. in octab. Sancti Hillar. anno regni Regis Edwardi xiv.

[Ex orig. in domo Capitul. Westmon. asservato.]

Prior de Wymundham summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamat habere wreccum maris, visum franciplegii, et emend. assisæ panis et cervisiæ fractæ in Hapesburgh: et quo waranto clamat habere visum franciplegii, et emend. assisæ panis et cervisiæ fractæ in Nelande quæ ad coronam et dignitatem domini regis pertinent sine licentia, &c.

Et Prior venit et dicit quod prædictæ villæ de Hapesburgh et Nelande fuerunt aliquo tempore cujusdam Willielmi le Botaler, qui quidem Willielmus integre habuit prædictas libertates, et dicit quod prædictus Willielmus feoffavit ipsum et prædecessores suos de prædictis maneriis cum prædictis libertatibus per cartam suam quam quidem donationem Henricus rex primus per cartam suam confirmavit et concessit pro se et hæredibus suis Deo et ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Wymundham et monachis ibidem Deo famulantibus quod ipsi haberent wreccum maris et visum franci plegii in prædictis villis et quod nullus ministrorum suorum se intromitteret vel potestatem haberet in terris suis vel hominibus vel libertatibus suis nisi ad voluntatem eorum, et proferunt cartam prædicti domini Henrici regis quæ hoc idem testatur. Et dicit quod eo waranto clamat habere wreccum maris, visum franci plegii, et emend. assisæ panis et cervisiæ in prædictis villis per cartam et donationem prædictam. Ideo quæ ad hoc inde sine die. rot. 4. d.

NUM. XVIII.

Processus sub brevibus, quomodo Ecclesia beatæ Mariæ de Wymundham subtracta erat ab obedientia Abbatis Johannis septimi [S. Albani] erectaque ac exaltata de Cella in Abbathiam.

[Joh. de Whethamstede Chron. è Registro ejus in Bibliotheca Collegii Armorum Londini, fol. 60 b. Hearne, Otterb. et Whethamst. tom. ii. p. 336.]

ULTERIUS, quia in jam dictis fit mentio etiam aliqualis, quomodo Ecclesia de Wymundham subtracta erat ab obedientia abbatis Johannis septimi, erectaque de Cella in Abbathiam: ideo, ut id, quod prius dicebatur in tenebris, jam dicatur in lumine, declareturque paulisper expresse magis, quare Cella dicta à præfati Abbatis recessit gubernatione: subjungendus est de materia illa hîc processus modicus, in posteriorum notitiam, et pro certiori recordatione veritatis. Et est Processus illius tenor talis:

Procurante illo inimico homine, qui de more solet zizannia sive lolium super triticum seminare, succrescebat jamdudum in agro abbatis Johannis septimi illa paradella invidiæ, quæ in suum causabatur archidiaconum oblique oculos deflectere, excogitareque vias, modos, et media, quibus posset eum depellere extra monasterium, ac sic à sua præsentia remove. Quod enim Petro Paulus fuerat, quando non recte secundum evangelium ambulabat, hoc illi erat ipse [abbatis nimirum] archidiaconus, quotiens conspexit eum se aliter regere, quam suæ conveniebat statui dignitatis. Fastidians igitur propter hanc causam præsentiam suam, quæsivit quotidie occasiones, quomodo, sive per quod medium, posset de monasterio depellere eum. Trahens igitur claustrum subpriori, astutum virum et subtilem, sibi in concilium, cum ipso seorsum ad partem consulevit, quid pro hoc expediendo negotio aptius, cautius, sive efficacius peragendum esset. Qui plus callidus, quam caritativus, in se subsistens, consuluit, ut privatas faceret instantias apud priorem de Wymundham, virum protunc pa-

rumper vetulum, solidum tamen, sobrium et valde religiosum, quatinus ipse, propter senectutis incommoda, suo beneficio cederet, rediretque iterum ad monasterium, ac ibidem sub umbra alarum suarum commaneret, asserens, se posse, hac capta opportunitate, colorate satis suum archidiaconum de monasterio depellere, occulereque cautius odii venenum latens, ac suum pro voto propositum promovere. Acquiescens igitur Abbas hîis conciliis, quamquam perfidis, suggestis dicto priori, ut cederet, eoque cedente, vocavit ad se præfatum archidiaconum, taliterque ei inquit: "Ecce jam vacat beneficium pro viro litterato multum conveniens. Habeas igitur ipsum in tuam promotionem, et ad non modicam exaltationem tui honoris." Rememorans melius præfatus archidiaconus, sui superioris vultum non multum esse sibi benevolum, nec spem habere aliquam, ut illum imposterum ullo tempore cerneret lætiores, gratanter illud beneficium admisit, illucque gradiens, ipsum satis egregie gubernavit. Vix tamen ibidem per anni permansit dimidium, quin ei primo abbas litteras mandatorias, ad visitandum locum dictum, tam in capite quam in membris, transmitteret, deinde cum in negotio illo non multum juxta intentum proficeret, dirigeret illi ulterius revocatorias, ipsumque redire iterum ad monasterium districtius demandaret. Quod audiens patronus loci illius, miles protunc probus et potens, in divitiisque præ aliis maxime habundans in partibus illis, consuluit, ut ad juris beneficium recurreret, provocationeque communiret se ac appellatione, quousque ipse de remedio in ea parte congruo provideret. Quo sibi obtemperante, mox billam supplicatoriam ad sedem direxit apostolicam, tandemque ibidem optinuit, licet pro viribus abbas se opponeret, ut ecclesia dicta, quæ prius serva fuerat et ancilla, sub servituteque subjectionis abbatis sancti Albani per trecentos permanserat annos et ultra, fieret posterius filia libere, ac etiam domina in honore, sponsumque haberet in rectorem qui gauderet nomine abbatis, omnibusque illis etiam insigniis, quæ requiruntur ad statum et gradum abbatialis dignitatis. Cujus libertationis sive manumissionis processus in forma et modo, quibus registratur apud fratres loci illius, hic jam subsequitur. Et est ipsius registrationis tenor talis.

NUM. XIX.

Processus suggestionis factæ summo Pontifici, super impetratione Bullæ pro Cella dictæ in Abbathiam erectione.

[Ibid. fol. 62. Hearne, ut supr. tom. ii. p. 340.]

Ad perpetuam hominum notitiam deducimus per præsentem, quomodo vir magnanimus et ingenuus dominus Andreas Ogard miles, hujusque monasterii patronus, sinceræ devotionis pulsatus affectu, quin verius instinctu spiritus almi, ac sacratissimæ Virginis Mariæ cooperante virtute, non modicis nedum ingenii laboribus, sed gravibus et permaximis procuravit expensis hujus ecclesiæ libertatem, juxta celebris memoriæ intentionem piam et primariam Willelmi de Albineyo, fundatoris nostri, prout expresse ejusdem liquet in carta, videlicet ut de prioratu locus iste fieret Abbatia, adeo quod qui olim sub subjectionis servitute mansit abbatis monasterii sancti Albani, jam deinceps liberis gauderet habenis, et ab omni subjectionis jugo solutus staret penitus et exemptus. Pro cujus efficacissima rei expeditione, primo serenissimo et illustrissimo regi Angliæ Henrico sexto, anno sui regni vicesimo septimo, suæ intentionis causam exposuit, quam benigno animo gratis audiens, gratioseque favore suscipiens, rei licitæ continuo præbebat assensum et licentiam, opem simul et operam, pro perquirendis Bullis a summo pontifice, per suas patentes litteras concessit gratiose. Qua re sic peracta, patronus nuntium cum causa alacriter direxit ad sacrosanctæ sedis gratiam, ubi materiam patrono liculento^a peroravit sermone, quam diligenter perpendens animo sanctissimi prudentia patris, causamque exponentis hinc inde suo altissimo verberans et ventilans concilio, nilque in materia reperiens, quod sacris ecclesiæ aut religionis officeret institutis, nilque honestis obviis^b moribus, quin potius ex voto divini obsequii cultus augeretur, contemplantium quies effloreret, et inter

^a Sic.

^b i. e. contrarium.

cætera monasterii respublica per temporum decursus non modica commodi et profectuum acquireret incrementa. Quid plura? Hiis et aliis exquisite rimatis matureque pensatis, summus pontifex pro ejusdem rei complemento et expletionem efficaci suas annuebat bullas, magna sensus sedulitate contextas, quas nuncius hilari suspiciens mente, non segni pede, non torpenti calce, ad Angliæ confines repedavit, et secundis velis ad portum feliciter applicuit. Moxque patroni præsentiam adiens, expeditæ rei negotium per ordinem explicavit, et papale indultum pro certitudinis signo suis manibus præsentavit, qui læto corde suscipiens, gratias altissimo et beatæ genitrici reddidit multifformes. Dein summa celeritate bullas executioni demandavit, quæ postquam fuerant ad hoc Monasterium devolutæ, et reverentia, qua decuit, admissæ, non longa temporis respiratione res suum serenum sortita est finem, modo, forma, et ordine, ut scriptoris calamus absque fuco mendacii in subsequentibus enodabit.

NUM. XX.

Processus solemnitatis habitæ in Ereptione dicti Prioris in Abbatem, et in ejus Installatione.

[Joh. de Whethamst. Chron. fol. 62 b. Hearne, ut supr. tom. ii. p. 341.]

ANNO Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quadragesimo nono, mense Novembri, festo sancti Lini papæ et martyris, dieque Martis, ad executionis ministerium peragendum, apostolicarum videlicet litterarum, aderant venerabiles Robertus miseratione divina Gradensis episcopus et reverendi domini Norwicensis suffraganeus, magister Johannes Wygynhale decretorum doctor et ejusdem episcopi vicarius generalis in spiritualibus, magister Symon sæpediti patris adtunc registrator, magister Godfredus Joy notarius publicus, et ad hoc officium specialiter requisitus, nonnullique alii administratores, cum notabili testium multitudine, tam forinsecorum quam indigenarum nobilium et simplicium adtunc assistentium. Hora decima, suffraganeo pontificalibus induto, et missa cum nota solemniter inchoata, magister Stephanus London. tunc prior chorum revestitus ingressus est, ad quem, post evangelii officium, accesserunt dompnus Thomas Mikkelfeld subprior, et dompnus Willelmus Westegate, capis induti, qui Priorem præfatum usque ad summi gradus altaris religioso progressu deduxerunt. Quo peracto, cœpit registrator prælibatus elevata voce Cartam Regis latino sermone omnibus circumstantibus perlegere, ac deinde sacratissimi patris bullam, quarum vir altæ discretionis, et morum gravitate pollens, vicarius generalis domini episcopi memorati vulgari eloquio succincte ac perlucide omnibus explicavit. Qua declaratione, ut præmittitur, exquisite completa, prælibatus venerabilis in Christo pater suffraganeus inceptum benedictionis ministerium devote adimplevit: Prioremque sæpeditum benedixit, et virtute bullarum præfecit in Abbatem. Tandem officio missæ totaliter terminato, mox suffraganeus Abbatem duxit in chorum in stallosque posuit, dein ad capitulum se divertebant cum confratribus regulariter prosequentibus, necnon et aliis jurisperitis, et magistro Godfredo Joye notario publico, ad hoc specialiter requisito instantius et rogato, cum sufficienti generosorum testimonio, Willelmo Roys, Nicholao Applyerde, et Johanne Brygis, quo confratres canonice, obnixæ, et religiose eidem Abbati regularem obedientiam impendebant. Et hiis peractis, ad loca refectionis ilico properabant. Postea tamen, temperato mentis stomacho, materiam patronus ruminans, vidensque validos adversantium ventos, suæ intentionis satagentes radicem evellere, regem mox adiit, suæque infestationis causam proposuit, cavens omnino, ne levi malignantium flatu everteretur, quod maximis pridem sudoribus et sumptribus super sanæ intentionis firmaverat petram. Cujus querelam rex serenissimus docta discretionem perpendens, pro oportuno remedio concito providebat, suas sanctissimo patri destinatas litterarum apices, super inquietudine et multifario gravamine, per venerabilem patrem Johannem Stoke, adtunc Abbatem Monasterii Sancti Albani, partem adversan-

tem præcipitanter irrogatis, contra intentionem piam patroni memorati, supplicique precatu flagitans, quatinus sua priora indulta de erectione abbatiali novis confirmationis scripto et sigillo infrangibiliter roboraret. Quas sanctissimus universalis ecclesiæ præsul gravida mente conspiciens, vota et instantias, quæ litteris petiit, apostolico præfecit scripto, roborans et ratificans, de novoque priores bullas confirmans, adeo quod prorsus litis sedavit materiam, et ora malignantium cohercionis freno imperpetuum per silentium colligavit. Deinde non segniter operam apicibus perquisitis patronus exhibens, episcopum Norwycensem adiit, Bullasque eidem patefecit, qui sincero sensu discernens et advertens, quomodo apostolicarum fuerat litterarum cum suis collegis in illa parte conjunctis præcipuus executor, protinus, ut decuit et debuit, executorialem exercuit potestatem, primoque in Convocatione cleri London. in capitulo ecclesiæ sancti Pauli, seipso tunc ibidem præsidente, commissarioque archipræsulis Cantuariensis existente, die sanctæ Katerinæ coram notariis authenticis legi declararique mandavit, et hora, modo, et forma congruis et canonicis statuit promulgari. Consequenter ad Crucem Sancti Pauli per quendam fratrem ordinis Minorum, in theologia bachelarium, N. N. easdem Bullas insinuari, exponique publice jussit et aperte, non modica plebis multitudine ad sermonem tunc temporis confluentem, prout suæ litteræ sub patenti sigillo perlucide manifestavit. Postremo vero in cimiterio ecclesiæ Christi Norwycensis monasterii, qui* vulgariter dicitur Greneyard, per venerabilem virum magistrum Johannem Molet, sacræ paginæ professorem, et ejusdem ecclesiæ commonachum, papalia indulta cum cartis regiis fuerant luculento sermone populo circumstanti distinctius expressa pariter et ostensa. Hæc acta fuerunt prout supra memorantur in annis Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quadraginta octavo, quadraginta nono, et quinquagesimo; et annis regni regis Henrici sexti xxvi. xxvii. et xxviii.

NUM. XXI.

Prioratus de Wymondham in Abbatiam mutatus.

[Pat. 27 H. VI. p. ii. n. 12.]

REX omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis ad quos præsentem literæ pervenerint salutem. Sciatis quod cum nos per quandam supplicationem nobis ex parte dilecti et fidelis nostri Andreæ Ogard militis, nunc patroni prioratus beatæ Mariæ de Wymondham præsentatam, intelligentes qualiter quidam Willielmus Daubeney, pro salute animæ inclyti progenitoris nostri Henrici primi quondam regis Angliæ, et hæredum suorum, ac pro salute animarum ipsius Willielmi et uxoris suæ, necnon omnium consanguineorum suorum, fundabat prioratum prædictum, ac ordinavit quod quancumque contingeret prioratum illum de priore fore destitutum, monachi ibidem commorantes quandam de conventu suo sibi in priorem eligerent, et ipsum fundatori suo, pro consensu suo electionis illius habendo præsentarent, et ipsum fore perpetuum, nisi causam rationabilem demonstraret quare taliter eligi non deberet; idemque fundator ordinavit, quod abbas de sancto Albano pro tempore existens, annuatim in primo festo sancti Albani a præfatis monachis ibidem unam marcam argenti solummodo recipiet in signum obedientiæ eidem abbati faciendæ, quousque prioratus prædictus abbatia factus foret, et quod omnes aliæ res, et commoditates prioratus illius ad usum monachorum ibidem remanerent, quodque dictus fundator potestatem habuit per concessionem Ricardi nuper abbatis et conventus monasterii sancti Albani, abbatiam de prioratu prædicto, tempore quo sibi placeret, facere et ordinare, et quod primus abbas ibidem constituendus per regem, vel per fundatorem prædictum, de monachis apud Wymondham inhabitantibus eligeretur, ad quod tempus prioratus ille, cum abbatia sic factus fuerit, à subjectione et obedientia, ac à dicta marca argenti liber foret et exoneratus, prout per cartam fundatoris prædicti, ac per literas nostras de exemplificatione inde confectas, plenius poterit apparere.

* sic, pro quod.

Prædictusque Andreas metuebat per frequentem amotionem bonarum, honestarum, et bene regularum personarum ab occupatione prioris ibidem, ac per constitutionem aliarum personarum in occupatione illa, prout per diversa tempora præterita, contra formam intentionem et ordinationem fundatoris prædicti usitatum extitit, bona prioratus prædicti devastari, et de verisimili prioratum illum ac divina servitia ibidem quod absit, adnihilari penitus, et diminui, decimo die Aprilis ultimo præterito, præmissorum consideratione, de gratia nostra speciali concesserimus et licentiam dederimus præfato Andreae, quod ipse bullas à sanctissimo patre nostro tunc papa, ad abbatiam de prioratu prædicto, juxta intentionem dicti primi fundatoris, faciendam, impetrare valeret, et quod quandocunque abbatia illa de abbate destituta foret, conventus ejusdem loci pro tempore existens, quandam habilem personam de se ipsis in abbatem ibidem, quotiens opus fuerit, et necesse, eligere posset, et ipsum præfato Andreae et hæredibus suis præsentare, ad assensum suum electioni illi præbendum, absque hoc, quod ille, vel illi causam rationabilem demonstrare posset vel possent, quod taliter eligi non deberet, prout tenor cartæ dicti primi fundatoris plane declarat.

Quodque præfatus Andreas, ac conventus de Wymundham, bullas prædictas, cum impetratæ forent, cum omnibus clausulis legitimis hujusmodi promotioni expedientibus recipere, legere, pronuntiare, declarare, et in executionem ponere possent, absque impetitione, perturbatione vel gravamine quocunque nostri vel hæredum nostrorum, justiciariorum, vicecomitum, escaetorum seu aliorum officiariorum, seu ministrorum nostrorum, vel hæredum nostrorum quorumcunque, aliquo statuto, actu, ordinatione, restrictione, proclamatione, seu aliqua alia re, materia, vel causa in contrarium facta vel facienda non obstante, prout in literis nostris patentibus inde confectis plenius continetur. Jamque idem Andreas nobis monstraverit certas bullas papales, quarum tenor sequitur in hæc verba:

‘Nicholaus episcopus servus servorum Dei, ad perpetuam rei memoriam, Romanus pontifex, super universales orbis ecclesias, monasteria, beneficia secularia et regularia, divina obtinens miseratione primatum, ecclesiarum et beneficiorum hujusmodi statum quandoque immutat, honores auget, et illis salubriter providet, prout rerum et temporum qualitate pensata id in domino conspiciat salubriter expedire. Sane pro parte dilecti filii nobilis viri Andreae Ogard militis, Norwicensis dyocesis, nobis nuper exhibita petitio continebat, quod olim quidam Willielmus Daubeney, alias de Albineio ejusdem dyocesis, cupiens terrena in cœlestia, et transitoria in æterna felici commercio commutare, de bonis sibi a Deo collatis, ad laudem omnipotentis Dei et beatæ Dei genetricis Virginis Mariæ, prioratum de Wymundham, ordinis sancti Benedicti, præfatæ dyocesis, suis sumptibus fundavit, et illum sufficienter dotavit, et in hujusmodi fundatione voluit et ordinavit quod si Prioratus ipse ullo unquam tempore ad monasterium sive abbatiam deduci contingeret, tunc abbatia ipsa à solutione unius marcæ argenti abbati et conventui monasterii sancti Albani, dicti ordinis, Lincoln. dyocesis, juxta hujusmodi fundationem debitæ libera et immunis foret, prout in literis autenticis desuper confectis, quarum tenores haberi volumus pro sufficienter expressis plenius continetur.

Cum autem, sicut eadem petitio continebat, in præfato prioratu numerus monachorum satis habundet, ac inibi in divinis laudabiliter deserviat, pro parte dicti Andreae veri ejusdem prioratus patroni, nobis fuit humiliter supplicatum, ut dictum prioratum in Monasterium erigere, necnon conventum et abbatialem dignitatem inibi instituere, ac de persona dilecti filii Stephani London. ipsius prioratus prioris, magistri in theologia, ad nominationem dicti Andreae præfati erigendo monasterio providere, ipsumque illi in abbatem præficere, aliasque in præmissis opportunè providere, de benignitate apostolica dignaremur: nos igitur, qui divinum cultum ubique vigere et augeri summis affectibus desideramus, hujusmodi supplicationibus inclinati, prioratum ipsum ad laudem Dei et beatæ Mariæ, hujusmodi ad monasterium præsentium tenore reducimus, ac conventum et abbatialem dignitatem instituimus. Ita quod

prioratus ipse, Monasterium beatæ Mariæ de Wymundham, perpetuò nuncupetur.

Et nihilominus personam dicti Stephani de præfato monasterio beatæ Mariæ eadem auctoritate providemus, ipsumque illi præficimus in abbatem; curam, regimen, et administrationem dicti monasterii beatæ Mariæ sibi in spiritualibus et temporalibus plenariè committendo. Mandantes dilectis filiis conventui præfati monasterii, quatinus eidem Stephano obedientiam et reverentiam, necnon vasallis et aliis subditis suis, ut consueta servitia et jura teneantur et debeant exhibere, alioquin sententiam sive pœnam quam ipse Stephanus abbas ritè tulerit in rebelles, ratam habebimus et faciemus auctore domino usque ad satisfactionem condignam inviolabiliter observari. Et insuper eidem Stephano, ut à quocunque maluerit catholico antistite gratiam et communionem sedis apostolicæ habente, munus benedictionis recipere, ipsique antistiti, ut illud sibi liberè et licitè impendere possit, concedimus per præsentem. Per hoc autem venerabili fratri nostro episcopo Norwicensi, cui monasterium ipsum ordinario jure subesse volumus, nullum intendimus imposterum præjudicium generari.

Præterea dictum monasterium beatæ Mariæ à solutione ejusdem marcæ, necnon ab omne jurisdictione, superioritate, dominio, et potestate abbatis et conventus dicti monasterii S. Albani prorsus et omnino eximimus et perpetuo liberamus. Ita quod abbas et conventus prædicti, nullam ponendi, aut removendi priorem, aut monachos dicti monasterii beatæ Mariæ, prout antea consueverunt, habeant potestatem, nec marcam hujusmodi petere, vel exigere quomodo præsumant. Volumus autem quod tam Stephanus, quam successores dicti monasterii beatæ Mariæ abbates pro tempore existentes, omnibus prerogativis, privilegiis, honoribus, immunitatibus, et insigniis, quibus aliqui dicti ordinis monasteriorum abbates, in partibus illis in genere gaudent, et utuntur, uti valeant pariter et gaudere.

Et insuper dicto Andreae et hæredibus et successoribus suis, quotiens et quando ipsum monasterium beatæ Mariæ vacare contigerit, jus præsentandi personam in abbatem per conventum dicti monasterii prius electam, loci ordinario, qui ipsam absque rationabili causa recusare non possit, sed illam confirmare perpetuò debeat et teneatur, eadem auctoritate reservamus, concedimus et assignavimus; decernentes irritum et inane, quicquid in contrarium à quoquam, quavis auctoritate scienter vel ignoranter contigerit attemptari. Non obstantibus præmissis, ac constitutionibus, et ordinationibus apostolicis, necnon privilegiis indultis et literis specialibus, vel generalibus monasterii Albani seu illius abbatibus et conventui sub quovis tenore, per sedem apostolicam, vel ejus legatos, et præsertim per Othonem et Octobonum olim in partibus illis præfatæ sedi legatos, seu alios quomodolibet concessis, etiam si de illis specialem et expressam oporteret facere de verbo ad verbum mentionem, et quibus in genere non intelligitur esse derogatum nisi in specie derogetur, ac statutis et consuetudinibus monasteriorum, et ordinis prædictorum juramento, confirmatione apostolica, vel quavis alia firmitate roboratis, cæterisque contrariis quibuscunque. Quibus omnibus, illorum tenores, atque formas præsentibus pro expressis habentes specialiter et expresse hac vice duntaxat derogamus.

Et insuper ut præsentem literam ad debitum perducantur effectum, venerabili fratri nostro Norwycensi episcopo, et dilectis filiis abbatibus Westmonasterien. et sancti Edmundi de Burgo, Londinens. et Norwycens. dyocesis, mandamus, quatinus ipsi vel duo, aut unus eorum, per se, vel per alium seu alios, abbati et conventui monasterii beatæ Mariæ prædicti cum efficacis defensionis præsidio assistentes, eos non permittant, per abbatem et conventum dicti monasterii sancti Albani, aut quoscunque alios quavis auctoritate fungentes, super præmissis, quomodolibet molestari; contraditores per censuram ecclesiasticam appellatione postposita compescendo, invocato ad hoc, si opus fuerit, auxilio brachii sæcularis, non obstantibus omnibus supradictis. Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostrorum reductionis, institutionis, provisionis, perfectionis, commissionis, concessionis, intentionis, exemptionis, liberationis, voluntatis, reservationis, concessionis, assignationis, constitutionis, derogationis, et mandati infringere, vel ei ausu temerario contraire. Si quis autem hoc attemptare præsumpserit, indignationem omnipotentis Dei, et beatorum Petri et Pauli

apostolorum ejus se noverit incursum. Datum Romæ, apud sanctam Pontentianam* anno incarnationis Dominicæ millesimo quadringentesimo octavo xvj. kalendas Octobris, anno pontificatus nostri secundo, prout in bullis prædictis plenius continetur.

Quas quidem bullas prædictus Andreas de eodem sanctissimo patre nostro papa, virtute, ac vigore licentiæ nostræ prædictæ optinuit. Quarum bullarum prætextu, prioratus prædictus in monasterium reducit, ac prædictus Stephanus London. nuper prior ejusdem loci, in abbatem ibidem, cum omnibus in hac parte necessariis, et dependentibus efficitur. Nosque pium, et meritorium opus prædictum considerantes, ac pacem, et tranquillitatem ejusdem monasterii ac conventus, et aliorum, qui manus suas ad præmissa peragenda porrexerunt adjutrices, desiderantes, ex gratia nostra speciali, et ex mero motu nostro, perdonavimus, remisimus, et relaxavimus, tam præfatis Andree et conventui loci prædicti, quàm præfato Stephano nunc abbati, et nunc conventui ejusdem loci, necnon singulis monachis ejusdem loci, ac Waltero episcopo Norwycensi, loci illius diocesano, abbati beati Petri Westmon. ac abbati de Bury Sancti Edmundi, et eorum cuilibet, quibuscunque nominibus censeantur, seu aliquis eorum censeatur, ac eorum diocesanis, et ordinariis, ac etiam omnibus et singulis procuratoribus, notariis, nunciis, manutentoribus, fidejussoribus, abbettatoribus, attornatis, deputatis, actoribus sive factoribus prædictorum Andree et conventua de Wymundham prædicti ac nunc abbatis, et nunc conventus ejusdem loci, quibuscunque nominibus censeantur, seu eorum aliquis censeatur, necnon omnibus aliis, quorum interest, seu interesse contigerit in hac parte quovismodo, omnimodas transgressionibus, misprisionibus, offensas, provisiones, acceptationes bullarum apostolicarum, et contemptus nobis, seu contra nos, ac statuta ac ordinationes de provisoribus regni nostri Angliæ, de provisoribus, aut contra provisos quovismodo edita, seu alia statuta quæcunque per ipsos, aut eorum aliquem ante datam præsentium qualitercunque facta, prosecuta, sive perpetrata, ac omnimodas forisfacturas, et fines nobis, ante datam illam qualitercunque occasione præmissorum, seu eorum alicujus pertinentia seu nobis pertinere debentia, ac etiam omnimoda imprisonmenta personarum suarum, et cujuslibet earum, quæ subirent, aut sustinere possent, seu subire deberent, aut eorum aliquis sustinere aut subire posset aut deberet, ratione provisionis prædictæ, aut alicujus alterius provisionis, statuti, ordinationis, causæ vel materiæ cujuscumque, aut alicujus alterius rei cujuscumque, quæ exinde sequi posset aut deberet, necnon acceptationem, receptionem, lectionem, pronuntiationem, publicationem, declarationem, et executionem dictarum bullarum, seu earum alicujus de provisoribus, seu contra provisos editorum, et aliarum bullarum apostolicarum quarumcumque contra aliqua statuta, seu ordinationes, necnon omnia et singula, una cum omnibus et singulis in eisdem contentis per ipsos Andream et conventum de Wymundham, vel per dictos nunc abbatem et conventum de Wymundham prædictum, aut dictum episcopum, abbates sancti Petri et sancti Edmundi de Bury, diocesanos, ordinarios, procuratores, notarios, nuncios, manutentores, fidejussores, abbettatores, attornatos, deputatos, actores sive factores, seu eorum aliquem, aut aliquos alios quoscunque similiter ante datam prædictam qualitercunque factis sive perpetratis, sive imposterum faciendis, sive perpetrandis. Nolentes quod prædicti Andreas et conventus, vel dicti nunc abbas et nunc conventus, episcopus, abbates, diocesani, ordinarii, procuratores, notarii, nuntii, manutentores, fidejussores, abbettatores, attornati, deputati, actores sive factores, aut eorum aliquis, ratione alicujus præmissorum, aut vigore seu virtute aliquorum statutorum, seu ordinatio-

num, de aut super præmissis aut aliquo præmissorum ante hæc tempora factorum seu editorum quovismodo in personis, rebus, bonis, catallis, terris, tenementis, aut possessionibus suis temporalibus, aut spiritualibus quibuscunque, per nos, hæredes, vel successores nostros, justiciarios, escaetores, vicecomites, aut alios ballivos, seu ministros nostros, vel hæredum nostrorum quoscunque occasionentur, molestantur, inquietentur, vexentur, perturbentur, imprisonentur in aliquo, seu graventur: occasionetur, molestetur, inquietetur, vexetur, perturbetur, imprisonetur in aliquo, seu gravetur.

Et ulterius de uberiori gratia nostra concessimus et licentiam dedimus, tam præfatis Andree et conventui de Wymondham prædictis, quàm dictis nunc abbati, et conventui ejusdem loci, ac episcopo Norwycensi, abbati beati Petri Westmonasteriensis, et abbati de Bury Sancti Edmundi prædictis, et eorum cuilibet, per se ac per procuratores, notarios, nuntios, attornatos, deputatos, actores, factores, et conciliarios suos, tam bullas prædictas quàm alias quascunque bullas apostolicas, præmissa, aut aliqua præmissorum concernentia, aut eorum aliquod oportuna, vel quomodolibet necessaria, impetratas, aut imposterum impetrandas, conjunctim, et divisim, recipere, admittere, acceptare, legere, pronuntiare, publicare, et declarare, ac eas omnes, et singulas exequi, et in executionem ponere in omnibus, juxta vim formam et effectum earundem, earumque et qualibet earum in omnibus, juxta vim et effectum earundem uti et gaudere possint, et possit liberè, et impune, sine occasione et impedimento nostri vel hæredum nostrorum, justiciariorum, escaetorum, vicecomitum, aut aliorum ballivorum seu ministrorum nostrorum, vel hæredum nostrorum quorumcumque. Aliquibus statutis, ordinationibus, provisionibus, restrictionibus, factis, editis, sive emanatis, aut eo quod expressa mentio de vero seu annuo valore præmissorum aut aliorum proficuum, rerum, et commoditatum, nobis in hac parte, aut ratione alicujus provisionis prædictæ pertinentium sive spectantium, aut de nominibus procuratorum, notariorum, nunciorum, manutentorum, fidejussorum, abbettatorum, attornatorum, deputatorum, actorum sive factorum, et consiliatorum supradictorum, aut eorum alicujus, sive de integris materiis, vel rebus in bullis prius memoratis, ut supradictum est, aut de aliis donis et concessionibus, præfato Andree, aut dictis nunc abbati et conventui de Wymundham prædictis, vel dictis Episcopo, Abbati beati Petri Westmonasteriensis, et Abbati de Bury Sancti Edmundi prædictis, vel eorum alicujus antecessori, vel prædecessori, per nos seu progenitores nostros ante hæc tempora factis, in præsentibus facta non existit, non obstante. In cujus rei, &c. Teste Rege apud Westmon. xvj. die Martii.

Per ipsum Regem et de Data prædicta autoritate Parliamenti.

NUM. XXII.

Wymondham.

[Harl. MS. 7389, p. 11.]

ANNO vth. of Aprill in the xxxvijth. of Kinge Henry the viijth. pro the earle of Surrye.

The site and demeanes of the late monastery of Wymondham, with the mannore there, being of the clere yearly vallue of iij^{xx}. xij^{li}. xv^s. vij^d. ob. over and above xxxij^s. iij^d. for the bayliffes fee, graunted by the kinges ma^{tie}. to the said earle of Surrye, duringe the life of Thomas duke of Norfolk his father, yf the said earle so longe live, are nowe graunted in feesimple to the said earle, with the woodes, and a yearly rente of xxvij^{li}. ij^s. iij^d. ob. reserved upon the first graunt, yearlie into the Court of Augmentation the some of ix^{li}. vij^s. vij^d.

* alias Pontiniacum.

VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Return, 26 Hen. VIII. First Fruits Office.)

MONASTERIUM SIVE ABBATIA DE WYMONDHAM.

EGIDIO FERRERS Abbate ibidem.

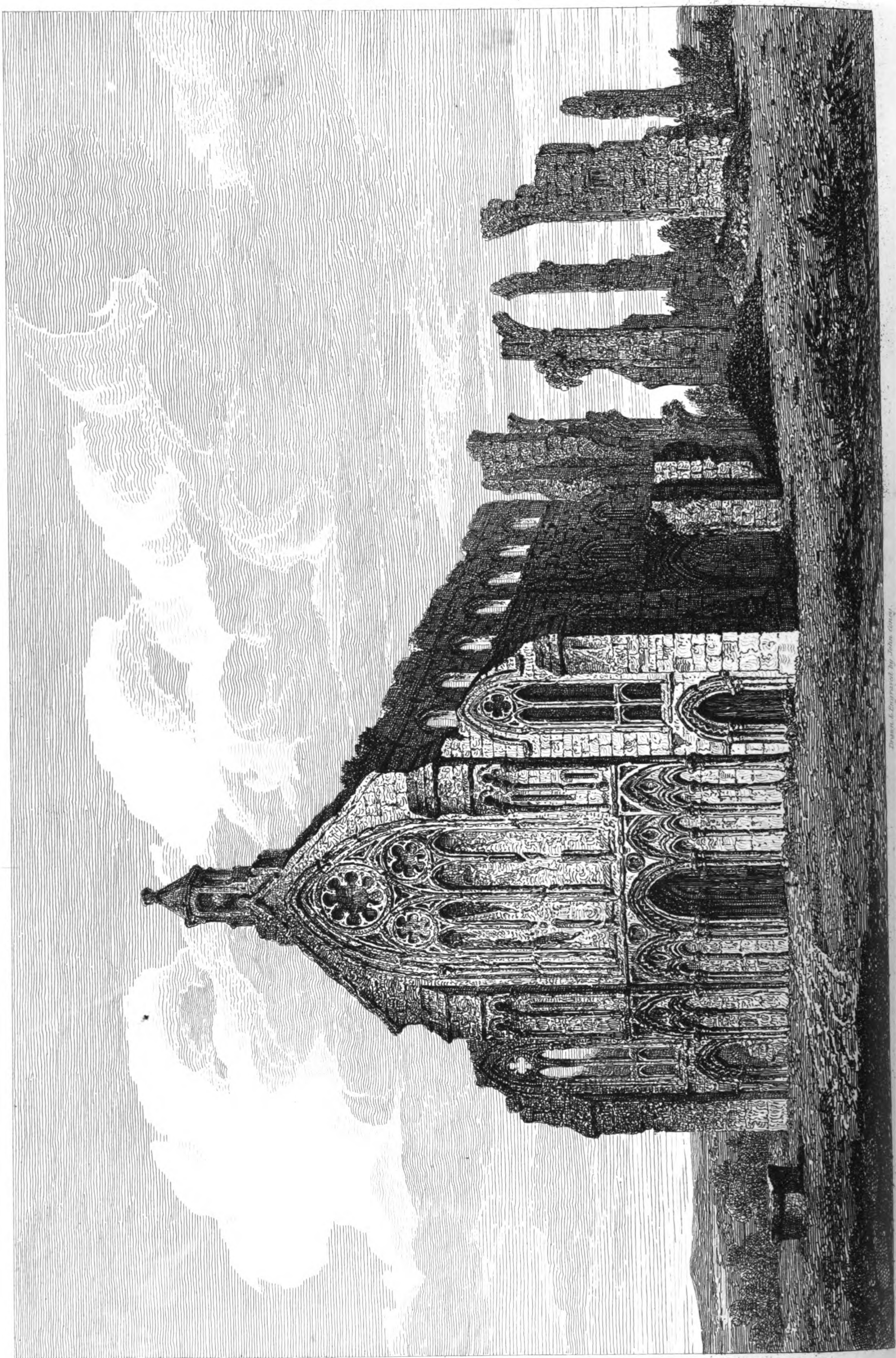
		Spiritualia.		
Com' Norff'			£.	s. d.
Wymondham	Rectoria	50	3	7
Congham	Rectoria	2	0	0
Happesborough	Rectoria	16	0	0
Colton	Pencio	1	6	8
Besthorp	Pencio	2	0	0
Flyccham	Portio Decimarum	2	0	0
Grymston	Portio Decimarum	2	0	0
		Temporalia.		
Wymondham	Maner'	73	11	0½
Downeham in Wymondham	Maner'	6	13	4
Offic' Camerar'	Redd' et Firm'	19	16	8
Offic' Hospitelar'	Redd' et Firm'	0	17	9
Offic' Sacrist'	Redd' et Firm'	0	11	2½
Colton	Maner'	1	19	5½
Nelond	Maner'	2	7	7½
Neuhagh	Maner'	0	19	1½
Braken	Maner'	1	4	2½
Happesborough	Maner'	49	13	8
-	Wrecc' Maris	0	6	8
-	Perquis' Cur'	3	6	8
Snettysham	Maner'	18	0	0
Burneham	Maner'	6	0	0
-	Perquis' Cur'	0	0	6
North Wotton	Divers' Terr'	3	0	0
		263	18	2½

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 32 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

MONASTERIUM DE WIMONDEH'ME.

Com' Norf'				
Manerium de Wimondeh'me	Redd' Assis'	1	15	2
In Wykelwood	Redd' Assis'	1	17	2
In Besthorp	Terr' Redd'	0	10	2½
Inn Melton	Redd' Terr'	0	2	6
In Wramplyngh'me	Redd' Terr'	0	1	0
In Brome	Redd' Terr'	0	2	9
In Ketryngh'me		0	6	8
Infra Civit' Norwici	Redd' Terr'	0	1	6
In Hakeford	Redd' Terr'	0	1	3½
Maner' de Wymondeh'me	Redd' Mobil'	11	11	0
In Wymondeh'me	Firma Terr'	2	1	0
In Southwood et Besthorpe	Firma Terr'	2	0	0
In Morle	Redd' Terr'	0	2	1
In Elyngh'me	Redd' Terr'	0	6	0
In Wymondham	Firma Feni Decimal'	1	6	0
In Colton	Firm' Terr'	9	10	0



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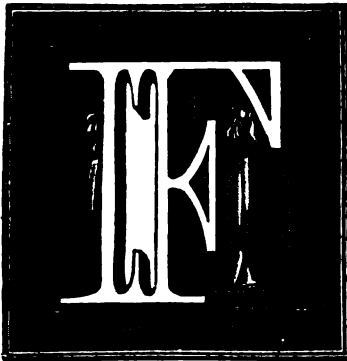
Com' Norff'				£.	s.	d.
Colton	.	.	.	Pro Pencionibus et Portionibus	0	4 0
Wymondham	.	.	.	Firma Situs Monasterij	11	9 8
				Rectoria	50	3 8
Downham	.	.	.	Maner'	6	13 4
Happesborough	.	.	.	Redd' Assis'	26	16 6
				Redd' Mobil'	0	2 3
				Firm' Terr'	15	11 2
				Cur' Faldag' Ovium	8	0 0
				Firma Maner'	53	7 0
				Firma Rector'	18	0 0
Colton	.	.	.	Redd' Assis'	0	14 7
Newhaugh	.	.	.	Redd' Assis'	0	16 3
Braken	.	.	.	Redd' Assis'	1	3 3
Burneham	.	.	.	Firma Maner'	4	0 0
Norwotton	.	.	.	Firma Terr'	2	0 0
Wymondham	.	.	.	Molend'	4	2 0
Snettisham	.	.	.	Maner' cum Rectoria	18	0 0
Congham	.	.	.	Firma	5	13 4

Monastery of Binham,

IN

NORFOLK.

A Cell to the Abbey of St. Alban.



FROM the foundation charter of Binham it should seem that Peter de Valoniis, or Valoines, thenephew of King William the Conqueror, and Albreda his wife, began the construction, if not the endowment, of a cell here, subordinate to St. Albans abbey, toward the close of the eleventh century. Indeed, Matthew Paris expressly notices the existence of this cell in the time of abbat Paul, who died in 1093.^a The foundation, however, was not completed, nor the convent finally endowed, till some time in the reign of Henry the First: probably about the year 1104. Richard abbat of St. Benet of Hulm, one of the witnesses to the charter of Peter de Valoines, was not elected

to that office till after 1101; and Robert abbat of St. Edmunds, another of the witnesses, died in 1106 or 1107.^b The church of Binham, dedicated to St. Mary, was to be subjected to St. Alban's abbey in the same manner in which the church of St. Pancras at Lewes was subordinate to the great abbey of Cluny in France; paying annually, on St. Alban's day, to the parent monastery, a mark of silver. The abbat of St. Albans was allowed once a year to stay at Binham for eight days, but not longer, unless invited by the Prior; and the abbat was at such times to have only thirteen horses in his train. The monks of St. Albans who were to be constantly maintained at Binham were not to be fewer in number than eight, and the heirs and successors of the founder were to remain patrons and protectors of the cell. Peter de Valoines endowed his foundation with the manor of Binham, two parts of his tithes in Dersingham and Ingulnesthorp, and the tithes of the manors of Riburg, Snaring, Toftes, Testurtun, Riburg Parva, Wodedalling,

^a — "Cella quoque de Binham, cum terris, decimis, et omnibus tunc temporis ad eam pertinentiis, ecclesie sancti Albani, industria

hujus abbatis Pauli est collata." Mat. Par. in Vit. Abb. S. Albani, edit. 1684, p. 1002.

^b See Tann. Notit. Mon. Norf. vi. note ^c.

Saxelyngham, Walsingham, Berney, Babingley, Apeltone, and Patealey.^a

These gifts were confirmed in other charters by Roger de Valoines the son of Peter;^b by Peter de Valoines the son of Boger;^c and by Robert the son of the second Peter.^d An agreement between Herbert bishop of Norwich and the first Peter de Valoines, in 1108, respecting mutual claims in the manors of Binham and Langham, will be found, together with these, in the Appendix.^e

King Henry the First granted to the monks here a market at Binham, to be held on Wednesdays, together with a fair for four days beginning on the vigil of St. Mary, and free warren over all their lands. This charter was recited in and confirmed by another in the 26th of Edw. III.^f

In the 2d of King John a fine was levied, wherein William de Kaen, or Ken, lord of North Greenhou hundred and Wighton, granted to the Prior all customs due to him as lord; and the prior and monks granted in return that the men of Binham should be free from toll in Binham market.^g

The assumed claim of Robert Fitzwalter to the patronage of the cell of Binham, in the reign of John, has been already noticed, together with his claim to the wood of Northaw, in the Account of St. Albans abbey.^h Matthew Paris's detail of the circumstances will be given in his own words in a subsequent page.ⁱ

Here also may be noticed the confirmation of John de Oxford bishop of Norwich of the churches and other possessions of the monastery within his diocese in the sixth year of his pontificate.^k

Pope Innocent IVth, in 1250, confirmed by bull to the monks of Binham the grant of the church of Westley in Cambridgeshire.^l

Reginald de Bacon, in the 46th of Henry III., gave them a moiety of Laringset church:^m and

In the 12th of Edward III. the prior and convent obtained a license to appropriate the church of Berney.ⁿ

PRIORS of BINHAM.

OSGOD is stated by Blomefield to have been Prior here in 1106.^o He is, no doubt, the same person who, in the charter of the first Peter de Valoines, is called "Osgod presbyter de Binham."

ENISANDUS occurs as Prior before the year 1146.^p

RALPH occurs in 1174.^q

GEOFFREY was Prior in the time of Simon abbat of St. Albans, between 1167 and 1188.^r

PETER occurs in 1 Ric. I., A. D. 1189;^s and subsequently in the time of Garinus abbat of St. Albans, who died in 1193, as well as in the abbacy of John de Cella.^t

RALPH, the second prior of the name, probably RALPH GUBIUN (mentioned as prior in the Binham Register, foll. 126 b, 132), occurs 10 Ric. I., in the abbacy of John de Cella.^u

THOMAS occurs Prior in the 1st and 2d years of K. John:^v and, according to the continuator of Blomefield, again in 1210.^w

RICHARD occurs as prior of Binham in the 16th year of John, A. D. 1214.^x

RICHARD DE PARCO was prior from 1226 to 1244,^y when he removed to the priorate of Tinmouth.

RICHARD DE SELFORD, or SELDEFORT, who succeeded in 1244, occurs again in instruments of the 31st, 39th, and 46th of Hen. III.^z

WILLIAM prior of Binham, according to Blomefield's continuator, occurs in the last of these years.^{aa}

RALPH is named Prior in 1261.^{ab}

ADAM DE MOTA occurs Prior in 1264:^{ac} and again in 1267.^{ad}

^a See the charter, Num. I.

^b Num. II.

^c Num. III.

^d Num. IV.

^e Num. VI.

^f See Num. XV.

^g Compare Num. X.

^h Compare the present Work, vol. ii. p. 189.

ⁱ See Num. XI. The following is the detail of Fitzwalter's claim, as entered in the Abbreviatio Placitorum:

"Robertus filius Walteri queritur quod abbas sancti Albani, injuste, et contra cartam quam idem Robertus habet de abbacia sancti Albani, venit ad prioratum de Binham hospitaturus ibi cum pluribus equis et cum pluribus hominibus quam facere debet; et quod ibi ponit plures monachos quam facere debet; et quod talliat homines pertinentes ad Prioratum, et ab eis capit multam pecuniam, desicut non debet habere aliquid de prioratu nisi tantum unam marcam per annum. Dicit etiam quod dum ipse fuit in Hibernia cum domino Rege, ipse [sc. Abbas] contra tenorem predictæ Cartæ amovit Priorem de Binham, qui ibi fuit constitutus per assensum et voluntatem ipsius Roberti, et tantum inde fecit quod pro centum marcis nollet quod domus sua habuisset tantum dampnum quantum habuit per eum.

"Abbas defendit vim, &c. et dicit quod Carta prædicta loquitur de hæredibus Roberti de Valoniis qui non sunt præsentēs, et ideo sine eis non vult respondere nisi Curia consideravit."

Abbrev. Placit. p. 75, temp. R. Johannis. Nescitur annus.

^k Num. V.

^l Matthew Paris says, "Licet Prior de Binham jus plenarium haberet in ecclesia de Westle, in usus proprios habenda, utpote per collationem patroni, confirmationemque duorum episcoporum, et eorumdem capituli, de tribus Romanæ ecclesiæ Pontificibus, Lucio videlicet, Eugenio, et Gregorio nono: quidam Januensis, spurius, et illiteratus, tales a domino Papa literas, contra jus et pietatem, impetravit. 'Innocentius episcopus, &c. dilecto filio magistro Berardo de Nympha, scriptori nostro in Anglia commoranti, salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Cum dilectus filius noster N. camerarius noster, quondam Reinerio de Solerio præposito Yporiensis nuper viam universæ carnis ingressus, ecclesiam de Westleia Eliensis diocesis quam spectantem ad præsentationem dilectorum filiorum Prioris et Conventus de Binham ordinis S. Benedicti, idem præpositus dum viveret obtinebat in partibus Anglicanis, dilecto filio Henrighetto clerico, nato nobilis viri Perrini de Malachana de Volta, civis Januensis, auctoritate nostra duximus conferendam, decernens irritum et inane, quicquid de ipsa contra collationem suam contigerit attentari. Nos quod a dicto camerario factum est in hac parte, ratum habentes, discretionis tue per Apostolica scripta mandamus, quatenus procuratorem ipsius H. vel alium quem volueris, ejus nomine in possessionem ecclesiæ memoratæ, amoto ab ea quolibet detentore, per te vel per alium procures inducere corporalem, et tuearis inductum, contradictores per censuram ecclesiasticam, appellatione postposita, compescendo. Illa indulgentia non obstante, per quam Anglis est indultum, quod Itali clerici decedentis beneficium, vel decedentis alius Italicus immediatè nequeat obtinere, seu aliqua alia, de

qua oporteat in præsentibus fieri mentionem, aut per quam hæc collatio seu assignatio valeat impediri, vel etiam retardari, seu constitutione de duabus dietis edita in Consilio generali. Datum Lugd. iii. cal. Maii Pont. nostri anno vii." Hist. Major, edit. 1684, p. 691.

^m Blomef. Hist. Norf. vol. v. p. 787.

ⁿ See Num. XIII.

^o Hist. Norf. vol. v. p. 787.

^p See the Append. of Instrum. Num. VIII. Geoffrey abbat of St. Albans, who witnesses this instrument, died in 1146.

^q Blomef. ut supr.

^r Reg. Priorat. de Binham, MS. Cotton. Claud. D. II. fol. 165.

^s Ibid. fol. 24.

^t Ibid. foll. 126, 164.

^u Ibid. fol. 54 b.

^v Ibid. foll. 125 b, 126 b, 131.

^w Hist. Norf. ut supr.

^x Registr. de Binham, fol. 56.

^y Compare the Cottonian MS. Nero D. I. In fol. 154 b, of which we read, "Hic annotantur quæ per industriam et diligentiam domini Ricardi de Parco quondam prioris de Binham eidem ecclesiæ sunt adquisita:" followed by the "Placita quæ sustinuit dictus dominus Ricardus de Parco, prior de Binham, tempore suo; videlicet annis xviii." The chief of the pleas enumerated was, "Contra dominum Thomam de Blundvilla episcopum Norwicensem pro libertate ecclesiæ tuenda et subjectione vitanda; pro quo placito in propria persona Curiam Romanam, Papa tunc Roma commorante, quando concomitabatur prior de Wimundham Th. ubi multum exposuit pecuniam, simul et labores sustinuit, et illatas ab episcopo memorato cum injuriis vexationes."

In the page immediately succeeding we have a memorandum of the state of Binham priory at the time of Richard de Parco's resignation:

"Memorandum quod die Sabbati proxima post Cineres apud Dersingham anno regni regis Henrici III. filii Johannis xxviii. computatis omnimodis debitis quæ debebat domus de Binham et quæ debebantur ei, coram domino Ricardo de Parco tunc de novo creato priore de Thynem. et coram domino RICARDO DE SELDEFORT tunc de novo creato priore de Bingham; et solutis plenarie et ubique, remanserunt penes dominum priorem memoratum de Binham ultra debita supradicta xxj. libr. xvj. sol. et iij. den. præter xvij. qui debebantur apud Dersingham Ric. de Sywaldeby. Et in hujus rei testimonium confectum est istud instrumentum super prædictis, inter prædictos priores: præsentibus hiis testibus domino Willielmo de Redborne subpriore de Binham, domino Willielmo de Horton cellar. de Thynem. domino Rog. de Eggesfeld cellar. de Binham, domino Willielmo de Marleberge, A. persona de Berneie, Henrico clerico, Rogero de Tyngrie, Willielmo de Sancto Edwardo, Ricardo de Siwaldeby, et aliis multis." Ibid. fol. 154 b.

^z Registr. de Binham, foll. 76, 108, 179 b.

^{aa} Hist. Norf. ut supr.

^{ab} Ibid.

^{ac} Reg. Priorat. de Binham, fol. 152.

^{ad} Ibid. fol. 171.

MILLO.^a

PETER.^b

ROBERT DE WALTHAM occurs in 1279, and again in 1289, the 7th and 17th of Edw. I.^c According to Blomefield's continuator,

WALTER occurs Prior in 1286: but the date should probably be 1296, 24th Edw. I.^d

WILLIAM DE SOMERTON was presented, according to Blomefield's continuator, by Hugh abbat of St. Albans in 1317.^e According to an Instrument which will be found in the Appendix it should rather be in 1319.^f The royal mandate for his arrest, two years after, for refractory conduct toward the parent monastery, will also be found in the Appendix.^g

NICHOLAS FLAMSTEDE, in 1323^h.

JOHN DE CAUDEWELL was presented in 1337 by Michael abbat of St. Albans.ⁱ

ADAM occurs Prior of Binham in 1354, 27 Edw. III.^k The continuator of Blomefield says

WILLIAM DIXWELL occurs in 1380:^l but unless there were two Priors of this name he must be in error.

ROBERT STOKES, as Prior of Binham, voted at the election of John Moote abbat of St. Albans in 1396.^m His death is placed in the Belvoir Obituary on the first of January.ⁿ

MICHAEL CHEYNE became abbat in 1424.^o

WILLIAM occurs in 1430.^p This may probably be WILLIAM BRYT mentioned in the Belvoir Obituary.^q

WILLIAM SPYDON was presented by the abbat of St. Albans in 1436.^r

NICHOLAS WELLYS, 1438.^s He voted as Prior of Binham at the re-election of John Wethamstede abbat of St. Albans in 1451.^t

HENRY HALSTEDE, 1454.^u

WILLIAM DIXWELL, 1461.^v

JOHN PEYTON, LL.D., 1464.^w

WILLIAM DIXWELL again, 1465.^x

RICHARD WHITTINGDON, 1480.^y

WILLIAM DIXWELL, 1481.^z

THOMAS SUDBURY occurs in 1502.^{aa}

WILLIAM FREVELL, 1505.^{ab}

JOHN ALBON, S. T. B. occurs in 1509: and again in 1529.^{ac}

An accurate account of the state of Binham priory in the 18th Hen. VIII. will be seen in the extracts from Cardinal Wolsey's Book remaining in the Augmentation Office.^{ad}

Sir Richard Rich, one of the visitors under Lord Cromwell, was unwilling at the time of the Dissolution to believe Binham to be a cell to St. Albans. He states that he was in possession of fines and other matters of record levied by the monks of this house, in which the abbat of the parent monastery was not named; and that they also continually granted leases without mentioning his name.^{ae}

Tanner says, about the time of the Dissolution this cell had only six monks. Its revenues were valued, according to Dugdale, at 140*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.*: according to Speed, at 160*l.* 1*s.*

The reversion of the site and chief possessions of this house were granted in the 31st of Hen. VIII. to Thomas Paston, Esq. the fifth son of Sir William Paston, Knight. A fresh grant of the site to the same person occurs in the 33d of Henry VIII. Abstracts of both entries from the Repertories to the Originalia in the Exchequer, relating to these grants, will be found in the Note below.^{af}

Bishop Tanner mentions two REGISTERS of BINHAM PRIORY in the Notitia Monastica: One, as preserved in the Cottonian library Claud. D. XIII. "ex dono dom. Joan. le Gard de Ganton in com. Ebor. qui duxit filiam dom. Thomæ Widdringtoni quem penes extitit Registrum hujus prioratus, A. D. 1652;" the other as Sir William Dugdale's own, "penes autorem Mon. Angl. A. D. 1648." There seems reason, however, to consider these but as one manuscript. The volume which was Sir Robert Cotton's has still the following entry in the first leaf in Dugdale's own hand, "Registrum cartarum prioratus de Binham in agro Norfolciensi. Ex dono Johannis Legard de Ganton in com. Ebor. baronetti:" and it is singular, that, upon collation, every page transcribed in the Monasticon, as from the Register belonging to Sir William Dugdale, answers minutely to the Cottonian manuscript.

The Cottonian volume forms a thick folio; written in a large hand, of the earlier part of the fourteenth century. A synopsis of its more important contents will be found below.^{ag}

^a Ibid. foll. 55, 94.

^b Blomef. Hist. Norf. ut supr.

^c Registr. de Binham, foll. 128, 133, 150 b, 152. His obit occurs in the Belvoir Obituary on the 17th of October. See MS. Peck, Mus. Brit. Donat. 4936, p. 139.

^d See MS. Harl. 970, fol. 113.

^e Blomef. ut supr.

^f See Num. XIII.

^g Num. XIV.

^h Blomef. ut supr.

ⁱ Ibid.

^j Registr. de Binham, fol. 53 b.

^k Blomef. ut supr.

^l Newcome, Hist. St. Albans, p. 277.

^m MS. Peck, ut supr.

ⁿ Blomef. ut supr.

^o Ibid.

^p MS. Peck.

^q Blomef. ut supr.

^r Ibid.

^s Newcome, Hist. St. Albans, p. 345.

^t Blomef. ut supr. Newcome, Hist. St. Albans, p. 354, says, in the third year of abbat Wethamstede's restoration, i. e. 1454, "one Henry Halstede who had formerly been sub-prior to the monastery," [of St. Albans] "but who had gone away from the brethren, and lived in a secular manner for some years, desired to be readmitted; and, with many tears of contrition, tried the compassion of his brethren. At length he promised to rebuild the dormitory at Wymundham, and bestow other benefactions on that Cell, if he could be admitted; and after proof given of his sincerity, he should be happy to be made prior of Binham, now vacant. The abbat interceded in his behalf, that he might procure him a favourable reception; on which he was admitted at Binham, and promoted to be their Prior."

^u Blomef. ut supr.

^v Ibid.

^w Ibid. See also Registr. de Binham, fol. 195 b.

^x Blomef. ut supr.

^y Ibid.

^z Ibid.

^{aa} Ibid.

^{ab} Ibid. See also Newcome, Hist. St. Albans, p. 463.

^{ac} See the Append. of Instruments, Num. XVIII.

^{ad} Num. XVIII.

^{ae} Compare Num. XIX.

^{af} Norf. rex xiiij^{mo}. die Septembris concessit Thomæ Paston reversionem nuper prioratus de Bynham ac manerii de Bynham, Walsingham Magna, Welles, Gunthorpe, et Riborough, ac rectorias de Bynham, Berney, et Darsyngham, in com. Norff. ac terr. &c. in Bynham, Walsingham Magna, Welles, Edgefeld, Gunthorpe, Lenn Regis, Magna Riborough, Parva Riborough, Saxlingham, Wyghton, Thursforde, Sandringham, Welles juxta Mare, Ingoldesthorpe, Westlee, Barney,

et Dersyngham habend. ei et hæredibus masculis de corpore suo legitime procreatis." Original. 31 Hen. VIII. ro. lxxv.

^{ag} "Norff. rex xv. die Novembris concessit Thomæ Paston scitum nuper priorat. sive monasterii de Bynham, ac etiam maneria de Bynham, Barney, Thirsforde, Walsingham Magna, Darsingham, Welles, Edgefeld, Gunthorpe, et Ryborowe, ac etiam rectorias, &c. de Binham, Barney, et Darsyngham, ac mesuag. &c. in Bynham, Walsyngham Magna, Welles, Edgefeld, Gunthorpe, Lenn Regis, Magna Riborough, Parva Riborough, Saxlingham, Wighton, Thirsford, Sandryngham, Welles juxta Mare, Ingoldesthorpe, Westley, Barney, et Darsingham, habend. ei et hæredibus suis imperpetuum. ro. xliij." Original. 33 Hen. VIII. p. 3.

Spelman, in his History of Sacrilege, p. 253, says, "Binham priory was granted by King Henry VIII. to Sir Thomas Paston. He left it to Mr. Edward Paston, his son and heir, who, living above eighty years, continued the possession of it till — Caroli R. and having buried — his son and heir apparent, left it then unto his grand-child, Mr. — Paston the third owner of it, and thereby now in the wardship of the king. Mr. Edward Paston, many years since, was desirous to build a mansion-house upon or near the Priory, and attempting for that purpose to clear some of that ground, a piece of wall fell upon a workman, and slew him. Perplexed with this accident in the beginning of this business, he gave it wholly over, and would by no means all his life after be persuaded to re-attempt upon it; but built his mansion-house, a very fair one, at Appleton."

¹ Carta Petri de Valoniis et Albredæ uxoris suæ de fundatione prioratus de Binham, fol. 1.

² Confirmatio Rogeri de Valoniis de omnibus quæ Petrus de Valoniis pater ejus contulit ecclesiæ de Binham, fol. 2.

³ Confirmatio Petri de Valoniis junioris de omnibus quæ antecessores sui contulerunt ecclesiæ de Binham, fol. 2 b.

⁴ Carta confirmationis Roberi de Valoniis de donationibus antecessorum suorum et de sepulturis militum suorum, fol. 3.

⁵ Tenuræ tenentium de Binham, foll. 5, 7.

⁶ Cartæ de molendinis de Steuekeye et Wighton, foll. 18 b, 19.

⁷ Confirmatio Reginaldi de Warennæ de decem solidatis redditus quos Rad. fil. Toraldi dedit ecclesiæ de Binham, fol. 19.

⁸ Carta Reginaldi de Warennæ de xx. sol. redditu, fol. 19 b.

⁹ Carta confirmationis Willielmi com. de Warennæ de dono Reginaldi fratris sui, ibid.

Other references relating to Binham in Bishop Tanner's *Notitia Monastica* are,

"Collect. e Registris de Binham, MSS. in bibl. Oxon. Dodsworth, vol. lix. foll. 1, 21, &c.; vol. lxxviii. fol. 81, et in bibl. Ashmol. Dugd. vol. xxxix. fol. 124.

"Quædam de fundatione Prioratus et terris in Binham, Stukei, &c. ex rotulo dom. Rogeri Townsend, 1625, in vol. collect. autoris notat. T. T. p. 468, &c. in bibl. Bodl. Oxon.

"Bibl. Harl. MS. 970, p. 111. Collectanea ex Cartulario hujus Prioratus: p. 113, Nomina Priorum.

"Cart. antiq. Hen. I. n. 41. Hen. I. r. 21, de mercat. die Mercurii et nundinis in vigiliis et quatuor diebus S. Mariæ.

"Cart. 17 Hen. III. n. . Fin. Norf. 46 Hen. III.

10. Confirmatio Willielmi fil. Rad. de dono Howard de Wicthuna, fol. 19 b.

11. Cirografus inter Herbertum episcopum et Petrum de Valoniis, fol. 20.

12. Carta Henrici regis de confirmatione, fol. 20 b.

13. Conventio Johannis episcopi de stagno de Langham, ibid.

14. De fine facto coram rege H. inter Herbertum episcopum Norwic. et Petrum de Valoniis, fol. 21.

15. Carta Willielmi de Kaien, ibid.

16. Carta Johannis atte Thorn de mesuagio in parochia S. Laurentii Norwic. ibid.

17. Cartæ de mesuagiis in civit. Norw. foll. 21 b, 22.

18. Carta Hawardi de Wichton de terra in Lenna, fol. 23.

19. Cyrographum de duobus mesuagiis in villa de Len. ibid.

20. Carta de terra in London et Herford per Robertum de Valoniis, fol. 24.

21. Carta de domibus et redditibus in civitate Londoniarum tempore Petri prioris ecclesiæ de Binham adquisitis, 1 Ric. I. ibid.

22. Recordum tenementorum prioris et conventus de Binham in Londoniis, fol. 24 b.

23. Privilegium Adriani papæ de libertatibus ecclesiæ sancti Albani et Cellis adjacentibus, A. D. 1157, fol. 25.

24. Indulgentia Celestini papæ de clericis tonsurand. et possessionibus monasteriorum per Priores alienatis revocandis, an. tertio pontificatus, fol. 26.

25. Indulgentia Celestini papæ quod priores vel monachi non possunt pecuniam mutuo dare sine licentia abbatis, ibid.

26. Privilegium Celestini quod nullus Episcopus possit Priores vel Monachos excommunicare, anno iij. pontif. fol. 26 b.

27. Privilegium Celestini super donis abbatum et capitul. confirmandis, an. iij. pontif. fol. 27.

28. Privilegium Clementis papæ ne aliquis archiepiscopus vel episcopus audeat priores vel monachos excommunicare, an. pontif. jº. fol. 27 b.

29. Privilegium Celestini ne aliquis archiepiscopus vel episcopus audeat Abbatem vel Priores Cellarum vel monachos ad sinodum convocare, fol. 28.

30. Prohibitio Celestini ne Abbas vel Prior conferat beneficium ecclesiasticum antequam vacaverit, an. iijº. pontif. fol. 28 b.

31. Privilegium Alexandri papæ quod Abbas in cellis et omnibus ecclesiis ubicunque voluerit uti poterit pontificalibus, fol. 29.

32. Privilegium Celestini papæ quod sententia ab archiepiscopo vel episcopo in monach. lata viribus careat, ibid.

33. Confirmatio inter ecclesias Lincolnensis et sancti Albani a sede Apostolica t. Urbani papæ, fol. 30.

34. Privilegium Eugenii de donis Offæ regis et regum sequentium, A. D. 1146, fol. 30 b.

35. Privilegium Honorii papæ de omnibus libertatibus sancti Albani et possessionibus, cum cellis adjacentibus, A. D. 1218, fol. 32.

36. Indulgentia Celestini papæ de correctione presbiterorum et clericorum, fol. 34 b.

37. Indulgentia Alexandri papæ de tonsuratione clericorum, fol. 35.

38. Quod Prior de Binham non cognoscat de causis invitus, fol. 35 b.

39. Bulla confirmationis Alexandri papæ de omnibus possessionibus, decimis, porcionibus, et redditibus pertinentibus ad prioratum de Binham ex dono Petri de Valoniis, fol. 36.

40. Ne Prior de Binham audiat causas aliquas nisi specialiter exprimat in bulla, fol. 36 b.

41. Confirmatio Gregorii papæ de Dersingham, Westleia, Wodallinge, Baketon, Bernay, Gunthorp, et Riburg, an. ijº. pontif. fol. 37.

42. Mandatum domini Clem. papæ episcopo Norwicen. pro decimis de Babyngl. ibid.

43. Carta regis Henrici I. de libertatibus datis et concessis ecclesiæ de Binham, fol. 38.

44. Carta regis Henrici de libertatibus datis et confirmatis ecclesiæ et monachis de Binham et eorum hominibus, fol. 38 b.

45. Litera regis Henrici de quietantia thelonei, fol. 39.

46. De fine facto coram rege H. inter Herbertum episcopum Norwic. et Petrum de Valoniis, ibid.

47. Carta regis Ricardi de libertatibus monachis sancti Albani, et ne ponantur in placitum nisi coram rege vel suis justiciariis, ibid.

48. Carta regis Ricardi de protectione monachorum et terrarum et hominum sancti Albani et cellarum, ibid.

49. Quietantia regis Ricardi de theloneo, fol. 39 b.

n. 93, pro medietat. eccl. de Laringset, ex dono Reginaldi de Bacoun.

"Plac. in com. Norf. 14 Edw. I. quo War. rot. 5, dorso, de libertat. in Eggefeld, Gunthorp, et Salthous.

"Claus. 14 Edw. II. m. 25.

"Pat. 24 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 1 vel 2. Cart. 25 Edw. III. n. 25, pro mercat. et feria apud Binham, et aliis libertatibus.

"Pat. 2 Hen. IV. p. 1, m. 4."

Among the original charters belonging to the Harleian collection of manuscripts, now in the British Museum, is one of Binham, marked 44 A. 18. "Carta P. prioris de Binham Petro de Egesfeld concessa de terris in Egesfeld."

50. Carta protectionis regis Ricardi pro abbate S. Albani et monachis ubicunque habitaverint, ibid.

51. Carta Johannis regis de libertatibus sancti Albani et cellarum, fol. 40.

52. Carta regis H. de terra de Walsingham quam Rog. de Valoniis dedit ecclesiæ de Bingham, fol. 40 b.

53. Confirmatio regis H. de terra de Welles, ibid.

54. Literæ regis H. ad ballivos de Herpingham pro monachis de Binham, ibid.

55. Carta regis Stephani de dono Walteri de Valoniis, fol. 41.

56. Literæ regis Steph. ad ballivos de Northgrenehou et de Holt-hundr. pro monachis de Binham, ibid.

57. Literæ regis H. Ebr. episcopo Norwic. pro monachis de Binham de ecclesia de Walsingham, ibid.

58. Literæ regis H. ad Ebr. episcopum pro monachis de Binham, ibid.

59. Literæ H. regis testimon. de concordia facta in curia sua inter comitem Essex. et priorem de Binham de advocacione ecclesiæ de Westle, fol. 41 b.

60. Confirmatio regis Edwardi III. a Conquestu de omnibus cartis progenitorum, ibid.

61. Breve ad vicecomitem pro prædicta carta allocanda, fol. 41.

62. Confirmatio Johannis episcopi Norwic. de ecclesiis et terris et omnibus ad ecclesiam de Binham pertinentibus, fol. 43.

63. Confirmatio Th. episcopi Norwic. de ecclesiis et possessionibus omnibus ad ecclesiam de Binham pertinentibus. Ecclesiam etiam de Parva Riburg in usus proprios donavit, fol. 53 b.

64. Confirmatio Willielmi episcopi Norwic. de ecclesiis et omnibus ad ecclesiam de Binham pertinentibus, fol. 44 b.

65. Confirmatio Johannis episcopi Norwic. de ecclesiis et possessionibus ad ecclesiam de Binham pertinentibus, A. D. 1183, fol. 45.

66. Carta confirmationis Symonis prioris et conventus de Norwic. de omnibus donationibus et confirmationibus episcoporum omnium possessionum ad ecclesiam de Binham pertinentium, A. D. 1183, fol. 45 b.

67. Transactio inter episcopum Norwic. et de Binham et de Wy-mundham Priores de contentionibus inter eos ortis, A. D. 1228, fol. 46 b.

68. Cartæ de Berneya et de Thursford, foll. 49—61, 76—81.

69. De terris dominicalibus de Berneye, fol. 61 b.

70. Reddituale domini prioris de Binham de liberis tenentibus et natis in Berneye, de omnimodis redditibus et servitiis, anno regni regis Edwardi fil. regis Edwardi septimo, fol. 62—71 b.

71. Thursford et Berneye. Placita coram Willielmo de Ormesby et Thoma de Hakford justiciariis assign. apud Norwyccum die Mercurii in festo sancti Clementis anno regni regis Edwardi vicesimo quarto, fol. 82.

72. Cartæ de Eggesfeld, foll. 87—96.

73. Tenura tenentium de Eggesfeld, fol. 96 b—101.

74. Cartæ de Salthous, fol. 103.

75. Tenentes de Salthous, fol. 111—119.

76. Cartæ de Wodedalling, fol. 121—128 b.

77. Wyghton. Extract. de terr. ibidem de quibus sacrista de Bynham percipiet dimidiam partem decimarum garbarum renov. anno r. r. Edw. IV. nono, fol. 129 b.

78. Cartæ de Welles, fol. 131—133 b.

79. Nomina tenentium in villa de Welles, fol. 134.

80. Walsham Magna. Memorandum de terris quas Thomas Chyld tenet de feodo prioris de Bynham, fol. 134 b.

81. Cartæ de Westele, fol. 137—143 b.

82. Cartæ de Dersingham, fol. 145—153 b.

83. Terræ dominicales de Dersingham, foll. 154, 155.

84. Cartæ de Parva Riburg, fol. 164—172.

85. Cartæ de Ingaldethorp, foll. 172 b, 173.

86. De terra Humfridi de Aula de Wicton jacente in camp. de Warham, de qua rector ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Magdalenæ de Warham percipit duas garbas decimarum et Sacrista de Binham percipit tertiam, fol. 174 b.

87. De decimis in campis de Toftes, fol. 175 b.

88. Cartæ de Leringesete, fol. 178—181 b.

89. Cartæ de Baketon, fol. 182—189 b.

90. Cartæ de Gunthorp, fol. 190—195.

91. Terrur. fact. et renovat. tempore Willielmi Dyxwell prioris de Bynham de terris in Riborow Parva per Robertum Jagge firmar. ibidem anno r. r. Edwardi IVº. quinto, fol. 195 b.

92. Terrar. de Saxlyngham, 32 Edw. III. fol. 195 * b.

93. De episcopatu Est Angliæ, sive de Thetford, (manu recentiori.) fol. 197 b.

There is an impression of the SEAL of this Priory in the Chapter-House at Westminster: it is of white wax. The subject is the appearance of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary, who is seated, holding in her left hand a book; over her head a dove descending. The legend is SIGILLVM . ECCL'IE . BE . MARIE . DE . BINHAM. It is appended to a deed, without date, whereby Peter the prior and the convent of Binham grant to Gunnora de Estsexia sixty acres of land, which dame Agnes de Valoniis and Robert de Valoniis her son heretofore had given to them in pure and perpetual alms, in the vill called Westleia; to be holden of the same monks at the rent of five shillings so long as the said Gunnora should live in a secular habit.*

The RUINS of BINHAM PRIORY are considerable. Of the priory church, the nave, the north aisle, the chief

part of the west front, and the transept are remaining. With the exception of the west façade, the whole is in the Norman style, and probably constituted a part of the original structure. The nave and north aisle are at present appropriated as the parish church.

The interior elevation of the nave exhibits three tiers of seven arches on each side: the two lowermost are semi-circular; those in the upper tier are partly semicircular and partly pointed.

The exterior of the west front is wholly in the pointed style, apparently of the fourteenth century. In the lower part are displayed a grand central and two lateral doorways, with blank arcades between. Over the former is a large centre window, originally ornamented with five upright columnar mullions, and three circular compartments of tracery mouldings.

Cartae ad Binhamensis Prioratum in agro Norfolciensi spectantes: Cellam Coenobii S. Albani.

NUM. I.

Carta Petri de Valoniis et Albredæ uxoris suæ de Fundatione Prioratus de Binham.

[Ex Regist. Priorat. de Binham penes autorem an. 1648, fol. 1.]

NORUM sit omnibus tam futuris quàm præsentibus, quod ego Petrus de Valoniis et Albreda uxor mea, concedentibus filiis meis Willielmo et Rogero, consilio etiam nepotis mei Walteri, et cæterorum hominum et amicorum meorum, assensu etiam et licentia et per brevem Henrici regis domini mei, et Matildis reginæ, dono et concedo Deo et sanctæ Mariæ et sancto Albano ecclesiam sanctæ Mariæ de Binham totumque manerium meum, cum pratis, et silvis, et maresco, et homagio, ita plenè sicut tenueram illud manerium à rege, nihil mihi vel successoribus meis in eodem manerio retinens et reservans nisi divinæ pietatis retributionem; sed volo et concedo, ut hæredes et successores mei sint tutores et defensores ejusdem ecclesiæ et villæ, et non destructores aut aliquo modo vastatores. Quod beneficium et elemosinam specialiter facio pro anima domini mei Willielmi regis qui Angliam adquisivit, qui mihi dedit illud manerium; cujus etiam assensu et licentia hoc opus incepi; et pro anima Matildis reginæ uxoris suæ et Willielmi regis filii sui; et pro salute Henrici regis domini mei et Matildis reginæ uxoris suæ, quorum nutu et licentia istam elemosinam facio et filiorum suorum; et pro meipso et uxore mea et filiis et fratribus et propinquis meis; pro animabus etiam patris et matris meæ, et omnium antecessorum meorum, ex quorum progenie ego exortus sum; et pro Albreda uxore mea et Eudone fratre suo et Rohaysia uxore, et pro animabus antecessorum illorum ex quorum progenie exorti sunt; et pro salute hominum meorum et animabus antecessorum illorum quorum decimas, eorundem nutu, ecclesiæ S. Mariæ de Binham tribuo. Concedo etiam eidem ecclesiæ duas partes decimarum mearum in Dersingham et Ingulnethorp de meo dominio. Et duas partes decimarum militum theorum qui de me terras tenent in Norfolch, assensu quidem et voluntate eorundem. Hæc sunt maneria quorum decimas supradictæ ecclesiæ concedo: Riburg, quod tenet Radulphus Facatus. Et Snaringa et Toftes, quod tenet Ricardus

de Spineto ab eodem Radulpho, et Testertuna et Riburg, et Wodedallinga, et Saxelyngham, quæ tenet Thuraldus; Walsingham, quod tenet Humfridus; Berneya, quod tenet Walterus Dapifer; Babingleya, quod tenet Willielmus de Rudham; et Apeltone, quod tenet Turgisius; Patesleya, quod tenet Rogerus.

Quæ omnia dono et nominatim concedo ad servitium ecclesiæ S. Mariæ de Binham. Sciendum est etiam quod prædicti mei milites, cum mortui fuerint, si tamen in Anglia moriantur, apud Binham debent sepeliri, et à monachis honorificè corpora eorum suscipi, et pro eis debet servitium sicut pro fratre devotè fieri, et pars eorum totius suæ substantiæ illorum tantum maneriorum de quibus eadem ecclesia habet decimas, ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ reddi et offerri debet. Ubi cumque etiam moriantur sive sepeliantur, prædicta pars totius suæ substantiæ pro singulis eorum supradictæ ecclesiæ per conventionem reddetur, et à monachis debitum servitium sicut pro fratribus persolvetur, et pro uxoribus et hæredibus eadem conventio ab utraque parte semper in posterum implebitur. Quæ ecclesia sanctæ Mariæ de Binham eo tenore subjicietur ecclesiæ sancti Albani in cella, quo tenore ecclesia sancti Pancratii de Lewis ecclesiæ sancti Petri Cluniacensis est subjecta, redditura per annos singulos ecclesiæ sancti Albani unam marcam argenti et non amplius, et hoc in die festi sancti Albani. Quinimmo, talem libertatem habebit hæc ecclesia per omnia sub ecclesia sancti Albani qualem habet ecclesia sancti Pancratii sub ecclesia Cluniacensi. Abbas etiam ecclesiæ sancti Albani semel in anno apud Binham cum tresdecim equis tantum et non plus per octo dies immorari poterit nisi à priore diutius decenter vel sæpius advocatus fuerit ob ædificationem loci et emendationem monachorum. In qua ecclesia sanctæ Mariæ debent ab abbate sancti Albani ad servitium Dei faciendum octo fratres et non minus jugiter institui. Quod si aliquando quilibet fidelis, sive clericus sive laicus, in eadem ecclesia converti voluerit, et prior illud ecclesiæ expedire aut facultatem posse sufferre persenserit, receptus ad ecclesiam sancti Albani benedicendus et professionem facturum conducatur, et postea ad ecclesiam unde venerat revertatur, nisi instruendus et edocendus aliquandiu ab abbate et favente priore retineatur.

* See the Append. of Instruments, Num. IX.

Hujus beneficii donationem et oblationem fecit Petrus de Valoniis et Albredra uxor ejus hominesque sui Deo et sanctæ Mariæ et sancto Albano super altare sanctæ Mariæ de Binham, præsentem Ricardo abbate ecclesiæ sancti Albani, et tunc ibidem missam celebrante, præsentibus etiam abbate Roberto de Sancto Edmundo, et Ricardo abbate sancti Benedicti de Holme, et Lamberto priore de Acra. Coram subscriptis testibus Nigello, et Radulfo, et Ricardo capellanis, Petro de Valoniis, Harmanno clerico abbatis de Holme, Edmundo clerico abbatis de sancto Edmundo, Rogero presbytero de Dersingham. Alsio presbytero. Leurel presbytero de Warham. Alverico presbytero de Hoscham, et Asketel et Alwold et Wimundo presbyteris de Walsingham. Osgod presbytero de Binham. Osgoto presbytero de Gunthorp. Edwin Pinbon de Wicton. Iketel presbytero de Welles. Albrico presbytero de Strivekey. Radulfo Facato, Waltero dapifero. Humfrido comite. Humfrido Calvo, Turolde de Dallinger. Godrico presbytero de Stutelthorp, et Olfinco filio ejus, Wlfo presbytero de Barsam, et ejus filio Reynaldo. Ricardo de Spineto. Willielmo de Babingelia. Hugo de Dersingham, et Picoto fratre ejus. Stangrin presbytero de Ingulvesthorp. Godwino et Radulfo et Azor de Snetesham. Alberto Francigena, Willielmo le Veltre, Gaufrido de Fabricis. Herveo de Docinga. Algar de Wycstone. Wurchmaro de Walsingham. Yveno de Stivekey. Ikatel de Warham, et Ofulfo fratre suo. Roberto fratre abbatis de Holme, et Waltero nepote ejus. Petro de Werenga. Wucerico. Grimbardo. Osberno de Byntre. Willielmo filio Rogeri. Willielmo Picot. Finto. Gilberto de Spineto, Adelardo. Rogero de sancto Salvatore. Hamone nepote Petri, et Ricardo fratre suo, et Ricardo de Sanetham, Willielmo filio Theodorici, Gaufrido filio Rogeri. Roberto monacho. Ranulfo fratre Fulconis, Willielmo, Wygero, et aliis.

NUM. II.

Confirmatio Rogeri de Valoniis de omnibus quæ Petrus de Valoniis pater ejus contulit Ecclesiæ de Binham.

[Ex eodem Registro de Binham, fol. 2.]

NOTUM sit omnibus fidelibus tam futuris quàm præsentibus, quod ego Rogerus de Valoniis patris mei Petri de Valoniis inhærens vestigiis, concessi et confirmavi hac mea carta Deo et sanctæ Mariæ et monachis sancti Albani apud Binham manentibus, consilio amicorum et hominum meorum, ipsam ecclesiam de Binham, totumque manerium, in terris, pratis, silvis, mariscis, pascuis, et homagiis, et terram totam quam pater meus dedit eisdem monachis in Egesfeld, et nemora et warennam quam ipse habuit ex dono regis in eadem villa. Volo etiam et concedo, ut ipsi monachi habeant omnimodas decimas duarum partium dominiorum meorum et omnium militum meorum in Northfolch, quas pater meus eis dedit et concessit, assensu quidem et voluntate eorundem militum, videlicet de Dersingham, et de Hingulvesthorp de meo dominio, et Ryburge, et de alia Parva Ryburg, et Snaringe, et Toftes, et Gestretuna, et Wodedall, et Saxingeham, et Berneya, et Egesfeld, et Babingele, et Sarebrunne, et Rudham, et Appletone, et Patesle, et Ripetuna.

Concedo insuper prædictis monachis ex meo dono ecclesiam de Dersingham cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus, et medietatem ecclesiæ de Walsingham cum cantaria quæ habet Robertus Godchild de monachis sancti Albani, et totam terram quam Humfridus miles meus tenuerat de me in Walsingham cum toto homagio et cæteris omnibus pertinentiis, et totam terram meam de Gunesthorp, et totam terram de Welles de feodo meo quam tenuit Robertus Godchild. Hæc omnia concedo ad servicium ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Binham et monachorum illius loci, pro anima Willielmi regis qui Angliam adquisivit, et memoratum manerium patri meo dedit, et pro anima Matildis reginæ uxoris suæ, et pro anima Henrici regis et Mathildis reginæ et prolis suæ, et pro anima Petri de Valoniis patris mei qui ecclesiam de Binham fundavit, et pro me ipso et pro animabus omnium antecessorum meorum ex quorum progenie exortus sum, et pro animabus hominum meorum et antecessorum eorum concedo et præsentis serie scripti confirmo, nichil mihi ve successoribus meis reservans nisi

divinæ pietatis retributionem. Sed volo et præcipio ut hæredes mei et successores sint tutores ejusdem ecclesiæ et omnium pertinentium et defensores et non destructores aut aliquo modo vastatores.

Sciendum est etiam quod omnes milites mei de Northfolch cum mortui fuerint, si tamen in Anglia moriantur, apud Binham debent sepeliri, et a monachis honorificè corpora eorum suscipi, et pro eis debet servicium sicut pro fratre devotè fieri, et pars eorum totius suæ substantiæ illorum tantum maneriorum de quibus eadem ecclesia habet decimas, ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ reddi et offerri debet. Ubicumque etiam moriantur sive sepeliantur, prædicta pars totius suæ substantiæ pro singulis eorum supradictæ ecclesiæ per conventionem reddetur, et à monachis debitum servicium sicut pro fratribus persolvetur, et pro uxoribus et hæredibus omnibus post futuris eadem conventio ab utraque parte semper in posterum implebitur. Hujus confirmationis sunt testes Agnes de Valoniis uxor mea. Petrus et Robertus et Gaufridus et Johannes filii mei. Robertus dapifer. Fulqui de Mumpincun. Philippus de Snaringes. Alanus de Buxo. Gaufridus de Babingele. Thuraldus de Dallinges. Adam filius Aluredi. Yvennus capellanus. Willielmus capellanus. Petrus clericus. Nicholaus de Dallinges. Jordanus. Lambertus pistor. Alanus de Turbeville. Walterus de Valoniis. Petrus de Stivekey. Gaufridus de Snaringes, et Alanus clericus frater ejus, et Bernardus de Stodheie.

NUM. III.

Confirmatio Petri de Valoniis junioris de omnibus quæ Antecessores sui contulerunt Ecclesiæ de Binham.

[Ibid.]

NOTUM sit universis sanctæ ecclesiæ tam futuris quam præsentibus fidelibus, quod ego Petrus de Valoniis antecessorum meorum inhærens vestigiis, consilio amicorum meorum hominumque assensu, concedo et confirmo ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Binham omnes teneturas quascunque prædecessores mei, Petrus scilicet de Valoniis avus meus et post ejus decessum pater meus Rogerus in liberam elemosinam dederunt et concesserunt, ita benè et quietè et honorificè eidem ecclesiæ possidendas sicut unquam meliùs et liberiùs et honorificentius una die vel hora ipsi tenuerunt vel possederunt. Scilicet manerium totum de Binham et ecclesiam cum terris et pratis in silvis et maresco et homagio, nichil mihi vel successoribus meis in eodem manerio reservans nisi divinæ retributionem pietatis. Sed volo et concedo et præcipio, ut hæredes mei et successores sint ejusdem manerii tutores et omnium pertinentium et defensores et non destructores aut aliquo modo vastatores. Concedo etiam et confirmo, sicut avus meus et pater dederunt et concesserunt, duas partes decimarum mearum de Dersingham, et de Hingulvesthorp de meo dominio, et duas partes decimarum militum meorum qui de me terras tenent in Northfolch, assensu et voluntate eorum.

Hæc sunt maneria quorum decimas antecessores mei supradictæ ecclesiæ concesserunt, et ego concedo: Ryburg, et aliam Parvam Ryburgh, Snaring, et Toftes, Cestrenam, et Wodedallingham, Saxingeham, Walsingeham, Berneiam, Babbingele, Sernebrunam, Rudham, et Appletunam, Patesleiam, et Ripetunam. Concedo etiam et confirmo ecclesias et terras quas eidem ecclesiæ Rogerus meus pater dedit et concessit, scilicet ecclesiam de Dersingham cum pertinentiis suis omnibus, et medietatem ecclesiæ de Magna Walsingeham et cantariam et omnem suam terram ejusdem villæ cum totis homagiis et libertatibus, et omnem suam terram de Gunesthorp, et terram de Welles quæ fuit Roberti Godchild, et dimidiam Berneiam cum ecclesia tota quam ego prædictæ ecclesiæ de Binham dedi et concessi. Concedo etiam et confirmo sexaginta acras quas mater mea in Westleia donavit pro anima patris mei Rogeri de Valoniis eidem ecclesiæ. Quæ omnia concedo ad servitium sanctæ Mariæ de Binham pro anima Willielmi regis qui Angliam adquisivit, et memoratum manerium avo meo dedit, et pro anima Matildis reginæ uxoris suæ et anima Henrici regis et Mathildis reginæ uxoris suæ: necnon et pro incolumitate et salute domini mei Henrici secundi regis et Alienoræ reginæ et prolis suæ, et pro anima Petri de Valoniis avi mei qui

ecclesiam de Binham fundavit: et pro animabus patris mei et matris et pro me ipso, et pro animabus omnium antecessorum meorum ex quorum progenie exortus sum, et pro animabus hominum meorum et antecessorum meorum concedo inquam et præsenti serie scripti confirmo, ne ab aliquo in posterum immutetur.

Hujus confirmationis sunt testes, Agnes de Valoniis, Robertus, et Gaufridus, et Rogerus, et Johannes, et Philippus de Valoniis, Adam filius Aluredi, Ricardus de Chalna, Philippus de Snaringes, Rogerus filius Hunfredi, Ricardus de Snaringes, Walterus de Nova-villa, Radulfus de Duill, Willielmus de Boxa, Hugo filius Alani, Robertus filius Radulfi de Wycton, Willielmus de Bosco, Ambrosius, Willielmus de Mandevilla, Robertus de Insula, Robertus de Herford, Robertus de Mandevill, Willielmus filius Enclois, Petrus de Mora, Rogerus Tessun, Ricardus de Holeburne, Gervasius clericus, Ricar. frater ejus, Ranulfus Bas, Robertus monachus, Petrus clericus, Hugo clericus, Willielmus clericus, Alanus clericus, Radulfus sacerdos, Willielmus Lambertus, et multi alii.

NUM. IV.

Carta Confirmationis Roberti de Valoniis de Donationibus antecessorum suorum et de Sepulturis Militum suorum.

[Ibid.]

NOTUM sit omnibus fidelibus tam præsentibus quam futuris, quod ego Robertus de Valoniis, consilio dominæ Agnetis matris meæ, et Hadæwisæ uxoris meæ, et omnium hominum et amicorum meorum, concessi Deo et sanctæ Mariæ et sancto Albano et monachis apud Binham Deo servientibus, et hac mea præsenti carta confirmavi, totam donationem quam Petrus de Valoniis avus meus, et Rogerus pater meus, et Petrus de Valoniis frater meus et domina Agnes mater mea vel aliqui hominum fecerunt ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Binham et monachis ejusdem loci, videlicet ipsam ecclesiam de Binham, totumque manerium, in terris, pratis, silvis, marisco, et homagio, et ecclesiam de Dersingeham cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et ecclesiam de Westleia cum omnibus pertinentiis suis; et ecclesiam de Berneia cum suis omnibus pertinentiis, et dimidiam Berneiam, in terris, pratis, silvis, bruerio, turbario, et homagio, et dimidiam ecclesiam de Walsingeham cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus, et cantariam ejusdem ecclesiæ, et duas carucatas terræ in dominium in eadem villa, quæ carucata continent in se nonies viginti acras, et totum homagium quod pertinebat ad dominium Hunfredi, et molendinum, et prata, et totum homagium, et terram, et mariscum quod est in villa de Welles et in villa de Gunethorp, et totum dominium de feudo meo in Egeffeld et homagia, et nemora, et alneta, et warennam ejusdem villæ, et duo mesuagia in London.

Concessi etiam dictis monachis et confirmavi donationes quas fecerunt mei milites ecclesiæ de Binham, videlicet ex dono Agnetis de Mumpincun et Radulfi filii ejus duas annuas marcas de molendino de Magna Ryburg; ex dono Radulfi filii Thuroldi, ecclesiam de Wodedallingam cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus et totum tenementum quod fuit Willielmi fratris Petri in eadem villa, quod clerici de Wodedallinge, Rogerus et Paganus tenuerunt tantum in vita sua de prædictis monachis pro tribus annuis solidis, et tres acras terræ in Britrichescroft, et totum molendinum de Dallinge, et ecclesiam de Parva Ryburg, cum omnibus pertinentiis et decimis molendinorum ejusdem villæ. Et octo acras terræ cum mesuagio et cæteris omnibus aliis liberis terris, et in eadem villa de Ryburg quadraginta acras terræ quas Petrus filius Radulfi tenuit in vita sua tantum de ecclesia de Binham pro duobus solidis per annum; et ex dono Adæ filii Aluredi septem acras terræ arabilis et unum prati in Ingulvesthorp.

Præter hæc concessi eisdem monachis meis et confirmavi duas partes decimarum omnimodarum domini mei et domini militum qui de me terras tenent in Northfolch,

assensu quidem et voluntate eorum, videlicet, de Dersingeham, et Ingulvesthorp, et Ryburg, et Snaring, et Toftes, et Cestretun, et Parva Ryburg, et Wodedalling, et Saxlingeham, et Walsingeham, et Berneia, et Babbingle, et Rudham, et Appletone, et Patesleia. Hanc igitur concessionem et confirmationem facio ego nominatim ad servicium ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Binham, pro salute domini mei Henrici regis secundi, et liberorum ejus, et pro salute propria et uxoris meæ et matris meæ et omnium parentum et amicorum meorum, et pro animabus omnium parentum et antecessorum meorum, in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam solutam et quietam ab omni seculari servicio, erga me et hæredes meos et erga omnes omnino homines, nichil mihi vel successoribus meis reservans vel retinens nisi solummodo devotas orationes et divinæ pietatis retributionem. Sed volo et in virtute Dei præcipio, ut hæredes et successores mei, sicut salvari ante Deum volunt, sint tutores et defensores ejusdem ecclesiæ de Binham, et omnium pertinentium, et non destructores, aut aliquo modo vastatores.

Sciendum est etiam, quod omnes milites mei de Northfolchia cum mortui fuerint, si tamen in Anglia moriantur, apud Binham debent sepeliri, et a monachis honorificè corpora eorum suscipi, et pro eis debet servicium sicut pro fratre devotè fieri, et pars eorum totius suæ substantiæ illorum tantum maneriorum de quibus eadem ecclesia habet decimas, ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ reddi et offerri debet. Ubicumque etiam moriantur sive sepeliantur, prædicta pars totius suæ substantiæ quæ eos continget pro singulis supradictæ ecclesiæ per conventionem reddetur, et a monachis debitum servicium sicut pro fratribus persolvetur. Pro uxoris vero et hæredibus eorum omnibus post futuris eadem conventio ab utraque parte semper implebitur. Hiis testibus: Roberto capellano de Benituna, Johanne clerico de Valoniis, Gaufrido clerico de Lanvalei, Radulfo de Lattimer, Radulfo de Lanvalei, Willielmo de London, Gaufrido filio Alani, Ricardo filio Gilberti, Andrea dispensatore, Henrico de Westle, David filio Brunman, Milone camerario, Fulcone venatore, Rinaldo pistore, Rogero filio Aeliz, Johanne filio Isabel, Willielmo coco, Radulfo de Stabulo, Adam de Waldane, Willielmo filio Remeri, Willielmo Passeleue, Radulfo filio Willielmi, Radulfo Hein, Matheo diacono, Rogero Facato, Willielmo Sot, Ranulfo filio ejus, Michaelae janitore et Hamone filio ejus, Lamberto pistore, Turchillo et Reinaldo filio ejus, Ricardo filio Turchil et Milone filio ejus, Rogero filio Jordani, Boemundo, Clemente filio Gossi, et Radulfo et Willielmo filiis ejus, Urbano de Chavtune, Adam de Schalers, Nigello filio Willielmi.

NUM. V.

Confirmatio Johannis Episcopi Norwicensis, de Ecclesiis et Terris, et omnibus ad Ecclesiam de Binham pertinentibus.

[Ibid. fol. 43 a.]

OMNIBUS sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis, Johannes Dei gratia Norwicensis episcopus salutem in Domino. Licet universos nobis subjectos in hiis quæ ad nos spectant, ex episcopalis officii sollicitudine, in jure suo favere et protegere debeamus, viros tamen religiosos, qui arctioris vitæ viam elegerunt, in suis justis postulationibus benignius audire, propensius eorum indempnitati prospicere, et ipsorum justa desideria effectu subsequente complere tenemur. Eapropter omnibus notum esse volumus, quod nos dilectorum filiorum monachorum de Binham religionem et honestatem attendentes, ad eorum petitionem eis confirmavimus possessiones elemosynas et beneficia quæ justis modis adquisita in episcopatu Norwicensi possident.

Hæc autem propriis duximus exprimenda vocabulis. Ex dono Petri de Valoniis, et Rogeri filii ejus, totum manerium de Binham, in terris, pratis, mariscis, et ecclesiam de Binham, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et nemora de Egesfeld, et terram et homagia omnia; et ecclesiam de

* Vide Cart. 25 E. III. num. 25.

Dersingham, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis; et medietatem ecclesiæ sancti Petri de Magna Walsingham, et omnem terram ejusdem villæ, quæ est de illorum feodo, et homagia, et totam terram de Gunthorp, et de Welles, et homagia, et mariscum. Ex dono Petri secundi de Valoniis, ecclesiam de Berneia, et dimidiam Berneiam cum totis pertinentiis suis. Ex dono Radulfi filii Thoraldi, et Rogeri filii ejus, ecclesiam de Wodedallinge et ecclesiam de Parva Riburg, cum omnibus pertinentiis earum, et quadraginta acras in eadem villa de Riburg et molendinum totum de Wodedallinge et totum tenementum Willielmi fratris Petri in eadem villa, et tres acras in Britrikescroft, et decimas molendinorum de Riburg. Ex dono Agnetis de Mumpinson et Radulfi filii ejus duas annuas marcas de molendino de Magna Riburg. Ex dono Bartholomei de Crek et hæredum suorum totam terram de Berneya quæ fuit de feodo suo. Ex dono Adæ filii Alueredi quinque acras et turbariam et pasturam in communa in villa de Ingulvesthorp. Ex dono Johannis Extranei totam terram suam de Egesfeld, quæ fuit de feodo suo. Ex dono Howardi de Wicton et Alexandri filii ejus, duo messuagia in Linna. Ex dono Radulfi de Candos tres acras terræ in Hindringham. Ex dono Sparhavec et Bartholomei filii tertiam partem decimæ domini sui de Wicton. Præterea duas partes omnimodarum decimarum de Dersingham et de Ingulvesthorp de dominio Petri de Valoniis, et duas partes decimarum eorum militum qui terras tenent de feodo prædicti Petri in Northfolchia videlicet de Riburg et de Parva Riburg, Snaringe, Toftes, Trestretun, Wodedallinge, Saxlingham, Walsingham, Berneya, Egesfeld, Balbingle, Sarneburn, Apeltun, Patesle, Ripetun, et de Bermere.

Hæc autem omnia memoratis monachis rationabiliter collata, sicut cartæ donatorum testantur, quæ in præsentem possident vel quæ futuris temporibus, annuente Domino, justis modis in episcopatu Norwicensi adquirere poterunt, eis auctoritate episcopali confirmamus. Et ne quis contra hanc confirmationis paginam temerè venire, vel eam ex malicia aliquatenus infringere præsumat, ipsam ut perpetuæ firmitatis robur optineat sigilli nostri appositione communimus. Testibus magistro Alexandro de sancto Albano, magistro Ranulfo de Herpesle, magistro Roberto de Tywe, Alano de Gray, Willielmo de Sancta Cruce, capellanis: David de Ruddeby, Germano et Alano, clericis. Data per manum Roberti de Dunelmo apud Thornediss. v. nonas Marci, pontificatus nostri anno sexto.

NUM. VI.

Cirografus inter Herbertum Episcopum et Petrum de Valoniis.

[Ibid. fol. 20.]

ANNO ab incarnatione Domini m.c.viii^o. facta est hæc concordia inter Herbertum episcopum et Petrum de Valoniis de quibusdam controversiis quas habebant inter se propter quasdam terras quas H. clamabat in Manerio de Binham et P. similiter in manerio de Langham. Herbertus dimisit calumpniam quam faciebat et clamavit illam terram quietam quam clamabat infra terminos de Binham, videlicet duos hospites cum duabus carucatis terræ, et prata, et alias particulas terræ quas ibi clamabat. Similiter Petrus clamavit illam terram quietam quam habebat infra terminos de Langham, et quam se clamabat ibi habiturum. De pasturis vero hujusmodi convenientia facta est, ut pasturæ communes essent sicut fuerunt temporibus prædecessorum, videlicet Edwardi regis et Willielmi senioris, et terræ quæ illis temporibus colebantur essent arabiles, et quæ eisdem temporibus incultæ erant jacerent desertæ servata utriusque manerii auctoritate. Ex parte H. fuerunt Radulphus de Bellofago, Radulfus Passelewe, Radulphus dapifer Godrici, Wydo dapifer, Alanus conestabol, Willielmus Longaspata, Alanus de Secesford, Ranulphus de Stratune; et de monachis Gosfridus, Ingulphus, Macharius, Steinardus. Ex parte Petri fuerunt Ricardus ab. Andoenus capellanus, Will. de Hochtune, Gaufridus de Fanarchis, Willielmus Veltr. Albertus francigena, Odo de Nueres, Walt. de Valoniis, Turolus de Dallinges, Ricardus de Spineto, Iwynus de Stuekeye, Edwius de War-

ham, Turkellus Rufus, Toche de Withuna, Odulfus Chetellus.

NUM. VII.

Carta Henrici Regis de Confirmatione.

[Ibid.]

HENRICUS rex Anglorum Herberto episcopo et Radulfo de Bellofago et omnibus baronibus suis, Francis et Anglis, de Southfolk et Northfok, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse finem quam Herbertus episcopus et Petrus de Valoniis fecerunt inter se de Binham et Langham apud Norwic. in mea curia ante me et barones meos, et id unde erat contentio inter eos, præcipio ut illud quod aratum fuit die qua pater meus vivus et mortuus fuit, sit modo arabile: et quod illa die non erat aratum, sit modo communis pastura inter Langham et Binham. Teste Rogero episcopo Saresberie et Willielmo comite de Warena et Gilberto de Aquila, Willielmo de Albini, et Rogero fil. Ricardi et Gilberto fratre suo, et Otiero fil. Comitum, et Symon de Molendinis, apud Norwyc. in die sancti Andreæ.

NUM. VIII.

Recordum Tenementorum Prioris et Conventus de Binham in Londoniis.

[Ibid. fol. 24 b.]

NOTUM sit fidelibus Dei quod illas duas terras quas Walterus de Valoniis habuit Londoniæ, unam in soca regis, alteram in soca archiepiscopi, et dedit sanctæ Mariæ de Binham, nos, scilicet Enisandus prior et totum capitulum ejusdem Ecclesiæ concessimus Clarenbaldo et hæredi suo tenere de prædicta ecclesia in hæreditatem, ita quod iidem ecclesiæ reddent singulis annis unam marcam argenti, [i. e.] dimidiam marcam ad Nativitatem Domini et dimidiam ad Nativitatem sancti Johannis. Et præterea adquietabunt eas socas. Teste Gaufrido abbate sancti Albani, Waltero qui fuit abbas Ramesiæ, Ingelramo de Say, Willielmo Prudfot vice comite tunc Londoniæ, et Roberto filio Leofstani.

NUM. IX.

Conventio inter Priorem et Conventum de Binham et Gunnoræ de Estsezia.

[Ex orig. in Domo Capitulari Westm.]

NOTUM sit ad quos hoc scriptum pervenerit, præsentibus et futuris, ita convenisse inter Petrum priorem et conventum de Binham et Gunnoræ de Estsezia; scilicet quod prædicti prior et conventus de Binham communi consensu concesserunt et carta sua confirmaverunt prædictæ Gunnoræ illas sexaginta acras terræ quas domina Agnes de Valonijs et Robertus de Valonijs filius ejus eis dederunt et cartis suis confirmaverunt in puram et perpetuam elemosinam in pertinentiis villæ suæ quæ vocatur Westleia, tenendas de eisdem monachis quamdiu vixerit in habitu scolari, libere et quiete et honorifice, pro quinque solidis annuatim eis inde reddendis pro omni servicio ad festum sancti Michaelis: prædicti autem prior et conventus warrantizabunt prædictam terram prænominatæ Gunnoræ contra omnes. Et si contingat quod omnes illas sexaginta acras prædictæ Gunnoræ warrantizare non possint, pro unaquaque acra de illis quas prædicti monachi prædictæ Gunnoræ poterant warrantizare dabit eis per annum, sicut superius dictum, unum denarium pro omni servicio. Post decessum autem ejusdem Gunnoræ, et si forte habitum religionis induerit, remanebit prædicta terra prorsus quieti in manus monachorum prædictorum. Juravit autem prædicta Gunnora in capitulo de Binham se fidelitatem observaturam ecclesiæ de Binham, et quod nec per se nec per alium quæret artem vel ingenium quo de prædicto tenemento vel de servicio prænominato ecclesia de Binham sustineat detrimentum. Hijs testibus, Johanne capellano comitis, Hugone filio Willielmi de Cantelu, Engelberio et Thoma

fratribus ejus, Roberto de Ver, Henrico fratre ejus, Gaufrido de Dierleia, Henrico de Stenechwrtha, Simone de Sexton, Gocboldo filio Roberti, Willielmo filio Henrici de Stenechwrtha, Willielmo de la Mare, Gaufrido de Kent, Willielmo Cumin, Osberno de Stanham, Stephano de Sexton, Everardo de Stenechwrtha, et multis alijs.

NUM. X.

Carta Willielmi de Kaien.

[Reg. de Binham, ut supr. fol. 21.]

NOTUM sit tam præsentiis quam futuris quod ego Willielmus de Kaien et hæredes mei quietos clamavimus Monachos de Binham de leeta et consuetudinibus pertinentibus ad hundredum meum de Wictune, et placitum quod erat inter me et prædictos monachos per forum de Binham quod erat ad nocumentum fori mei de Wictune dimisi imperpetuum et hæredes mei post me. Et sciendum quod ipsi quietos clamaverunt omnes homines meos de tholeneo^a in foro suo de Binham. Hanc quietationem feci eis pro salute animæ meæ et omnium parentum et amicorum meorum. Hiis testibus, Petro decano de Gunthorp, Waltero de sancto Planchi, Barthol. de Wictune, Symone fratre suo, Ricardo Mundi, Gaufrido fratre suo, Willielmo filio Bartholomei, Hamone capellano, Roberto Burnel, Hugone preposito, Roberto de Nugim, Roberto Britanno, et multis alijs.

Memorandum quod ista Carta lecta fuit et recognovit^b in plena curia Norwyci coram Johanne de Caustone et sociis suis ballivis Civitatis Norwic. die Mercurii in festo sancti Andreæ apostoli anno regni Regis Edwardi tertii a Conquestu Angliæ tricesimo, ac sursum trad. per manus Johannis atte Thorn de Runhale capellani et inactuati per manus Walteri de Horsted clerici.

NUM. XI.

De Persecutione Ecclesiæ de Binham per Robertum filium Walteri.

[Mat. Par. edit. 1684, p. 1049.]

CAUSA inter abbatem et eundem Robertum pro cella de Binham.

Sublato autem de medio viro piissimo Gulielmo de Sisserve milite, seneschallo hujus ecclesiæ [S. Albani], subrogatus est loco illius Laurentius de Thebrugge miles, vir eloquens, discretus, et in placitis civilibus providus et circumspectus, et corpore elegantissimus, in senescalciam hujus ecclesiæ. Quem Robertus filius Walteri oderat ab antiquo, ut præactum est, eò quod viriliter steterat contra eum in causa de sylva de Northawe. Contigit etiam ipso tempore ut abbas Johannes secundum potestatem a Romano pontifice sibi dudum concessam et usitatam, priorem Thomam de Binham invitum amovit, qui erat dicto Roberto amicissimus. Quod molestè ferens Robertus illius ecclesiæ patronus, eo quod ipso irrequisito amotus est Prior memoratus, (quem suum priorem de more appellavit) intumuit iratus valde; et comminabatur auferre illam potestatem abbati, sumens audaciam ab una falsa charta de patronatu ecclesiæ de Binham, in qua continebatur hæc clausula, 'quod non licuit Abbati Priorem amovere inconsulto patrono' vel invito. Porro ipsam contulerat ei suæ fraudis conscius et particeps Gulielmus Pigun, qui moriendo cum stercore suo fetido animam egressus fetidiorem; de quo supra fit mentio. Unde Robertus, erectus in audaciam, ipsam ecclesiam quasi castrum inclusis monachis hostiliter obsedit impetu repentino; ita quòd monachi nil habentes quod manducarent vel biberent, inedia perituri, necessitate compellente imbres à stillicidiis ut aquam biberent, et panem furfureum quo vix

vitam sustentarent, citra satietatem (imò fame potius provocata) sumere certatim cgebantur. Multiplicatis insuper quotidianis convitiis et comminationibus, ab illis qui eos arctabant; jurabant detestabiliter et horribiliter, quod nisi mandatis Roberti domini sui obsecundarent, novum priorem intrusum, quem abbas sancti Albani ibidem contra (ut dicebant) justitiam, et domini sui patroni ipsorum monachorum libertatem, festinanter amoverent. Insuper numerum monachorum usque tresdecim videlicet conventum reseccarent; ipsi postposito timore et habitu reverentia, ipsum priorem primò castrarent, et ad hoc omnes contradictores ignominiosè compellerent. Multiplicatis igitur coram rege super tam enormi, contra domini regis et ecclesiæ pacem, transgressionem; commotus est rex usque ad cordis amaritudinem, jurans per pedes Dei (ut moris habuit) quòd vel ipse vel ille rex foret in Anglia. Rex vero oderat illum, sed occultè; et Robertus Regem, quod et ipsum Regem non latuit. Gavisusque est rex de offensa et culpa Roberti manifesta, ut ultio sequeretur. Et dixit circumstantibus (signans se præ admiratione, vocem cum juramento suo solito iratus exaltando) 'Ho, pro pedibus Dei, quis in tempore pacis in terra Christianorum audivit talia!' Et erat aliquis ibidem de amicis Roberti hoc audiens. Ipso igitur cum stupore et tremore admonente, rapti sunt equis velocibus quidam expeditissimi, qui hoc Roberto et suis complicitibus, qui Ecclesiam de Binham obsidebant, et in ea monachos (licet omnes coram eis flecterent genua, et etiam se prosternerent, misericordiam peterent) sine misericordia arctabant, nunciarent; ut protinus cum festinatione ante solis ortum aufugeret. Asserebant enim quòd rex audita de eis gravissima querela, non tantum iratus sed furibundus, sic et sic cum juramento reboavit. Erat autem nox cum illis hæc nunciata fuerant; unde ipsi, tam Robertus qui prope fuit, quam ejus ministri, vix dispositis sarcinis, et equis præ festinatione stratis, subito disparuerunt; et certatim equos calcaribus excitantes, procul aufugerunt. Et ecce ante diei horam tertiam, Regis milites cum servientibus armatis, turbine rapidius avolantes, et apud Binham venientes, illos Regis proditores, et pacis regiæ et ecclesiasticæ infractores, ubinam latuissent clamoris vocibus rogabant. Missi enim erant (ut notorium fuit) à latere Regis ut ipsos comprehenderent, et comprehensos præsentia domini regis præsentarent. Sed cum eos ubique quæsitos non invenissent, scientes quod elapsi fuerant aliquo mandato repentino præmuniti, tristes recesserunt. Et hoc regi cum nunciarent, eorum desidiæ Rex increpavit; et ait, 'Aliquis qui edebat panes meos, hoc ipso Roberto festinè etiam de nocte nuntiavit.' Erat autem tunc tempus interdicti, et sese quidam de nobilibus Anglorum contra regem domini papæ et ecclesiæ jam manifestum adversarium, ex mandato domini papæ Innocentii tertii insurgere cœperunt, quorum vel capitaneus, vel de capitaneis, erat Robertus memoratus. Unde usque ad gemitum doluit rex, quòd ipsum vel saltem suos, in tali et tanta culpa non comprehenderet. Ex tunc igitur magis cœperat Robertus regem formidare, et odio prosequi efficaciori. Majori igitur minori absorbente omisit Robertus ecclesiam sancti Albani, et cellam ejus de Binham, (quæ non ab ea nisi ut pars a toto, vel membrum à suo corpore, discrepare manifestum est) cartamque illam falsam, in quam quasi in baculo arundineo confidebat, nemine conscio præter Adam fil. Willielmi (qui postea eam manifestavit) secretissimè abscondit; proponens certissimè ea uti in posterum, cum tempus ei prosperitatis arrideret. Sed,

'Lædit in humanis divina potentia rebus.'

Ipsam fefellit opinio, et multum commutati rerum eventus consequentium, statum suum inopinabiliter adversante fortuna (ut in sequentibus dicitur) variabant; monachis igitur per prædictos satellites irrestaurabiliter damnificatis, et præ penuria pedes recedentibus, accreverunt diatim subrependo Roberto, (qui ex facto excommunicatus erat) adversitates diversæ, quæ finem nec mitigationem per quindecim annos acceperunt. O mira et formidabilis Dei et sancti martyris Albani ultrix sententia! Ex illo enim ut veriùs dicam tempore, nunquam defuit vel manifesta persecutio hostilis, vel adversitas infirmitatis ingruentis et senectutis. Incipi-

^a sc. tholoneo.

^b sic.
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ente enim tunc guerra, constitutus est Robertus dux exercitus insurgentium in regem; unde in titulo literarum suarum, se 'Constabularium exercitus Dei' nominabat. Et tunc in multa incidebat pericula. Sed ad hoc stimulavit et animavit ipsum, et omnes suos sequaces, multum varius Papa Innocentius tertius. Sed postquam rex Johannes ut se vindicaret, turpiter succubuit, se reddendo memorato papæ infeliciter tributarium: idem papa versa facie, Robertum et omnes ei adhaerentes persequabatur, factus adjutor sui vassalli et defensor. Enervato igitur Roberto, confiscantur omnes ejus possessiones; spoliatus igitur et laceratus, exul, vagus, et instabilis, fecit seditionem obsessis in castro Rovecestriæ et Lincolnæ confusus, et Londoniæ fama demigratus, omni tempore regis Johannis varias adversitates et maximas, et infortunia toleravit, donec rege Johanne mortuo et succedente Henrico rege filio suo, pax ecclesiæ et toto regno est restituta; ipse igitur Robertus jam senescens et infirmitate contabescens, nunquam etiam gratiæ regis Henrici plenè restitutus, usque ad mortem, semper de prodicione infamis, et sustinens opprobria, de malo in pejus donec ipsum mors adoptata absorberet, declinavit. Nec cartam tamen memoratam vel resignavit, vel de sub terra delevit, ut decuit, vel expediret. Nec etiam cartam quam habuit fraudulentam quamdudum per memoratum fratrem proditorem adquisierat ad nocumentum ecclesiæ S. Albani, moriens voluit manifestare vel resignare. Sed Adam filius Willielmi, ejus familiaris commilito, tunc ei consistens, secreta ejus rimabatur; et eo mortuo, ipsam Conventui præsentavit: unde propter illius peccati expiationem, unam cuppam argenteam deauratam de bonis dicti Roberti obtulit altari beati Albani, ad reponendum in ea corpus Dominicum, quæ postea furto sublata est.

NUM. XII.

Placita de Quo Waranto coram Salomone de Roff. et aliis Justic. Domini Regis itiner. apud Norwycum in com. Norff. in octabis Sancti Hillar. anno r. r. Edwardi quarto decimo.

[Ex orig. in Domo Capitul. Westmon. asservato.]

PRIOR de Bīnham summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi quo waranto clamat habere visum franci plegii et emendas assisæ panis et cervisiæ in Eggefeud, Gunthorp, et Malthus, quæ ad coronam et dignitatem suam pertinent, sine licentia et voluntate, &c.

Et Prior per attornatum suum venit et dicit quod alias venit in curia coram justiciariis domini regis hic ad placita coronæ ad respond. de præfato visu et emendis, et ostendebat ibi cartas domini Henrici regis proavi domini regis nunc de eisdem libertatibus quæ ei ibidem allocatæ fuerunt, et quæsi sunt rotuli, et nichil est ibidem inventum et justic. ibidem recordantur quod idem prior summonitus fuit coram eis et quod dixit quod non potuit respondere domino regi de prædictis libertatibus sine brevi quia invenit ecclesiam suam seisisam, et quod nullam cartam ibidem ostendit. Et quod prior nichil ostendit de eisdem visu et emendis nec aliquod warantam inde habet nec aliud dicit quare dominus rex prædictum visum et emendas habere non debeat. Cons. est quod prædictus dominus rex recuperet inde seisinam suam: et prædictus prior in misericordia. Rot. 5 d.

NUM. XIII.

Contra abusum, in Curia Romana.

[Rym. Fœd. tom. iii. p. 764. Rot. Rom. et Fr. 12 Edw. II. m. 9.]

PAPÆ rex devota pedum oscula beatorum. Apostolicæ sedis provida circumspectio, actibus semper intenta salubribus, et operibus exposita pietatis, etsi se exhibeat piâ consideratione petentibus liberalem, prudenter tamen circumspicit nè, quod uni concedit per gratiam, in detrimentum cedat alteri, seu jacturam.

Cum itaque, pater sancte, ut nobis relatum est, quidam frater Willielmus de Somerton, monachus abbatiæ de sancto Albano, quem dilectus nobis in Christo abbas loci illius

nuper præfecerat in priorem domus de Bynham; quæ est cella abbatiæ prædictæ, et in quâ priores, pro voluntate ipsius abbatis, præfici et amoveri consueverunt temporibus retroactis, jam cervicem contra dictum abbatem suum erigens, et ejus monitis, secundum ordinis sui regulam parere contempnens, bona quæcumque dicti prioratus, quæ sub custodia sua extiterunt, temerariè distraxit: ac de hiis non modicam collegit pecuniæ quantitatem; cum quâ, se transtulit clam et latenter ad vestræ sanctitatis curiam; ut, si quos, mediante pecuniâ, invenire valeat in sua nequitia adjutores, per quorum suffragia sperat, ut dicitur, se posse a subjectione dicti abbatis prorsus eximi, et statum ipsius et successorum suorum, ne per ipsum abbatem amoveantur, taliter speciali privilegio communiri: Nos, attendentes nostrum etiam in præmissis versari interesse, præsertim cum dicta abbatia, cum cellis suis, de nostro existat patronatu, et ejus custodia, tempore vacationis ejusdem, ad nos pertineat, et pertinuerit ab antiquo, vestræ clementiæ votivis affectibus supplicamus, quatinus, si per præfatum fratrem Willielmum, seu alios, ejus nomine, supplicationes aliquæ super præmissis porrigantur, tunc eas, ex causis præviis repellare dignemini ut indignas; non sinentes, si placet, per suggestiones hujusmodi, subdolas et importunas, quicquam in nostri, et status abbatiæ prædictæ, quæ vestræ immediatè in spiritualibus subicitur sanctitati præjudicium fieri seu concedi. Conservet, &c. Dat. apud Eborum decimo octavo die Aprilis.

NUM. XIV.

Mandatum Regis Vicecomiti Norfolciæ ad arrestandum Priorem et tredecim Monachos, eosdemque Abbati S. Albani liberandos.

[Claus. 14 Edw. II. m. 17. Reyneri Apostol. Benedict. tract. ii. p. 121.]

REX vicecomiti Norfolciæ. Insinuavit nobis dilectus in Christo frater Simon abbas Ramseyæ, præsidens capitulo generali ordinis S. Benedicti Cantuariensis provinciæ per litteras suas patentes, quod cum in eodem capitulo apud Northampton celebrato de statu ordinis prædicti per definitores, abbates, priores, et cæteros in eodem congregatos diligens juxta morem consuetum tractatus haberetur; comperit quod frater Willielmus de Somerton qui se dicit priorem de Bīnham, et frater Nicholaus Spark, frater Stephanus de Dunstable, frater Radulphus de S. Albano, frater Willielmus de Stok, frater Willielmus Quatermain, frater Bartholomæus de Berneye, frater Robertus de Gernemuth, frater Willielmus de Wetheringsete, frater Joannes de Romesey, frater Johannes de Whathamstede, frater Adam de Wittenham, frater Simon de Bīnham, et frater Robertus de Westerfeld, monachi ejusdem domus, sprete substantia sui ordinis et professione, contra substantiam vivunt in inobedientia, proprietate, variisque insolentiis in animarum suarum periculum, et scandalum monastici Ordinis universi; et ad suæ presumptionis temeritatem confovendam, arma accipiunt, ac fautorum conventicula et congregationes exquirunt. Cumque abbas de S. Albano, cui subditi esse noscuntur, variis modis contra eos processerit, tam per censuram canonicam quam regularem, quas ipsi contempserunt hucusque utique ut impii qui in profundum malorum devenerunt: nec superest quid ulterius facere possint juxta disciplinam regularem: propter quod prædictus Præsidens vice sua, et collegæ sui ac cæterorum definitorum, abbatum, et priorum ibidem præsentium, pro honore totius ordinis prædicti nobis supplicavit ut ad hujusmodi obstinatorum malitiam deprimendam extendere dignemur auxilium brachii sæcularis; nos igitur pro honore et statu ecclesiæ ac observantiæ regularis remedium apponere volentes in hac parte, tibi præcipimus quod ad prædictum Prioratum de Bīnham cum sufficiente posse accedas, et prædictos fratres Willielmum, &c. capias, et ipsos Abbati suo, vel ejus in hac parte procuratori liberes, secundum regulam beati Benedicti corrigendos; eidemque abbati aut ejus procuratori in adducendo ipsos ad claustrum monasterii sive professionis de S. Albano securum conductum suis sumptibus habere facias. Teste meipso apud Westmonast. xvij. die Octobris.

NUM. XV.

Confirmatio Regis Edwardi III.

[Ex Registro de Binham ut supr. fol. 41 b.]

EDWARDUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ et Franciæ et dominus Hiberniæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, prioribus, comitibus, et baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, præpositis, ministris, et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem. Inspeximus cartam domini Henrici quondam regis Angliæ, progenitoris nostri, in hæc verba: "Henricus rex Angl. H. episcopo et R. Bigot et omnibus baronibus et justiciariis et vicecomitibus et ballivis et fidelibus suis, Francis et Anglis, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et carta mea confirmasse quod ecclesiam sanctæ Mariæ de Binham et monachi sancti Albani ibidem Deo servientes habeant super omnes terras et homines suos ubicunque fuerint in burgo vel extra, in villa vel extra, on stronde et on stream, et omnibus locis omnes quietantias de sectis comitatus et hundredi, et de omnibus geldis, et operibus, et consuetudinibus, et auxiliis, et theloneis, et passagiis, et de omnibus demandis regum, vel dominorum vel ballivorum suorum. Et firmiter præcipio quod prædicti monachi habeant super omnes terras et homines suos omnes libertates quas habet ecclesia sancti Albani super terras et homines suos. Scilicet quod nullus homo se audeat intromittere aliquo modo de terris vel de hominibus eorum nisi ipsi et ballivi sui. Et volo quod in villa de Binham habeant monachi forum de omnibus rebus vendendis et emendis, et omni die Mercurii congregationem fori, et nundinas in vigilia et quatuor diebus Assumptionis sanctæ Mariæ, cum omnibus libertatibus et consuetudinibus fori et nundinarum quas habeo in dominicis foris et nundinis meis. Concedo etiam quod dicti monachi habeant warennam super omnes terras suas et hominum suorum, et in omnibus aquis suis. Et volo quod habeant omnes fines et omnia amerciamenta de tenentibus suis in curia nostra. Et prohibeo super forisfacturam meam ne aliquis homo, Francus vel Anglus, præsumat, eos vexare, vel homines eorum contra libertates quas eis confirmavimus in hac et in aliis cartis nostris. T. Anselmo archiepiscopo, et R. cancellar. apud Westmonasterium." Nos autem concessionem et confirmationem prædictas ratas habentes et gratas eas pro nobis et hæredibus nostris quantum in nobis est concedimus et confirmamus sicut Carta prædicta rationabiliter testatur. Hiis testibus, venerabilibus patribus S. archiep. Cantuar. totius Angliæ primate; J. Wygorn. cancellario, W. Wynton. thesaurario nostris episcopis; Ricardo Arundell, Thoma Warr. comitibus; Ricardo Talbot, Johanne de Grey de Rotherfeld senescallo hospitii nostri, et aliis. Dat. per manum nostram apud Westm. primo die Maii anno regni nostri Angliæ vicesimo sexto, regni vero nostri Franciæ tertio-decimo.

NUM. XVI.

Breve ad Vicecomitem pro prædicta Carta allocanda.

[Ibid. fol. 42.]

R. Vic. Norff. salutem. Cum inter cæteras libertates per cartam domini H. quondam regis Angliæ, progenitoris nostri quam confirmavimus Ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ de Binham et monachis sancti Albani ibidem Deo servientibus concessas, concessum sit eisdem quod ipsi habeant super omnes terras et homines suos omnes libertates quas habet ecclesia sancti Albani super terras et homines suos. Scilicet quod nullus homo se audeat intromittere aliquo modo de terris vel de hominibus eorum nisi ipsi et ballivi sui, prout in carta confirmationis nostræ prædictæ plenius continetur. Tibi præcepimus quod dilectos nobis in Christo Priorem et monachos dictæ ecclesiæ de Binham libertatibus in dicta carta contentis uti et gaudere permittas juxta tenorem cartæ dicti progenitoris nostri et Confirmationis nostræ prædictarum, et prout eis uti debent, ipsique et prædecessores sui libertatibus illis uti et gaudere consueverunt. Teste meipso apud Westm. xx. die Octobris anno regni nostri Angliæ vicesimo octavo, regni vero Franciæ quinto-decimo.

NUM. XVII.

Licentia domini Regis de Appropriatione Ecclesiæ de Berneye.

[Ibid. fol. 59 b.]

EDWARDUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ et Franciæ et dominus Hiberniæ omnibus ad quos præsentis literæ pervenerint salutem. Sciatis quod de gratia nostra speciali concessimus et licentiam dedimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, dilectis nobis in Christo priori et conventui de Binham, quod ipsi Ecclesiam de Berney in com. Norff. quæ est de patronatu suo proprio, et taxatur ad octo marcas ut dicitur, appropriare; et sic eam appropriatam in proprios usus tenere possint sibi et successoribus suis imperpetuum sine occasione vel impedimento nostri vel hæredum nostrorum justiciariorum, escaetorum, vicecomitum, aut aliorum ballivorum seu ministrorum quorumcumque, statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis non obstante. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes, teste meipso apud Westmon. duodecimo die Octobris, anno regni nostri Angliæ vicesimo iiij^{to}. regni vero nostri Franciæ undecimo.

Per Breve de Privato Sigillo. Todingt.

NUM. XVIII.

Prioratus de Binham.

[From Cardinal Wolsey's Book, 18 Hen. VIII. in the Augmentation Office.]

COMPOTUS dompni Johannis Albon administratoris reverendissimi domini cardinalis prioratus ibidem viz. a festo Nativitatis sancti Johannis Baptistæ anno regni domini regis nunc Henrici octavi xvij^{mo}. usque idem festum extunc proximo sequente anno regni ejusdem domini regis xvij^{mo}. scilicet per unum annum integrum tam de omnibus et singulis denariorum summis per ipsum receptis quam de misis custis et expensis per ipsum factis et solutis per tempus prædictum.

Arreragia.

Idem oneratur super compotum de xxxj^{li}. iiij^s. ij^d. de arreragijs ultimi compoti anni proximi præcedentis prout in pede ejusdem plenius liquet.

Summa xxxj^{li}. iiij^s. ij^d.

Receptæ Denariorum.

Et de xv^{li}. xij^s. iiij^d. de redditu assiso in Bynham per annum. Et de lx^s. de firma molendini ibidem per annum. Et de xx^{li}. de firma terrarum dominicalium de Bynham prædicta per annum. Et de xx^{li}. de redditibus et firmis in Berney et Tyrfeld per annum. Et de ix^{li}. vj^s. viij^d. de redditibus et firmis in Eglesfeld per annum. Et de iiij^{li}. de redditu assiso in Draffyngham per annum. Et de xl^s. de firma terrarum dominicalium in Draffyngham prædicta per annum. Et de xvj^{li}. de firma decimæ garbarum in Draffyngham prædicta per annum. Et de lxxij^s. iiij^d. de diversis receptis in Wells per annum. Et de xxxiiij^s. iiij^d. de redditibus et firmis in Gunthorpp per annum. Et de vj^{li}. vj^s. viij^d. de redditibus et firmis in Walsyngham Magna per annum. Et de x^{li}. de firma decimarum garbarum in Bynham prædicta per annum.

Summa cxix^{li}. xij^s. iiij^d.

Penciones et Porciones.

Et de xiiij^{li}. vj^s. viij^d. receptis de diversis pensionibus et porcionibus per annum prout in compoto iij. præced plenius liquet.

Summa xiiij^{li}. vj^s. viij^d.

Vendiciones.

Et de vj^{li}. iij^s. iiij^d. de precio lanæ ibidem hoc anno venditæ ut patet per librum dicti computantis. Et de xxxv^s. x^d. de precio pellium lanutarum ibidem hoc anno venditorum ut patet per compotum suum prædictum. Et de x^s. de precio cepi vocat' Flotts ibidem hoc anno vendit' ut patet per librum supradictum.

Summa viij^{li}. ix^s. ij^d.

Fines cum alijs Casual et Perquisitæ Curiarum.

Et de ciiij^s. vij^d. de placitis et perquisitis curiarum tentarum apud diversa dominia sive maneria supradicta prout patet per librum de particulis inde super hunc compotum ostensum et examinatum ac penes auditorem remanens. Et de xxv^s. iij^d. de oblationibus ecclesiæ ibidem hoc anno ut patet per librum prædicti computantis super hunc compotum examinatum.

Summa vj^{li}. viij^s. x^d.

Summa totalis oneris cum arreragijs clxxix^{li}. xiiij^d.

De quibus.

Redditus resoluti.

Idem computat in denarijs solutis per annum ut in compotis præcedentibus vij^s. ij^d. Et solutis pro assisa panis et cervisiæ per annum ut in præcedentibus xvj^s. viij^d. Et solutis feretro sancti Albani ut in præcedentibus xij^s. iiij^d. Et solutis pro annuo censu per annum ut in præcedentibus xx^d. Et solutis capellano liberæ capella de Sheryng liij^s. iiij^d. Et solutis priori de Marton per annum prout allocat' est in compotis præcedentibus xxxv^s. Et in redditu resoluti exeunte de manerio de Draffyngham per annum x^s. Et solutis episcopo Norwicensis hoc anno ut in præcedentibus xxvj^s. vij^d. Et solutis episcopo Norwicensis pro progressu tempore visitationis sive pro taxatione ecclesiarum viz. semel in septem annis ut patet per librum prædictum xvj^s. iiij^d. Et solutis pro pensione scolarium per annum ut in præcedentibus liij^s. iiij^d.

Summa xij^{li}. xj^s. x^d.

Soluciones Domino Regi.

Et in denarijs per dictum computantem solutis hoc anno pro tertia solutione primæ quintæ cum iij^s. iiij^d. pro expensis apud Walsyngham Parva hoc anno prout patet per librum dicti computantis super hunc compotum examinatum x^{li}. iij^s. iiij^d.

Summa x^{li}. iij^s. iiij^d.

Stipendia Prioris et Confratrum.

Et in stipendio dicti prioris ad iiij^{li}. per annum prout allocat' est in compotis præcedentibus iiij^{li}. Et in stipendijs iiij^{or}. confratrum scilicet cuilibet eorum xl^s. per annum ut in præcedentibus viij^{li}. Et solutis prædictis commonachis pro diversis obitis hoc anno tentis ut patet per librum dicti computantis vj^s. viij^d.

Summa xij^{li}. vj^s. viij^d.

Stipendia Famulorum.

Et in denarijs solutis servientibus hospitij prioratus prædicti hoc anno cum eorum liberatis prout patet per librum de particulis ubi nomina cum summis particulariter annotantur xxv^{li}. vj^s. viij^d.

Summa xxv^{li}. vj^s. viij^d.

Feoda et Vadia.

Et in feodis sive vadijs diversorum officiariorum bal-

livorum et aliorum ministrorum dicto prioratui pertinentium hoc anno prout consimilis allocat' fact' fuit in compotis præcedentibus ix^{li}. xiiij^s. viij^d.

Summa ix^{li}. xiiij^s. viij^d.

Factura Focalium.

Et in denarijs per dictum computantem solutis pro factura focalium ibidem hoc anno ut patet per librum prædictum super hunc compotum examinatum iiij^{li}. iij^s. iiij^d.

Summa iiij^{li}. iij^s. iiij^d.

Expensæ Cotidianæ in Hospicio prædicto.

Et in expensis cotidianis infra hospicium prædicti prioratus viz. tam pro bobus multonis vitulis porcis et alijs catallis necnon achatis rescentibus quam pro salsis piscibus fungis allecijs et alijs piscibus ac etiam pro speciebus et multis alijs necessarijs ibidem hoc anno expenditis ut patet per librum dicti computantis xlj^{li}. ij^s. viij^d.

Summa xlj^{li}. ij^s. viij^d.

Expensæ Husbondriæ.

Et in expensis husbondriæ ibidem hoc anno cum factura fœni falcatione granorum et multis consimilibus expensis necnon pro diversis necessarijs pro eisdem provisis et emptis ut patet per librum prædictum

Summa xj^{li}. iij^s. vij^d.

Reparationes.

Et in denarijs per dictum computantem solutis pro diversis reparationibus factis et apposis tam infra prioratum prædictum quam extra super diversa dominia sive maneria in locis maxime defect' ut patet per librum dicti computantis xj^{li}. ij^s. viij^d.

Summa xj^{li}. iij^s. iiij^d.

Expensæ necessariæ.

Et in expensis dicti computantis equitantis a Bynham usque London et ibidem commorant' in defensione causarum prioratus prædicti diversis vicibus infra tempus hujus compoti ut patet per librum prædictum cij^s. iiij^d.

Summa cij^s. iiij^d.

Summa allocationem prædictorum cxlij^{li}. xvij^s. iiij^d.

Et debet xxxvj^{li}. ij^s. x^d.

Remanentia Jocalia infra Prioratum de Bynham.

iiij. crat' cum duobus cooperturis.
j. salsarium.
ij. cippi.
xix. coeliaria.
j. zona.
iiij. calices.
ij. parva violaria.

NUM. XIX.

Letter of Sir Richard Rich, one of the Visitors of Religious Houses, to Lord Cromwell.

[From the orig. in the Harl. MS. 604, fol. 67.]

AFTUR my harty recommendacions thes shalbe to render to yowe my most harty thanks for your good expedycon of my matter of Syon for the wyche on my faith ye haue and shall bynde me for this and many other pleasurez and gratuytes to me shewyd. I reken my selff most bownden to owe to yowe my pore seruyce (next to

the king) duryng my lyff. My lorde I entend to sup-
presse Bynham before my retorne which pretendyth hit
selff to be a Sell to Seynt Albony, yf ye advertyse me not
to the contrary. I haue fynez and other matters of record
levyed by them not namyng the Abbott of Saynt Albans:
also contynually they make leasez under there owne seale
not namyng the abbott. Also I entend to suppresse
Beeston which pretend them selfez to be fryers which ys

not true but they ar chanons and so apparelled, knowen,
and taken, they consume the goods and cattalls. I and
other have sent to yowe a general lettur of our procedyngs
in thos partyes: and thus I beseche Jhesu preserve yowe
in honor and helth. Frome Wood Rysing this present
xxixth. daye of Marche.

Yo^r. owne assuredly
RYCHARD RYCHE.

Monastery of St. Mary de Pree, de la Praye, De Prato, or De Pratis, near St. Albans,

IN

HERTFORDSHIRE.



ISHOP Tanner says, As there had been built at St. Julians a place for leprous men, so, about A. D. 1190, Garinus, or Warine, abbat of St. Albans, thought fit in the adjoining meadows to found a House or Hospital for poor, sick, and leprous women, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin; which, in process of time, became so well endowed, that in it were maintained a Prioress

and several Nuns of the Order of St. Benedict.^a

Matthew Paris states Garinus to have founded this house at the express admonition of a person born at Walden, who pretended that Saint Amphibalus had appeared to him, and made a request, that, as he had been the instructor and converter of Saint Alban, some place might be dedicated to his honour. St. Amphibalus, moreover, signified, that the spot for the construction of such a place most acceptable would be that on which his body had rested when abbat Simon removed it from Redburn to St. Albans in 1178.

Garinus's charter describes the situation of this monastery at the extremity of the ploughed land, adjoining the meadows of Kingsbury, with its offices on each side of the highway. The number of leprous women was limited

to thirteen: the allowance for their maintenance being a certain quantity of winter corn and malt per week, with clothes and a small portion of money arising from the toll of St. Albans town; together with the right of a corrody in the monastery of St. Alban at the death of every abbat. Garinus's charter contains likewise an endowment for a clerk and chaplain.^b

JOHN DE WALDEN, the son of the person to whom St. Amphibalus had appeared, was made by Garinus the first keeper of the house.^c

Matthew Paris, writing of the death and interment of William de Trumpington the twenty-second abbat of St. Albans, says, it had been customary, at the death of every abbat, to appoint an anniversary to his memory, and to grant a corrody, or daily maintenance, to one monk then newly admitted, for the purpose of celebrating mass and praying daily for his soul. This was now providing and settling, when RICHARD, a monk, and keeper of the church and hospital of St. Mary de Pree, came forward, and demanded for the use of the leprous women under his care seven corrodies: alleging that, by the tenor of the charter which founded and endowed this hospital, at least one new corrody should be granted at the death of every abbat, until the number amounted to thirteen; and that not one had been granted ever since the foundation. This claim was considered and allowed.^d

King John, in the first year of his reign, granted the nuns here a fair to be held annually for two days, on the eve and on the festival of the birth of the Virgin Mary.

^a Notit. Monast.

^b Compare Num. I.

^c Ibid.

^d "Et ipse abbas pontificalibus redimitus, corpus pontificalibus similiter adornatum, baculo alterato solemniter valde toto assistente conventu vestito, in medio capitulo tumulavit. Constitutaque sunt pro anima defuncti, consueta beneficia et injuncta. Inceptumque annuale inchoante priore, et Psalmus, 'Voce mea,' et conradium cotidianum per annum, ut moris est pro abbatibus defunctis. Et provisum est fieri ejus anniversarium; ex suis (quas opimas vivus fecerat) acquisitionibus. Et dum hæc fierent, affuit frater Richardus; custos scilicet

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ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Pratis; exigens conradium abbatis sibi perpetuo ad opus Leprosarum ibi manentium, concedi; secundum tenorem chartæ confectæ ab abbate Garino, ejusdem domus fundatore. Quod et ita revera provisum fuerat ab eodem; ut scilicet a tempore abbatis Galfridi, post decessum cujuslibet Abbatis; conradia, tam tunc mortuorum, quam in posterum moriturorum usque ad tresdecim; ipsi dominabus leprosis pro animarum eorundem redemptione concederentur. Defunctis igitur, Galfrido, Radulpho, Roberto, Simone, Warino, et Johanne, abbatibus; instabat Willielmo jam defuncto; conradium septimum consequenter; quod et sine difficultate concessum est." Mat. Par. edit. 1684, de Vit. Ab. pp. 1064, 1065.

4 X

The charter granting this was confirmed by King Richard the Third in 1483.^a By another charter, dated May 1st, in the fifth year of his reign, A. D. 1203, he gave the monks of St. Mary de Pree thirty acres of essart in Esebrot.^b

Three bulls of Pope Alexander the Fourth, relating to this monastery, are preserved in Rymer's *Fœdera*, promulgated in the second year of his pontificate, A. D. 1256: two of them granting forty days pardon of enjoined penance to such persons as should contribute toward the repairs of the buildings.^c

The cemetery of this hospital was consecrated in the time of William de Trumpington by Thomas bishop of Down.^d

Thomas de la Mare, who was abbat of St. Albans from 1350 to 1396, appears to have endeavoured at the encouragement of literature at St. Mary de Pree. The poor women in the hospital, says Newcome, had been of two sorts, one called *poor sisters*, and the other *nuns*; but so illiterate that they could neither read nor sing. On this he sent them books and the ordinal, and provided for their necessary instruction, with orders that a poor sister should be promoted to the order and rank of a nun, when duly qualified; and, the service being there performed with more solemnity, it was given in charge to the archdeacon to superintend their edification and devotion.^e

King Henry the Fifth, after the parliament had dissolved the alien priories in the 4th year of his reign, granted that of Wenge in Buckinghamshire, which had been a cell to the monastery of St. Nicholas at Angiers in France, to the prioress and nuns of De Pree.^f

Among the Records preserved in the Chapter-House at Westminster is a general Pardon for all trespasses granted to the prioress and convent of the 25th of Henry the Sixth.^g

Another Record preserved in the same repository contains the prioress's Accompt of the receipts and expences of the House from the 2d to the 4th of Henry VII.^h

A third Record preserved in the Augmentation Office contains an Accompt of the prioress in the 18th Henry VIII.ⁱ

Cardinal Wolsey, commendatory abbat of St. Albans in 1528, procured a bull from Pope Clement VII. for the suppressing this nunnery, and annexing the same to the monastery of St. Albans;^k but, 6 June, 20 Hen. VIII., he obtained a grant of it, with all the lands thereunto belonging, for himself.^l After his attainder, the king put it off by way of exchange to St. Alban's abbey;^m and, as

parcel thereof, it was granted, 32 Hen. VIII., to Ralph Rowlet, Esq.ⁿ

PRIORESSES of ST. MARY DE PREE.

... BAROON, prioress of this monastery, is chronicled in the Cottonian manuscript Nero D. vii. as a benefactor to the abbey of St. Alban.^o

ISABELLA BENYNGTON occurs in the 25th of Henry VI.^p

ALICE WAFER occurs 2 Hen. VII.^q

CHRISTINA BASSET, 2 Hen. VII.^r

ELEANOR, or ALIANORA BARNARD, A. D. 1529.^s

In addition to the manuscripts and records relating to this monastery already referred to, Bishop Tanner notices

"MS. Dodsworth, in bibl. Bodl. vol. lxxvii. fol. 96, de cella de Pratis de Kingsbirie.

"Cart. 5 Joan. m. 7, n. 44, pro feria, et pro assartis xxx. acrarum in Estrebrec.

"Pat. 8 Hen. V. m. 27, pro manerio sive prioratu de Wenge.

"Pat. 8 Hen. VI. p. 1, m. 14. Pat. 19 Hen. VI. p. 1, m. 38 vel 39.

"Pat. 1 Edw. IV. p. 2, m. 11.

"The Cardinals Bundle among the Records in Chancery."

The following writings relative to this priory are extant in the Chapter House at Westminster:

1. A charter of confirmation of King John's grant of a fair to the nuns of this priory, 1 Ric. III.^t

2. A charter of pardon by King Henry VI. already quoted.^u

3. Accompts of the revenues, receipts, and expenditure of the prioresses of this house, temp. Hen. VI. Edw. IV. Ric. III. and Hen. VII.

4. Fragment of a Rental of its possessions, temp. Hen. VIII.

The NUNNERY of ST. MARY DE PREE was situated, at a short distance, on the north-west side of ancient Verulam. Not any of the buildings remain: but the memory of the place is preserved in the name of St. Mary de Pree wood, which occupies a considerable plot of ground adjoining to Gorhambury, and of Pree mill upon the river Ver.

^a See Num. VIII.

^b Num. III.

^c See Numm. IV. V. VI.

^d "Thomas Dunensis episcopus—dedicavit cœmeterium sanctæ Mariæ de Prato vj. calendas Januarij." Mat. Par. edit. 1684, p. 1052.

^e Newcome, Hist. St. Alb. p. 248.

^f See Tann. Notit. Mon. Buck. xxvii.

^g Num. VII.

^h Num. IX.

ⁱ Num. X.

^k See Num. XI.

^l Rot. Pat. 20 Hen. VIII. p. 1. Mr. Mores says that this House was dissolved on the death of Alianora Barnard, the last prioress, on account of its poverty, and there being no religious in it to choose a successor.

^m Pat. 23 Hen. VIII. p. 2.

ⁿ The following is the abstract of this grant in the Repertories to the Originalia in the Exchequer:

"Rex xij. die Maii concessit Radulpho Rowlett scitum nuper monasterii sive prioratus de Praye, ac etiam maneria de Praye, Sandrynge, Newnham, Caldecote, Radwell juxta Baldoke, Westwyke, Borham, et Apsa in com. Hertf. ac. advoc. &c. de Newnham, Radwell, et

Caldecote, ac terr. &c. in Sandruge et Sanctum Albanum in com. Hertf. ac omnia mesuagia, &c. in villis, &c. de Praye, Sandruge, Newnham, Caldecote, Radwell juxta Baldoke, Seynt Mighell in villa Sancti Albani, Shelney Seynt Stevyns, Redbone, Langley, Colney, Whethampstede, in com. Hertf. ac etiam manerium de Mynchonbury ac advoc. voc. Mynchynbury Wood jacen. in Barley, et terr. &c. in Mynchonbury et Barley in com. Hertf. necnon terr. &c. in parochia Sancti Alphegi in Philip Lane London. necnon terr. &c. in Wheston et Theddyngworthe, ac rectoriam, &c. de Wheston et Theddingworth in com. Leyc. habend. ei et hered. suis." Ro. l. Orig. 32 Hen. VIII. p. 1.

^o "Dompna Baroon priorissa monialium de Pratis juxta sanctum Albanum simili devotione affecta in ornamentis Ecclesiæ et decoratione diversarum altorum ad valorem contulit xxvj. viij. fol. 105 b.

^p See Num. VII.

^q See Append. Num. IX. pp. 358, 359, 360.

^r Ibid. p. 358.

^s Willis, Mit. Ab.

^t See Num. VIII.

^u Num. VII.

Cartae ad S. Mariæ de Pratis Coenobium in agro Hertfordensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

De Fundatione Ecclesiæ S. Mariæ de Pratis.

[Mat. Par. edit. 1684, pp. 1040, 1041, in Vita Garini vigesimi Abbatis S. Albani.]

ISTÆ [sc. Garinus] quoque oraculo cujusdam fidedigni apud Waldennam nati, et nocturna visione admonitus, Ecclesiam sanctæ Mariæ de Pratis cum suis fundavit co-ædificiis. Apparuit enim ipsi Waldenigenæ memorato, dum alto somno quiesceret, quædam venerabilis persona, videlicet clericus, ad instar radii solaris perlucidus, qui requisitus, asserebat se esse sanctum Amphibalum beati Albani Anglorum protomartyris magistrum, et conversorem, in quo sibi bene complacuit, et in ipsius gloria congloriabatur. Dixit insuper, et asseruit, locum ipsum in quo cum idem secus Amphibalus cum suis sociis inveniretur, et eorum reliquiæ versus sanctum Albanum deportarentur, et obviam feretrum beati Albani veheretur, venerabilem fuisse et Deo et sanctis martyribus ipsis charissimum; et addidit, 'Vade, igitur, ad abbatem Warinum, et vice mea dic ei ut locum ipsum condigna extollat veneratione.'

Venit igitur fidelis ille nuncius, et omnia prædicta quibusdam intersignis confirmata ipsi abbati seriatim retexit. Abbas autem ipsi viro, (quem circumvolens fama veridicum et fidelissimum prædicavit) non tantum fidem, sed et favorem adhibuit: recolendo, quod 'Dominus infirma mundi elegit, ut fortia confundat,' et in sua peritia nimis confidentes. Nec tamen absque multis indiciis, imò miraculis, ipsa relata fidedigna comprobavit. Contigit enim, quòd tempore prædecessoris sui felicitis recordationis, Simonis abbatis; quando versus sanctum Albanum inventæ sancti Amphibali reliquiæ, tam solemniter quàm gaudenter portarentur, et eis obviam beati Albani feretrum, (conventu festivè induto consequente) bajularetur: adeo leve factum est, ut à duobus fratribus, immo etiam ab uno, sine difficultate veheretur: quod tamen aliis temporibus, vix à quatuor de loco ad locum non remotum, solet transportari; præterea, in ipsa obviatione, terra diutissimo adusta chaumate, et suo cespite viduata, (quæ nec fructus, nec fruges promittebat,) subita imbrum inundatione respiravit: ut marcida et mortua revirescerent rediviva.

Item, Induviæ festivales, quibus audacter conventus induebatur, cum nulla aëris serenissimi immutatio, pallor, nubes vel nubecula apparuisset; et ut dictum est, terra arida et rimosa repentina inebriatione perfunderetur, nulla penitus labe vel deterioratione, cappæ aurifrigiata et opere plumario pretiosè redimitæ, damnificatæ, lædebantur, unde locus memoratus, veneratione meritò dignus censebatur; et ab ipso abbate, multo tempore sanctus et charus habebatur. Credebat igitur indubitanter, quòd si ibidem secundum ammonitionem sancti viri, a beato Amphibalo ut dictum est, destinati, ecclesiam construeret: Deo placens, felix suscipere, in spiritualibus et temporalibus proventibus incrementum; nec eum fefellit fides aut opinio, futura tunc, nunc autem præsentem prosperitate comprobante. Ædificaturus igitur, cœpit fundamentum ita initiare, ut infra breve tempus cœpta perficeret, dotaret, ditaret, religiosi inhabitaret, et instrueret religione, ne inactivè ei possit objici et dici, 'quod cœpit ædificare, et non potuit consummare.' Et cum consummaretur, præfecit eidem ecclesiæ patronam beatam Dei genitricem: et in ejusdem honore dedicari, præfecitque magistrum et procuratorem domui illi, fratrem Johannem de Waldene, ipsius filium, cui facta est prædicta revelatio. Qui postea ipsi domui quasi apes argumentosa, multa bona ex innata sibi industria et gratia à Deo collata adeptus est. Et licet laicus, simplicioribus prædicando,

multos et informavit, et ad virtutes evocans, a vitiis refrænavit. Erat etiam regibus, prælati, et aliis magnatibus, acceptus et gratosus.

Ædificatâ igitur Ecclesia et dedicatâ, constructisque decenter officinis, pia consideratione constituit quasdam mulieres leprosas ibidem includi; et velatas, quibusdam limitatis regulis artavit; ne vagæ, sæcularibus erroribus involverentur; quas quidem leprosas, a virorum leprosorum mansionibus hospitalis S. Juliani non multum semotas, sequestrans amovit: et in dicto loco, ubi decentes officinas cum claustro Abbas memoratus construxerat (ut dictum est) includi constituit; ne amplius detestabilibus excessibus quibus ante diffamabantur viri et mulieres in sæculo commacularentur. Utrobique, utriusque terminis exeundi limitatis; evagandique castigata licentia: precibus (quas norunt tam ipsæ mulieres infirmæ, quam viri) sedulò incumbentes; negligentias si quæ, quod absit, Conventui sancti Albani contigerint suppleant diligenter. Igitur (quasi pro finali bonorum operum suorum clausula) Abbas Guarinus illius domus quam a fundamentis construxerat, et Beatæ Mariæ de Pratis propter prata circumjacentia, nomine congruè intitulaverat: possessiuncularum tali Carta confirmavit donationem, ne temporis posteritas illam aliquando annullaret. In qua quidem, multorum indicio pietas; sed in parte, discretionem perpenditur mutilata; quia illi ecclesiæ collata beneficia, in gravamen non modicum Cœnobii, diatim magis ac magis videntur redundare.

NUM. II.

Carta Garini Abbatis et Conventus Sancti Albani de Ecclesia Sanctæ Mariæ de Prato.

[Ibid. p. 1041.]

GABINUS Dei gratia abbas ecclesiæ sancti Albani et conventus ejusdem loci omnibus fidelibus ad quos hoc præsens scriptum pervenerit salutem. Opera pietatis quæ Dei sunt intuitu, in divinis esse signata thesauris, et felicem à Domino mercedem habitura, devotio fidelium non ignorat. Quod nos diligenti consideratione pensantes; communi voluntate et assensu concedimus, et confirmamus hoc scripto præsentem; infirmis feminis sanctæ Mariæ de Prato, locum ipsum in quo ecclesia earum constituta est, simul cum officinis ex utraque parte stratæ publicæ: simul cum via in fine agri arabilis, et prati de Kingesbury. Et ad earum sustentationem, omnes procuraciones quæ pro abbatibus defunctis dari solent, et imperpetuum pro abbatibus morituris dabuntur, cum procuracione regis Offæ, et regis Henrici, et Adriani papæ, quam citò vacaverint, cum potibus et cibis ad easdem procuraciones deputatis. Et donec vacent, percipient de Cellario nostro quatuor panes, et unum de Sopwelle, quales modo percipiunt: et eandem mensuram cervisiæ, et fercula de coquina; concessimus etiam eis primum panem et ultimum de qualibet fornata curiæ nostræ, imperpetuum. Et quietè molant qualibet septimana unam summam de yvernagio ad molendinum quod vocatur dichmulne; et alteram summam de brasio ad maltmulne. Et quia charitatis mandatum latum nimis est: ipsius intuitu, opera pietatis circa prædictas infirmas feminas dilatamus, adjicientes et concedentes, ut qualibet illarum habeat unam veterem pellicium monachi, singulis annis; et froccum unum, usque ad numerum tredecim. Et ut habeant eleemosynam illam quam Gaufridus abbas dedit Sweino provendario suo: scilicet tres denarios omni septimana per annum de theloneo villæ Sancti Albani. Concedimus quoque intuitu divinæ remunerationis ut capellanus et clericus ejus qui ecclesiæ

sanctæ Mariæ de Prato servient, honestam sustentationem de domo nostra percipiant. Capellanus videlicet unum panem monachi, et duas mensuras cervisiæ monachorum, et duo fercula de coquina hospitum, singulis diebus percipiet. Clericus vero unum panem armigeri, et unam mensuram cervisiæ militis, et unum ferculum de coquina hospitum. Concedimus etiam ad opus prædicti capellani et clerici unam marcam de ecclesia de Waldene singulis annis, ad quatuor terminos imperpetuum accipiendam: scilicet ad festum S. Michaelis quadraginta denarios, ad Natale Domini totidem, ad Pascha quadraginta denarios, et ad festum S. Johannis Baptistæ totidem; et dimidiam marcam de ecclesia de Newham ad eosdem terminos. Concedimus quoque eis totam decimam domini nostri de Luitonia; et ut habeant domunculam in curia nostra in qua prædicta decima repnatur: serviens etiam qui colliget hanc decimam, comedat cum familia nostra. Et omnem decimam dominiorum quæ ad ecclesias pertinent, quas personæ jurisdictionis nostræ nunc de nobis tenent, et in posterum tenebunt, salvo jure eorum qui nunc tenent; et totam decimam redditus domus lapideæ super murum cœmeterii nostri, ab abbate Warino constructæ. Ad hoc, instinctu charitatis concedimus eis omnes redditus qui tempore Warini abbatis ad usus ecclesiæ nostræ in burgo de Canteburges sunt adquisiti: scilicet viginti solidos, quos nobis debet Asketillus filius Hereberti, et hæredes sui, pro terris et redditibus quos tenet de nobis in eadem villa: ita quod ipse et hæredes ejus reddent memoratos viginti solidos ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Prato imperpetuum ad quatuor anni terminos, videlicet, ad festum sancti Michaelis quinque solidos, ad Natale totidem, ad Pascha quinque solidos, et ad festum sancti Johannis Baptistæ totidem. Marcam vero illam quam Gulielmus de Wigehale et hæredes sui debent ecclesiæ nostræ, singulis annis, pro terra quæ fuit Gulielmi filii Baard, assignavimus imperpetuum reddendam prædictæ ecclesiæ ad duos terminos, scilicet unam medietatem ad Pascha, et aliam ad festum sancti Michaelis. Concedimus adhuc eis, intuitu divini amoris, totam decimam pathnagii nostri ubique; excepta portione quam sacrista noster percipere debet de Horhthawe, et ut porci quos ad usus proprios nutriunt, quieti sint de pathnagio in bosco nostro, ubi pathnagium fuerit. Et præbendam quotidianam ad duos equos de granario nostro sumendam. Et unum cribrum furfuris, et majorem cuvam de drasco unaquaque septimana. Concedimus præterea eis Pinchecroft, cum duabus acris supra spinam quæ dicitur Coppedethorn: et unam tantum carratam lignorum omni septimana per annum de bosco nostro. Et has omnes, si voluerint, et possint, in æstate simul colligant et conferant ad numerum septennarium. Concedimus etiam eis totam decimam de novo essarto quod jacet inter novam curiam nostram de Sareth, et vetus essartum. Et omnes decimas de omnibus essartis quæ imperpetuum fient a tempore hujus donationis confirmatione; anno centesimo nonagesimo quarto, mense Septembris, quintadecima die ejusdem mensis. Si quis autem præscripta charitatis beneficia minorare præsumperit, quæ ad locum memoratum et ad usus infirmarum feminarum assignavimus: sive ea quantum ad usus illarum in deterius mutare temptaverit, deleatur nomen de libro vitæ, et cum Juda traditore pœnas perpetuas participet. Amen.

NUM. III.

Carta Johannis Regis Monialibus Leprosis beatæ Mariæ de Prato juxta S. Albanum concessa.

[Cartæ antiquæ M. num. 18.]

JOHANNES Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, dux Normanniæ et Aquitanniæ, comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopus, episcopus, abbatibus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, præpositis, ministris, et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis nos, intuitu Dei, et pro salute animæ nostræ et animarum antecessorum et heredum nostrorum, dedisse et concessisse et hac præsentis carta confirmasse Deo et ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Prato juxta sanctum Albanum, et monialibus leprosis ibidem Deo servientibus, xxx. acras de essarto in bosco de Esbroc, scilicet xij. acras juxta essartum Willielmi filii Alani ex una parte chimini qui tendit ad Hamelstede versus sanctum Albanum,

et xij. acras ex altera parte chimini illius, et sex acras juxta essartum Roberti filii Alani: habend. et tenend. in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam. Quare volumus et firmiter præcipimus quod prædictæ moniales leprosæ habeant et teneant prædictas xxx. acras de essarto bene et in pace, liberè et quietè, integrè, plenariè, et honorificè, in liberam, puram, et perpetuam elemosinam, in omnibus locis et rebus cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, libertatibus, et liberis consuetudinibus suis, sicut prædictum est. T. H. Sarum episcopo, G. filio Petri, comite Essex. primo die Maii anno regni nostri quinto.

NUM. IV.

Bulla Alexandri IV. Papæ pro Priorissa Leprosarum de Pratis.

[Rym. Fœd. tom. i. p. 606.]

ALEXANDER episcopus, servus servorum Dei, universis Christi fidelibus, per Lincolnensem, Elyensem, et Londoniensem civitates et dioceses constitutis, salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Quoniam, ut ait apostolus, omnes stabimus ante tribunal Christi, recepturi prout in corpore gessimus, sive bonum fuerit sive malum, oportet nos diem messonis extremæ misericordiæ operibus prævenire, ac, æternorum intuitu, seminare in terris quod, reddente Domino, cum multiplicato fructu recolligere debeamus in cœlis, firmam spem fiduciamque tenentes quod qui parè seminat parce et metet, et qui seminat in benedictionibus et metet vitam æternam. Cum igitur, sicut dilectæ in Christo filiæ Priorissa et Conventus Leprosarum domûs beatæ Mariæ de Pratis, ordinis sancti Benedicti, Lincolnensis diocesis nobis insinuare curarunt, eadem monasterium suum nimia vetustate consumptum, de novo reparare inceperint opere sumptuoso, nec ad hujusmodi consummationem operis eis propriæ suppetant facultates; universitatem vestram rogamus, hortamur in Domino, in remissionem vobis peccaminum injungentes, quatinus de bonis vobis a Deo collatis, pias ad hoc eis elemosinas, et grata caritatis subsidia erogetis, ut per subventionem vestram opus hujusmodi valeat consummari, et vos per hæc et alia bona, quæ, Domino inspirante, feceritis; ad æternæ possitis felicitatis gaudia pervenire. Nos enim, de omnipotentis Dei misericordia, et beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum ejus auctoritate confisi, omnibus verè pœnitentibus et confessis, qui ad hoc manum porrexerint adjutricem, quadraginta dies de injuncta sibi pœnitentia misericorditer relaxamus: præsentibus post quinquennium minime valituris; quas mitti per quæstuarios districtius inhibemus, eas, si secus actum fuerit, carere viribus decernentes. Dat. Anagniæ id. Septembris, pontificatus nostri anno secundo.

NUM. V.

Bulla alia ejusdem Papæ pro Monasterio Sanctæ Mariæ de Pratis.

[Ibid. p. 614.]

ALEXANDER episcopus, servus servorum Dei, universis Christi fidelibus præsentibus litteras inspecturis, salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Splendor paternæ gloriæ, qui sua mundum illuminat ineffabili claritate, pia vota fidelium, de clementissima ipsius majestate sperantium, tunc præcipuè benigno favore prosequitur, cum humilis ipsorum devotio sanctorum meritis et precibus adjuvatur. Rogamus itaque universitatem vestram, et hortamur in Domino in remissionem vobis peccaminum injungentes, quatinus ad monasterium dilectarum in Christo filiarum Priorissæ et Conventus Leprosarum monasterii sanctæ Mariæ de Pratis extra villam sancti Albani, ordinis sancti Benedicti Lincoln. dioc. petitori a Domino veniam in humilitate spiritûs accedatis. Nos enim ut Christi fideles sint promptiores ad merita, si fiduciam habeant consequendi munera gratiora, de omnipotentis Dei misericordia et beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum ejus, auctoritate confisi, omnibus verè pœnitentibus et confessis qui ad monasterium ipsum in festivitatis beatæ Virginis et per octo dies sequentes, pura intentione accesserint, annuatim quadraginta dies de

injuncta sibi pœnitentia misericorditer relaxamus. Dat. Lateran. tertio id. Decembris pontificatus nostri anno secundo.

NUM. VI.

Tertia Bulla Alexandri IV. Papæ pro Monasterio Sanctæ Mariæ de Pratis.

[Ibid. p. 616.]

ALEXANDER episcopus, servus servorum Dei, universis Christi fidelibus per Cantuariensem provinciam constitutis, salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Quoniam, ut ait apostolus, omnes stabimus ante tribunal Christi, recepturi prout in corpore gessimus, sive bonum fuerit sive malum, oportet nos diem messionis extremæ misericordiæ operibus prævenire, ac, æternorum intuitu, seminare in terris quod reddente Domino, cum multiplicato fructu recolligere debeamus in cœlis, firmam spem fiduciamque tenentes; quoniam qui parçè seminat parçè et metet, et qui seminat in benedictionibus et metet vitam æternam. Cum itaque, sicut ex parte dilectarum in Christo filiarum priorissæ et conventus monasterii sanctæ Mariæ de Pratis extra villam sancti Albani, ordinis sancti Benedicti, Lincolnien. diocesis fuit propositum coram nobis, quod cum eadem domos ipsius monasterii nimia vetustate consumptas, reparare inceptum opere non modicum sumptuoso; et ad consummationem ipsius eis propriæ non suppetant facultates; universitatem vestram rogamus, monemus, et hortamur in Domino, in remissionem vobis peccaminum injungentes quatinus de bonis, a Deo vobis collatis, pias elemosinas et grata ad hoc caritatis subsidia erogetis, ut per subventionem vestram opus hujusmodi valeat consummari; vosque, per hæc et alia bona, quæ Domino inspirante feceritis, ad æternæ possitis felicitatis gaudia pervenire: nos enim de omnipotentis Dei misericordia et beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum ejus auctoritate confisi, omnibus verè pœnitentibus et confessis, qui eis ad prædicti operis consummationem manum porrexerint adjutricem, quadraginta dies de injuncta sibi pœnitentia misericorditer relaxamus, Dat. Lateran. decimo kal. Januarii pontificatus nostri anno tertio.

NUM. VII.

Carta Pardonationis 25 Hen. VI.

[Ex orig. in domo Capit. Westm.]

HENRICUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ et Franciæ et dominus Hiberniæ omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis ad quos præsentis litteræ pervenerint salutem. Sciatis quod de gratia nostra speciali et ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris pardonavimus, remisimus, et relaxavimus Isabellæ Benynghton priorissæ domus et ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ de Pratis juxta villam Sancti Albani in comitatu Hertford, et ejusdem loci conventui, seu quibuscumque alijs nominibus censeantur, omnimodos transgressionibus, offensas, mesprisiones, contemptus, et impetitiones per ipsos priorissam et conventum ante nonum diem Aprilis ultimo præteritum contra formam statutorum de liberatis pannorum et capiciorum factos sive perpetratos unde punitio caderet, in finem et redemptionem, aut in alias pœnas pecuniarias seu imprisonmenta, statutis prædictis non obstantibus. Et insuper, ex motu et scientia nostris prædictis, pardonavimus, remisimus, et relaxavimus, eisdem priorissæ et conventui sectam pacis nostræ quæ ad nos versus ipsos pertinet pro omnimodis prodicionibus, murdris, raptibus mulierum, rebellionibus, insurrectionibus, felonis, conspiracybus, cambiparcijs, manutenencijs, imbraciarijs, ac alijs transgressionibus, offencijs, negligencijs, extortionibus, mespersionibus, ignorantijs, contemptibus, concelamentis, forisfacturis, et deceptionibus per ipsos priorissam et conventum, ante dictum nonum diem Aprilis qualitercunque factis sive perpetratis. Ac etiam wannar ique in ipsos priorissam et conventum hijs occasionibus seu earum aliqua fuerint promulgatæ, et firmam pacem nostram eis inde concedimus. Ita tamen quod stent recto in curia nostra si quis versus eos loqui voluerit de præmissis vel aliquo præmissorum; dum tamen ijdem priorissa et conventus

proditores de aliqua prodicione personam nostram tangente palam vel occulte non existant. Et ulterius perdonavimus, remisimus, et relaxavimus eisdem priorissæ et conventui omnimoda escapia felonum, catalla felonum et fugitivorum, catalla utlagatorum, et felonum de se, deodanda, wasta, impetitiones, et omnimodas articulos itineris destructiones, et transgressiones de viridi et venatione, vendicionem boscorum infra forestas et extra, et aliarum rerum quarumcunque ante dictum nonum diem Aprilis infra regnum nostrum Angliæ et marchias Walliæ emersa et eventa, unde punitio caderet in demandam, debitum, seu in finem et redemptionem, aut in alias pœnas pecuniarias, seu in forisfacturam bonorum et catallorum, aut imprisonmenta seu amerciamenta comitatum, villarum, vel singularium personarum, vel in onerationem liberi tenentis eorum qui nunquam transgressi fuerunt, ut hæredum, executorum, vel terræ tenentium, escætorum, vicecomitum, coronatorum, et aliorum hujusmodi, et omne id quod ad nos versus ipsos priorissam et conventum pertinet seu pertinere posset ex causis supradictis. Ac etiam pardonavimus, remisimus, et relaxavimus eisdem priorissæ et conventui omnimodas donationes, alienationes, et perquisitiones per ipsos de terris et tenementis, de nobis vel progenitoribus nostris quondam regibus Angliæ in capite tentis. Ac etiam omnimodas donationes et perquisitiones ad manum mortuam factas et habitas absque licentia regia, necnon omnimodos intrusiones et ingressus in hæreditatem suam in parte vel in toto post mortem antecessorum suorum absque debita prosecutione ejusdem extra manum regiam ante eundem nonum diem Aprilis factas, unacum exitibus et proficiis inde medio tempore perceptis. Et insuper pardonavimus, remisimus, et relaxavimus eisdem priorissæ et conventui omnimodas pœnas ante dictum nonum diem Aprilis forisfactas coram nobis seu consilio nostro, cancellario, thesaurario, seu aliquo judic. nostrorum pro aliqua causa, et omnes alias pœnas, tam nobis quam carissimo patri nostro defuncto per ipsos priorissam et conventum pro aliqua causa ante eundem nonum diem Aprilis forisfactas, et ad opus nostrum levandas. Ac omnimodas securitates pacis ante eundem nonum diem Aprilis similiter forisfactas. Ac etiam tercias, et terciarum tercias omnimodorum prisonariorum in guerra captorum nobis dicto nono die Aprilis qualitercunque debitas, pertinentes seu spectantes per eosdem priorissam et conventum; necnon omnimodos transgressionibus, offensas, mesprisiones, contemptus, et impetitiones per ipsos priorissam et conventum ante eundem nonum diem Aprilis contra formam tam quorumcunque statutorum, ordinationum, et provisionum, ante dictum nonum diem Aprilis factorum seu editorum de perquisitionibus, acceptacionibus, lectionibus, publicationibus, notificationibus, et executionibus quibuscumque literarum et bullarum apostolicarum ante dictum nonum diem Aprilis, et omnium aliorum statutorum, ordinationum, et provisionum, prætextu quorum aliqua secta versus eosdem priorissam et conventum per billam vel per breve de premunire facta seu alio modo quocumque pro aliqua materia ante eundem nonum diem Aprilis fieri valeat, quam quorumcunque aliorum statutorum factos sive perpetratos, statutis, ordinationibus, et provisionibus illis non obstantibus. Ac etiam pardonavimus, remisimus, et relaxavimus, eisdem priorissæ et conventui omnimodos fines adjudicatos, amerciamenta, exitus, forisfactos, relevia, scutagia, ac omnimoda debita, compota prestita, arreragia firmarum et compotorum, nobis ante primum diem Septembris anno regni nostri vicesimo qualitercunque debita et pertinentia; necnon omnimodas actiones et demandas quas nobis solus, vel nos conjunctim cum alijs personis vel alia persona habemus, vel habere poterimus versus ipsos priorissam et conventum pro aliquibus hujusmodi finibus, amerciamentis, exitibus, relevijs, scutagijs, debitis, compotis prestitis, et arreragijs, ante eundem primum diem Septembris debita. Ac etiam wannar in ipsos priorissam et conventum promulgatas pro aliqua causarum supradictarum omnimodis debitis et compotis nobis debitis et pertinentibus quæ vigore literarumstrarum patentium seu brevium nostrorum de magno vel privato sigillo aut per estallamenta sive assignationes respectuata existunt omnino exceptis; ita quod præsens pardonacio nostra quo ad præmissa seu aliquod præmissorum non cedat in dampnum, præjudicium, vel derogationem alicujus alterius personæ quam personæ nostræ dumtaxat; proviso

semper quod nulla hujusmodi pardonatio nostra aliquo modo valeat, allocetur, nec fiat, nec aliquiter se extendat ad Alianoram Cobeham filiam Reginaldi Cobeham militis, Johannem Bolton de Bolton in comitatu Lancastriæ blad-smyth, Willielmum Wyghale nuper custodem gaolæ nostræ de Notyngham, nec ad eorum aliquem, neque ad feloniam de morte Cristoferi Talbot militis felonice interfecti nuper perpetratam; nec quod præsens pardonatio nostra nec aliqua hujusmodi pardonatio nostra aliquiter se extendat quo ad aliquas lanas seu pelles lanutas vel alias mercandisas de stapula ad aliquas partes externas extra regnum nostrum Angliæ contra formam statuti in parlamento nostro apud Westmonasterium in crastino sancti Martini anno regni nostri decimo octavo tento editi, seu aliquorum aliorum statutorum cariatas et traductas, nec ad aliquas forisfacturas nobis in hac parte pertinentes sive spectantes, nec ad exonerationes sive acquietationes aliquarum personarum de punitionibus super ipsas fiendis juxta formam eorundem statutorum pro aliquibus lanis sive pellibus lanutis vel alijs mercandisis de stapula ad aliquas hujusmodi partes externas contra formam eorundem statutorum cariatas sive traductis; nec quod præsens pardonatio nostra nec aliqua hujusmodi pardonatio nostra ad aliquos magnos computantes nostros videlicet ad thesaurarios Cales. et hospitij nostri vitellarios Cales. camerarios Cestriæ, North Walliæ, et Suth Walliæ, custodes garderobæ hospitij nostri, aut custodes sive clericos garderobæ nostræ, clericos operationum nostrarum, constabularios Burdegallæ, thesaurarios terræ nostræ Hiberniæ, et receptores ducatus nostri Lancastriæ et ducatus nostri Cornubiæ, tam generales quam particulares, quo ad aliqua hujusmodi officia sua seu hujusmodi occupationes suas aut alicujus eorundem tangentia ullo modo se extendat. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium vicesimo octavo die Octobris anno regni nostri vicesimo quinto.

Per ipsum Regem in Parlamento.

NUM. VIII.

Carta anno primo Ricardi Tertii.

[Ibid.]

RICARDUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ et Franciæ et dominus Hiberniæ omnibus ad quos præsentis litteræ pervenerint salutem. Inspeximus litteras patentes Johannis olim regis Angliæ progenitoris nostri in hæc verba, 'Johannes Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, dux Normanniæ et Aquitanniæ, comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, comitibus, baronibus, justiciarijs, vicecomitibus, præpositis, et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis, salutem. Sciatis nos pro salute animæ nostræ et animæ regis Henrici patris nostri et animarum omnium antecessorum et successorum nostrorum concessisse Deo et ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Prato juxta villam Sancti Albani, et dominabus sive monialibus ibidem Deo servientibus, ut habeant singulis annis unam feriam apud sanctam Mariam de Prato juxta villam Sancti Albani, durantem per duos dies, scilicet in vigilia Nativitatis beatæ Mariæ et in ipsa die Nativitatis beatæ Mariæ. Quare volumus et firmiter præcipimus quod feriam illam habeant imperpetuum, cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad hujusmodi feriam pertinentibus. Hijs testibus, W. London. G. Roffen. episcopis; G. filio Rogeri, Willielmo de Warrenne, et Stephano de Thornham. Dat. per manus Henrici Cantuariensis archiepiscopi, cancellarij nostri, apud Cantuar. quartodecimo die Junij regni nostri anno primo.' Nos autem donationes, concessiones, et confirmationes prædictas, ac omnia et singula in eis contenta, rata habentes pariter et grata, ea omnia et singula, approbamus, ratificamus, et quantum in nobis est pro nobis et hæredibus nostris confirmamus. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium decimo nono die Maij anno regni nostri primo.

Per Breve de privato Sigillo, et de data prædicta, auctoritate Parliamenti.

Pro dimidia marca soluta in hanaperio.

NUM. IX.

Accompt of the Prioress of Pray, near St. Albans, 2d to 4th Hen. VII.

[From the Original in the Chapter-House, Westminster.]

THIS is the accompte of Dame Cristian Basset prioressse of the hous of the Pray besyde Seint Albons aswell of her receptis as of her expensis of the same hous, that is to sey from the feest of the Annunciacion of our Lady in the secunde yere of the regne of Kyng Henry the vijth. unto the feest of the Nativitie of our Lord in the ffourth yere of the regne of the same kyng; that is to wete by an hole yere and iij. quarters of a yere.

Arrerag'.

Ffirst she chargith her of xl^s. of arrerag' due and re-maynyng in y^e. hands of Richard Saie in y^e. tyme of dame Alice Wafer suñe tyme prioressse of the same place. It' receyvid of John Barbour of arrerag' viij^s. viij^d.

S^m xlviij^s. viij^d.

Receyts of Rents of Assize and Rente Fermys wⁱⁿ the towne of Seint Albons.

Item receyvid of Robert Stodeley for rente of assise for a yere xvij^d. Itm receyvid of Thomas Kyllingworth for rente of assise for ij. yere ij^s. Itm receyvid of the baillyf of Tytnan^g for rente of assise for ij. yere vj^s. Itm of John Stepneth for rente of assyse for a yere xij^d. It' rec' of the warden of Seint Petres for rente of assise for a yere ij^s. It' rec' of Rog' Port for rente of assise for ij. yere ix^s. iij^d. It' rec' of Thomas West for rent of assise for ij. yere viij^s. viij^d. It' rec' of Willm Cristemas for rente of assise for ij. yere ij^s. It' rec' of Shakfeld for rent of assise for ij. yere viij^s. It' rec' of John Spaldyng for rente of assise for a yere v^s. Item receyvid of Thomas Smyth colermaker for rente of assise for a yere viij^d. Itm rec' of mast' Dykes for rente of assise for a yere ij^s. Itm rec' of John Barbour for rente ferme for a yere and di' xv^s. It' ret' of John Shon in pty of payment of rente ferme for a yere and thre quart^s viij^s. iij^d. It' rec' of Thom^s Tyler for rente ferme for half a yere iij^d. Itm rec' of John Martyn in pty of payment of rente ferme for ij. yere viij^s. It' rec' of Richard Parkyns for rente ferme for a yere vj^s. viij^d. It' rec' of Thomas Warbrae for rente ferme for a q^r. of a yere xx^d. It' rec' of Robert Studley for rente ferme for a yere and a half xv^s. It' rec' of Thomas Gilbert for rente ferme for half a yere xx^d. It' rec' of Johān Smyth for rente ferme for ij. yere xij^s. iij^d. It' rec' of John Nevell for rente ferme for a yere iij^d. Itm rec' of Richard Cordy for rente ferme for half a yere xx^d. It' rec' of John a home for rente ferme for a yere and a half vj^s. Itm rec' of Agnes Sopwellane for rent ferme for a quart' xij^d. It' rec' of Ffawe Agnes for rente ferme for a quart' xij^d. It' rec' of John Ayneshū for rente ferme for a yere xij^s. iij^d. It' rec' of Richard Nonny for rente ferme for a yere ij^s. vj^d. It' rec' of Thomas Laborer of Sopwellane for rent ferme for a quart' xij^d.

S^m viij^{li}. x^s. viij^d.

Receit' of Rente of Fermys and Rents of Assise w^{oute} y^e. towne of Seinte Albons.

Item receyvid of Robert Pegge for the ferme of the mañ of Pray for all the tyme of this accompte viij^{li}. Itm of Richard Birchmore for Playdell in Hemsted for the tyme of this accompte xxij^s. vj^d. It' rec' of John Marston for a close in Playdell for the tyme of this accompte xvj^s. viij^d. Item receyvid of Richard Benet for the ferme of Beaumond for the tyme of this accompte l^s. Item receyvid of my lord of Seint Albons for rente of assise of Aynells in Redburn' for ij. yere xl^s. Item rec' of Edmund Bakenhū for rente of assise of londe in Saret xij^d. It' rec' of John Bybysworth for rente of assise in Fflamden xij^d. Itm receyvid of Robt Ryot for ferme of londe in Swanburn' for

the tyme of this accompte xx^s. Itm receyvid of dyv's teñts in Cambrigge xlvij^s. It' rec' of John Shōn for the ferme of certeyne londs in Bacheworth and ij. teñts in Seint Mighell strete with a lyme kylne for the tyme of this accompte vj^s. viij^d. Itm receyvid of John Marston the elder for rente of assise of ij. crofts beside Pray wode fore ij. yere iij^s. Itm receyvid of Robert Stodeley for rente of assise of londe in Dyks iij^s. Itm receyvid of Richard Ffrankelen for the ferme of vj. acres of londe in Lacheworth for the tyme of this accompte ij^s. Itm receyvid of Laurence Hegge for the rede hall w'in the Pray for all the tyme of this accompte viij^s. ix^d. Itm receyvid of Richard Ordeway for rente ferme of an hous w'in the Pray for a yere and a half w'in the tyme of this accompte x^s. It' rec' of Robt Pegge for rente ferme of an hous and a stable w^t. Pray gate for the tyme of this accompte viij^s. It' rec' of Richard Bailly for rent vj^s.

S^m xix^{li}. vj^s. vij^d.

Tythes.

Item receyvid of Richard Saie for the ferme of the psonage of Wynge for a yere and a half w'in the tyme of this accompte xlvij^{li}. It' rec' of the same Richard Saie as in pty of payment of the same ferme for a quart' of a yere x^s. It' rec' of Thomas Day for a porcion of tithe in Saret for a yere and a half w'in the tyme of this accompte xxxiij^s. It' rec' of John Whetaker for a porcion of tithe in Redburn for a yere and a half within the tyme of this accompte xxiij^s. It' rec' of the sexton of Seint Albony's for the tithe of a gardeyne for ij. yere vj^s.

S^m lj^{li}. xij^s

Dyvs Receyts.

Item receyvid of my lord of Seint Albony's for brede and ale deptyd among the susters within the tyme of this accompte lij^s. It' rec' of the kechener of Seint Albony's for potage money deptyd amongs the susters for a yere w'in the tyme of this accompte xij^s. It' rec' of the fforsters office for fewell for a yere to y^e. behoof of y^e. said place viij^s. Itm rec' for ij. stondyngs in Prayffayre at ij. tymes v^s. It' rec' for a fyne at Wynge xx^d. It' rec' of Richard Benet for the sale of certeyne wode that dame Alice Wafer sold to hym at Beamond vj^s.

S^m iij^{li}. iij^s. viij^d.

S^m to^{li}. of all the said receipts w^t. the arrerağs iij^{xx}. v^{li}. iij^s. vj^d.

Comyns Pytanc' and Ptycions.

Therof is paid to the said prioress for her comyns for xxj. monethes w'in the tyme of this accompte vij^{li}. Itm paid to dame Alice Wafer for her comyns for xxj. monethes w'in the tyme of this accompte vj^{li}. viij^s. iij^d. It' paid to vij. susters of the same place for their comons for xxj. monethis w'in the tyme of this accompte xxj^{li}. vj^s. viij^d. It' paid to dame Johān Knollys for her comyns for v. monethis xvj^s. viij^d. Itm paid to dyv's prests for their salarys for a yerc and a half ix. to x^s. Itm paid for pytaunce on Seint Leonards day at ij. tymes xxij^d. It' paid for in oon yere xiiij^d. It' paid for wassells at Newe Yeris tyd and Twelf tyde ij^s. ix^d. Itm paid for ale and wyne on two Sherethursdays and vpon ij. Frydays and on two Est evys viij^s. Itm paid for howselyng brede syngyng brede and wyne v^d. ob. Itm paid for wyne on two Maundy Thursdays x^d. It' paid for the pitaunc atte Mary Mawdelyn tyde two tymes xxij^d. Itm for ayere and iij. quarts for Maundy ale x^s. vj^d. It' delyved to the susters atte ij. Maundy Thursdays for Maundy money xxj^d. Itm vpon ij. bonefirenyghts paid for brede and ale xij^d. Itm in expenses made amonge the susters of the place and other straungers at y^e. fests of y^e. Nativite of our Ladye at two tymes iij^{li}. viij^s. ix^d. ob. Itm paid to the biishop of Lincolns officers for the licens of Wynge for ij. yere xxij^s. viij^d. Itm paid to the fformone of Wynge for his gowne for ij. yere xiiij^s. iij^d. Itm paid for ij. bussell of

pesyn deptyd amongs the susters in Lente xvj^d. Itm paid for parys candill for the chirche and the dorter deptyd amongs the susters ij. tymes xxxj^s. x^d. Itm paid for brede and ale and fewell deptyd amongs the susters by a yere and a half lij^s. Itm delyved of the rente in Cambrigge amongs the susters for the tyme of this accompte xlvij^s.

S^m lvij^{li}. iij^s. ix^d.

Yerely Chargē.

Itm paid to a man that brought money from Cambrgy for a rewarde viij^d. Itm paid for v. quart^s. of coles the last yere and this yere xxij^d. ob. Itm paid for byndyng of the grete cawdron in the kechyn xvij^d. Itm paid for a tub in the kechyn vj^d. It' paid in expenses for straungers pore men lasours tenñts and fermours for brede and ale and o^y vitails xxxvj^s. viij^d. Itm for dyv's men y^t. brought in their rent atte dyv's tymes xx^s. ij^d. Itm in expenses for the prioress and the steward w^t. their s'vnts and for hors hyre and for the wag^s of them that wente to kepe the courte wyth the prioress atte Wynge atte two tymes xvj^s. v^d. wherof the stewards fee was that of vj^s. viij^d. Itm paid to the fermour of Wynge for his expenss ix^d.

S^m iij^{li}. xvij^s. vj^d. ob.

Wagys and Ffees.

Item paid for the cokys wagis for a yere and a half xxx^s. Itm paid for the exhibucion and the bourde of suster Cristian xx^s.

S^m l^s.

Repacions.

Item paid for a grounsell for the kechyn wall and for underpynnyng and leiyng in of the same xv^d. Itm paid for vj. m^l. tyle xxiij^s. Itm paid for iij^{xx}. roof tyles iij^s. iij^d. Itm for c. latthis bought for the dorter vj^d. Itm for makyng of xij. c. latthis ij^s. Itm paid for evis bourde for the dorter ij^s. It' for sawyng of evis bourde ij^s. It' for caryng of a grete log to the sawe pit v^d. It' for ix. lode of pit sonde and water sonde the cariage and all iij^s. vj^d. It' paid for xvj. bussell of lyme ij^s. viij^d. It' paid to iij. men for tylyng of the dorter vij. days and a half x^s. j^d. It' for tyle pynnes for the dort' and the dufhous and for the longehous xx^d. It' for lath nayle and sprigge and grete nayle to the dortour and dufhous and the longehous vj^s. viij^d. Itm paid to a tyler for Em Heggs porche and for the longehous and for Ordeways hous for vij. days iij^s. vj^d. Itm paid to a tyler for tylyng of the dufhous and dyv's o^r plac^s vj^s. It' paid to a tyler that tilid the stabull and the hous by the highway syde and the gate hous and peggs hous vj. days for hym and his man v^s. vj^d. It' paid to the same tyler and his man for tylyng in Sopwellane and for sonde and for tyle pynns and for lath and naile iij^s. vj^d. It' for a wyndowe w^t. hoks and hengs xiiij^s. ob. It' for a pale setting vp behynde the lether shamule xxiij^d. It' paid for tyle lyme and sande for the chauncell of Wynge and for the ferme xx^s. It' for setting vp of the hous by the watersyde iij^s. iij^d. It' for the stof that wente therto iij^s. vj^d. It' for the dam ij^s. It' for clensyng of the dyches goyng to the dorter iij^s. Itm paid for the pale by the waterside and for c. di' of nayles vj^d. It' for the said pale and makyng of a dore iij^s. Itm paid to a plu^mer for mending of the ledys of the chirch and the cloyster iij^s. Itm for hewyng of a logge for eves bourd iij^d. Itm paid for caryng of a lode of clay iij^d. It' paid for caryng of vj. m^l. tyle x^s. vj^d. It' for making of a berne dore in Dagenhale xij^d. It' in repacions atte Robt Stodeleys xvij^d. Itm paid for dyv's repacions in Cambrigge iij^s. It' paid for clensyng of the ryvers ij^s. It' paid for caryng of a torche from London vj^d. Itm paid in dyv's expensis at Seint Albony's whan my Lady Gray gave a torche to the place xij^d. Itm rewards geven to the bakers and bruers of the abbey of Seint Albony's within the tyme of this accompte xij^d.

S^m vij^{li}. iij^s. ob.

Divers Expensis.

Item whan I ryde to London for the suyt that was taken ayenst dame Alice Wafer in the comon place for myself and my preest and a woman and ij. men their hyre and hors hyre and mete and drynke in the terme of Est' y^e. secunde yere of the regne of Kyng Henry the vijth. xx^s. Itm paid aboute the same suyt at Mydsom' tyme for iiij. men a woman and iiij. horsis xvj^s. It' paid for the costs of a man to London at Mighelmas terme to Mast' Lathell to have knowlege whethir I shuld have nede to come to London or not xij^d. It' for the same suyt of dame Alice Wafer for herself and a suster w^t. her ij. men ij. horsis in costs at the same tyme xiiij^s. Itm for the same suyt whan I cam from London to have counsell of Mast' More and men of lawe for the same ple x^s. Itm whan I went to Mast' Fforster to the Welde to speke w^t. hym to have counsell for the wele of the place for a kercher geven to hym ij^s. Itm on' other tyme for a couple of capons geven to Mast' Fforst' ij^s. It' for a man rydyng to London at Candilmas to speke w^t. Mast' Lathell and Mast' More and for iiij. hennys geven to them and for the costs of the same man and his hors ij^s. iiij^d. It' whan I went to London to speke w^t. Mast' Lathell for to renewe our charter of the place and other mats of o^r. place xj^s. It' in expenss made vpon Mast' Ffortescue atte dyvs tymes whan I wente to hym to have his counsell for the same suyt in the comon place xiiij^s. iiij^d. It' paid to a man to ryde to Hertford to speke w^t. Norys that he shuld speke to Mast' Ffortescue for the same plee viij^d. Itm in costs for a man to go to Barkehinsted to Thomas Cace viij^d. It' whan I went to Mast' Ffortescue to his place for mens here and hors hire for the same mat' ij^s. It' whan I went to London at an other tyme for the same plee for iiij. men and iiij. hors hire xvj^s. It' paid for corne for the doves xx^d. It' for clensyng of the dufhous iiij^d. It' paid for mowyng of grasse and netillis wⁱⁿ the place vj^d. It' paid for pavyng of and dryvyng of bees vj^d. It' paid to a laborer for setting up of the kechyn wode xiiij^d. It' paid for brede and ale the same tyme ij^d. It' paid for scouryng of y^e. candilstyks and swepyng of the chirche and plaçs vj^d. It' paid for a cloth to strayne wax w^t. all ij^d. It' paid for makyng of the dyner to the susters upon Childermas day ij^s. iiij^d. It' paid for brede and ale for Saint Nicholas clerks ij^d. It' paid to an officer of the bisshop of Caunterburys that cam to knowe in what case the place stode in viij^d. It' paid to Baynard for makyng of ij. newe rentalls viij^d. It' paid for hopyng of tubbys ix^d. ob. It' paid for ij. newe pair of belows vj^d. It' paid for helvyng of an ax and gryndyng of a knyfe ij^d. It' for a bawdryk of a bell ij^d. It' paid for pesen for the doves an other tyme vj^d. It' spente at the ankers of Saint Petres whan I sawe the fermours indentures of Bemond iiij^d. It' for harpers and players atte Cristemas and tymes xiiij^d. It' paid to Willm Noddys for caryng of wode and rydyng to London and to Wyng and to dyvs plaçs vj^s. It' spent whan I went to Beaumont for me and my folks to se the repacions x^d. It' for lokks and keys ij^s. viij^d. It' paid for a boke of paper viij^d. It' for mendyng of a bawdryk of a bell ij^d. It' paid for ffrankensens iiij^d. It' for wax bought at Candilmas and at Estre ij^s. ij^d. It' for makyng of wax at Est' was twelvemoneth at Whitsontyd and at our Lady day Assumpcion ix^d. It' paid for a boke of the sub-prioress was stolen from her ij^s. It' for makyng ix^{xx}. lode of hardewode xxx^s. Itm paid for the makyng of xxviij. lode of baven vj^s. ix^d. It' for caryng xvij^{xx}. lode of wode iiij^u. iiij^s. j^d. It' for ij. men heggyng at Pray wode a day viij^d. It' for hewyng of xv. lode of wode to the susters ij^s. vj^d. It' for pap and pchemyn vj^d. It' paid for makyng and wrytyng of this accompte viij^s. iiij^d. It' paid to divs psones whos names and sumes here under been specified which were due and owyng to them by dame Alice Wafer vj^u. ij^s. vj^d.

S^m xix^u. xviij^s. x^d. ob.

S^m to^{lie}. of all the payments and allowauncs come to iiij^{xx}. xj^u. xiiij^s. ij^d. ob.

And so there is due and owyng to the said dame Cristian Basset for asmuch as the said payments

and allowauncs excede the said receipts and chargs of this present accompte vj^u. x^s. viij^d. ob.

Here foloweth the Dettys that dame Alice Wafer lefte owyng and that the said dame Cristian hath paid for the detts of the said dame Alice Wafer that is to sey.

Ffirst to s ^r . Robert Lydgate preste	xx ^s .
Also to s ^r . John Mason preste	xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Also to the hundredar	vj ^s . viij ^d .
Also to Richard Burton	x ^s .
Also to Robert Pegge	xlviij ^s . iiij ^d .
Also to George Bocher	xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Also to John Shon	iiij ^s .
Also to Ordeways wyf	ij ^s . iiij ^d .
Also to Em' Hegge	ij ^s . vj ^d .
Also to a laborer that labourd in her garden	xij ^d .
S ^m	vj ^u . ij ^s . vj ^d .

Here folowith the olde Detts.

Also Barnwells wyfe late was y ^e . wyfe of Edmund Westby awe for y ^e . rent of on' close croft	vj ^s . viij ^d .
Ffirst for rent for the Ffyssh for xj. yere	xliiij ^s .
Also prioresse of Sopwell for Codycote	xxxvj ^s .
Also Robt Walter for viij. yere	x ^s . viij ^d .
Also Edmund Brakynghm	vj ^s . iiij ^d .
Also Robt Chaundeler of old	vj ^s . viij ^d .
Also John Slough of old for vij. yere	xiiij ^s .
Also of John Page of old	x ^s .
Also of the teñt late of Willm Davy of old	ix ^s .
Also Richard Wright of old	ix ^s . iiij ^d . ob.
Also Hew Edward for . . . . .	. . . . .

S^m of the old det come to viij^u. viij^s. viij^d.

Thise ben the newe Dettys owyng to the said place by dyvs psones whos namys w^t. their sumes hereaft' been specified that is to sey.

Ffirst by Robt Stodeley for rent of assize for qrt	iiij ^d .
It' by John Stepneth for a yere	xij ^d .
It' by the Warden of Saint Petres for a yere	ij ^s .
It' by John Spaldyng for a yere	v ^s .
It' Thomas Smyth colermaker oweth for a yere	viij ^d .
It' Mast' Dykes oweth for a yere	ij ^s .
It' John Barbour oweth	vij ^s . vj ^d .
It' John Shon for iiij. qrt's for the lyme kylne	iiij ^s .
It' the same John Shon oweth for iiij. qrt's for the cotage	ij ^s . ix ^d .
It' Thomas Tyler oweth for a yere and a half	xij ^d .
It' John Martyn oweth for a quart'	xx ^d .
It' Thoñs Warbrace oweth for a yere and a qrt'	viij ^s . iiij ^d .
It' Thomas Gilberd oweth for a qurt'	x ^d .
It' Richard Cordy oweth for a yere and a qrt'	xx ^d .
It' John Home oweth for half a yere	ij ^s .
It' Agnes in Sopwellane oweth for half a yere	ij ^s .
It' Agnes oweth for half a yere	ij ^s .
It' John Ayneshm oweth for iiij. quarters	vj ^s . viij ^d .
It' Richard Nonny oweth for a quart'	v ^d .
It' Robt Stodeley oweth for a qrt' for rente ferme	ij ^s . vj ^d .
It' Richard Benet oweth for a quart'	x ^s .
It' Edmund Brakenhm oweth	viij ^d .
It' John Bywysworth oweth for a yere	xij ^d .
It' Robt Ryot oweth for a quart'	iiij ^s . iiij ^d .

It' Isaac of Cambrigge oweth for a yere	xij ^s .
It' Richard Ffrankelen oweth for a yere	ij ^s .
It' Richard Ordeway oweth for a qrt'	xx ^d .
It' Richard Bailly oweth for a qrt'	iiij ^d . ob.
It' John Hale of Hexston oweth	xiiij ^d .
It' John Slough the harper oweth	iiij ^s . vj ^d .
It' Richard Byrchemore oweth for di' yere	ix ^s .
It' John Marston oweth for half a yere	vj ^s . viij ^d .
It' Thomas Dey of Westwode oweth	v ^s . vj ^d .
It' John Whetakyw oweth	iiij ^s .
It' Robt Walt' oweth for a yere and iiij. qrt's	ij ^s . iiij ^d .
It' Richard Saie of Wynge oweth	vij ^u . x ^d .
It' Rauf Boteler oweth	v ^s . iiij ^d .
It' the abbey of Seint Albony's for fewell in a yere	vij ^s .
It' the kechener of Seint Albony's for potage a yere	xij ^s .
It' by M ^r . Richard for a qrt' that he was surete fore	xx ^d .
It' by Jamys Herby and Awkeburn his son in lawe owe for half a yere for ij. teints w'in the barr	vj ^s . viij ^d .
It' Harry Hoke of London oweth for a yere and iiij. qrt's	xiiij ^d .
It' my lord of Seint Albony's oweth for the almes dissh for ij. yere	xxxiiij ^s . viij ^d .
It' Richard Wedyrherd oweth for a qrt'	ix ^d .
S ^m of the new det come to xvij ^u . xvj ^s . iiij ^d . ob.	

Creditour.

Also there is due to Mast' Lathell for his ffee for a yere and a half	xx ^s .
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NUM. X.

Prioratus de Pratis.

[From Cardinal Wolsey's Book, 18 Hen. VIII. in the Augmentation Office.]

COMPOTUS dominæ priorissæ et administratricis ibidem a festo sancti Nicholai episcopi anno regni regis Henrici octavi xvij^{mo}. usque idem festum extunc proximi sequens anno regni regis prædicti xvij^{mo}. scilicet per unum annum integrum.

Arreragia.

Nulla, quia primus compotus dictæ computantis.

Summa nulla.

Redditus Assisi cum Redditibus et Firmis.

Sed respondet de xv^u. xj^s. j^d. de redditibus et firmis pertinentibus dicto prioratui in diversis comitatibus prout patet per quoddam rentale de particulis inde super hunc compotum ostensum et examinatum. Et de xxxij^u. de firma rectoriæ de Wynge sic dimissæ Willielmo Jackeman pro termino annorum. Et de liij^s. iiij^d. de firma de Bemonds sic dimissæ Roberto Benett per annum. Et de vij^u. de firma terrarum dominicalium ibidem per annum ut patet per rentale prædictum.

Summa lvij^u. iiij^s. v^d.

Penciones et Porciones cum Decimis.

Et de xij^s. de vicario de Redborne pro decimis ibidem solvendis ad duos anni terminos. Et de xxij^s. de Henrico Day de Westwode pro decimis in Sarret et Watford solvendis ad duos anni terminos. De xx^s. de Bursa monasterij pro decimis in Dolowe iiij^s. de sacrista pro decimis gardinorum in Hexston iiij^s. de priorissa de Sopwell pro

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portionem decimarum in Codicote per annum viij^s. De officio forestarij domini abbatis pro focalibus in Boreham Wod per annum xx^s. de officio cameræ domini abbatis pro reddit' in Aynells in Redborne per annum xij^s. de coquinario monasterij prædicti pro pottage silver per annum et xxvij^s. iiij^d. de Bursa monasterij prædicti pro disco Domini in elemosina per annum hoc anno non respondet eo quod totaliter detinentur per officiar' ejusdem monasterij.

Summa xxxiiij^s.

Vendicio Bosci.

De aliquo proficuo proveniente de vendicione bosci ibidem hoc anno non respondet eo quod nulla hujusmodi vendicio facta fuit ibidem per tempus prædictum.

Summa nulla.

Perquisitæ Curiarum.

Nec respondet de aliquo proficuo proveniente de perquisitis curiarum ibidem hoc anno tentarum eo quod nulla curia tenta fuit ibidem per tempus prædictum.

Summa nulla.

Summa totalis oneris lvij^u. xvij^s. v^d.

NUM. XI.

Bulla Clementis septimi Papæ pro supprimendo Monasterio Monialium de Prato Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, et unione ejusdem una cum Ecclesia Parochiali de Tenebyra Monasterio Sancti Albani. Registrata in Camera Apostolica de Mandato Reverendissimi Cardinalis Sanctorum quatuor. B. Motta.

[Rym. Fœd. tom. xiv. p. 243. Ex originali.]

CLEMENS episcopus, servus servorum Dei, ad perpetuam rei memoriam. Ad exequendum pastoralis officii debitum paternis et sollicitis studiis vigilantes circa statum quorumlibet monasteriorum præsertim insignium et personarum in eis sub suavi religionis jugo Altissimo famulantium salubrius dirigendum libenter intendimus, et ut in eisdem monasteriis divinus cultus augeatur et personæ ipsæ divinis insistendo beneplacitis congrue in suis necessitatibus releventur interponimus sollicitudinis nostræ partes. Sane, sicut accepimus, si Monasterium monialium de Prato ordinis sancti Benedicti Lincolniensis diocesis in quo regularis disciplina est plurimum relaxata, et illius moniales, laxatis habenis, normam bene vivendi, prout deberent, non servant penitus supprimeretur, et illius possessiones, prædia et omnia jura, necnon parochialis ecclesia de Tenebyra alias Tenebya Meneviensis diocesis monasterio sancti Albani ordinis et diocesis prædictorum quod dilectus filius Thomas tituli sanctæ Cecilie presbyter cardinalis Eboracensis nuncupatus in regno Angliæ, noster et apostolicæ sedis legatus, ex concessione et dispensatione apostolica in commendam obtinet, perpetuo unirentur, annecterentur et incorporarentur, ex hoc profecto ipsius Thomæ cardinalis ac abbatis qui illic pro tempore fuerit, necnon monachorum in eodem monasterio sancti Albani sub suavi religionis jugo Altissimo famulantium, commoditati plurimum consuleretur, ac aucto inibi numero monachorum divina officia majori cum diligentia celebrarentur ipsique commodius sustentarentur; Nos, qui dudum inter alia volumus, quod in unionibus verus annuus valor secundum communem estimationem tam beneficii uniendi quam illius cui unio fieret exprimi deberet, alioquin unio non valeret, et semper in unionibus commissio fieret ad partes, vocatis quorum interesset, monialum et sancti Albani monasteriorum ac parochialis ecclesiæ prædictorum, fructuum, reddituum et proventuum veros annuos valores præsentibus pro expressis habentes, motu proprio, non ad alicujus nobis oblata petitionis instantiam, sed de nostra mera deliberatione, et ex certa scientia, ac de apostolicæ potestatis plenitudine, monasterium monialium in eo abbatali seu priorissali dignitate et ordine suppressis, ac parochialem ecclesiam hujusmodi, cum omnibus prædiis, possessionibus, terris, juribus et pertinentiis suis, apostolica auctoritate, tenore præsentium, perpetuo unimus, annecti-

mus et incorporamus, ita quod, si monasterium et parochialis ecclesia hujusmodi vacent ad præsens, alioquin cedentibus vel decedentibus monasterii monialium abbatissa seu priorissa, ac parochialis ecclesiæ hujusmodi rectore modernis, aut monasterium et parochialem ecclesiam hujusmodi alias quomodolibet dimittentibus, seu illis quovismodo vacantibus, liceat eidem Thomæ cardinali ac ipsius monasterii sancti Albani commendatario, seu abbati pro tempore, per se vel alium seu alios corporalem monasterii monialium et parochialis ecclesiæ, juriumque et pertinentiarum earundem possessionem, propria auctoritate libere apprehendere et perpetuo retinere, illorumque fructus, redditus, et proventus in suos ac monasteriorum et parochialis ecclesiæ ac conventus monasterii sancti Albani et annexorum eorundem usum et utilitatem convertere, diocesani loci et cujusvis alterius licentia super hoc minime requisita. Non obstantibus voluntate nostra prædicta, ac aliis apostolicis, necnon bonæ memoriæ Ottonis et Ottoboni olim in dicto regno Angliæ apostolicæ sedis legatorum, ac in provincialibus et sinodalibus conciliis editis generalibus vel specialibus constitutionibus et ordinationibus ac statutis et consuetudinibus monasterii monialium et ordinis prædictorum juramento, confirmatione apostolica, vel quavis firmitate alia roboratis privilegiis quoque et indultis apostolicis, et illius abbatissæ seu priorissæ forsitan concessis quæ pressis et insertis habentes illi in suo robore permansuris, hac vice duntaxat specialiter et expresse derogamus contrariis quibuscunque; aut si aliqui super provisionibus sibi faciendis ecclesiasticis.

vel generales apostolicæ sedis prædictæ vel legatorum ejus literas impetrarint, etiamsi per eas ad inhibitionem, reservationem, et decretum, vel alias quomodolibet sit p

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quæcunque ad monasterium monialium et parochialem ecclesiam hujusmodi volumus non extendi sed nullum per hoc eis quoad assecutionem beneficiorum aliorum præjudicium et quibuslibet aliis privilegiis, indulgentiis, et literis apostolicis generalibus vel specialibus quorumcumque tenorum existant, per quæ præsentibus non expressa vel totaliter non inserta effectus eorum impediri valeat quomodolibet vel differri, et de quibus quorumque totis tenoribus de verbo ad verbum habenda sit in nostris literis mentio specialis; provisum quod dicta parochialis ecclesia debitis propterea non fraudetur obsequiis et animarum cura in ea nullatenus negligatur, sed ejus congrue supportentur onera consueta. Nos enim ex nunc irritum decernimus et inane si secus super hiis a quoquam quavis auctoritate scienter vel ignoranter contigerit attemptari. Nulli ergo hominum liceat hanc paginam nostræ unionis, annexationis, incorporationis, derogationis, et decreti infringere, &c. Dat. in Urbe Veteri anno incarnationis Dominicæ millesimo quingentesimo vigesimo octavo, pridie kal. Junii, pontificatus nostri anno quinto.

CLEMENS papa septimus.
HEN. DE BUSSEYO.

Sub sigillo plumbeo pendente a filis sericis flavi rubeique colorum.

Runnery of Sopwell, or Sopedwell,

IN

HERTFORDSHIRE.

A Cell to the Abbey of St. Alban.



frey, he encouraged them by building a cell and other convenient habitations for their use; ordering their number to

ATTHEW PARIS says that in the time of Geoffrey abbat of St. Albans, about the year 1140, two religious women made themselves a habitation by wattling the boughs of trees and covering them with bark, near the wood called Eiwood, not far from the river Ver; where they entered upon a life of prayer and abstinence. The steadiness of their conduct being reported to abbat Geof-

be increased; that they should be clothed as nuns; and, in their conduct, follow the rule of St. Benedict. He also endowed their house, which was dedicated to St. Mary, with certain possessions and rents. The name of Sopwell appears to have been given to the new foundation from the vicinity of a well, whence the first women were wont to fetch water to dress their meat. Abbat Geoffrey, for the credit as well as the safety of his nuns, ordered their house to be secured not only with locks and bolts, but under the seal of the abbat of St. Albans for the time being. He also gave them a cemetery, wherein none but the nuns themselves were allowed to be buried. The charter by which he grants it states the number of the nuns to have been limited to thirteen.*

Henry de Albini and Cicely his wife gave two hides of land in the manor of Cotes to this monastery, which is

* Mat. Par. edit. 1684, p. 1009. See the passage in the Append. Num. I.

described as the small cell which Roger the recluse had formerly rebuilt. He also gave them a claim for wood from the same manor for all the necessary purposes of their house. This gift is said to have been made for the souls of King William the Conqueror and his sons, and for the souls of the parents, brothers and sisters, and children of Henry de Albini and his wife.^a

When Robert de Albini and Cicely his mother placed Amice, a little maid, the sister of Robert and daughter of Cicely, in this Cell, to serve God continually, they gave with her a virgate of land in Cotes which had been held by one Salid. To their instrument on this occasion Geoffrey the abbat was a witness.^b

The same Robert de Albini, by a separate charter, confirmed to the nuns his father's grant of Cotes;^c which was again confirmed, together with the additional donation of Robert, by Robert the younger, the grandson of Henry de Albini.^d

Richard de Tany, by a charter without date, granted to St. Mary and the nuns of Sopwell all his land which Roger Niger held in the soke of Tidenhang, called La Blakhide, quit from all services, customs, and exactions.^e

Such are the testimonies relative to the foundation and endowment of the nunnery of Sopwell quoted by Dugdale in the first part of the Appendix to the present Account.

Mr. Clutterbuck is of opinion, from what is above stated, that Matthew Paris is not strictly accurate in his account of the foundation. The women who erected the wattled house of boughs and rods covered with bark, he observes, must have lived before the time of abbat Geoffrey: for we find that in the time of Henry de Albini the cell had been rebuilt by Roger, a hermit or recluse; and that Geoffrey was himself a witness to the donation of Robert the son of Henry de Albini. So that, though Geoffrey might rebuild the Cell, regulate the constitution of the society of Nuns, and in other respects be their benefactor, he does not appear to have been their founder, or the contemporary of the two first holy females.^f

Among the inquisitions in the Tower there is one, 33 Edw. I., relating to the prioress and nuns of Sopwell, as to Herpesfeld, in the town of St. Albans, and as to 32s. rent issuing out of one carucate of land in the vill of Parke.^g

In 1 Edw. II. a proceeding was had in the Exchequer, when the prioress of Sopwell made fine with the king of twenty shillings for a certain rent in Herpesfeld and in the town of St. Albans, after the publication of the statute, &c. to hold the same in peace.^h

In 1338, Michael de Mentmore, the 29th abbat of St. Albans, at a visitation of this house, promulgated certain Rules for its regulation; enjoining a stricter order and observance than had been for some time before practised. These were, 1. That the commemoration of St. Alban should be kept as usual. 2. That not more than three nuns should sit in the chapter. 3. That silence should be observed in the church, the cloister, the refectory, and the dormitory. 4. That the nuns should rise in the morning at the ringing of a bell; none to leave the dormitory till the bell had been rung. 5. Regulations respecting the opening and shutting of the garden and parlour doors. 6. That no sister hold conversation with secular persons in the parlour, but with her cowl and veil on. 7. That tailors and other persons employed, work in some place assigned to them without the Monastery, and have no admission into chambers or private places. 8. That any sister under sentence of penance shall still perform her duties in the church. 9.

Sick sisters to be kept in the infirmary. 10. The nuns not to lodge out of the convent; nor guests to be lodged in the dormitory. 11. The mass of our Lady to be attended by all the sisters.ⁱ

PRIORESSES of SOPWELL.

JOHANNA.^k

PHILIPPA, prioress of Sopwell, died in 1330, when great caballing is said to have ensued among the sisters; who, at last, fixed with unanimity on one *Alice de Hakeney*. This coming to the knowledge of the abbat of St. Albans (in whom alone was the power to make the prioress, without any consent or leave of the sisters), he despatched the prior of his monastery thither, with orders to appoint some other whom he might find qualified. Accordingly the prior went, and, calling a full chapter, directed that

ALICE DE PEKESDENE should be prioress; who afterwards discharged the duty with great credit.^l

MATILDA FLAMSTEAD, or DE FLAMSTEDE, prioress of Sopwell, died in 1430. Newcome says she had lived in the rules of religion sixty years and eighteen weeks; and, in the whole, eighty-one years and eight weeks.^m

LETITIA WYTENHAM occurs prioress in the 6th, 13th, and 14th of Hen. V., and again in 1426.

Newcome says, in the end of the year 1480, a commission was given by the abbat of St. Albans to Rothebury the cellarer and Thomas Ramrugge the sub-prior to visit the cell of Sopwell, and there to set aside from her office of prioress

JOAN CHAPPELL, now very old, and too infirm to discharge her duty in the care of the house; and to place in that office

ELIZABETH WEBB, one of the sisters.ⁿ

AGNES WAKEFELD, who will presently be again mentioned, occurs in 1529.

JOAN PYGOT was prioress at the Dissolution, and was still living in 1553. Her pension at the suppression of the house was 6*l.* per annum.^o

So many writers have agreed to call

JULIANA BARNES prioress of Sopwell,^p that it would seem hardly right to omit all mention of her here.

Dame Julyans or Juliana Barnes, otherwise Berners, is generally designated as the authoress of "The Book containing the Treatises of Hawking, Hunting, Coat-Armour, Fishing, and Blasing of Arms," printed at Westminster by Wynkyn de Worde in 1496. She is supposed to have been born toward the latter end of the fourteenth century at Roding Berners, in Essex. The received report is that she was daughter of Sir James Berners, of Roding Berners, Knight, whose son Richard was created Baron Berners *t.* Hen. IV., and that she once held the situation of prioress of Sopwell Nunnery.^q It must not however be concealed that no such person can be found in any authentic pedigree of the Berners family; nor do the county historians of Hertfordshire, nor indeed any other writers, notice her from documents.

Tanner, speaking of Sopwell nunnery, and alluding to abbat Geoffrey's charter, says herein were formerly thirteen nuns, but, about the time of the Suppression, only nine, who then had yearly revenues, valued, according to Dugdale, at 40*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.*: according to Speed, at 68*l.* 8*s.*

King Henry the Eighth, in the 30th year of his reign, granted the scite of Sopwell nunnery to Sir Richard Lee, Knight, and Margaret his wife; with the manor of Sopwellbury in the following year.^r According to Num. VIII.

^a See Num. II.

^b Num. III.

^c Num. IV.

^d Num. V.

^e Num. VI.

^f Hist. Hertf. vol. i. p. 104.

^g Cal. Inquisit. post mortem, vol. i. p. 202.

^h Abbrev. Rot. Orig. vol. i. p. 158.

ⁱ See Num. VII.

^j MS. Cotton. Nero D. vii.

^k Newcome, Hist. St. Alb. p. 220.

^l Ibid. p. 311. It was in her time, A.D. 1429, that Margaret duchess of Clarence and the Lady Margaret de Wynt made regular profession and were admitted to the rule at Sopwell. Ibid. p. 310. See also p. 337.

^m Ibid. p. 394.

ⁿ In the Roll of Pensions, 2 and 3 Phil. and Mar. we have

"SOPPEWELL nuper priorat. Annuit. Thomæ Vaughan per annum xx". *Penc.* Johannæ Pygot nuper Priorisse ibidem per annum vj*l.*"

^p See Tann. Bibl. Brit. Hib. p. 76. Warton, Hist. Engl. Poet. vol. ii. p. 171. Biogr. Britann. edit. Kippis, vol. ii. p. 274. Herbert, Typogr. Antiq. p. 1433, &c.

^q See Haslewood's Biogr. Notices prefixed to the Book of St. Albans, p. 5. Bale, Script. illust. mag. Brit. cent. viii. says she flourished A.D. 1460.

^r "Hertf. Rex xiiij. die Decembris concessit Ricardo Lee et Margarete uxori ejus Domum et Scitum nuper Prioratus de Sopwell in parochia sancti Petri infra villam sancti Albani, ac omnia mesuagia &c. habend. eis et hereditibus ipsius Ricardi." Orig. 30 Hen. VIII. ro. 92.

"Hertf. Rex xxviii. die Febr. concessit Ricardo Lee de villa sancti Albani totum illud manerium de Sopwellbury et al. terr. in villa

of the Appendix to the present Account, a fresh grant to Sir Richard Lee must have been made in the 33d of Hen. VIIIth.

The present owner of the scite is the earl of Verulam.

No Register of this nunnery is noticed in Tanner: though the following references occur to manuscripts and public records which have not been already referred to:

"Cart. orig. Joan de Shelford mil. fact. monialibus de Sopewell, inter MSS. cl. Dodsworth in bibl. Bodl. n. 76, fol. 103.

"De fundatione hujus cellæ, ibid. vol. lxxviii. fol. 83.

"Pat. 9 Edw. I. m. . Plac. in banco, 27 Edw. I. rot. 110, de vasto in boscis de Shenly.

"Pat. 1 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 6, in cedula, pro redd. in Harpsfield.

"Pat. 17 Ric. II. p. 2, m. 7, de viii. mess. in villa S. Albani. Rec. in Scacc. 20 Ric. II. Hill. rot. 11."^a

In Jones's Index to Records in the Exchequer, vol. ii. is this reference: "Carta regis Henrici tertii nuper regis Angliæ monialibus de Sopwell in com. Hertf."

There are in the Augmentation Office two Court-rolls. The earliest is of the sixth year of K. Henry the Fifth, and purports to be the court of Letitia prioress of the house of the blessed Mary of Sopwell and the convent of the same place. The other contains two courts; one of the 13th, the other of the 14th of Henry VI.: the latter purporting also to be the court of the above-mentioned Letitia.

An Entry in the Proceedings of the Court 6 Hen. V. seems to show the independence of the prioress as to the abbey of St. Albans. It is thus: "adhuc consulendum est

cum consilio Domine pro quadam transgressionem per Abbatem de sancto Albano in le Sellewode facta."

The Augmentation Office also contains a Lease made between Agnes Wakefeld prioress of Sopwell with the convent of the same place on one part, and Agnes Gascoyne of Graveley in the county of Hertford, widow, on the other part. By this lease the prioress and convent demise their lands and tenements in Wymondley the Less and More, and in Graveley, to the said Agnes and her assigns for twenty years, at the yearly rent of forty shillings. The lease bears date in the chapter-house at Sopwell the 16th of November, in the 20th year of Henry the Eighth.

To this lease was affixed both the CONVENT SEAL and the seal of Agnes the prioress. Of one of these, most probably the former, a Fragment still remains. It seems to have been of homely workmanship. From the small part which is left of it, the subject appears to be the Virgin Mary sitting, and underneath a nun praying. No part of the legend is left.

The RUINS of Sopwell nunnery occupy a considerable space of ground about half a mile south-eastward from St. Albans: but the dilapidations have been so great, that neither the plan of the buildings, nor their appropriation, can now be traced. The principal part of the original edifice was enlarged and altered by Sir Richard Lee for his own residence, and the surrounding ground enclosed by a wall, the greater part of which remains.

In the chapel of this nunnery King Henry VIII. is said to have been married to one of his wives.^b

Cartae ad Sopwellense Coenobium in agro Hertfordensi spectantes: Cellam S. Albani.

NUM. I.

[Mat. Par. in Vit. Abb. S. Albani, edit. 1684, p. 1009.]

Ejus quoque tempore (Gaufridi scilicet xvj. abbatis sancti Albani) anno Dominicæ incarnationis circiter mcl. duæ sanctæ mulieres, facta quadam pauperrima mansione ex ramis arborum et palis corticatis, et virgis conraticulatis, juxta silvam quæ Eiwoda dicitur, non longè à rivo, qui ibidem dilatatur, vitam ducere cœperunt vigiliis et orationibus sub mirabili abstinentia, et irreprehensibili castitate, novellam religionem suam feliciter continuarunt, in pane et aqua corpora sua macerantes; quarum conversatio commendabilis, et per plures annos præcognita incommutabilis, cum abbati Gaufrido innotuisset, construxit ibidem cellam, divino oraculo persuasus, mansiunculas ibidem mulieribus construi jussit oportunas. Ubi easdem prædictas mulieres, additis aliis more sanctimonialium velatas, et sub ordine sancti Benedicti victuras, constituit. Inspirante igitur Dei gratia felix suscepit incrementum in spiritualibus et temporalibus cellula memorata. Et patrocinante beata Dei genetrice Maria (à qua intitulatur) odore bonæ famæ vicinas partes illustravit. Contulit igitur prædictus abbas, memorati fundator domicilii, quasdam possessiones et redditus, quibus vitam valerent honestam, (etsi exilem) sustentare. Domus igitur memorata, à fonte qui vicinus est illi

loco in quo offas facere consueverant mulieres primitivæ, nomen sortitur appellationis, et Sopwella nuncupatur. Abbas insuper famæ et salutis sanctimonialium præcavens, ibidem mansionem facturarum, easdem sub clave, et sera, ac sigillo abbatis qui pro tempore erit, decrevit ibidem includendas. Nec aliquam ibi, nisi virginem, in earum collegium sub castigato et limitato numero, suscipiendam. Assignavitque eis cæmeterium, et fecit dedicari; in quo nullus nisi de eisdem sanctimonialibus sepelietur, sicut carta super his confecta testificatur, quam præsentis paginæ duximus inscribendam.

'Notum sit omnibus fidelibus sanctæ ecclesiæ ipsa die qua benedictum est cæmeterium virginum de Sopwella, videlicet, vij. idus Octobris, perpetua conventionem statutum et definitum esse, quod in illo cæmeterio nullus habebit sepulturam, neque vir, neque femina, nec clericus, neque laicus, neque serviens, nec forinsecus, præter virgines tantum quæ inclusæ fuerint. Virgines autem illius loci, nullam penitus possunt intus, vel debent per se suscipere, nisi abbas et conventus præceperit. Et numerus inclusarum tresdecim debet esse et non amplius. Teste Alexandro episcopo, et clericis ejus, et Gaufrido abbate, et monachis Hamone et Alquino, et Michaeli cantore, et Radulpho Goberti, et Roberto decano, et Petro decano, et multis aliis.'

sancti Albani habend. ei et hæredibus suis." Orig. 31 Hen. VIII. ro. 224.

^a Notit. Monast.

^b Gough's Camden, edit. 1789, vol. i. p. 348.

NUM. II.

Carta Henrici de Albineio et Cecilie Uxoris ejus de duabus Hidis Terræ in Cotes.

[Ex Registro Abbatie S. Albani in Bibl. Cottoniana, fol. 198.]

IN honore Jesu Christi Domini nostri, et sanctæ Mariæ Virginis genitricis ejus, hoc noscat Christianitas, quod Henricus de Albineio, et domina Cecilia uxor ejus, dant in manerio de Cotes duas hidas terræ sanctæ Mariæ, et cellulæ illius prope sanctum Albanum, videlicet, illi cellulæ quam frater Rogerus solitarius prius instauravit, et nominatim ad opus illius cellulæ, et illis ancillis Dei et servis Dei, qui nunc præsentialiter, ibi Deo devotè familiarantur, et illis ancillis Dei vel servis Dei qui post illos ibi secundum Dominum vixerint, et hanc terram dant ita solutam, et quietam ab omnibus rebus, ut suam dominicam terram, quam proprii atratis suis lucrari faciunt, et de nemore ejusdem manerii sumant necessaria, et ad domos suas, et ad ignem, et ad clausuram; et per forestarium, ad proprios porcos sibi nutritos et hominum suorum in nemore sine pasnagio. Et hoc donum factum est pro anima regis Willielmi qui Angliam adquisivit, et filiorum suorum, et pro patribus et matribus nostris et filiis vel filiabus eorum, et propriis filiis nostris quos Deus dabit nobis, et nunc dedit. Hujus doni testis est Radulfus Pirote, et Nigellus filius Erfasti, et Gaufridus de Clitunia, et Robertus filius Amali.

NUM. III.

Carta Roberti de Albineio et Cecilie Matris suæ, de duabus Hidis Terræ et una Virgata in Cotes.

[Ibid. fol. 198.]

ROBERTUS de Albineio et Cecilia mater sua, quando Amiciam puellulam, sororem ipsius Roberti, et Cecilie filiam posuerunt in cella sanctæ Mariæ, juxta sanctum Albanum sita, ad serviendum Deo jugiter, illic dederunt pariter cum illa, Deo et sanctæ Mariæ et ancillis Christi de cella eadem, unam virgatam terræ in Cotes, quam Salidus tenuit, cum ipso Salido, ita liberam sicut Henricus de Albineio, pater Amiciæ, dederat eidem cellæ, duas hidas terræ in prædicto manerio, scilicet, in Cotes. Hujus rei testes sunt Gaufridus abbas, Patricius de Chadurcis, Radulfus de Garham, et alii.

NUM. IV.

Confirmatio Roberti de Albineio de Donatione Patris sui Henrici.

[Ibid.]

NOTUM sit universis, tam præsentibus, quàm futuris, quod ego Robertus de Albineio concedo dominabus de cella Sopwellæ, habere terram suam de Cotes, quam pater meus Henricus de Albeneio, memorato loco, cum Amicia sorore mea dedit, liberam et quietam, et absolutam ab omni sæculari servitio et exactione, ita quod amodo de præfata terra, sive de hominibus eam tenentibus, nullam penitus servitium requiram nisi tantummodo quantum propriè regi pertinet. Istius existunt testes Radulfus Pirot senior, Radulfus Pirot junior, Richardus filius N. Willielmus Travaill, Stephanus de Pull, et alii.

NUM. V.

Confirmatio Cartæ Roberti junioris de Albeneio, de Donatione Henrici avi sui.

[Ibid.]

SCIANT omnes, præsentis et futuri, ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit, quod ego Robertus filius Roberti de Albeneio concessi, et hac mea carta confirmavi omnes donationes in terris, et redditibus, et homagiis, quas Henricus avus meus sive Robertus pater meus ecclesiæ de Sopewelle sanctæ Mariæ, et monialibus ibi Deo servantibus, aliquo tempore contulerunt, scilicet, in manerio de Cotes duas

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hidas terræ arabilis in dominio, et de nemore ejusdem manerii necessaria ad domos suas reficiendas, et ad ignem, et ad clausuram per visum forestarii percipient, et porcos proprios et hominum suorum habebunt in nemore illius manerii sine pasnagio. Ex dono etiam Roberti patris mei in eodem manerio quadraginta solidatas terræ, cum hominibus, et omnimodis eorum sectis, qui easdem terras tenent. Concessi præterea unam virgatam terræ in prædicto manerio de Cotes quam pater meus dedit eis, ita liberam, sicut duæ hidæ, quas avus meus dedit, cum hominibus, et eorum sectis qui eandem virgatam tenent. Concessi etiam sex denariorum redditum, ad faciendum mandatum in die absolutionis, quem pater meus dedit eis. Has terras ego et hæredes mei acquietabimus erga regem, de scutagio, et hostagio, et omni auxilio et alio servitio ad regem pertinente, præter murdrum, et danegheldum, et pontagium de Bedeford, et auxilium vicecomitis, et præpositi hundredi. His testibus Radulfo Pirot, Nigello de Albineio, Willielmo fratre ejus, et aliis.

NUM. VI.

Carta Richardi de Tany de Terra in Blakehide.

[Ibid.]

SCIANT præsentis et futuri, quod ego Richardus de Tany, assensu et voluntate hæredis mei concessi et præsentem carta mea confirmavi Deo, et sanctæ Mariæ et monialibus de Sopwelle, in puram, perpetuam, et liberam elemosinam, totam terram illam quam Robertus Niger tenuit in soca de Tidenhang, quæ terra appellatur la Blakhida; tenendam liberè, quietè, pacificè, solutam et quietam ab omni servitio et consuetudine et exactione. Ego et hæredes mei warrantizabimus dictis monialibus memoratam terram sicut liberam elemosinam contra omnes homines et fœminas. Testibus his Reginaldo filio et hærede meo, et Petro filio meo, et aliis.

NUM. VII.

Incipiunt quædam consuetudines Regulæ Monialium beatæ Mariæ Sopewell, ab antiquo usitatæ, et per dominum Michaellem Abbatem renovatæ et approbatæ, quas in antea statuit districtius observari.

[Ex Registro quodam Cœnobii S. Albani in Bibl. Cottoniana, sub effigie Neronis D. I. fol. 189 a.]

MICHAEL par la soeffrance de Dieu Abbe de Saint Auban, a nos cheres filles en Dieu la prioressse et le convent de Sopewell saluz, oue la grace Jhesu Crist, et nostre benyson. Purce que nous avons entendu par inquisition faicte entre vous en nostre visitacion, et apres, que ascunes custumes bones et honestes avant ces hures uses entre vous, sont par negligence entrelessez, et autres usages qui sount abusions, gardes et usez, les queux sont contre lestat de vostre religion. Et pur ceo que as nous attient par la reson de la cure que nous avons tiels defautes amender, vous comandons enchargeantz en vertue de obedience en laquelle vous nous estes tenuz, que les custumes et les amendementz dabusions avantdites desore enavant gardez si come elles sount desouz escriptes, issint que vous pussez avoir merit de Dieu par vostre obedience, et estcheure grevouce penaunce, si nous vous trouvons dessobeissauntes a cestes noz ordinaunces, que Dieu defent.

1. La coustume de la commemoration de saint Auban soit garde sicome il soleit estre. Cest assavoir que vous chanterez de lui un jour en la symaigne, cest a dire le Jeofdy si voide soit, ou autre jour que sera void, et ceo ne soit lesse forsque en Advent, et quarreme et deins les octaves des principales festes, et por feste de treis lessons que avera propre estorie.

2. Pur mals escheure et quiete et charite norir, et tener, nous comaundons que en chapitle ne soient forsque treis voyz; cest assavoir de icelle qui sera president et de la suppriouressse ou de une autre gardiene de lordre, et de icelle qui sera challengee ou clame par sun trespas, et si nulle soit rebelle en chapitle a la . . . priouressse ou autre gardeyne del ordre president, soyt celle rebelle par celle

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gardeyne del ordre qui est prochaine apres celle gardeyne de l'ordre president, et soit celle rebelle a payn et ewe sans relees a la jornee, et mesme la penaunce eit celle gardeyn del ordre qui lerra clamer une tiele rebelle.

3. Purce que vous estes tenuz par la reule saint Be-neyt a la silence tenir en lesglise en le cloistre en le refey-tour, et en le dortour, vous commandons que la silence soit tenue en les lieux avaunt ditz, et si nulle enfreigne la silence prenge sa veyne en chapitle, et preigne discipline regulere reconissante sa coulpe. Et si tiele que enfreyne silence ne voille de gree prendre sa veyne, soit clame par gardeyne del ordre, et mise a plus dure penaunce. Et si aveygne que auscune tense ou autre desordonnement, soit celle mise en silence par tut, et teigne la penaunce treis jours.

4. Auxi avons ordine que checun jour matyn, quant temps sera de lever, la suppriouresse, au autre gardeyne del ordre, soune la petit seyn qui pent pres del Queere, et nulle isse la dortour auaunt cel sonyt, saunz especial conge del gardeyne del ordre, et a cel sonyt, levent touz et faites les treis orisones usueles, soient touz a la messe nostre dame; et apres cele messe, sesent touz en lencloistre jesque au prime entendautes seulement a lour psalter, orisones et autres devocions, ou a recorder le dieu^a service, et quant temps sera, soit prime sone, et a prime soient touz horspris les malades et les seynes: et prime chantee entrent touz en chapitle, et facent ceo que apent, et apres chapitle soient occupez jesques a heure de manger en bones occupacions issintque que celles qui sont tenuz soyent a la graunt messe et a les heures de jour.

5. Auxi avons ordine que les hus devers le gardyn, ne soit pas deshore enavant overt devaunt prime; et en este en temps de la Myriene soient les hus de le parlour et de le gardeyn, et les fenestres devers la cuisine clos, et ne soient pas overtes taunque home soune a heure de nounge qui serra chaunte apres le Meriene, et que les avaunt ditz hus de le parlour et de le gardyn checun nuyt parmy lan taunt toust apres cuverefeu sone en labbeye soient closes, sil ne seit par resonable encheson, laquelle nous volons estre a la conside-racion de confessor.

6. Et purce que covenable chose est dames de religion en presence de seculers se eient ordinement en habite et en porture, nous volons et ordinons que nulle de vous des ore enavaunt viegne a parlour a parler oue seculers si ele neyt son cool et son visage covert de cuverchiefs et de veil ordine, come apent a vostre religion. Et nulle persone soit suffert d'entrer forsque honestes, et si tiele persone voille demorir a manger, mange en le parlour denseyne par congie le confessor, et nemie en chambres, sauns conge de nous especial, ou de nostre priour, si nous soions absents.

7. Des overours des queux vous aures mester pur voz necessaires, cest assavoir taillors et pelleters, volons que pur tiels overours soit une lieu ordine pres de lencloistre, ou tiels overours facent lourz overaignes, et que tiels overours ne soient mes appelez en chambres, ne en lieu prive. Et soient les overours tiels des quey suspencion de mal ne puisse estre.

8. Et pur ceo que nous avons entenduz que une abus-ion est entre vous, que si une de vous soit mise en silence, pur sa culpe, elle ne deveroit lire ne chanter, ne veer le sacrement de la messe, nous reprovons celle abus-ion, et commandons de quant nulle de vous sera en cel cas, que le lise et chante oue les autres et veie le sacrement de la messe sicome est graunte a Chrestien deveer.

9. Une autre custume soleit estre garde entre vous, qui si nulle de vous feust malade elle deust entre en lenfer-merie et nemye en autre chaumbre; et pur ceo volons que ceste custume soit tenue, et que la priouresse ne pusse congie donner d'autrement faire. De ceste observance vo-louns que la priouresse et la suppriouresse soient horsprises.

10. Auxi avons ordine que desore enavaunt la priouresse ne donne congie a nulle de vous a demourer hors de la dortour en chaumbres de nuyt oue hostes que ven-

dront, et que nulles hostes seculeres ne reguleres ne gisent en la dortour oue vous, mes seulement vous qui estes del convent, et checune soule en son lyt, sicome apent a vostre estat.

11. Une autre custume soleit estre entre vous, que le chapelleyne que vous appelleyz nostre dame deveroit lever a matynes en xij. lessons, et eider le confessor, lire les quatre lessons del exposition del euangelie, et checune symaigne une fois chaunter la messe nostre dame a note, a laquelle messe vous deusses tous estre, et mesme celuy chapelleyne soleit lire le euangel en chacun principal feste a la grande messe. Laquelle custume voullons que desore enavant soit tenue.

Edita et publicata sunt hæc per dominum Michaellem abbatem apud domum de Sopewelle, visitationis officium exercentem, die sanctæ Fidis virginis, anno Domino millesimo trecentesimo trigesimo octavo.

NUM. VIII.

Abstract of the Particular for Grant to Sir Richard Lee, 33 Hen. VIII.

[From the Original in the Augmentation Office.]

PARCELLÆ Terrarum et Possessionum nuper Prioratus de Soppewell in comitatu Hertford.

Manerium de Blakehide, alias vocatum Corsers, cum omnibus terris, tenementis, et alijs redditibus in villis et campis Sancti Albani, Southmymmez, Colnez, Weymere, Ikelforde, Hychen, Hyde, Wallyngforde, Polloxhille, Shenley, et Rudge, in comitatibus Hertfordiæ et Bedfordiæ.

Valent in

Redditibus assisis terrarum et te-nementorum infra villam et campos sancti Albani, &c. cxliij^s. xj^d.

Redditibus assisis terrarum et te-nementorum in Southmymmes per an-num iiij^s. vj^d.

Redditibus assisis terrarum et te-nementorum in Colneye per annum v^s. j^d.

Redditibus assisis terrarum et te-nementorum in Weymere juxta Mer-gate in com. Bedf. per annum xviiij^d.

Firma manerij de Blakehide alias vocati Corsers in parochia de Rygge, cum le tylekyl, &c. iiij^{li}. x^s.

Firma unius mesuagij et terr. &c. in villa et campis de Thebryge seu alibi in parochia de Sanderudge vo-cat. le Twoo Hydes of Lande, &c. xxxij^s.

Firma certarum terrarum, &c. in villis et campis de Ikelford, Hychen, Hyde, et Wallyngforde, et decim. garb. et feni, &c. in Polloxehill in com. Bedf. xxxiiij^s.

Firma unius mesuagij vocati Rawdisshe, cum terris arrabilibus, pratis, pascuis, et pasturis, et uno prato vocato Southmeade in parochia de Shenley, &c. lxviij^s. iiij^d.

Firma terrarum in villa de Rudge Summa xviiij^{li}. x^s. iiij^d. ob.

Memorandum, the premyssez ben graunted to Sr. Ri-chard Lee, Knyght, Laydye Margaret his wife, and to the heires male of the body of Sr. Richard lawfully begotten, for ever, by the kings letters patent, dated at Westmynster the xvth. day of Apryll in the xxxiiij^d. yere of the reigne of our said soveraigne lord Kinge Henry the viijth.

Ex^r. per me

THOMAS MILDEMAIE, auditorem.

^a divin, melius.

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 29 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

NUPER PRIORATUS SIVE MONASTERIUM DE SOPEWELL.

Com' Hertf'		£.	s.	d.
Sopewell Lane et al' loc' in villa Sci Albani	Redd' Assis'	6	6	0½
Wymondeley et Graveley	Terr' et Ten'	2	0	0
Celborne in paroch' Sancti Petri	Mesuag' &c.	2	10	0
Sopewell Lane	Ten' et Prat'	1	5	0
Fishpole Street	Tenementum	0	7	0
Church Street	Tenementum	0	14	0
- - - - -	Al' Tenementum	0	10	0
- - - - -	Al' Tenementum	1	0	0
High Street	Tenementum	0	13	4
S. Petri paroch'	Cotag' et Gardin'	0	4	0
- - - - -	Al' Mesuag'	0	7	0
Collewood	Herbag', Bosc', &c.	0	13	4
Sopewell Lane	Septem Cotag'	1	4	0
Celwood	Bosc' et Subbosc'	0	3	4
Thebryge in Sanderyge	Mes' et Terr'	1	12	0
Ikelford, Hichen, Hide, et Wallyngtonford	Terr', &c.	1	14	0
Com' Bedf'				
Kechyn in Polloxhill	X ^m			
Com' Hertf'				
Shenley	Mesuag' voc' Randyshe	3	7	4
Sopewell Lane	Tenementum	0	9	0
Com' Northton'				
Croughton	Terr'	1	6	8
Com' Hertf'				
Sopewell Lane	Ten', Gardin', et Prat'	1	5	0
Paroch' S. Petri	Tenementum	0	5	0
- - - - -	Al' Ten'	0	5	0
Ruddege	Terr'	1	1	0
Civit' London'				
Walbroke	Duo Ten'	0	6	0
Com' Hertf'				
Harpisfeld Hall in vill' S. Albani	Terr'	1	0	0
Coticote	Rectoria	9	0	0
Com' Bedf'				
Cotes	Maneria	4	6	8
Com' Hertf'				
Rigge	Maneria de Blakehide al' Corsers	4	10	0
Sopewell	Terr' Dominic'	4	0	8
- - - - -	Elemosina	6	3	4

Benedictine Nunnery of Merkyate, or Mergate, now Market Street,

SOMETIMES CALLED

The Church of the Holy Trinity de Bosco, or in the Wood,

IN

BEDFORDSHIRE.



THE monastery of Mergate, or Market Street, situated in a wood within the parish of Caddington, has been usually considered, and we believe really is, in Bedfordshire:^a but the Messrs. Lysons, who call it MARKET CELL, probably following Chauncy, speak of it as on the Hertfordshire side of the parish.^b

In the former edition of the *Monasticon* this house was erroneously styled a CELL to the ABBEY of ST. ALBAN.

Ralph the dean, with the chapter of St. Pauls in London, lords of the soil, gave the site of this house and some adjoining lands in 1145;^c but the building an endowment was chiefly owing to the care and bounty of Geoffrey abbat of St. Albans. Matthew Paris states that Geoffrey built this monastery twice from the foundation; and that he endowed it, without the consent of his convent, with all their tithes of Caisho, and two parts of their tithe of corn through the whole parish of Watford.^d

By the dean and chapter's charter the prioress Christina and her successors were to pay three shillings yearly as a quit-rent, or perpetual acknowledgment for the ground, "de recognitione fundi." The subsequent prioresses were to be chosen by the nuns, and ordained by the chapter of the cathedral. The prioress was to swear fealty to the dean and chapter; and the Nuns who succeeded those first appointed were to be sworn to the prioress in their own chapter.^e

The church of Merkyate nunnery was consecrated to

the Holy Trinity by Alexander bishop of Lincoln, in the year above-mentioned; when Ralph de Langford the dean of St. Pauls, with one of the canons and a clerk of the church, attended on behalf of the chapter, and offered the charter containing their gift of the site of the monastery upon the altar.^f

Bishop Kennett says, there was afterwards given to this monastery an estate in Burcester in Oxfordshire, of which the mansion was called Nonnes-place.^g The prioress and nuns, he adds, in 1212, 13 and 14 Joh. granted to Herve prior of Burcester two selions or ridges of land in Hodesham, in exchange for one acre nearer to their land in Nyhenaker, and half an acre of meadow nigh to their meadow called Gilberts-ham, by mutual indenture.^h

Several passages relating to other possessions of this monastery occur in Sir William Dugdale's *History of Warwickshire*.

Speaking of the hamlet of Kinwaldsey, a member of Hampton in that county, he says, whether it were given to the nuns of Mergate by Roger de Moubray or by one of the Ardens who had that lordship of Hampton from his grant I cannot say; yet clear it is that 'twas one of those who so gave it: for it appears that Christina prioress of Merkyate and the rest of her fellow-nuns did demise it, together with Didington, unto the first William de Arden about King Richard the First's time; for both which they reserved the yearly rent of xx^s. and that Hugh de Arden, son and heir to the same William, purchased the inheritance of them both, from Isabel the succeeding prioress and the convent of that house for the sum of thirty marks: and that these together with Knolle came to the monks of Westminster 20 Edw. I.ⁱ

Under Kington, alias Kingsford, part in the parish of Bickenhill and part in Solihull parish, Dugdale says, "This

^a Compare Pope Nich. Taxation, Tanner, &c. Tanner says expressly "Though this hamlet be partly in Bedfordshire and partly in Hertfordshire, yet the priory was in the former (as Pat. 2 Edw. VI.), notwithstanding Chauncy."

^b *Magna Britan.* vol. i. p. 62. Bishop Tanner says that Speed mentions another nunnery at Merkyate built 6 Edw. I. by Gilbert de Clare, earl of Gloucester, to the honour of St. Giles: but this he conceives to be the same with De Bosco juxta Flamsted, not far from Merkyate, but in Hertfordshire.

^c *Append. Num.* VI.

^d Compare the *Append. Num.* I. Geoffrey is elsewhere said to have done this at the particular instigation of Roger the hermit. See *Numm.* II. III.

^e Leland, *Collectan.* edit. 1770, vol. i. p. 83, says, "Prior S. Trin.

de Bosco (Moniales) juxta Markgate [Bedf.] *Rogerus abbas S. Albani primus fundator. Modernus fundator Decanus S. Pauli Lond.*"

^f See *Num.* VII.

^g Kennett, *Par. Antiq.* new edit. vol. i. p. 138. In the reign of Edw. IV. this land in Burcester, being assessed among the temporals of the abbess of Merkyate, was computed at the yearly value of 17^s. x^d. of which the tenths were rated at v. viij^d. *Transcript. Regist. Archid. Oxon. MS. penes Anton. Wood.* We find it noticed, subsequent to the Dissolution, in the *Repertories to the Originalia in the Exchequer*. "Rex xxv^{to}. die Octobris, concessit Johanni Denton reversionem manerii in Bursestre vocat. le Nonnes Place in Bysseter, Kyngende in com. Bed. &c. Orig. 34 Hen. VIII. ro. 40."

^h Kennett, *ut supr.* vol. i. p. 246. See the grant, *Num.* X.

ⁱ *Dugd. Hist. Warw.* p. 709. In illustration see the charters in the Appendix to the present Account, *Numm.* VIII. IX.

is a very antient place, though now there be little sign thereof; for I find that there stood a church here, in the beginning of King Henry the Third's time, the advowson whereof was granted in the 5th of that king's reign to the Nuns of Mergate in Bedfordshire by one Henry le Notte: but afterwards, viz. in 16 Edw. II. it had the reputation for no more than a chapel belonging to Bikenhill."^a

Of Colshill he says, "The church was very anciently given to the nuns of Merkyate: for in Henry the Third's time it had a vicar endowed.^b Nevertheless about the beginning of Edward the First's reign, there grew suit betwixt these nuns and John de Clinton senior, touching the advowson thereof; but, at length, they came to an accord, and gave him a hundred marks of silver to quit his title thereto; which he did by a fine then levied,^c whereby it appears that the now churches of Lea, Over Whitacre, and Nether Whitacre, were chapelries antiently belonging thereto. In 1291, the rectory, then appropriated to those nuns, was valued at eighteen marks, and the vicarage at vj. marks."^d

The church of Whitacre Superior, Dugdale says, was originally but a chapel belonging to Colshill; "yet," he adds, "did the patronage thereof pass by the name of a Church in 3 Joh. as appears by the grant then made unto the Nuns of Mergate from Jordan de Whitacre."^e

Lea, he says, "was anciently given to the nuns of Mergate by one of the De la Launds, as I guess; but it seems that the title which those nuns had was not very firm: for in 26 Hen. III. James de la Launde recovered the right of presentation thereto:^f howbeit afterwards they grew to composition with him,^g and gave him fifty-seven marks of silver to quit his claim to it; which he did in 36 Hen. III. whereupon it became appropriated to them, but no vicar endowed; so that the curate there was provided by those nuns as a stipendiary to them."^h

The church of St. Peter Kingsbury was given to the nuns of Mergate by the first Osbert de Arden about the beginning of King Stephen's time, though till 36 Hen. III. they did not quietly enjoy it.ⁱ

Bridges, in his History of Northamptonshire, says, the church of Buckby in that county belonged to the priory of Merkyate, the advowson of which was given by the prioress, 6 Joh. to Saher de Quincy, lord of the manor.^k In another page he notices that in the 37th of Henry VIII. certain messuages, lands, and tenements in the parish of Brington, which had belonged to the priory of Merkyate, were granted to George Acworth and Edward Butler.^l

The continuator of Blomefield says, the prioress of Merkyate had an annual pension of 100s. out of the manor of Stokesby in Norfolk.^m

According to Newcome, in the time of John of Hertford the twenty-third abbat of St. Albans, the nunnery was assaulted in the night by fifty robbers, and the nuns pillaged and robbed of every thing valuable: but the alarm being given, some of the robbers were taken, and the country people rose, with great zeal and diligence, to apprehend and bring the rest to justice.ⁿ

PRIORESSES of MERKYATE.

CHRISTINA, the first abbess, A. D. 1145, had the easy reputation of doing miracles.^o She is said to have been born at Huntingdon. Several pair of sandals, worked by her, were presented by Robert de Gorham the eighteenth abbat of St. Albans to Pope Adrian IVth.^p

ISABELLA.^q

JOAN, or JOHANNA, occurs in 1212.^r

JOAN DE SURETON, elected in 1239.^s

AGNES GOBYON occurs in 1271:^t upon whose death, ISABELLA GOBYON was elected, and confirmed 12 kal. Dec. 1274.^u Browne Willis's List, in Tanner, by an evident mistake, says 1374.^v

LORA DE CANTIA was elected in 1284.^w Willis says, she occurs in 1289.^x

JOHANNA occurs prioress 43 Edw. III. A. D. 1369.^y

DIONYSIA occurs in a lease of the rectory of Watford, in the Harleian MS. 602, granted to one Henry Wenge of that place for 19l. a year, 15 Hen. VI. A. D. 1436.^z Willis says she occurs in 1439.

JOHANNA occurs in a subsequent instrument, in the manuscript just quoted;^{aa} and again in 1458.^{ab}

JANE, or JOANE ZOUCHE was the last prioress of Merkyate.^{ac} She occurs in the 13th, 23d, and 26th of Hen. VIII.

This priory was valued, 26 Hen. VIII. according to Dugdale, at 114l. 16s. 1d.: according to Speed, at 143l. 18s. 3d. The Ministers' Accompts of the 28 Hen. VIII. make the value amount to 155l. 5s. 10½d.^{ad}

Tanner supposes the site to have been first granted to a son of Lord Berners. Leland says, "Mergate was a nunnery of late tyme. It standith on an hill in a faire woode hard by Watheling strete on the est side of it. *Humphrey Boucher*, base sonne to the late Lorde Berners, did much coste in translating of the priory into a maner place: but he left it nothing ended."^{ae} It was after this, in the 38th of Hen. VIII. granted to George Ferrers:^{af} whose descendant, Sir George Ferrers, died seized of it in 1640.^{ag} After this, it was for a considerable time the seat of the family of Coppin, of whom there are some memorials in the parish church of Caddington. The site of this monastery, together with the manor of Merkyate, are now the property of Joseph Howell, Esq.^{ah}

No REGISTER of Merkyate Nunnery, it is believed, is now remaining. Four charters, the originals of which are preserved in the Cottonian library, will be found in the Appendix of Instruments. There is a fifth, from Robert bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, about the year 1370, in the same Collection, confirming the churches in Warwickshire; but too mutilated to be transcribed.^{ai}

There are three conventual leases of this priory in the Augmentation Office. The first dated 10 March 13 Hen. VIII. between dame Jane Zouche prioress of the monastery of the Blessed Trinity besides Merkyate and the convent of the same place, and William Burr of Streitley,

^a Hist. Warw. p. 714.

^b Ex vet. cod. MS. penes D. Digby.

^c Crast. Mart. 8 Edw. I.

^d Dugd. Hist. Warw. p. 734. The prioress and nuns appear to have presented to Colshill regularly, from 1285 to 1515, and Thomas Pye, "ex concessione pr. et conv. de Bosco," in 1538. Reg. D. & C. Lichf.

^e Dugd. Hist. Warw. p. 750.

^f Plac. apud Westm. xv. Pasch. 26 Hen. III. rot. 3.

^g Fin. levat. iii. sept. J. Bapt. 36 Hen. III.

^h Hist. Warw. p. 752.

ⁱ Ibid. p. 764. Dugdale, p. 761, notices an unsuccessful suit commenced against the nuns by Ralph de Bracebridge for the advowson of Kingsbury, 33 Hen. III.

^j Hist. Northampt. vol. i. p. 547.

^k Ibid. vol. i. p. 477.

^l Hist. Norf. vol. v. p. 1586.

^m Newcome, Hist. St. Alb. p. 167.

ⁿ See Num. III.

^o See the Account of St. Alban's monastery in the present Work, vol. ii. p. 186, note ^a.

^p Compare the Instrument Num. IX.

^q See Num. X.

^r Willis's Principals of Relig. Houses, Tann. Not. Mon. p. xxxviii.

^s Ibid.

^t Rot. Ric. de Gravesend episc. Linc. an. 17.

^u Tanner, Notit. Monast.

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^v Reg. Oliv. Sutton episc. Linc. an. 5. Compare Kennett, Par. Antiq. new edit. vol. i. p. 430. R. Dodsw. MS. vol. cvii. fol. 143.

^w Willis's Principals of Relig. Houses, ut supr.

^x Harl. MS. 602, fol. 60 b.

^y Ibid. fol. 73.

^z Ibid.

^{aa} Ibid. fol. 64 b.

^{ab} MS. Cole, Brit. Mus. vol. xxvi. fol. 169 b.

^{ac} See the Append. The only entry relating to Merkyate nunnery on Mr. Sharpe's Roll is, "MARKEYATE nuper Mon. Annuit. Ricardi Arden per annum xxvj. viij^d." Newcome, Hist. St. Alb. p. 466, says, "We find not that any of the sisters, or even the head or prioress, had any pension settled on them, when they were turned out of doors and sent into the wide world."

^{ad} Lel. Itin. edit. 1770, vol. i. p. 116. See also Dugd. Bar. tom. ii. p. 133.

^{ae} See the particular of the grant, Num. XII. Tanner says it was in the 2d Edw. VI.: and in the Repertories to the Originalia of that year we read,

"Bedd.) Rex xxix. die Julii concessit Georgio Ferrers reversionem Hertf.) scitus nuper monasterii de Markyate, ac al. terr. et ten. ibidem, specialiter habend. ei et hæredibus suis imperpetuum." Orig. 2 Edw. VI. p. 1, ro. cxxij.

^{af} Cole's Escheats MS. Brit. Mus.

^{ag} Lysons's Magna Britannia, vol. i. p. 62.

^{ah} Cart. antiq. Cotton. Mus. Brit. iv. 60. Exemplar cartæ Roberti Covent. et Lych. episc. religiosus mulieribus de Markyate de con-

demising to him the parsonage of Streitley for twenty-six years, at the yearly rent of 14*l*. The second dated 18 July, 23 Hen. VIII. between the prioress and convent and William Gent of Muscott, Northamptonshire, of the tithes and portion, &c. in the parish of Long Buckby, in the county of Northampton. The term sixteen years: rent eight pounds. The third, dated 24th Feb. 26th Hen. VIII. between the prioress, dame Jane Zouche, and convent, and John Everard of Luyton, of certain fields and closes in the parish of Flamsted. Term twenty-one years: rent 42*s*. 8*d*.^a

An impression from the SEAL of Merkyate Nunnery

in the time of the prioress Christina is appendant to the Cottonian deed xi. 36. It is of an oval form, in yellow wax: and represents our Saviour seated, with a nimbus round the head. The right hand uplifted; the left resting on a book supported by the left knee. On each side of the head, the Greek letters *Α. Ω.* All that remains of the inscription is *SIGI* . . .

To the second of the leases in the Augmentation Office above described a fragment of a later conventual Seal remains, representing the Virgin seated, and holding on her lap the representation of our Saviour on the cross. Nothing more of the legend is left than *ILLVM*.

Cartae ad Mergatense Coenobium in agro Bedfordiensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

[Math. Par. Hist. p. 63.]

GAUFRIDUS abbas de sancto Albano ecclesiam sanctae Trinitatis de Bosco, ceteraque aedificia bis a fundamentis ex sumptibus hujus ecclesiae construxit, et totam decimam nostram de Caiso et duas partes decimae garbarum de tota parochia de Watford eidem ecclesiae, absque consensu conventus, violenter concessit.

NUM. II.

De Gaufrido Abbate. De Sanctitate et Actibus Rogeri Heremite.

[Ex Historia Abbatum S. Albani in bibl. Cotton. sub effigie Claudii E. iv. fol. 104 b.]

Hujus abbatis tempore, floruit Rogerus monachus hujus ecclesiae (S. Albani) gradu levita, devotione heremita; sanctitatis speculum, maturitatis exemplum, par habitus antiquis patribus meruit comparari. Qui noster quidem fuit monachus, sed vivebat in heremo, obedientiam servans abbati suo. Porro, locus heremi quem colebat gradientibus de nostro monasterio versus Dunstapliam apparet à dextris secus viam prope vicum qui Markate isto tempore appellatur. Acceperat autem noster Rogerus hunc locum divino munere, angelico perductus illuc tam ministerio

quam revelatione. Nam cum rediret de Jerusalem acceperunt eum apud Wyndeshoram sancti tres angeli, niveis vestibus et stolis amicti, qui singuli singulas cruces ferebant in manibus, et desuper totidem non solum ardentes cereos, sed fulgore mirabili coruscantes.

Inde cum eo visibiliter ambulantes usque ad praefatum locum heremi, velut consortem deducunt, et ibidem statuunt in Dei servicio permansurum, ubi postea multa mala perpressus, multas temptationes expertus, magna vicissim consolatione meruit divinitus sublevari, nunquam nempe puto callidus hostis alicui, vel acriores temptationes immisit, vel plures tetendit insidias. Sed ille virtute crucis armatus, et has gratiosè devicit, et discretissimè illas cavuit. In carnem suam nullus umquam crudelior extitit, sed et illud insistebat toto conatu perficere, quo se novit Deo melius complacere. Et erat ei tanta super afflictis compassio, ut illorum tam aegrè ferret injurias sicut suas. Spiritu prophetae claruit, et in contemplativis egregius habebatur. Ipse quoque tanta intentione solebat orare, ut cum diabolus olim visibiliter incensus, et totus igneus orationem suam interrumpere niteretur, igneque visibili cucullam orantis dorso inhærentem incendisset, non eum ab intentione remissionem reddidit, nec orationem valuit rescacare. Hujus Rogeri discipulatu adhæsit beata Christina, virgo de Hontyngdona oriunda, quæ propter amorem castimoniae, amplas reliquerat possessiones domumque paternam divitiis opulentam. Non tamen consensit ipse faciem videre virginis, quamvis sapud eum quatuor annis et eo amplius reclusa fuisset.

firmatione jurium in variis ecclesiis in com. Warw. viz. in ecclesia de Colshull cum capell. de la Lee, et Over Wythacre et Nether Wythacre eidem ecclesiae de Colshull annex. in eccl. de Bykynhyll cum capellis de Kyngton et Lyndon, et medietate ecclesiae de Kynesbury.

^a Tanner refers to abstracts of several charters about the grant of the church of Sonenden, with certain lands near to the chace there, by Richard and Gilbert earls of Pembroke, in a MS. in the possession of Dr. Cox Macro: to certain court-rolls, bailiffs accompts, and other muniments, in the possession of John Coppin, Esq. of Merkyate: and to various original charters relating to this nunnery in the hands of John Coker, Esq. of Burcester, in Oxfordshire, in 1694.

He also adds the following notices from public records:

"Fin. War. 3 Joan. n. . . pro advoc. eccl. de Whitacre. Fin. Northampt. 6 Joan. n. . . pro med. dec. eccl. de Bukeby. Plac. apud Westm. 15 Joan. Trin. rot. 10, pro eccl. de Kingsbury Warr.

"Fin. Warr. 5 Hen. III. Mich. rot. . . pro advoc. eccl. de Kingdon. Fin. Warr. 15 Hen. III. Mich. rot. pro terris in Kindwalsey et Didington. Plac. apud Westm. 26 Hen. III. Pasch. rot. 3, pro advoc.

eccl. de Lea, War. Plac. apud Westm. 33 Hen. III. Mich. rot. 39, pro advoc. eccl. de Kingsbury Warr. Fin. War. 36 Hen. III. Trin. rot. pro advoc. eccl. de Lea et Kingsbury. Fin. Bucks 56 Hen. III. n. 140, pro mess. in Welpeley.

"Fin. War. 8 Edw. I. Mich. rot. . . pro eccl. de Colshull. Cart. 20 Edw. I. n. 4. Plac. apud Canteb. 27 Edw. I. querel. rot. 34, de libert. in Gamelgay. Pat. 27 Edw. I. m. . .

"Pat. 6 Edw. II. p. 2, m. . . Pat. 12 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 3. Pat. 20 Edw. II. m. 8, de mess. et terris in Kingsbury, Kingdon, et Church-Bikenhull.

"Pat. 2 Ric. II. p. 2, m. . . Pat. 10 Ric. II. p. 1, m. . . Pat. 12 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 21. pro med. eccl. de Kingsbury, appropri. Pat. 16 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 18, pro ten. et red. in Stodham et Cadington.

"Fin. div. com. 17 Hen. VI. n. 27, pro terris in Stodham et Cadington. Pat. 23 Hen. VI. p. 2, m. 1, de decimis et quindecimis non solvendis de boscia." Notit. Mon.

Weever, Fun. Mon. p. 585, gives some silly lines from a manuscript which he says was in Sir Robert Cotton's library, entitled, "The Petytown of thre pore Nuns of Mergate."

Erat nempe oratorio dicti Rogeri domus contigua, quæ cum illo fecit angulum conjunctione sua. Is ante positam habens unam tabulam poterat ita celari ut deforis aspicienti nullum interiùs haberi persuaderet, ubi tantum plus paulo semis inesset. In hoc carcere Rogerus gaudentem Christinam posuit, et admovit pro hostio conveniens ligni roboris, quod fuit tanti ponderis ut ab inclusa nullatenus admoveri sive removeri poterit. Hic ancilla Christi coartata super duram petram sedit et frigidam, usque ad Rogeri obitum, per annos quatuor et amplius, ut præfertur, latens heremitas quinque, et omnes qui cum Rogero pariter habitabant. O quantas illuc sustinuit incommoditates æstus et frigoris, famis et sitis, jejuniique cotidiani. Angustia loci non patiebatur eam habere tegumentum necessarium cum algeret, integerrima clausula cum æstuabat, nullum refrigerium indulgebat, longa inedia contracta sunt, et aruerunt sibi intestina, quandoque pro sitis ariditate frusta sanguinis coagulati ex ejus naribus bullire; exire foras non nisi serò licebat ad ea quæ natura poposcit, quia nequibat, licet justaret necessitas, sibi ipsa aperire, et Rogerus de more tardabat; itaque necesse fuit eam immobiliter in loco sedere, torqueri, et tacere, quia si Rogerum habere voluerit, voce vel pulsu vocari eum oportebat: sed qualiter faceret hoc abscondita, quæ nec ausa fuit trahere vel semisuspiria, metuebat namque ne quis præter Rogerum adesset, qui vel anhelitu spirantis audito latebras suas deprehenderet, et illa quidem in carcere mori mallet quàm tunc temporis cuiquam externo patefieri. Talia patientem corripuit dira morborum varietas, sed omnes anxietates equanimiter tolerabat amore Christi. Verùm amicus Dei Rogerus eam nunc doctrinam, nunc exemplis informabat, et docebat incredibilia penè de secretis celestibus, qui se talem exhibebat, ut solo corpore videretur in terra, cum tota mente in celestibus versaretur. In tantumque profecit Christina Rogeri doctrinis, ut speciosus forma præ filiis hominum, Dominus Jesus Christus, sedenti in cella appareret, crucem ferens auream, quam sibi tradens confortavit, præcipiens ne timeret, et dicens, necesse fore hanc portare crucem omnibus qui Jerusalem ire volunt, promissitque, quod ipsam crucem post modicum tempus ab ea resumeret, quibus dictis ab oculis ejus disparuit.

Quam visionem cum Rogero retulisset, cœpit fieri præ gaudio, ita dicens, letare mecum (ait sermone vulgari) 'Myn gode Sonendays doghter,' id est, 'mea bona Dominicæ diei filia,' quia vestra tribulatio est in proximo terminanda; evenitque sicut homo Dei locutus est. Rogerus igitur collecta spe ex multitudine gratiarum quas noverat inesse Christina, illam sui hæredem heremi post se relinquere cogitabat, illa verò per visum monita, et à beata Maria confortata, cognovit quod ad incolatum habitaculi Rogero successura foret.

NUM. III.

Miraculum factum per Rogerum Heremitam.

[Ibid.]

Eo tempore venit ad partes Thurstanus archiepiscopus Eboracensis amator et fautor castorum studiorum, et Rogero propter sanctitatem suam, fidus et devotus amicus. Huic Rogerus nunciavit Christinæ propositum, rogans ut illi impendere dignaretur adjutorium. Episcopus verò mandavit, ut mitteret ad eum virginem, volens cum ea de suo proposito secretum habere colloquium. Rogerus ergo ad eum fecit accersiri Godescallum de Caddundonia, et uxorem ejus, homines sibi familiarissimos, et rogavit eos, ut revertentes in crastino Christinam deducerent ad Redburnam, quia illuc archiepiscopum fuerat accessurus. Quibus votis suis gratanter annuentibus, dixit homo Dei, 'Ite domum securi, quoniam orabo pro vobis, et fortasse non penitebit vos laboris quem suscipitis pro ancilla Dei.'

Abierunt ergo uno tantum equo super quem venerant ambo contenti, nitentesque jumento contra ascensum per devia nemoris, sella solutis cingulis, ad terram labitur cum sessoribus. Nox erat, equus aufugerat, ipsi sine comite, ac gravati senio, nec si dies esset sequi valentes, quid facerent? tandem derelicta ipsa sella, quia nequibant eam tollere, pedites et palpitando per tenebras prout potuerunt

cœperunt progrediendo ambulare, contristatique de infortunio ita conquesti sunt, ubi nunc est promissio viri Dei? Vix verbo dicto, ecce equus frenatus et sellatus astitit juxta illos mansuetus, prope quendam præcisum truncum, qui videbatur illic præparatus, ut servis Dei commodaret ministerium ascendendi; quo viso, Deo et famulo suo Rogero gratias egerunt uberes, et ascenso jumento ad domum suam profecti sunt, et mane facto revertens Godescallus ad Rogerum Christinam duxit ad archiepiscopum, qui Redburnæ hospitabatur. Postque data monita salutis virgini, præsul remisit eam ad Rogerum, quæ cum eo permansit in heremo usque ad ejus obitum, serviens Deo in castitate et innocentia, in humilitate, et patientia, juxta doctrinam suam, donec culmen virtutum omnium attigisset.

Tandem, vocante Deo cui serviebat, Rogerus mundum deserens, viam universæ carnis ingressus est, corpusque ejus delatum est ad monasterium sancti Albani, ubi honore condigno est humatum in arcuato locello qui fit in muro ecclesiæ versus austrum prope chorum fratrum dicti loci. Post cujus obitum cum Cristina multa temptamenta et penè inportabilia sustinisset, tam humana quàm diabolica, et semper fortiter restitisset: apparuit sibi Dominus Jesus Christus in specie parvuli veniens, inter brachia sponsæ suæ, ac per diem integrum manens cum illa sensibilis et visibilis, et extunc omnis temptatio ab illa sic evanuit, ut nunquam ullam temptationem aliquatenus formidaret; deinde cœpit virtute divina, spiritu prophetiæ clarescere, miraculorum patatrix existere, in tantum ut fama virtutum ejus totam patriam pervolaret.

NUM. IV.

De Virtutibus Christianæ Priorissæ de Markgate.

[Ibid.]

Eo tempore Galfridus abbas sancti Albani proposuerat unum quid se grande facturum, unde Deum intelligebat offendi, non sine sui capituli perturbatione: propositum suum tamen nondum cuiquam communicaverat; vixerat autem in ecclesia sancti Albani sub præfato abbate, vir quidam magni testimonii, Aluredus nomine, notus Cristinæ in vita sua, qui jam mundum deserens vitam non amiserat, sed mutaverat; hic apparens Cristinæ visibiliter candelam in manu gestans ait, Dominus abbas Gaufridus absque capituli sui consultu, tale quid, expressitque causam, disposuit statuere, et quidem non sine peccato, si id fecerit, Deum offendet: per te ergo quæso denunciatur ei, ne illud faciat: hoc nempe ex Dei judicio tibi mandatum. Hiis dictis disparuit. Christina verò nunquam abbatem viderat, nec abbas Cristinam: exequitur tamen jussum, mittens abbati per familiarem nuncium quæ viderit vel audierit, et ne propositum faceret dissuasit. Abbas, Normannorum more, ad hoc intumuit et ancillæ Christianæ sompniis crederet remandavit, admirabatur tamen esse virgini revelata quæ ipse solo tantum corde conceperat. Abbate nichilominus persistente in obstinacia, ipsa nocte in cujus crastino cœptum complexse voluerat, prima noctis vigilia vidit plures nigras horridasque personas se circumstare, qui facto impetu eum lecto excutunt, impellunt, suffocant, et modis diversis excruciant. Cumque jam expiraturus videretur, divertens obtutus vidit prædictum Aluredum vultu similem indignanti, Cui abbas, Quid (inquit) jubes domine? Cui Aluredus quasi fremebundus, Tu ait nosti, mandatum enim habuisti, nec à malo cessare disposuisti. At abbas, Sancte (inquit) Alurede miserere mei mandatis abhinc promptius obtemperaturi. Quibus dictis, disparuit Aluredus, tortoribusque remotis tormenta cesserunt. Mane facto, quia flagella vera fuerant, abbas, convocatis personis familiaribus, rem pandit ex ordine, et propositum spondet dissolvere. Abbas igitur per seipsum jam cognoscens sanctitatem Cristinæ, illam videre festinat, cui promittit se loci sui futurum efficacissimum promotorem; et abhinc in dubiis responsum Cristinæ pro divino suscipiebat oraculo. Cristina igitur tanto studio abbatis invigilabat salutis, ut, quod dictu mirum est, vix vel propius abbas degens vel remotius, si facto vel verbo Deum offendisset, illa per spiritum in momento cognosceret, nec dissimulabat cum terrore præsentem arguere, quotiens sentiebat abbatem deliquisse.

NUM. V.

De Causis et Fundatione Domus de Markgate.

[Ibid.]

HII et aliis miraculis abbas incitatus locum monialium de Markgate construxit à fundamentis, dans eidem loco redditus atque decimas in diversis locis ad sustentationem Cristinæ suæ dilectricis, et sororum congregatarum ibidem ad militandum sub regimine doctrinaque Cristinæ, quamvis conventus sancti Albani pro talibus expensis et collationibus murmuraret. Et cum lapsu temporis eadem cella monialium de Markgate ignis sensisset extrema dispendia, abbas nichilominus totam cellam cum domibus necessariis reparavit. Accidit abbatem in antelucano vigilantem in lecto suo sedere, et quibusdam profuturis intendere, et circumducens oculos vidit manifestè Virginem Christi, neque enim erat sompnum, suo assistentem capiti, velut esset sollicita qualiter abbas se erga Deum haberet. Manè facto, abbas advocat quandam parentem Christinæ, Leticiam nomine, profectionem ad virginis heremum, quæ et ipsa sanctimoniam ducebat vitam, et dicit ei, Vade, dicito dilectæ dominæ meæ Christinæ, quia manifeste novi sollicitudinem suam erga me, verè enim vigilando, vidi quod hac nocte me visitaverit; annexuitque locum tempus et horam. Estimabat enim hæc Cristinam latere. Adveniens Leticia injunctum mandatum cœpit exsolvere. Itaque ad primum verbum non ampliùs respondit Cristina, vocansque sororem Margaretam, Dic, ait, audiente Leticia, quid ego tibi dixi primo diluculo de abbate. Et illa, Dixisti domina quod hac nocte pro certo tali loco et hora ad eum visendum veneris. Et dixisti insuper quod si tale quid in tempore beati Gregorii accidisset, mandasset illud memoriæ, quamvis res parva sit et memoria parum digna; ego respondi, non parum quid esse, sed mirabile, et posteris memorabile. Audiens hæc Leticia Deum in sanctis suis glorificavit.

NUM. VI.

Carta Fundationis Prioratus Monialium S. Trinitatis de Bosco, juxta Merkyate, in agro Bedfordiensi.

[Ex ipso autogr. in Bibl. Hatton: hodie Cart. antiq. Cotton. Mus. Brit. xi. 6. Videsis etiam Cod. MS. penes Decanum et Capit. Eccl. Cath. S. Pauli Lond. A. fol. 15 a.]

UNIVERSIS sanctæ Dei ecclesiæ filiis, tam prælatis quàm subditis, tam præsensibus quàm futuris; Radulphus decanus, et capitulum S. Pauli London. salutem in Domino. Noverit caritas vestra, nos concessisse, et in perpetuum confirmasse fundum, in quo situm est monasterium S. Trinitatis, in territorio Cadendonæ, sicut fossata hodie continent; et boscum quod est inter fossata et Wallinghestrete, quod continet in longitudine, inter Wallinghestrete, tres quadrantes et xxx. perticatas, Cristinæ, et ei canonicè succedentibus in propositio sanctimoniali, in præfato monasterio Deo servientibus; ita videlicet, quod singulis annis tres solidos capitulo S. Pauli de recognitione fundi, in natali S. Pauli persolvat. Boscum autem præfatum permaneat indestructum ad operimentum monasterii pro transeuntibus. Quæcunque verò huic successerit, succedet per electionem sanctimonialium ibi commorantium, et assensu substituetur canonicorum prætaxati capituli. Juravit autem eis ipsa, et succedentes ei magistræ jurabunt in capitulo canonicorum S. Pauli, de supradictâ tenurâ fidelitatem et indemnitatem. Juraverunt etiam sanctimoniales, quæ tunc fuerunt, fidelitatem et indemnitatem; et quod non recipient magistras succedentes sine prædicto juramento fidelitatis et indemnitatis in capitulo S. Pauli. Hoc idem etiam futuræ sanctimoniales jurabunt magistrabus suis, in capitulo suo. Facta est autem Londini hæc concessio et confirmatio, anno MCXLV. ab incarnatione Domini. Nulli autem ibi liceat mutare ordinem sanctimonialium; quia super hac tenurâ, nec clericis nec monachis aliquam facimus concessionem, nisi sanctimonialibus tantum ibi commorantibus. Præterea concessimus eis imperpetuum terram quam tenuit Radulphus Ferrarius in Cadendonâ, ut teneant eam de capitulo canonicorum S. Pauli; reddendo indè præpositio Cadendonæ, singulis annis, sex solidos, pro omnibus serviciis, exceptis consuetudinibus regalibus. Hii verò sunt testes,

Gaufridus abbas S. Albani; Hugo abbas Colecestriæ; Normannus prior S. Trinitatis; Johannes prior S. Botulfi Colecestriæ; Robertus prior de Meretona, et Robertus subprior, Thomas prior S. Bartholomæi; Germanus prior de Bellovidere; Thomas monachus; Rogerus sacristes; Milo monachus; Osgotus monachus; Gervasius monachus de Bermundesei; magister Walterus; Ilbertus magister infirmorum; Aluredus de Wathamstede; Rogerus de Crochelei; Gaufridus de Gorham; Simon de Hundendunâ; Willielmus de Claendonâ; Radulfus decanus S. Pauli; Willielmus archidiaconus; Richardus de Belmeis archidiaconus; Alwaldus archidiaconus; Robertus de Auco; Robertus de Cadomo; Nicholaus canonicus; Theodorus; Gaufridus constabularius; magister Henricus; Valterus, Odo, Gaufridus, et Robertus, fratres; Hubertus; Randulfus; Hugo nepos decani.

NUM. VII.

Consecratio Ecclesiæ, et Confirmatio ejusdem Fundationis per Alexandrum Lincoln. Episcopum.

[Ibid. hodie Cart. antiq. Cotton. Mus. Brit. xi. 8.]

ALEXANDER Dei gratia Lincolnensis episcopus; universis sanctæ ecclesiæ filiis, tam prælatis quàm subditis, tam præsensibus quàm futuris, salutem in Domino. Notum sit fraternitati vestræ, me Alexandrum episcopum consecrâsse ecclesiam sanctæ Trinitatis de Bosco, quæ est sita in territorio Cadendonæ anno MCXLV. ab incarnatione Domini, ex petitione dominæ Christinæ et sanctimonialium ibidem Deo servientium, et ex concessione Radulphi decani, et canonicorum S. Pauli Londoniæ, in quorum territorio sita est ecclesia. Concessi etiam, et ex auctoritate officii mei, in eadem dedicatione confirmavi conventionem, quæ facta fuit in capitulo S. Pauli, inter canonicos et sanctimoniales, sicut in cartâ S. Pauli habetur; salva nimirum in omnibus dignitate episcopi et ecclesiæ Lincolnæ. Huic præfatæ dedicationi interfuit Radulfus decanus, et Theodericus canonicus, et Nicholaus clericus ex parte capituli S. Pauli; et optulerunt super altare, in dotem ecclesiæ et elemosynam, perpetuò possidendam, præfatam possessionem, tam in bosco, quam in plano, sicut in cartâ eorum scriptum est. Hujus rei testes sunt Patricius episcopus de Limerich; Alcelinus decanus ecclesiæ S. Mariæ Lincolnæ; Henricus archidiaconus de Huntendone; Nicholaus archidiaconus de Bedeford; David archidiaconus de Buchingham; Rogerius de Dalmeri canonicus; et Petrus canonicus; et Reinaldus simplex canonicus; et Radulfus de Munemue; et Gaufridus abbas S. Albani, cum priore, et pluribus monachis ejusdem ecclesiæ; et Robertus prior de Meretone, et Reinaldus canonicus ejusdem ecclesiæ; et Ilbertus magister infirmorum S. Juliani; et multi alii tam clerici, quàm laici.

NUM. VIII.

Conventio inter Cristinam Priorissam de Merkyate et Willielmum de Ardena de Terris de Didendona et Kinewaldeshei, t. Ric. I.

[Cart. antiq. Cotton. Mus. Brit. xi. 36.]

NOTUM sit omnibus quod hæc conventio facta est inter Cristinam priorissam et sanctimoniales Sanctæ Trinitatis de Bosco et Willielmum de Ardena de Hamtune, scilicet quod prædicta priorissa et ejusdem loci conventus concesserunt et dimiserunt prædicto Willielmo totam terram suam de Didendona et Kinewaldeshei cum omnibus pertinentiis suis quam Jordanus de Filingeleia de eis tenuit, et eis unam marcam argenti annuatim reddidit. Pro eadem autem terra reddet prænominatus Willielmus prænominatis sanctimonialibus annuatim viginti solidos sterlingorum tam tempore hostilitatis quam tempore pacis ad duos terminos, scilicet decem ad festum sanctæ Mariæ in Martio, et decem ad festum sancti Michaelis; ita quod infra octavas dictarum festivitatum facta sit solutio. Si vero sæpedictus Willielmus ad prædictos terminos solvere desierit, liberum habent ingressum prænominatæ moniales in terram suam, absque omni contradictione prætaxati W. donec eis de arreragio firmæ suæ satisfaciatur. Hoc autem sæpe nominatus Wil-

lielmus se sine dolo serriaturum tactis sacrosanctis evangelis in capitulo nostro juravit. Et sciendum etiam quod nos praelibato W. has terras prænominatas ad petitionem domini Coventrensis episcopi H. et archidiaconorum de Covintr. et Staff. concessimus. Ipso vero W. defuncto sine omni reclamacione et contradictione suorum ad ecclesiam Sanctæ Trinitatis de Bosco libera redibit. Ut autem hæc conventio rata inviolabilisque permaneat sigillorum nostrorum appositione ex utraque parte sub multorum testimonio roboravimus.

NUM. IX.

Carta Isabelle Priorissæ.

[Ex orig. Cart. antiq. Cotton. Mus. Brit. XXI. 5.]

OMNIBUS ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit Ysabele priorissa Sanctæ Trinitatis de Bosco et conventus ibidem Deo servientes salutem. Sciatis quod nos concessimus et remisimus et omnino quietum clamavimus pro nobis et pro successoribus nostris Hugoni de Ard' et hæredibus suis et cui dare vel assignare voluerit totum jus et clamium quod habuimus vel habere potuimus in tota terra cum pertinentiis de Didindone et de Kinewaldesh' cum hominibus, et cum redditibus, et cum omnibus aliis escaetis, et cum omnibus aliis rebus, sine aliquo retenemento nobis vel successoribus nostris, habendam et tenendam prædicto Hugoni et hæredibus suis vel assignatis suis quietam de nobis et de successoribus nostris. Ita quidem quod nos nec aliquis successorum nostrorum in prænominatis terris cum pertinentiis de cætero nihil exigere possimus. Pro hac autem concessione et remissione et quietâ clamatione dedit nobis sæpeditus Hug. de Ard' triginta marcas argenti; et ut hæc nostra concessio et quietâ clamatio rata et inconcussa permaneat præsens scriptum sigilli nostri inpressione confirmavimus. Hiis testibus Ricardo Pecche, Gilberto Pigod, Alex. de Bikehull, Gerardo de Alespathe, Rad. de Ard', Roberto Salvagio, Waltero de Morcoth, Roberto de Erscoth, Roberto Beuere, Roberto Alberto, Henrico de Coppethorn, Waltero vicario de Hamtho, Warino de Brageham, Ambrosio de Tulesworthe et multis aliis.

NUM. X.

Carta Johannæ Priorissæ.

[Ex autogr. penes D. W. Glynne Bar. Kennett, Par. Antiq. edit. 1818, tom. i. p. 246.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus has literas visuris Johanna priorissa Sanctæ Trinitatis de Bosco et ejusdem loci conventus salutem in Domino. Noveritis quod nos dedimus et concessimus, et præsentî carta nostra confirmavimus Hervico priori de Berncester et ejusdem loci canonicis duos seliones in Hodesham qui jacent juxta rivulum extra curiam dictorum canonicorum habendos et tenendos dictis canonicis in perpetuum in escambio unius acræ terræ in

Burncestre propinquioris terræ nostræ in Nyhenaker, et dimidiæ acræ prati propinquioris prato nostro quod vocatur Gileberdsham. Et in hujus rei testimonium huic scripto in modum chirographi confecto vicissim sigilla nostra apposuimus. Hiis testibus; domino Rogero de Aumari, domino Roberto Purcell, domino Hamundo de S. Fide, militibus; Philippo de Wappele, Walhamoth Paupere, Gilberto de Sancta Fide, et multis aliis.

NUM. XI.

Petitiones in Parlamento, A.D. 1290, 18 Ed. I.

[Rot. Parl. tom. i. p. 55.]

PRIORISSA et moniales de Markeyate, quæ tenentur domino Radulpho de Hengham in cc. marc. xij^s. districtæ sunt graviter per breve regis: supplicant domino regi quod dictam pecuniam velit allocar' domino Radulpho et eis inde terminos concedere, aliter vero sunt districtæ et vivere non possunt.

Nichil fiet.—Responsio.

NUM. XII.

Merkyate.

[Harl. MS. 7389, p. 34.]

ANNO vijth. of September the xxxviij. of Kinge Henry the viijth. pro George Ferrers gent.

The scite and demeanes of the late priorye of Markeyate in the countie of Bedford, with the woods growinge in and uppon the same, reduced into a yearly rent, amountinge to the yearly value of xxj^{li}. iiij^s. viij^d.

Certaine rents of assise, coppie holde, and lands holden at will, in Humbersho, Cadington, Flampsted, and Markeyate, in the counties of Bedford and Hertford, lately belonging to the said priorie, above divers reprises, allowed in the particulers, by the yeare cleere vj^{li}. xvij^s. xj^d. ob.

Somme is xxviij^{li}. iiij^s. vij^d. ob. Whereof deducte, for the tenth lvj^s. iiij^d. ob. and so remayneth cleere xxv^{li}. vij^s. iiij^d. Whereof the kinges ma^{tye}. in consideration of the good and faithful service to hym don by the said George, is pleased and contented aswell to give unto hym, and unto his heires and assignes for evere by yere v^{li}. as to graunt unto the said George the purchase of xvj^{li}. v^s. j^d. and so then remayneth by yeare iiij^{li}. ij^s. ij^d. which is reserved in a rente, over and above the tenth aforesaid. The aforesaid some of xvj^{li}. v^s. j^d. to be purchased after the rate of xx^{li}. yeares purchas, amounteth to the somme of ccxxv^{li}. xx^d. Add thereunto for the woods growinge and being uppon the foresaid coppiehold vj^s. viij^d. And then the whole somme which the said George Ferrers is to pay is cccxxv^{li}. vij^s. iiij^d. Whereof in hand cc^{li}. and the rest, beinge cxxv^{li}. vij^s. iiij^d. at the feast of Pentecost next.

VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Return, 26 Hen. VIII. First Fruits Office.)

DOMUS SIVE MONASTERIUM SANCTÆ TRINITATIS DE BOSCO JUXTA MARKEYATE.

Domina JOHANNA ZOUCHE Priorissa ibidem.

Com' Bedf'

Markeyate Terr' Dominic'—192 Acr' arrabil'
dimiss' cuidam Johanni Everhed de
Luton, &c.

£. s. d.

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Com' Bedf'			£.	s.	d.
Markeyate	Et in pretio 20 Acr' terr' arrabil'				
	dimiss' Nicho Dralles Ball' de Flam-				
	stede per Indenturam, &c.	0	6	8	
- - - - -	Et in pretio 221 Acr' terr' arrabil'				
	reservat' in manibus Priorissæ ibi-				
	dem ad usum Hospicij arentat'				
	juxta ratam 9d. ob' le acr'	10	6	7 ob'	
- - - - -	Et in pretio 8 Acr' prati dimiss' ad				
	firmam Nicho Dralls per Inden-				
	turam	2	13	4	
- - - - -	Et in pretio 9 Acr' prati reservat' in				
	manibus Priorissæ pro sustenta-				
	tione Averiorum arentat' ad 6s. 8d.				
	le acre	3	0	0	
- - - - -	Et in pretio trium Acr' pasturæ de				
	novo pasturat' arentat' ad 3s. 4d.				
	le acre	0	10	0	
- - - - -	Et in pretio Ortulorum et Pomario-				
	rum jacentium prope Monasterium				
	in quibus Averia Hospitij aliquando				
	pascant ad valentiam per annum .	1	6	8	
Summa			20	5	11 ob'

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 28 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

MARKEYATE PRIORATUS.

Com' Bedf'			£.	s.	d.
Markeyate	Terr' dnical'	20	5	11½	
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' p Cop' Cur'	2	16	3½	
Humberso	Redd' Assis' et ad Vol'	1	14	8½	
Kamelton et Shefford	Redd'	0	6	9¾	
Chalton	Redd' lib' et Cust'	2	10	1	
Com' Cantab'					
Brynkeley	Redd'	0	13	4	
Kennesworth	Redd'	0	2	0	
Cadington	Redd' Ten' p Cop'	1	9	3	
Flamstede	Redd' Ten' p Cop'	1	4	9½	
Westwyke	Redd' Cust' Ten'	1	12	0	
Brinkton	Redd'	0	14	0	
Com' Northt'					
Northt' Villa	Redd'	0	2	0	
Com' Oxon'					
Burcester	Maner'	6	13	4	
Levesey	Maner'	3	6	8	
Stokesby	Maner'	5	0	0	
Higham Gubion	Penc' de Rect'	1	0	0	
Sondon	Rector'	15	6	8	
Stretley	Rector'	14	0	0	
Com' War'					
Kyngesbury	Rector'	18	0	0	
Colleshull	Rector'	12	0	0	
Bykenhull	Rector'	7	0	0	
Overwhiteacre, Netherwhiteacre, et Lee	Firm' 3 Capell'	7	0	0	
Kyllingworth	Penc' Eccl' de Pakynton	0	8	0	

		£.	s.	d.
Com' Northt'				
Buckby	Portio x ^{ar} ' cum Terr'	8	0	0
Com' Hertf'				
Watforde	Rector'	22	0	0
Busshey	Penc' Rector'	1	0	0
Everesden Parva	Penc' Rector'	1	0	0
Summa oneris		155l.	5s.	10½d.

Benedictine Priory of St. Nicholas at Exeter ; A Cell to the Abbey of Battle.



N the "Liber de Situ Ecclesiæ Belli," from which copious extracts have already been given in the Appendix to the Account of Battle, King William the Conqueror undoubtedly appears as the donor to that monastery of St. Olave's church in Exeter, together with certain lands adjoining. Upon these adjacent lands, not long after, a cell was built at the charges of the parent monastery, de-

dedicated to St. Nicholas, to which were removed the religious who had previously been attached to the church of Culun-tun (now Columpton) in Devonshire, also among the Con-queror's donations to Battle abbey.^a Tanner says the foundation was for six Monks.^b

Dugdale and Dodsworth, in the Charters to St. Ni-cholas Exeter which form the opening of the Appendix to the present Account, ascribed the first, which certainly be-ongs to William the Conqueror, to King William Rufus. It merely grants St. Olave's church, with the lands of Sire-ford and Cheneberie, to the monks of Battle.^c The second charter, which, from internal evidence, belongs to King

William Rufus, notices the construction of the church in honour of St. Nicholas:^d probably about the year 1089.

King Henry the First was a benefactor to the church and monks of St. Nicholas by the donation of certain lands at Relisdon which had belonged to Heraldus de Exonia:^e and King John, in 1204, gave them the territory of Brade-ham, or Brodeham, which had previously been held by the monks under the crown, but by the annual payment of the sum of fifty shillings.^f

From a letter addressed by Archbishop Anselm to Osbern bishop of Exeter, A. D. 1103, it appears that the religious here were at first somewhat molested by the secular clergy of Exeter, and that even the bishop had forbidden them to ring their bells agreeably to the custom of the Benedictine order. Anselm rebuked the indiscretion of both; inculcated charity; and recommended the religious to the confidence as well as the protection of the venerable bishop.^g

Izacke says, in 1276 an inquisition was taken at Exeter for the king, touching lands and liberties concealed; and 'twas found, by verdict, that Crollditch alias Lammas fair was divided into two moieties or half-payments between King John and the commonalty of Exeter; and that King John resumed or took the whole into his own hands, and gave it to the prior and convent of St. Nicholas within the said city, "sed quo jure non constat."^h

^a See the present Volume, p. 243. "Speed makes an Hospital of St. Nicholas, as well as a Priory, and has distinguished them by two valuations, which are both the valuations of the Priory; one, the total, and the other, the clear. In Dugdale's valuation, and the Book of Pensions, there is mention of the Hospital of St. Nicholas; but the Charters, Taxatio Lincoln. Henry Sulgrave, and the old writings, refer constantly to the Prior and Monks of St. Nicholas. Risdon, vol. i. p. 18, says, here were two priories of St. Nicholas; but, by his own account, they seem to be the same House which he makes Cell to the abbey of Battle." Tann. Notit. Mon.

^b Tann. ut supr.

^c Num. II.

^d See Num. I.

^e Num. III.

^f Num. IV. In the Placita de Quo Waranto, com. Devon. 9 et 10 Edw. I. we read: "Galfridus de la Hull et Maysanta uxor ejus summoniti fuerunt ad respondendum domino regi de Placito Quo Wa-ranto clamant habere bedellariam in orientali parte Hundredi domini Regis de Buddelegh sine licentia, &c. Et Galfridus et Maysanta ve-niunt et dicunt quod ipsi tenent quoddam tenementum in Brodham in sokemanria de domino rege, et per servitium essendi bedellus in orien-tali parte prædicti Hundredi. Dicit etiam quod prædictum manerium

de Brodham fuit aliquo tempore in manu domini regis Johannis, et de antiquo dominico coronæ suæ; et dicit quod eo tempore fuerunt te-nentes ejusdem manerii bedelli prædicti Hundredi, alternatim et succes-sive, quilibet pro tempore suo. Ita quod idem dominus Rex postea dedit totum prædictum manerium de Brodham Priori sancti Nicholai Exon. excepto prædicto ten. quod ipsi Galfridus et Maysanta modo ten-ent, quod quidem tenementum sibi retinuit ad faciendum prædictum servitium bedelleriæ. Et dicunt quod semper post tempus illud præ-dicta Maysanta et omnes antecessores sui tenuerunt prædictum tene-mentum per servitium prædictum, et eo waranto clamant habere præ-dictam bedellariam. Et quia licet domino regi bedelles suos facere in Hundredis suis et alibi pro voluntate sua, ideo dies datus est eis coram domino rege a die Pasch. in unum mensem apud Westm. de audiendo judicio suo, &c." Ex orig. in Domo Capitul. Westmon. asservato, rot. 38 d.

^g See Oliver's Historic Collections relating to the Monasteries in Devon, 8°. Exeter, 1820, p. 2, and App. ii.

^h Under the year 1277 he adds, "This fair being divided into moieties, and belonging to the prior of St. Nicholas and the earl of Devon, in course of time it returned again to the king's hands, namely

Copies of two pleadings in Quo Warranto respecting the privileges of the monks in Brodeham will be found in the Appendix to the present Account.^a The latter of these distinctly refers to a charter of King William the Conqueror.

Jenkins notices a charter granted to the prior for an annual Fair to be held on the festival of St. Nicholas.^b

PRIORS of ST. NICHOLAS EXETER.

Whether GUNTERUS and CONO are to be considered as the first priors of St. Nicholas, as Mr. Oliver states in his "Historic Collections relating to the Monasteries in Devon," may admit of doubt; though there can be none of their being monks of Battle, and of their having planned the settlement of the religious here.^c Gunterus, or Gunterius, was made abbat of Thorney, in Cambridgeshire, as early as A. D. 1085.

The names of the rest of the priors are here given from Mr. Oliver's work, the access of that gentleman to the Episcopal Registers of the See of Exeter having supplied a catalogue far more complete than that which had previously been compiled by the Editors of the Monasticon.

PETER occurs Prior in 1212.

ROBERT DE CUMBWELL is said to have resigned in 1258. His successor was

ROBERT DE RYE, who succeeded that year on the 29th of June.

ROGER occurs, without date. He succeeded to the abbacy of Battle in 1318.

WILLIAM DE BURN succeeded Aug. 28, 1318, and resigned soon after.

ROBERT, alias LAURENTIUS DE SUING, was appointed Jan. 14th, 1320.^d

JOHN DE GORDON resigned in 1334. In a MS. in the Harleian collection, num 3586, fol. 55 b, he is called JOHN DE BORDENNE: where he occurs about A. D. 1330.

JOHN DE BRECHON succeeded Sept. 9th, 1334. He died in 1349. On the 26th of March in which year

JOHN DE WYE was admitted prior.

THOMAS SUYNG succeeded June 6th, 1349. He resigned in 1353: on the 17th of April in which year

MATTHEW OF EXETER was admitted to succeed. Upon whose resignation

GILBERT DE LYNDSEYE succeeded Dec. 3d, 1359. He continued prior, loaded with age and infirmities, in 1388: soon after which

ROBERT BREGGE was appointed, who continued till 1396. Upon his death

THOMAS HANKHERSTE became prior May 23d, 1396. He resigned in 1400: on June 3d in which year

WILLIAM MERSHE succeeded: upon whose promotion to the abbacy of Battle,

WILLIAM BECKET was appointed prior in 1404.

JOHN UNDERDOWNE was admitted, upon the death of Becket, June 7th, 1414. Upon his death

JOHN DALYNGTON was instituted March 9th, 1419. He died in 1436.

STEVEN FEVERSHAM was admitted Jan. 13th, 1437.

JOHN NEWTON succeeded in 1460. Upon his election to the abbacy of Battle

RICHARD WYLISHAM succeeded June 28th, 1463.

JOHN HERFORD died prior in the autumn of 1493.

WILLIAM WESTFELD was instituted Oct. 28th in the same year. He also afterwards became abbat of Battle.

JOHN LEWYS was admitted prior April 10th, 1499.

WILLIAM COLUMPTON, the last prior, succeeded Jan. 10th, 1522. He was still living in 1553, 2 and 3 Phil. and Mar.^e

Dugdale states the revenues of this priory to have amounted in the 26th of Henry VIII. to 147l. 12s. Speed gives the amount at 154l. 12s. The abstract of the Ecclesiastical Valor, in the Appendix, reconciles the two accounts. The seven pounds added by Speed being the payment of recognition from the convent to the abbat and monks of Battle.

The site of this monastery was granted in the 32d of Henry VIII. to Sir Thomas Denys, of Holcombe Burnell, knight.^f

Izacke says, "3d Edw. VI. 1549. The city purchased from the crown, the fee or manor of St. Nicholas within this city, a priory lately dissolved by act of parliament."

Bishop Tanner refers to a REGISTER of this priory, which was formerly, though it certainly is not now, in the Cottonian collection: "Registrum hujus prioratus olim penes dom. Will. Le Neve regem armorum; nunc in bibl. Cotton."

Mr. Oliver, in his 'Historic Collections,' p. 3, says, "In fol. 91—2 of Bishop Bronescombe's Register, three records are extracted from the ancient book called 'The Leger Prioratus Sancti Nicholai Exon.' a book that seems to have perished in 1731, Oct. 23d, at the fire in the Cotton library. These three records are transcribed by Wm. Jermyms, the registrar temp. reginæ Elizab. The first is an amicable composition between the dean and chapter of St. Peter's Exeter, and the prior and monks of St. Nicholas, respecting certain tithes issuing from two mills, and the fishery of the river Exe, near St. Clement's chapel, 'de Piscaria super aqua quæ dicitur Exe prope capellam sancti Clementis.' The Chapter resigns all claim and pretension to the said tithes, on condition that the prior and convent pay them forty pence sterling, viz. twenty pence at Michaelmas, and twenty pence at Easter. This composition was made whilst Simon de Apulia was bishop, consequently between 1214 and 1224. The second refers to a taxation, soon after, by Richard Blondy, chancellor to Bishop Brewer, for the better support of the vicar of Cadbury. The prior of St. Nicholas is directed to allow the vicar certain houses on the north side of the church, four acres of land, and a part of the tithes. The third is an agreement between the prior and Julian, rector of Thorverton, respecting the tithes of the mill of Cadbury. The prior agrees to pay him sixpence in lieu of tithes."

Tanner adds the following references, respecting this priory, to public Records:

"Cart. 6 Joan. n. 67, pro terris in Bradenham.

"Claus. 2 Edw. III. m. 6 vel 7. Pat. 19 Edw. III. p. 1, m. . . .

K. Henry VIII. the one upon the suppression of the said priory in 1535 (which by purchase returned to the city), and the other by the attainder of Henry Courtenay marquis of Exeter 29 regni 1537, which part, as an appendant or parcel of the manor of Toppinsham, belongs to the king." See Izacke's memorials of Exeter, 8°. Lond. 1724, pag. 19.

^a See Num. V.

^b Jenkins's History of Exeter, 8°. Exet. 1806, p. 28.

^c See the Append. to Battle monastery in the present volume, p. 243.

^d It was in his time that the campanile or bell tower of the church of St. Nicholas fell down. "A. D. 1321, xx. dies indulgentiæ concess. contribuentibus ad Campanile mon. beati Nich. Exon. nuper ad fundamentum inopinato casu corr." MS. Harl. 6974, p. 74, è Reg. Drokensford episc. Bath. et Well.

^e Mr. Sharpe's Roll calls St. Nicholas's piory an hospital. "SANCTI NICHOLAI EXON. nuper Hospitale. Annuat. Thomæ Denys militis per annum xxvj. vij^d. Petri Courteney per annum xl^s. Penc. Willielmi Columpton nuper Prior ibidem xx^s."

^f The following is the abstract of the grant to Sir Thomas Denys, taken from the Repertories to the Originalia in the Exchequer:

"Com. civit. Exon. Devon. Rex xxvj^{to}. die Junij concessit Thomæ Denys militi de Holcombe Burnell domum et scitum nuper monasterii sive prioratus Exoniæ, ac duo molendina et terr', &c. in Exonia, Cheriton, Fitz Payne, Pynhoo, et Combe Sancti Nicholai in comitatu Devonie, necnon manerium de Bowleigh, ac omnia messuagia, &c. in Cadbury, ac etiam manerium de Brounstone alias Brampton, et terr', &c. in Modbury. Ac etiam grangiam de Torrewood, et terr', &c. in Torremohun, in dicto comitatu Devonie, habendum ei et hæredibus suis."

Although this grant to Sir Thomas Denys is distinctly noticed by Tanner, Jenkins, in his History of Exeter, published so recently as 1806, says, (p. 347, Note,) "We have no accounts to whom the buildings and site of this priory were granted at the Reformation; but from its being different freeholds, the deeds of which reach no further back than the reign of Edw. VI. it was probably sold in different lots, the Chamber purchasing great part; and they are still proprietors of some of the lands, St. Nicholas and Lammas fairs, and the oat-market, which were part of its ancient demesnes."

"Cart. 2 Hen. V. p. 2, m. 7.

"Pat. 18 Hen. VI. p. 3, m. 13."

A few documents relating to the manor of St. Nicholas at Exeter are also stated to remain among the papers in the Council Chamber of that city.

Of the SEAL of this monastery we have the following notice in Oliver's Historic Collections:

"On the 8th of November, 1400, a little box, containing the conventual seal, was imprudently left in the Chapter-house, and was stolen in the course of that day.

"The Seal is thus described in fol. 51 of Bishop Stafford's Register: 'Sigillum rotundum fuerat, habens in medio insculptum ad instar et similitudinem Castri quadrati habentis in sui medio unam turrinam excelsam, et in angulis suis alias turres bassiores et propugnacula, et super castrum hujusmodi in unâ parte vetus Scutum Armorum regis Angliæ cum tribus leopardis, et in alia parte gladium erectum, et in ejusdem gladii cuspidem sive punctum coronam regiam, ac subter castrum draconem gradientem insculptam. In circumferentia vero sive circulo ejusdem sigilli scriptum erat sic:

SIGILLUM . ECCLE . SĀI . NICHOLAI . EXONIE.'

"Bishop Stafford required that the sacrilegious robbers should restore it within fifteen days, under pain of excommunication; in the mean while, all deeds and leases, sealed after the 8th of November, were to be considered null and

void. As soon as the convent seal was returned, the prior was charged to break it up and destroy it, as another seal was to be made 'de diversa sculpturâ, et de alia formâ.'"

The seal, however, was recovered, and was used till the dissolution of the Priory. Amongst the records of the Corporation of Exeter, Mr. Oliver found it attached to a bond of William Collumptom, the last prior, bearing date 10th August, 1528.^a

The PRIORY of St. Nicholas, by far the most extensive of the monastic establishments in Exeter, was situated in the parish of St. Olave. Considerable traces of its ruins may be still seen, though not sufficient to make the original ground plan ascertainable. The greater part of the enclosure is yet called The Mint, which Mr. Oliver conjectures to be a corruption of The Minster or Monastery. A neat catholic chapel, dedicated to St. Nicholas, stands on part of the site of the conventual church: it was opened for public worship in January, 1792; and, in digging for the foundation, several graves, parts of monuments, mutilated inscriptions, and quantities of carved mouldings, were discovered.^b

Jenkins, in his History of Exeter, 8°. Exet. 1806, says the prior's lodgings and some of the cells had been converted into a dwelling-house, then recently inhabited by N. E. Cosserat, Esq. St. Bartholomew's burial ground, he adds, was once the orchard and garden belonging to the priory.

Cartae ad Exoniensis Prioratum S. Nicholai (Cellam Abbatiae de Bello) spectantes.

NUM. I.

Carta Regis Willielmi I.

[Cart. 11 E. III. n. 29, per Inapex. Et Pat. 18 H. VI. parte 3, m. 13.]

WILLIELMUS rex Anglorum Baldewino vicecomiti de Devenesira, et omnibus baronibus suis et ministris, ejusdem provinciae, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse monachis meis de Bello, ecclesiam sancti Olavi in Exonia, cum terra de Sireforde, et Cheneb. et cum omnibus aliis terris et rebus ad ipsam ecclesiam pertinentibus; unde volo et præcipio quatinus eam liberâ et in pace teneant, et ut libera sit ab omni consuetudine terrenæ servitutis, et ab omnibus placitis et querelis et siris et hundredis, et ab omni geldo, et scoto, et auxilio, et dono, et denegeldo, et exercitiis, cum saca et soca, et thol et infangenetheof, et omnibus operibus castellorum et pontium sicut dominica elemosina mea. T. Thoma Eboracensi archiepiscopo, et Willielmo filio Osberti, apud Wintoniam.

NUM. II.

Carta Regis Willielmi Rufi.

[Ibid.]

WILLIELMUS rex Anglorum Willielmo vicecomiti, filio Baldewini, et omnibus baronibus suis et ministris qui habitant in Devonescira, salutem. Notifico vobis quod mea

condonazione ecclesia beati Olavi regis et martyris à monachis Belli ædificata, in honore beati Nicholai, quam cum omnia terra quæ pertinet ad ecclesiam suprascripti martyris, meo privilegio, videlicet literis, et sigillo, liberam facio, et ita liberam et quietam per omnia cum saca et soca, et tol et theam, et infangenetheof, et warpeni, et mурdro, et omnibus consuetudinibus, et operibus, et auxiliis, sicut pater meus liberam fecit ecclesiam sancti Martini de Bello ubi hostem devicit, et ubi coronam regni hæreditariam sibi bellando adquisivit. T. Walchelino Wintoniensi episcopo, et Rogero Bygot, apud Wintoniam.

NUM. III.

Carta Regis Henrici Primi.

[Ibid.]

HENRICUS rex Anglorum episcopo Exoniensi, et Ricardo de Retvers, et G. de Magna-villa, et omnibus baronibus et fidelibus suis, Francis et Anglis, in Devonescira salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse ecclesiae sancti Nicholai de Exonia, et monachis ejusdem ecclesiae, terram Herald de Exonia, illam quam ad firmam tenebant pro xxv. sol. per annum, infra burgum et extra; terram scilicet de Relisdona, et quod ei pertinet, solutam et quietam ab omnibus rebus, pro anima mea, et patris, matris, et fratris mei et antecessorum meorum. Et prohibeo ne eis aliquis inde injuriam faciat, sed cum honore et in pace teneant.

^a Oliver's Historic Collections, 8°. Exeter, 1820, p. 6.
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^b Ibid. p. 9.
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T. Roberto episcopo Lincolniensi, et W. cancellario, et W. de Warelwast, et Gisleberto de Aquila, apud London.

NUM. IV.

Carta Regis Johannis.

[Ibid.]

JOHANNES Dei gratia rex Angliæ, &c. Sciatis nos dedisse, concessisse, et presenti carta nostra confirmasse Deo et ecclesiæ S. Nicholai de Exonia et priori et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, in dotem ejusdem ecclesiæ terram de Bradeham, de qua nobis reddi solebant per annum quinquaginta solidi blanci. Habendam eis et tenendam in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, liberam et quietam ab omni seculari servicio et demanda, salvo nobis et hæredibus nostris homagio et servicio, et terra Morini de Bradeham et hæredum suorum. Quare volumus, &c. Dat. per manum Hugonis de Welle archidiaconi Wellensis, apud Exoniam, xij. die Julii anno regni nostri sexto.

NUM. V.

Placita de Juratis et Assis. coram Salom. de Roff. et sociis suis Justic. itin. apud Exon. in octabis Sancti Martini anno regni Regis Edw. I. nono Incipiente decimo.

[Ex origin. in Domo Capitulari Westmon. asservato.]

PRIOR sancti Nicholai Exon. summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamat ha-

bere visum franci plegii et emendas assisæ panis et cervisiæ fractæ in Brodeham sine licentia et voluntate domini regis vel prædecessorum suorum regum Angliæ, &c.

Et prior venit et dicit quod prædictæ libertates pertinent ad ecclesiam suam prædictam. Et quod ipse est amobilis ad voluntatem abbatis de Bello, sine quo non potest inde respondere. Ideo prædictus abbas sumitur quod sit in crastino Purificationis beatæ Mariæ ad respond. similiter, &c. Et sumitur in com. Wilt. ro. 34.

Prior sancti Nicholai Exon. summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamat habere visum franci plegii et emendas assisæ panis et cervisiæ fractæ in Brodeham sine licentia, &c.

Et prior venit et dicit quod dominus Henricus rex proavus domini regis nunc concessit et carta sua confirmavit ecclesiæ sancti Nicholai de Exonia et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus omnes consuetudines quas rex Willielmus dedit ecclesiæ sancti Martini de Bello, et rex Henricus avus suus filius ipsius Willielmi, et profert cartam prædicti Henrici regis proavi domini regis nunc quæ hoc testatur, unde dicit quod ecclesia sua sancti Nicholai Exon. est quædam cella pertinens ad abbatiam sancti Martini de Bello. Et petit quod dies ei detur ad ostendendum et proferendum cartas prædictorum regum Willielmi et Henrici per quas iidem Willielmus et Henricus concesserunt prædictæ abbatiæ sancti Martini de Bello et cellis suis prædictas libertates. Dies datus est ei coram domino rege a die Paschæ in unum mensem ubicunque, &c. ad proferend. cartas prædictas, &c. rot. 45.

VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Return, 26 Hen. VIII. First Fruits Office.)

DECANAT CHRISTIANITATIS.—INFRA ARCHIDIACONATUM ET DIOC EXON

PRIORATUS SANCTI NICH'I EXON.

Verus Valor annuus omnium Possessionum tam Spiritualium quam Temporalium dicti Prioratus unde Willielmus Columpton est Prior, examinatus et approbatus coram præfatis Commissionarijs, &c.

		Temporal'		
Com' Devon'			£.	s. d.
	Feodum Sancti Nichi infra civitatem Exoniæ . .	Valet cum 8 <i>l.</i> de redditu Assis' tam liberorum quam custumariorum Tenentium ibidem. Et cum 20 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> de perquis' Cur' et Exit' Mediet' Nundinarum apud Cruldrych in com' Southynhay . . . Summa	9	0 6
	Manerium de Brodeham	Valet per annum cum 10 <i>l.</i> 2 <i>s.</i> 1 <i>d.</i> de redditu Assisæ tam liber' quam cust' Tenentium ibidem. Et cum 3 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i> de perquis' Cur', Fin' Terr', et al' Profic' communibus annis Summa	10	5 5
	Manerium de Bowlegh	Valet per annum cum 8 <i>l.</i> 4 <i>s.</i> 8 <i>d.</i> de reddit' Assis' tam liber' quam custum' Tenentium ibidem. Et cum 3 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i> de perquis' Cur', Fin' Terr', et al' Profic' ibidem communibus annis Summa	7	18 0
	Manerium de Columpton	Valet per annum cum 1 <i>l.</i> 17 <i>s.</i> 2 <i>d.</i> de redditu Assis' liber' Tenentium. Et cum 25 <i>l.</i> 12 <i>s.</i> 2 <i>d.</i> de redditu custum' Tenentium ibidem. Et cum 20 <i>s.</i> recept' de Fin' Terr' et Heriett' ibidem communibus annis Summa	27	1 7

Com' Devon'

	£.	s.	d.
Manerium de Sherford	Valet per annum cum 30 <i>l.</i> 6 <i>s.</i> 10 <i>d.</i> de redditu Assis' tam liber' quam custom' Tenentium ibidem. Et cum 20 <i>s.</i> de perquis' Cur' Fin' Terr' Heriott' et al' Profic' ibidem communibus annis . . . Summa		
	31	6	10

Reddit' Assis' in diversis locis in prædict' Com' Devon'

Terr' et Ten' in Monkynlond . . .	£0	9	0	}	
Kenbery	3	6	8		
Monkencoblegh	1	1	0		
Cumba S ^u . Nicki	5	6	8		
Dunsford	1	8	0		
Saltmede	2	0	0		
Pynhowe	2	6	0		
Rolfeclyst	4	5	4		
Matford	0	4	8		
Poughhill	1	1	5		
Hempston Cantellowe	0	2	0		
Netherex	0	13	4		
					21 12 9

Summa total' Possess' Temporal' 103 2 8

Spiritualia.

Colompton	Decim' Garb'	£31	0	0	}	
Pynhoo	Decim' Garb'	10	0	0		
Brampford Speke	Decim' Garb'	3	0	0		
Cadbury	Decim' Garb'	2	13	4		
Capell' de Netherex		2	0	0		48 13 4

Penc' de Ecclesijs.

Northtawton	£1	6	8	}	
Poughhill	0	13	4		
S ^u . Olavi Exon	0	8	0		
Boterlegh	0	1	0		
De Priore de Totton et Vicario de Brodeclist pro x ^{ma} . Garb' totius Terr' Barton de Ayshelift	0	7	0		
					2 16 0

Summa total' Possess' Spiritual' 51 9 4

Summa total' omn' Possess' tam Temporal' quam Spiritual' 154 12 0

Inde

Resolut' Abbi et Conventui de Bello et Succ' suis in Com' Sussex' de quadam
annuali Pensione per Annum 7 0 0

Et rem' clare £147 12 0

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 33 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

PRIORAT' S^ci NICHⁱ EXON.

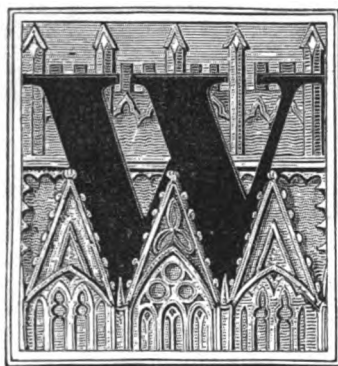
Com' Devon'

von'					£.	s.	d.			
Upton	Wever	al'	Columpton	cum R ^c or'	. . .	Redd' Cust' et Conven' Ten'	. . .	25	18	6
-	-	-	-	-	-	Redd' lib' Ten'	. . . . .	1	11	1
-	-	-	-	-	-	Firm' R ^c orie	. . . . .	31	0	0
-	-	-	-	-	-	Perquis' Cur'	. . . . .	1	1	0

Com' Devon'		£.	s.	d.
Shirforde Manerium	Redd' Ten' p cop' Cur'	22	18	11
- - - - -	Redd' Assis'	7	8	5½
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	0	4	6
Rcōr' de Pynhoo et Bramforde Speke	Firm' Rector'	14	0	0.
Cadbury et Netherex	Firm' Decim'	4	13	4
Nortyngton, Poughill, Burleigh, Sçi Olavi	Penc'	2	9	0
- - - - -	Firm' Scit' Priorat' cum Terr' dnical'	0	6	8
Frithelstocke, viz.				
Kyngdon	Redd' lib' Ten'	3	8	6
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		null	
Wekelangforde	Redd' libor' Ten'	1	12	0
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad vol'	3	14	0
Torryton	Redd' Terr'	0	10	0
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	0	1	8
Rector' de Brodewoodewyger	Firm' Decim'	32	4	2½
Rector' de Wyke	Firm' Decim'	10	2	10
Priorat' de Pylton	Firm' Scit' Priorat' et Rector'	73	12	6
Plympton, Boryngton	Redd' lib' Ten'	2	12	4
Boryngton	Redd' Cust' Ten'	30	15	0½
- - - - -	Firm' Grang'	13	6	8
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	2	9	5
Wembury	Redd' lib' Ten'	0	15	4
- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Ten'	30	5	2
- - - - -	Firm' Manerij	21	10	0
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	1	12	6

Benedictine Nunnerp of Malling,

IN
KENT.



EST, or Town Malling, was given, about the year 945, by Edmund king of the Angles and Mercians,^a to Burhric bishop of Rochester, by the description of a small portion of his land called Meallin-gas, containing three plough-lands, it was granted for the good of Edmund's soul, in perpetual inheritance, in augmentation of the revenues of the monastery of St. Andrew, together with its dif-ferent appurtenances in fields, woods, pastures, &c.^b

Hasted says, this land did not continue long in the possession of the church of Rochester, being wrested from it in the time of the Danish wars; and when William the Conqueror had attained the crown, he gave it to Odo bishop of Baieux, his half-brother, from whom it was re-covered, together with the church of Malling, in the solemn assembly of the whole county, held on this occasion by the king's command at Pinenden heath, in 1076, by Archbishop Lanfranc, who afterwards restored it to Bishop Gundulph and the church of St. Andrew; which gift was confirmed by Archbishops Anselm and Boniface.^c

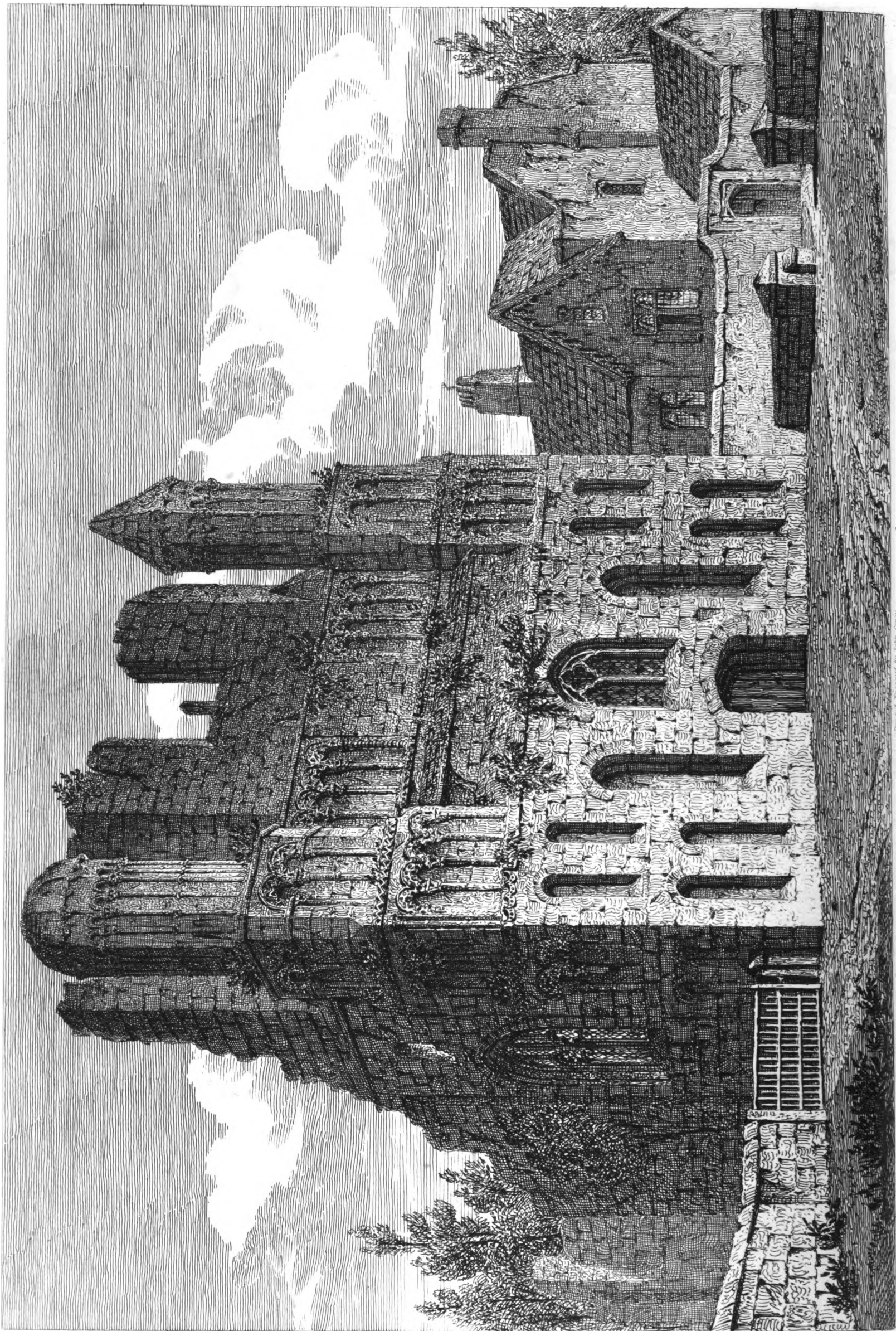
In Domesday, MELINGETES (as it is called) is de-scribed under the general title of the bishop of Rochester's lands.

Gundulph bishop of Rochester, according to Philpot

^a Son of Edward the Elder by Edgiva his third wife. He suc-ceeded Athelstan in 941, and died in 948.

^b See the charter in the Append. Num. I.

^c Hasted, Hist. of Kent, vol. ii. p. 216. See also Registr. Roffense, p. 442.



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and Hasted, in the fourth year of the reign of William Rufus, A. D. 1090, having founded a monastery of nuns in this parish to the honour of the Virgin Mary,^a gave the manor and church of Malling to it, with other possessions, for its endowment.

This donation was confirmed by King William Rufus and several of his successors, viz. King Henry I. King Stephen, and King Henry II. and by King Edward the Third in his twenty-first year; by the archbishops Anselm, Ralph, William, and Thomas Becket; and by Bishop Gundulph, and several of the succeeding bishops of Rochester, viz. Ralph, Arnulf, John, Ascelin, Walter, Gualeran, Benedict, and Richard, who confirmed likewise to this monastery, and the nuns there, Mallinges Parva, with the market of the said village, the church of St. Leonard with its appurtenances, the church of St. Mary in Mallinges, and all other possessions belonging to this monastery.^b

In 1190, both the town and nunnery of Malling were consumed by fire.^c

Among the *Placita de Quo Waranto* of the 6th of Edward the First, we find the abbess of Malling renewing the establishment of her right before the king's justiciaries not only to liberties and franchises of the most extensive kind in East and West Malling, but to the holding of a market in every week on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and of three fairs in the year, on the eve and day of St. Peter ad Vincula, on the eve and day of St. Martin, and on the eve and day of St. Leonard.^d

Other exemplifications of the general liberties and franchises of this monastery occur among the pleadings in *Quo Waranto* of the 21st Edw. I. A. D. 1292.^e

In the 15th of Edward III. the temporalities of the abbess in East and West Malling were valued at 45*l*.

In 1349, we are told, the bishop of Rochester going on a visitation, found the monasteries of Lesnes and Malling so decayed as hardly to appear restorable. "Anno xxiv. regni regis Edwardi III. [Christi M.CCC.XLIX.]—Episcopus Roffensis abbatias et monasteria de Liesnes et Mallyng visitans, invenit ea ita destructa per malam diuturnam custodiam, quod durante isto sæculo usque ad diem Judicii creditur ea non posse reparari."^f

Among the "*Jura Episcopatus Roffensis, anno MCCCLX.*" printed in Wharton's *Anglia Sacra*, tom. i. pp. 388, 389, we read, "Item percipiet præfatus episcopus de abbatisa de Mallynges unum aprum, ut creditur, et certam portionem cere pro decimis vinearum de Hallynges."

ABBESSES of MALLING.

AVICE, or AVICIA, the first abbess, appointed by

Bishop Gundulph, is mentioned in the *Textus Roffensis*.^g

. DE BADLESMERE. In 1321, we are told, 15 Edw. II. the bishop of Rochester, at the king's request, to whom the nuns had made complaint that their monastery was ruined by the bad management of their abbess the sister of Bartholomew de Badlesmere, visited it, and heard the complaints against her; on which she resigned, and the bishop proceeded to an election, or rather nomination of a new abbess, in compliance with which the convent chose as her successor

AGNES DE LEYBURN: the usual form of election, or rather nomination, being dispensed with.^h

In 1324, Agnes de Leyborne died; soon after which, the bishop coming to Malling, at the unanimous request of the nuns, appointed

LORA DE RETLYNG to be abbess, and the next day gave her his benediction; though he did it much against his will, knowing her to be ignorant and unfit for the office. He moreover inhibited the new abbess from giving a cordy to her maid servant, as had been customary; and sequestered the seal of the convent, forbidding it to be used without the bishop's licence for that purpose having been first obtained.ⁱ

In the 23d of Edward III. A. D. 1348, during the great pestilence, the bishop of Rochester made two abbesses here, who presently died. Their names do not appear to have been preserved. After the death of the second of these abbesses, there being only eight nuns, four professed and four not professed, remaining in the monastery, the Bishop committed the custody of the spirituals and temporals to two of them, as there was not a proper person for the office of abbess.^k

CATHERINE abbess of West Malling occurs 22 Feb. 1479.^l

JOANE MOONE occurs abbess April 10th, 1493.^m

ELIZABETH REDE occurs, according to Willis, in the 23d of Henry VIII. 1531.ⁿ She occurs again in the *Ecclesiastical Valor* of the 26th of Henry VIII.^o

MARGARET VERNON was the last abbess.

This abbey was surrendered into the king's hands, together with its possessions, by the abbess and convent, on October 29th, in the 30th Hen. VIII. A. D. 1538; at which time it was valued at 245*l*. 10*s*. 2*d*. annual rent, according to Speed,^p and 218*l*. 4*s*. 2*d*. clear value, according to Dugdale. On December the 7th in the same year, the king assigned the following pensions to the abbess and nuns:

	£.	s.	d.
To Margaret Vernon, abbess, per annum	40	0	0

^a Leland, in his *Collectanea*, edit. 1770, tom. iv. p. 73, fixes the year of Gundulph's foundation at A. D. 1106. "Eodem quoque anno Gundulfus, episcopus Roffensis, monasterium de Mallynges construxit, et in eodem sanctimonialia instituit." Gundulph's own charter, however, (see Num. II.) plainly gives it to the reign of William Rufus. Bishop Tanner is inclined to think the foundation was begun in 1090, and finished in the year named by Leland.

^b Hasted, *Hist. Kent*, ut suprà. Compare also the charters in *Reg. Roff.* p. 480 to 486, the contents of which will be more distinctly enumerated in another Note.

^c See Stowe's *Annales*, edit. 1632, p. 159.

^d See Num. V.

^e Num. VI. By these and such like favours granted to it, Hasted says, Malling, which at the first foundation of the monastery, was plain fields, and almost without an inhabitant, became exceedingly populous from the numbers who flocked to it from all parts, who building themselves houses here, formed a large village, well suited for trade, to the no small emolument of the nuns: whence it soon lost its name of Malling Parva, which was for some time transferred to the neighbouring parish of East Malling, as appears by some grants, &c. of this time and King Edward III. See Hasted, ut suprà. pp. 216, 217.

^f Will. de Dene *Hist. Roffensis*, Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 377.

^g See Num. III. Gundulph is said to have governed this abbey himself during his life; and only to have appointed Avice when he was dying.

^h "Anno MCCCXXI. in crastino festi S. Leonardi Rex apud Tonebrige agens Episcopo Roffensi denunciando supplicavit quod monasterium Mallyngense, quod per Abbatissam dicti loci destructum esse, sicut per querelam omnium monialium acceperat [dixit,] adiret, de fectisque corrigeret, abbatissamque, quæ fratris sui Bartholomæi de Badlesmere ausu temerario multa mala fecerat, deponeret omni modo. Igitur Episcopus tanti Domini denuntiationem ac pericula imminentia

ponderans, mox ad visitandum moniales scripsit; ibique multas querelas contra abbatissam per omnes moniales depositas; ad quas abbatissa consilium non habens nescia respondere, gratis cessit vel invita. Rursus ad electionem seu potius nominationem novæ abbatissæ episcopus procedens, quandam dominam Agnetem de Leyburne Conventus elegit in Abbatissam, electionis forma sc. nominationis de consuetudine non observatâ." See Willelmi de Dene *Historia Roffensis*, Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 362.

ⁱ "Anno regni regis Edwardi [II.] xviii. [Christi MCCCXXIV.] circa festum exaltationis S. Crucis Agnes de Leybourn abbatissa de Malling obiit; et die Sabbati quatuor temporum sequenti episcopus apud Mallyng ultro progrediens, eodem die monialibus omnibus instantissime acclamantibus, Loram de Retlyng, omni ingenio et discretione prælati ac regiminis carentem, in abbatissam episcopus præfecit licet invitatus sciens eam insufficientem et ignaram; et in crastino eam benedixit: cujus benedictio Monasterii fuit maledictio. Episcopus tunc Abbatissæ inhibuit, ne ancillæ suæ corrodium daret, sicut fieri male consuevit; earumque sigillum commune sequestravit, inhibens ne præter ipsius episcopi licentiam petitam et obtentam eo uteretur." Ibid. p. 364.

^k "Episcopus Roffensis—apud Mallinges fecit duas abbatissas, et mox obierunt. Nec remanserunt ibidem nisi iv. professæ et quatuor non professæ moniales; de quibus episcopus uni spiritualia alteri temporalia custodienda commisit, quia non inveniebatur sufficiens persona ad officium abbatissæ." Ibid. p. 375.

^l Thorpe's *Registrum Roffense*, p. 695.

^m Ibid. p. 489.

ⁿ Willis's *Notes* to his second volume of his *History of Mitred Abbies*, MS. Cole, Brit. Mus. vol. xxvi. fol. 201 b.

^o See p. 386.

^p See also the valuation in the Appendix of the 26 Hen. VIII. It is singular that the Surrender, which is still remaining in the Aug-

	£.	s.	d.
To Felix Cocks, nun	3	6	8
To Arminal Bere, nun	3	6	8
To Margaret Gyles, nun	3	6	8
To Joane Randall, nun	3	6	8
To Letitia Duke, nun	2	13	4
To Betrice Williams, nun	3	6	8
To Juliana Whetnall, nun	2	13	4
To Joane Hull, nun	2	13	4
To Elizabeth Pympe, nun	2	13	4
To Agnes West, nun	2	13	4
To Rosa Morton, nun	3	6	8 ^a

The site as well as all the lands of this monastery were granted, in the 31st of Henry VIII. by the king to Archbishop Cranmer, in exchange for various possessions belonging to his see in Kent and Surrey.^b Tanner, by some mistake, says in the 32d Henry VIII.^c In the beginning of Queen Elizabeth's reign they were resumed by, or rather again exchanged with the crown. In the 12th of Elizabeth the site of Malling abbey was granted to Henry Cobham, *alias* Brook.^d

No CHARTULARY or REGISTER of this monastery is now known to be extant: but the following Instruments relating to it occur in Thorpe's Registrum Roffense:

1. Carta Willielmi de Ludesdone qua concedit monialibus de Mallyngs decimam feudi sui de Bocland, pag. 176, e Registr. eccl. Roffen. Another copy of this Instrument occurs in the same work, pag. 480, ex autogr. penes Decan. et Capit. Roffen.

2. Carta R. Johannis, pag. 480, Cart. antiq. n. 11, m. 2, in Turr. Lond. See the Append. to the present Account, Num. IV.

3. Carta confirmatoria Guallerani episcopi Roffen. ibid. e Registr. Hamonis de Heth, A. 16, a, b.

4. Carta Benedicti episcopi Roffen. super diversis Ecclesiis et Decimis, pag. 481, e Registr. Hamonis de Heth, A. 16, a, b.

5. Carta prioris Roffen. super Ecclesiis et Decimis in dioc. Roffen. concessis Monialibus de Mallynges, ibid. e Registr. Hamonis de Heth, A. 15 b, 16 a.

6. Carta Ricardi Roffen. episcopi qua confirmat Monialibus de Mallynges quasdam Ecclesias, Decimas, et Possessiones, A. D. M.CC.XLIX. ibid. e Registr. Hamonis de Heth, A. 15 a.

7. Finalis concordia, 26 Hen. III. pag. 482, e Registr. Temporal. Eccles. et Episcopat. Roffen. fol. 47 b.

8. Conventio super quibusdam terris in Mallynges, pag. 483, e Registr. Temporal. Eccles. et Episcopat. Roffen. fol. 27 b.

9. Libertas abbatissæ de Meutlyng, ibid. Plac. de libertat. in com. Kanc. 7 Edw. I. rot. 56.

10. Carta Willielmi de la Boclande, ibid. ex autogr. penes Decan. et Capit. Roffen.

11. Ordinatio vicariæ de Mallynges, A.D. M.CCC.XXXIX. p. 484, e Registr. Hamonis de Heth, A. 123 a, &c.

12. Carta regis Edwardi III. pag. 486, Cart. de anno 21 Edw. III. in Turre Lond.

13. Confirmatio Simonis Cantuar. archiep. sententiæ super possessionibus Monialium de Mallynges, ibid. e Registr. Warham in bibl. Lambeth, foll. 126 b, 127 a.

mentation Office, is not signed by the abbess and nuns, as was the usual form, but merely purports to have been received, acknowledged, and delivered before Richard Layton and William Peter, two of the masters of the king's chancery, in the day and year above-mentioned.

^a Hasted, Hist. of Kent, vol. ii. p. 217.

The following is the return in the Pension Roll of 1553, 2 & 3 Phil. and Mar.:

"MALLINGE nuper Mon. Annuit. Roulandi Ryce per annum c. Henrici Fletcher per annum c. Penciones. Agnetis Weste per annum liij. iiij^d. Elizabethæ Pympe per annum liij. iiij^d. Johannæ Hall per annum liij. iiij^d. Johannæ Randolphe per annum lxxvj. viij^d. Julianæ Whetnall per annum liij. iiij^d. Leticie Bucke per annum liij. iiij^d."

^b The exchange is thus noticed in the Originalia records of the 31 Hen. VIII. "Rex xxvij. die Aprilis in recompensationem &c. manerii de Aldington ac maneriorum, mesuagiorum, firmarum suæ collect. de Wyllop, Northsture Superiori, Northsture Inferiori, New Church, Northre, Southre, Walda, et Oxney, membra ejusdem manerii de

14. Augmentatio vicariæ de Mallynges, p. 488, e Registr. Islippe in bibl. Lambeth, fol. 102 a, b.

15. Presentatio prebendæ magnæ missæ majoris altaris monasterii de West Malling, A. D. M.CCCC.XCIII. e Registr. Tho. Savage, fol. 3 b.

16. Commissio super jure patronatus prebendæ magnæ missæ majoris altaris monasterii de West Mallyng, A. D. M.CCCC.XCIII. ibid. ex eodem Registro, fol. 3 b.

17. Inquisitio et institutio ejusdem prebendæ, anno Dom. supradicto, pag. 490, ex eodem.

18. Memorandum de decimis quæ pertinent ad abbatissam de Mallyng, videlicet, in parochia de Woldham; et inquisitio facta per Thomam de Alkham, et tenentes ibidem anno regni regis Edwardi III. post Conquest. xxvj. pag. 694, e Registr. Eccl. Roffen.

19. Carta prioris et capituli Roffensis qua concedunt annualem redditum xl. solidorum exeuntium de manerio de Woldham abbatissæ de West Malling, pag. 695, e Registr. W. Woode et T. Bourne, Prior. Roff. penes Dec. et Cap. ib. fol. 6 a.

Dr. Ducarel, in his Excerpts from Archbishop Winchelsea's Register at Lambeth, refers to "Injunctiones abbatissæ et convent. monasterii monialium de Mallyng; dat. apud Otteford, 5 kal. Julii, A. D. 1299, fol. 70 a." See MS. Donat. Brit. Mus. 6064, p. 104.

In the Register of Archbishop Arundell, also, we have, fol. 59 a, "Litera domini archiep. directa abbati et conventui monasterii de Bello Cycestr. dioc. Collector. decimarum pro exoneratione pauperum abbatiss. et convent. de Mallyng, propter ipsarum inopiam, a solutione decimarum. Dat. in civitate Cantuar. 2 die Nov. A. D. 1404."

Bishop Tanner adds the following references:

"In cartulario archiepiscopatus Cantuar. MS. p. 89. Carta T. archiepisc. Cantuar. concedentis P. Malling monialibus pro firma annua x. librarum.

"Forma eligendi et præficiendi Abbatissam, in Registro Hamonis de Hethe episcopi Roffen. foll. 245, 246.

"Rot. Pat. 11 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 28, pro mess. et terris in Cornerd M. Newton P. et Bures [Suff.] perquirendis a Thoma Gray.

"Pat. 10 Hen. VI. p. 1, m. 4. Pat. 18 Hen. VI. p. 1, m. 13 vel 14. Claus. 24 Hen. VI. m. 11, relaxat. de maner. de Greys in villis de Bures, Newton, &c."

A valuable Rental of the possessions of this monastery at the time they were exchanged with the see of Canterbury will be found in the Appendix of Instruments, copied from the original in the chapter-house at Westminster.

The impression of the SEAL of Malling Nunnery appendant to the Surrender, is of red wax, of an oblong form, representing the blessed Virgin, crowned, seated under a richly ornamented Gothic canopy, with the infant Jesus in her right hand, and a sceptre in her left. In a niche below is a figure praying: the inscription,

SIGILLV . COMMVNE . MONASTERIJ . BEATE . MARIE .
DE . WEST . MALLING.

Many parts of the CONVENTUAL BUILDINGS of Malling abbey are still remaining, being used as offices to the abbey house, which was rebuilt in the last century by

Aldyngton, ac maneriorum de Saltwood et Cheyney, ac manerii de Lemynge cum firmis, redditibus, annuitatibus collect. de Beffrington, Eastbridge, Somerfeld, et Sybertysnorthe in com. Kanc. ac parc. archiep. in Croydon, et terr. &c. in Croydon in com. Surr. ac rectoriæ appropriatæ in Cranebroke in com. Kanc. ac omnium castellorum, mesuagiorum &c. præfatis maneriis pertinen. concessit Thomæ archiepiscopo Cantuar. scitum nuper Monasterii sive Abbatie de Malling ac maneria de West Mallyng, Ewell, Estmallyng, Parroke, et Layton in com. Kanc. ac rectorias de West Malling et Est Malling, ac omnia mesuag. &c. in Westmalling, Estmallyng, Ewell, Parroke, Westwell, Estpekham, Wrotham, Woldham, Ludston, et Cuttleston in com. Kanc. nuper monasterio spectan. ac maneria de Magna Cornard et rect. in com. Suff. et Essex, ac omnia terr. &c. in burgo de Southwarke in com. Surr. ac maneria et rect. de Chystlet et Northborne in com. Kanc. necnon manerium de Shelhurst, ac omnia mesuag. &c. in Croydon voc. Selhurst in com. Surr. nuper monasterio de Malling spectan. habend. ei successoribus suis." ro. 39.

^c Notit. Monast. Kent, XXXIX.

^d Ibid.

^e Num. VII.

Frazer Honywood, Esq. The west end of the abbey church, in the Norman style, also remains. The editor of the account of Kent, in "The Beauties of England and Wales," says some stone coffins have been dug up here, together with divers rings and other trinkets. Over an entrance doorway is sculptured in stone a heart gouttè de sang, transfixed by a spear. On the gateway is a shield, bearing ermine, a crozier in bent sinister, on a chief three annulets.

The abbey grounds were watered by a stream, which flows from Nether Well in the hamlet of St. Leonards.

The buildings originally consisted of two quadrangular courts with cloisters, a chapter-house, hall, and dormitory. The edifice considered as the prison for the abbess's territorial jurisdiction stands at some distance west of the remains of the abbey church. Certain excavations which mark the site of the fish ponds may still be seen in the meadows which form a part of the ancient inclosure.

Cartae ad Mallingense Coenobium in agro Cantiano spectantes.

NUM. I.

Carta Regis Eadmundi.

[Ex Textu Roffensi, fol. 143.]

IN nomine Dei summi et Salvatoris nostri Jesu Christi, ipso quoque in perpetuo regnante disponenteque suaviter omnia. Quapropter ego Eadmundus rex Anglorum, necnon et Merciorum, meo amabili episcopo nomine Burhric, concedo aliquantulum mei telluris ubi dicitur Meallingas, trium videlicet aratorum, pro remedio animæ meæ in sempiternam hæreditatem, ad augmentum monasterii ejus, quod est dedicatum in honore sancti Andreæ apostoli, qui fuit germanus Petri et socius in passione, cum omnibus rebus ad eam pertinentibus, cum campis, silvis, pratis, pascuis, necnon et aucupiiis, et hoc quoque cum concilio optimatum et principum meorum quorum nomina infra scripta reperiuntur. Unde adjuro in nomine Domini Dei Jesu Christi, qui est omnium justus judex, ut terra hæc sit libera ab omni regali servitio imperpetuum. Si quis vero minuere vel fraudare præsumperit hanc donationem, sit separatus a consortio sanctorum, ita ut vivens benedictione Dei sit privatus, et sit damnatus in inferno inferiori, nisi satisfactione ante ejus obitum emendaverit quod inique gessit; manente tamen hac cartula nichilominus in sua firmitate. Qui verò tunc augere voluerit dona nostra, augeat illi Dominus cælestia dona, et æternam vitam tribuat.

Dij rýndon ða land ze mæpo ðær buþan cpebenan lander; æper on ruþ healpe of cnezer rýpþe. of cnezer rýpþe on Offrahamez zemæpe. ðanan on hepe rýpæt. anblanz rýpæte oþer Lyllebupnan of eart Meallunga zemæpe. 7 rpa ruht ruþ be eartan ðamepýllan of þ ða rýbe rýpæte. ruþ lanþ rýpæte on zeuht of cnezer rýpþe. ðæne rýndon ðij ða clenhæpo. eart Landrhyt. 7 Otanhýrt xxx. p. 7 Fræcinghýrt. 7 Sceorfeþede xxx. p. 7 Wihtheþmeþ. Faladsto. Gafol. 7 Holanþric xxx. horda. 7 Pætlanhýrt.

[Id est,

Hi sunt fundi supradicti fines. Primò ex australi parte usque ad regis planitiem: à regis planitie ad Offrahame villæ fines, deinde ad viam militarem; per longitudinem [vel, tractum] viæ trans Lilleburnam* usque Meallunga orientalis fines: et sic rectà austrum versus ab oriente crucis [vel, patibuli] usque ad amplam viam, austrum versus per longitud. viæ in directum usque ad regis planitiem.

* cujusd. Lillæ torrentem.

þ for. peapnucar. i. saginaria.

Cellaria fortè, vel Penaria.

Sunt autem hæc porcorum pascendorum loca [valles scilicet nemorosæ et glandiferæ:] orientalis Lindhrycg, et Otanhýrst xxx. p.^b et Fræcinghýrst, et Sceorfeþede xxx. p.^b et Wihthermeg, Faladsto, Gafol, et Holanswic xxx. horda^a et Pætlanhrycg.]

✠ Ego Eadmundus rex Anglorum signo crucis confirmavi. ✠ Ego Eadred frater regis roboravi. ✠ Ego Eadgife mater regis adfui. ✠ Ego Oda archiepiscopus subscripsi. ✠ Ego Ælfeg episcopus consensi. ✠ Ego Theodred episcopus. ✠ Ego Wulfstan archiepiscopus. ✠ Cenwald episcopus. ✠ Ego Ælfred episcopus. ✠ Ego Ælfric episcopus. ✠ Ego Æthelgar episcopus. ✠ Ælfifu concubina regis affui. ✠ Wulfgar dux. ✠ Æthelstan dux. ✠ Eadmund dux. ✠ Scula dux. ✠ Sigferth minister. ✠ Wulfric minister. ✠ Ealdred minister. ✠ Ælfstan minister. ✠ Ordeah minister. ✠ Eadwerd minister. ✠ Wulfric minister. ✠ Odda minister. ✠ Ælla minister. ✠ Ælfgar minister. ✠ Osferth dux. ✠ Wihthgar minister. ✠ Wulsige minister. ✠ Birhtwald minister.

NUM. II.

Charta Gundulfi Episcopi confirmata.

[Cart. de an. 21 Edw. III. num. 22. Vide etiam Text. Roffen. fol. 163.]

REX archiepiscopus, &c. salutem. Inspeximus cartam quam dominus Willielmus, quondam rex Angliæ, progenitor noster fecit in hæc verba: 'Willielmus rex Angliæ omnibus baronibus suis et omnibus hominibus, Francis et Anglis, de comitatu Cantia salutem. Sciatis quod ego concedo opus, et elemosinam quam Gundulfus episcopus de Roucestria fecit apud Mallingas manerium suum, et placet mihi multum, quod facit, et pulchrum est mihi. Teste R. episcopo Dunelmense, apud Londoniam.' Inspeximus etiam cartam Henrici regis Angliæ in hæc verba: 'Henricus rex Anglorum, Haimoni vicecomiti, et Gilberto de Tunebrigge, et omnibus baronibus suis, Francis et Anglis, de Cantia salutem. Sciatis quod ego concedo, et confirmo donum illud quod Anselmus archiepiscopus dedit sanctimonialibus quæ in parochia Rofensis episcopi, Domino Christo famulantur. Scilicet manerium quod juxta illud situm est, nomine Parvas Meallingas, ad victum illarum eternaliter possidendum, testimonio Roberti Lincolnensis episcopi, et Roberti filii Hamonis, et Willielmi de Albigneio.'

Inspeximus etiam aliam cartam quam idem progenitor noster fecit in hæc verba: 'Henricus rex Angliæ A. archiepiscopo Cantuariæ, et Herberto episcopo Norwicensi, et Rogero Bigoto, et abbati de sancto Edmundo, et omnibus baronibus, Francis et Anglis, de Suffolch, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse S. Mariæ de Mellinges, Corugerda manerium, quod Robertus filius Hamonis dedit sanctæ Mariæ, cum filia sua, ad victum monialium. Et volo et firmiter præcipio, ut bene, in pace, et quietè, et honorificè teneant sicut Robertus filius Hamonis honorabiliter tenuit, cum omnibus consuetudinibus suis, in tempore fratris mei Willielmi regis, et meo. Testibus Waltero cancellario, et Hamone dapifero, et Willielmo de Albineio, et Willielmo Peverello de Doura, apud Rotomagum, in festo sancti Andreae, &c. et aliæ cartæ testes Mathildis regina, Robertus Lincolnæ episcopus, et Robertus filii Hamonis, et Alanus filius Flathaldi, et Willielmus de Albineio. Apud Cantriberiam.'

NUM. III.

De Subjectione et Fidelitate Abbatisæ de Mellings.

[Ex eod. Roffen. fol. 191.]

DIE illa qua Gundulfus Rofensis episcopus abbatiam de Mellings dedit sanctimoniali Aviciæ, eadem sanctimonialis eidem episcopo, ejusque successoribus, et sanctæ Rofensi ecclesiæ, juravit fidelitatem et subjectionem, et quod nec per se, nec per aliam personam prædictam subjectionem dissolvere temptaret; hoc autem facto sacramento, prædicta Avicia episcopo, firma et stabili conventionem promisit, quod sine ejus consilio et licentia, in abbacia sibi data, priorem nec poneret, nec deponeret, nec ullam sanctimoniam recipere, nec terram inde daret, aut auferret. Hujus rei testes fuerunt isti audientes et videntes. Radulfus abbas Belli, Ordivismus prior, Paulinus secretarius, Alueredus, Andreas medicus, Arnulfus capellanus episcopi, Johannes, Goisfridus, Albericus, Odo, Beringarius, Willielmus subprior, Humfridus, Eruegrinus, Hugo nepos episcopi, Willielmus juvenis, Radulfus clericus, Ausfridus clericus, Godardus clericus, Rodbertus camerarius, Hugo camerarius, Ausfridus dapifer, Humfridus portarius, et alii plures.

NUM. IV.

Carta Johannis Regis.

[Cart. 7 Joh. n. 11, m. 2.]

JOHANNES Dei gratia, &c. Sciatis nos intuitu Dei, et pro salute nostra, et pro animabus omnium antecessorum et successorum nostrorum concessisse et hac carta nostra confirmasse Deo et ecclesiæ de Mallinges, et monialibus ibidem Deo servantibus ecclesiam de Est-Mallinges, cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus, quam dominus Hubertus Cantuariensis archiepiscopus eis reddidit, et in proprios usus earum convertit sicut carta ejusdem archiepiscopi quam inde habent rationabiliter testatur. Quare volo, &c. Datum per manum Hugonis de Welles archidiaconi Wellensis, apud Rumenell, v^{to}. die Aprilis, anno, &c. vij.

NUM. V.

Placita de Quo Waranto coram Henrico de Stanton et aliis Justiciariis Domini Regis itinerant. apud Roff. in com. Kanc. in octab. Nat. Sancti Joh. Bapt. anno r. r. Edw. fil. Regis Edwardi sexto.

[Ex orig. in Domo Capitulari Westmon. asservato.]

ABBATISSA de Mallingg summonita fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamavit habere visum franci plegii in Estmallyng et Mallyng, emendas assisæ panis et cervisiæ fractæ, infangenthef, utfangenthef, furcas, tol, et them, pillorium, trebuchet, sok, sak, et duo mercata qualibet septimana in Mallyng per diem Mercurii et diem Sabbati, et tres ferias ibidem singulis annis, et liberam warennam in omnibus dominicis terris suis de Maling, &c.

Et abbatissa per attornatum suum venit. Et quo ad prædictas ferias dicit quod ipsa clamat habere unam feriam, videlicet in vigilia et in die Sancti Petri ad Vincula, et aliam feriam in vigilia et in die sancti Martini, et terciam feriam in vigilia et die sancti Leonardi, singulis annis duraturas. Et quo ad illas ferias et omnes alias libertates prædictas dicit quod ipsa et prædecessores sui a tempore quo non extat memoria libertates illas habuerunt. Et illis hucusque sine interruptione usi sunt. Et de hoc ponit se super patriam. Ideo fiat inde jur.

Juratores de hundr. de Larkefeld et Mallyng dicunt super sacramentum suum quod prædicta abbatissa et omnes prædecessores suæ a tempore quo non extat memoria habuerunt libertates prædictas sicut ipsa clamat, et illis hucusque sine interruptione usi sunt. Ideo prædicta abbatissa inde sine die salvo jure regis, &c. rot. 2 d.

NUM. VI.

Placita de Jure et Assis. coram Johanne de Berewyk et aliis Justiciariis itinerantibus apud Cantuar. in com. Kanc. a die Paschæ in xv. dies anno r. r. Edw. filii Regis Henrici vicesimo primo.

[Ibid.]

ABBATISSA de Mallyng summonita fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamavit habere visum franci plegii, emendas assisæ panis et cervisiæ fractæ, et furcas in manerio suo de Estmalling, &c.

Et abbatissa per attornatum suum venit, et dicit quod ipsa et prædecessores suæ a tempore quo non extat memoria habuerunt in prædicto manerio prædictum visum et prædictas emendas tanquam pertinentes ad visum illum et similiter infangenthef, et ea ratione furcas, &c. Et de hoc ponit se super patriam, &c.

Et Johannes Mutford qui sequitur pro rege dicit quod prædictæ libertates sunt annexæ coronæ domini regis, ita quod ab ea sine regis concessione speciali seperari non possunt. Et desicut prædicta abbatissa nichil ostendit speciale quod hujusmodi concessionem testatur petit judicium pro rege si prædicta abbatissa prædictis libertatibus gaudere debeat, &c. Postea prædictus Johannes dicit quod prædicta abbatissa nichil habet in prædictis ten. nisi per occupationem prædecess. prædictæ abbatissæ post tempus regis Ricardi, et hoc petit quod inquiratur pro domino rege. Et abbatissa summonitur. Ideo inquiratur. Juratores dicunt super sacramentum suum quod prædicta abbatissa et omnes prædecessores suæ semper a tempore quo non extat memoria usæ sunt prædictis libertatibus. Ideo prædicta abbatissa inde sine die salvo, &c.

[Ibid.]

ABBATISSA de Mallyng summonita fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamavit habere vicum franci plegii, emendas assisæ panis et cervisiæ fractæ infangenthef, furcas, pillorium, et tumberellum in Malling, &c.

Et abbatissa per attornatum suum venit, et dicit quod ipsa et prædecessores suæ, a tempore quo non extat memoria habuerunt prædictas libertates et illæ usæ sunt. Dicit etiam quod dominus rex Johannes avus domini regis nunc in seisinâ ipsarum concessit et confirmavit cuidam prædecess. suæ prædictas libertates per cartam suam quam profert, et quæ testatur quod prædictus dominus J. rex concessit et confirmavit Deo et ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Mallyng et monialibus ibidem Deo servantibus quod haberent et tenerent omnes terras et tenementa sua libere et quiete, cum sacha et socha, thol et theam, infangenthef, et utfangenthef, flemarferm, et omnibus aliis libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus, et eo waranto quod ipsa et prædecessores suæ, a tempore quo non extat memoria prædictis libertatibus usi sunt, sicut prædictum est, clamat ipsa easdem libertates. Ideo inquiratur. Juratores dicunt super sacramentum suum quod prædicta Abbatissa et prædecessores suæ semper a tempore quo non extat memoria habuerunt prædictas libertates sicut illas habere clamat. Ideo prædicta abbatissa inde sine die salvo jure regis, &c.

NUM. VII.

Rentale Monasterij de Malling, temp. Hen. VIII. [A°. 31.]

[Ex orig. in Domo Capitulari Westm.]

ABBATHIA MONIALIUM DE MALLING.

Com' Kanc'

Westmalling, Ewell, et Perrok.

De proficuo terrarum dominicalium ibidem in manibus dominæ per annum	xxvj ^{li} .				
De proficuo ccc. acrarum bosci et brueræ in Westmallyng, Romden, et Parrok		c ^s .			
De vendicione bosci prædicti communibus annis	xiiij ^{li} .	x ^s .			
De proficuo rectoriæ ibidem in manibus dominæ	vj ^{li} .				
Minutæ firmæ terrarum et tenementorum ibidem per annum	x ^{li} .	iiij ^s .	ix ^d .		
Proficuus mercati et nundinarum ibidem per annum		lxvj ^s .	viiij ^d .		
Proficuus molendini ibidem per annum		liij ^s .	iiij ^d .		
Redditus assisi manerij de Westmalling ibidem cum redditu opellarum Shamell et Stretgavell per annum	vj ^{li} .	iiij ^s .	iiij ^d .		
Redditus assisi manerij de Ewell	vij ^{li} .	iiij ^s .	ix ^d .	ob.	
Proficuus curiæ visus franciplegij ibidem		xiiij ^s .	iiij ^d .		
Redditus assisi in Parrok		lxxvj ^s .	iiij ^d .		
Proficuus curiæ et visus franciplegij ibidem		viiij ^s .	iiij ^d .		

iiij^{ss}. iiij^{li}. xv^s. x^d. ob.

Estmalling.

Proficuus curtilagij ibidem per annum	x ^{li} .				
Molendinum vocatum le Cornemyll	iiij ^{li} .				
Molendinum fullonicum ibidem		lxvj ^s .	viiij ^d .		
Terræ tenementa et mercatum apud Newheth		lx ^s .			
Minutæ firmæ ibidem	vij ^{li} .	xvj ^s .	iiij ^d .		
Redditus assisi ibidem	xv ^{li} .		iiij ^d .		
Proficuus Smokeperrmys cum perquisitis pro visu franci ibidem		lx ^s .			
Proficuus rectoriæ ibidem	xxvj ^{li} .	xiiij ^s .	iiij ^d .		
Proficuus c. acrarum terræ	vj ^{li} .	xiiij ^s .	iiij ^d .		

lxxix^{li}. ix^s. vj^d.

Thurne.

Proficuus terræ vocatæ Thurne per annum lxvj^s. viij^d.

Lecton.

Proficuus manerij de Lecton x^{li}.xiiij^{li}. vj^s. viij^d.

Com' Kanc'

Porcões et Redditus.

De rectore de Woldham pro portione decimarum	xl ^s .				
De priore Roffensis pro consimili in sancta Margareta	xxvj ^s .	viiij ^d .			
De firma portione decimarum in Petham	vj ^s .	viiij ^d .			
De rectore de Troscliff pro portione decimarum in Wrotham	x ^s .				
De rectore de Luddesdon pro consimili ibidem	viiij ^s .				
De rectore de Cuttleston pro consimili ibidem	v ^s .				
De priore ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis pro redditu	iiij ^s .				

c^s. iiij^d.

Com' Surr'

Suthwerk.

De magistro collegij sanctæ Mariæ Magdalænæ in Oxon' pro redditibus et firmis in Suthwerk xiiij^s. iiij^d. patet

Com' Suffolk et Essex.

Magna Cornard.

De rectoria ibidem cum tenemento vocato Bakers	xij ^{li} .				
Molendinum ibidem	xiiij ^{li} .	iiij ^s .			
Redditus et minutæ firmæ ibidem	xxxij ^{li} .	xix ^s .			
Proficuus visus franci cum curia ibidem		xiiij ^s .	ij ^d .		
Proficuus boscorum ibidem		xvj ^s .			
Redditus in Waldyngfeld et Mildyng		xx ^s .			
Redditus apud Wyndbysshe in com' Essex		xviiij ^s .			
Redditus apud Horndon et Childerdyke		xiiij ^s .	iiij ^d .		

lxij^{li}. iiij^s. vj^d.Summa oneris ccxlv^{li}. x^s. ij^d. ob.

de quibus

Redditus resoluti

Episcopo Roffensis pro manerio de Ewell cum exemo suo x^s. Domino manerij de Aylesford pro terra vocata Thurne cum ij^s. oblationⁱ vicario de Ailesford xxij^s. Priori ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis pro manerio de Lecton iiij^{li}. xij^s. iiij^d. Abbati de Bury pro manerio de Cornard Magna ij^s. Magistro collegij sancti Georgij de Sudbury pro reditu vocato Dambott pro Magna Cornard iiij^s. xj^{li}. xij^s. iiij^d.

Procuraciones et Pensiones

Episcopo Roffensis pro procuracionibus de Westmallyng vij^s. iiij^d. Archiepiscopo Cantuariensis pro procuracionibus de Estmallyng vj^s. viij^d. Vicario de Cornard Magna pro pensione sua liij^s. iiij^d. lxvij^s. iiij^d.

Feoda

Thomæ Foule collectoris redditus de Westmallyng .	xl ^s .		
Thomæ Daune collectoris redditus de Parrok . . .	xj ^s .	v ^d .	
Stephani Astyn collectoris redditus de Estmallyng .	xxxij ^s .	iiij ^d .	
Thomæ Danyell armigeri senescalli et ballivi de Magna Cornard	liij ^s .	iiij ^d .	
Johannis Seryche collectoris redditus de Wyndbysshe		xx ^d .	
Thomæ Wyatt capitali senescalli libertatis ac terrarum monasterij prædicti	liij ^s .	iiij ^d .	
Stephani Astyn senescalli curiarum in com' Kanc' .	xl ^s .		
Ejusdem Stephani auditoris dicti monasterij	xij ^s .	iiij ^d .	

Summa allocationum xxvij^{li}. vj^s.

Et sic remanet ccxvij^{li}. iiij^s. ij^d. ob.

Inde pro decima parte xxj^{li} xvj^s. v^d.

Ex' p me JOH'EM WYSKARD et p me EDWARDUM ROWLAND.

Sum of the clere valew clxxxxvj^{li}. vij^s. ix^d. ob.

M^d. that I ame chargid to the kyngs hyghnes heroff to pay m^l. or ells l^{li}. land.
Item to pay the detts off the howse wich unto the kyng is c^{li}.
Item for the old abbesse penssion xx. marks.
Item that by lexis there is abated yerely xx. marks.
Item to the abbesse incumbent for her yerly pension xl^{li}.
Item to ix. or x. nones after iiij^{li}. a piece xl^{li}.

So that the land or money to be departid from me for the same amountyth to lx^{li}. clere.

The pensions during lyff mounthyth to cvj^{li}. xij^s. iiij^d.

So remaynith clere unto me lxxxix^{li}. xij^s. iiij^d.

M^d. also that off all this land there is l^{li}. of pensions owt of benific' and psonag' as apierth by the Booke above.^a

VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Return, 26 Hen. VIII. First Fruits Office.)

ABBATIA MONIALIUM DE MALLYNG.

MONASTERIUM DE MALLYNG IN COM' KANC' ET IN DECANATU DE MALLING.

Annuus Valor Spiritualium et Temporalium

Dominæ ELIZABETHÆ REDE Abbatissæ, &c.

Com' Kanc'			£.	s.	d.
West Mallyng, Ewell, et Parrok	Terr' dñical'		26	0	0
	300 Acr' bosci et bruer' jacen' in West Mallyng, Romden, et Parrok		5	0	0

^a These memoranda are in the hand writing of Archbishop Cranmer, who purchased the possessions of the monastery of the king in the 31st Hen. VIII.

Com' Kanc'

		£.	s.	d.
West Mallyng, Ewell, et Parrok	Vendic' Bosc' communibus annis	13	10	0
- - - - -	Rector'	6	0	0
- - - - -	Minut' Firm' Terr' et Ten'	10	4	9
- - - - -	Mercat' et Nundin'	3	6	8
- - - - -	Molend'	2	13	4
- - - - -	Redd' Assis' Maner' de West Malling	6	4	3
- - - - -	Redd' Assis' Maner' de Ewell	7	3	9½
- - - - -	Profic' Cur' Vis' Franc' et al' Cur'	0	13	4
- - - - -	Redd' Assis' de Parrok	3	11	5
- - - - -	Vis' et Cur' de Parrok	0	8	4
		84	15	10½

Est Mallyng	Curtilag'	10	0	0
- - - - -	Molend' voc' a Cornemyll	4	0	0
- - - - -	Molend' fullon'	3	6	8
- - - - -	Terr' et Ten' apud Newhethet Mercat	3	0	0
- - - - -	Minut' Firm'	7	16	3
- - - - -	Redd' Assis'	15	0	3
- - - - -	Smokehennys cum perquis' Vis' franc'	3	0	0
- - - - -	Rector'	26	13	4
- - - - -	100 Acr' Terr'	6	13	0
		79	9	6

Thurne	Terr' voc' Thurne' in manu dominæ	3	6	8
Lecton	Maner'	10	0	0
		13	6	8

Porcon' et Reddit'	De Rector' de Woldham pro Porc' x ^m	2	0	0
- - - - -	De Prior' Roffen' pro Porc' x ^m in Sancta Margareta	1	6	8
- - - - -	De Firma Porc' x ^m in Petham'	0	6	8
- - - - -	De Rector' de Troscliff pro Porc' x ^m in Wrotham	0	10	0
- - - - -	De Rector' de Luddisdon pro Porc' x ^m	0	8	0
- - - - -	De Rector' de Cuccleston pro Porc' x ^m	0	5	0
- - - - -	De Prior' Ecclie Xpi Cantuar' pro Redd'	0	4	0
		5	0	4

Com' Surr'

Southwark	De Mro Coll' S. Mar' Magd' Oxon' pro Redd' et Firm' in Southwark	0	13	4
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Com' Suff' et Essex'

Magna Cornard	Rector' cum teñto voc' Bakers	12	0	0
- - - - -	Molend'	13	4	0
- - - - -	Redd' et Minut' Firm'	32	19	0
- - - - -	Profic' Vis' Franc' cum Cur'	0	14	2
- - - - -	Bosc'	0	16	0
Waldyngfeld et Mildyng	Redd'	1	0	0
Wynbysshe	Redd'	0	18	0
Horndon et Childerdyke	Maner'	0	13	4
		62	4	6

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Benedictine Priory of Tutbury,

IN

STAFFORDSHIRE.



THE former edition of the *Monasticon*, Prynne in his *Papal Usurpations*,^a Rymer,^b and Tanner,^c all recognize the Monastery of Tutbury as of the Benedictine Order: Dugdale, however, in his *Baronage*^d and *History of Warwickshire*,^e and Shaw in his *History of Staffordshire*,^f speak of its inhabitants as Cluniac monks, without quoting any authority in

support of the opinion.

It was founded by Henry de Ferrariis, or Ferrers, according to some accounts in or about the year 1080, but more probably in the time of King William Rufus, in whose reign the charter of foundation was evidently framed.^g It was dedicated to the Virgin Mary; and became a cell to the abbey of St. Peter super Divam in Normandy.^h

The foundation charter of Henry de Ferrers gives to this church and the monks therein the towns of Mershton and Dubbigge, the latter as the donation of his wife Berta; the town of little Brocton; the parish of the Castle of Tutbury; the tithe of his toll there, of his wine, venison, and pannage; free fishery; the tithe of honey; and the tithes of his demesnes of Tutbury, Scropton, Rolleston, Barton, Sapirton, Moginton, Overton, &c. in Derbyshire; the church and tithes of Matherfeld; the church of Norbury; and the tithes of Brassinton and Tissinton. The copy of this charter transcribed from the duke of Devonshire's Registerⁱ finishes with a quatrain, the three last lines of which must have been added at a later period.

Earl Robert de Ferrariis, or Ferrers, junior, grandson of the founder, by a charter granted about the year 1141, confirmed the preceding gifts; adding other large donations, the tithes of Newborough, &c.^k

William earl de Ferrers, son and successor of Robert, confirmed all the former grants of his ancestors.^l He also gave to the church a bovate of land in Merstone,^m the tithe of profits arising from his forest of Duffeld,ⁿ and the churches of Thorp, Wimondham, Stapleford, and Coston, in Leicestershire.^o

William earl de Ferrers, son of William, granted the tithes arising from his forest of Nedewode:^p with another charter respecting the tithes of the forest of Duffeld.^q He also gave to the prior and convent a hermitage at Agarley.^r

Robert de Ferrers, the last earl of Derby of the name, confirmed all the donations of his ancestors to Tutbury. In his grant he notices William son of Robert de Ferrers, William his grandfather, and William his father. He also granted to the church and monks a rent of five marks of silver out of his mills at Tutbury, &c.^s

Among the benefactions to this monastery of a smaller kind,

Sewal de Seyrle gave a culture or small portion of land at Howne:^t

William de Eytone, Knight, gave his park at Dubbrigge called le Holt:^u

Sewal the son of Fulcher gave a virgult or yardland near the castle of Tutbury:^v

Robert the son of Everard gave six acres of meadow appertaining to Rolleston:^w

Henry de Ferrers and Margaret his wife, about 1240, granted to this monastery the tithe of the skins of stags taken by the dogs of the Earl de Ferrers, which they had in hereditary right:^x

Henry de Hounul gave fifteen acres of land in his assarts at Roeley:^y

Robert, son of Thomas Folegambe, quitclaimed to the prior and monks all his lands, tenements, &c. in Matherfield (now Mayfield), for which they gave him forty marks sterling:^z

John Kent made a similar release in the same town for fifty marks sterling:^{aa}

Ralph le Fony granted a quarter of a rode of land, and a spring formerly called Blakewelle, in the territory of Tutbury:^{ab}

William Breton gave the prior and convent leave to make certain watercourses through his land, without any interruption, upon forfeiture of forty marks sterling.^{ac}

In the tenure roll of the hundred of Offlow, in the time of Henry III., it is said the prior of Tutbury was enfeoffed by a certain predecessor of the earl of Derby, of land which he held of him in Tutbury, and held plea in the court of every thing, except forbidden distress; and

^a Papal Usurp. tom. iii. p. 859.

^b Rym. Fœd. tom. xiv. p. 617.

^c Notit. Monastica, *Staff.* xxx.

^d Tom. i. p. 257.

^e Pag. 783.

^f Vol. i. p. 49.

^g Compare Tann. ut supr. Note.

^h Registr. Brevium, tit. *Prohibitiones*, fol. Lond. 1595, f. 40 a.

ⁱ Num. I.

^k Num. II. See other Charters granted by him, Numm. VI.

VII. XI.

^l Registr. de Tutbury, pen. Coll. Arm. fol. 48 b.

^m Num. IV.

ⁿ Registr. de Tutbury, ut supr. fol. 47 b.

^o Num. VIII.

^p Registr. de Tutbury, ut supr. fol. 54.

^q Shaw, vol. i. p. 93.

^r See Num. XII.

^s Num. XIV.

^t Ibid.

^u Ibid.

^v Ibid.

^w Ibid.

^x Ibid.

^y Ibid.

^z Ibid.

^{aa} Ibid.

^{ab} Ibid.

^{ac} Ibid.

^a Num. V.

^b Ibid.

^c Ibid.

^d Ibid.

^e Ibid.

^f Ibid.

^g Ibid.

^h Ibid.

ⁱ Ibid.

^j Ibid.

^k Ibid.

^l Ibid.

^m Ibid.

ⁿ Ibid.

^o Ibid.

^p Ibid.

^q Ibid.

^r Ibid.

^s Ibid.

^t Ibid.

^u Ibid.

^v Ibid.

^w Ibid.

^x Ibid.

^y Ibid.

^z Ibid.

^{aa} Ibid.

^{ab} Ibid.

^{ac} Ibid.

had view of frankpledge without the sheriff, but it was not known by what warrant.^a

By an inquisition taken at the Tower, 18 Edw. I. the king commands John le Forst and John de Leke, keepers of his chase of Needwood, that the prior of Tutbury should have three carts twice a day in the said forest, to carry green wood for new buildings and repairs, &c. according to former right. Also common pasture for his cattle at all times of the year; and tithe of hunting, pannage, honey, &c.^b

Henry de Hambury gave ten acres of land, with their appurtenances, in Meriton, in the 14th Edw. III.^c

In the year 1230, a composition was made between Nicholas prior of Tutbury and the convent, as follows: viz. that the prior should find annually for their kitchen twenty-six marks of silver: *i. e.* at the feast of St. Michael, of the farm of the burgesses of Tutbury, xxviii^s. ix^d.; of the tithe of the market, xviii^d.; and of William, chaplain of Tutbury, xx^s.; of Ralph le Foun, ij^s.; of Ansedel, xij^d.; of William, chaplain of Barton, ij^s.; of Roger de Dun, vj^s. viij^d.: at the Purification of the Virgin Mary, of the mill of Matherfield, liij^s. iv^d.; of the chaplain of Tutbury, xx^s.; of Gilbert de Merston, x^s. iiij^d.: at Easter, of the tithe of the market, xviii^s.; of Matherfield mill, liij^s. iiij^d.; of the chaplain of Tutbury, xx^s.: and at the feast of St. John Baptist, of Matherfield mill, liij^s. iiij^d.; of the chaplain of Tutbury, xl^s. And, if the said money chanced not to be duly paid, the Prior was to make up the deficiency out of his treasury. Also he was to find them xxx. good live hogs, except one for himself, if the year should prove a very fruitful one. If the year did not prove so fruitful, he was to find ten sufficient live oxen in lieu of the hogs. The prior was also to provide them six sextaries (sagimuns) annually, and forty-five cheeses: likewise three pounds of pepper, and three of mustard, and one sextary of salt at the feast of St. John. Also in Advent five bushels of white beans, and at Easter one quarter of the same: likewise a quarter of flour. And on the day of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary he was to provide the great feast.^d

The taxation of the temporalities of this priory in 1220 was 27*l*. 4*s*. 8*d*.^e

In the 21st Edw. I. amongst the taxations of the goods spiritual and temporal of the clergy in the arch-deaconries of Leicester, Derby, Stafford, &c. the priory of Tutbury is stated to have therein lands, rents, &c. taxed at about 60*l*.^f

In the 18th of Edw. II. the extent of the lands, &c. of this priory in the county of Derby was as follows:

The manor of Dovebrige, with the appurtenances (as more fully recited in the record and register of Tutbury), amounting in the whole to lxixij^l. xix^s. v^d. ob.

And the vicarage of the same viij. marks.

Eduveston; a capital messuage, with the appurtenances, and other lands there, xx^l. ij^s. viij^d.

Osmundeston; rents, services, &c. there, xiiij^l. vij^s. ix^d.

Merston; a capital messuage there, with divers lands, &c. xxij^l. xj^s. viij^d. q.

Likewise the vicarage, v. marks.

Brocton; a capital messuage there, with the appurtenances, and divers lands and rents, &c. xiiij^l. xiv^s. viij^d. ob.

And the advowson of that church, xx^l.

Ednaston and Holinton; a capital messuage, with divers lands, rents, and services, &c. xvij^l. xvij^s. viij^d.

Tuttebur'. Of the tenement of Robert de Mulneton, an annual rent of the same, and for eels, xl^s.

In the forest of Duffield and Schirle, xvij^l. viij^s.

In 22d Edw. II.^g the extent of the property of this priory in Staffordshire was nearly as follows:

In Tutbury itself, lands, &c. amounting to viij^l. viij^s.

The manor of Matherfield (now Mayfield), xj^l. xvj^s. vj^d.

The clear value of the church (the canons of Lichfield receiving vj^l. xiiij^s. iiij^d. from thence), xl^s.

The free rents of Matherfield, vj^l. vij^s. viij^d. ob.

The rents of the navi, &c. there, about ix^l. and

Of the cottages, xxx^s. viij^d.

The manor of Wetton, with its appurtenances, xx^l. xvj^s. ij^d. ob.^h

An Extent of the possessions of this priory taken in the third year of Richard II., A. D. 1379, gives the total of the spirituals and temporals at no more than 45*l*. 6*s*. 5*d*.ⁱ

According to the Return in the First Fruits Office of the 26th of Henry the Eighth, the sum total of the value at that period amounted to 244*l*. 16*s*. 8*d*.^k Tanner says the clear value was 199*l*. 14*s*. 10*d*.^l

The following list of the

PRIORS OF TUTBURY,

where other authorities are not quoted, has been taken from Shaw's History of Staffordshire.

WILLIAM occurs Prior, A. D. 1125, 25th Hen. I.

WILLIAM, from 1180 to 1200, *t. Joh.*

NICHOLAS, from 10 to 14 Hen. III., A. D. 1230.

BARTHOLOMEW, *t. Hen. III.*

FULCO.

WILLIAM DE DEVEYS.

WILLIAM DE FERRARIIS, or FERRERS, A. D. 1248 to 1262, *t. Hen. III.*

GALFRIDUS DE DERNES, A. D. 1263 to 1266.

BARTHOLOMEW occurs in the 27th Edw. I.^m

ROBERT DE LANGEDON, 6 to 14 Edw. I.

JOHN DE ST. ALBAN, *t. Edw. II.* It appears by the Patent of the 18th Edw. II. given in the Appendix, that by a composition between the abbat and chapter of St. Peter super Divam and William de Ferrers earl of Derby, in early times, the former presented three persons to the earl as patron of Tutbury, of whom one was chosen to be prior of the cell. Upon John de St. Alban's resignation, however, the sub-prior and convent elected *Ralph de Coventry*, one of their own body, when the Earl of Derby sued for the Advowson in the king's court, and recovered it: upon which he appointed

ALEXANDER DE PORTA to be prior, A. D. 1324.ⁿ

R. P. 19th Edw. II.

PETER, 26 to 29 Edw. III.

WILLIAM DE TRUARD, from 1367 to 1371.

JOHN, *t. Ric. II.* This is probably JOHN BELLASSER, who is called "alienigena:" and who occurs in the Extent of the possessions of this priory, taken in 1379.^o

THOMAS GEDNEY, from 12th to 34th Hen. VI.

^a Shaw, vol. i. p. 50: also Append. to Gen. Hist. of Staff. p. xvi. from Rot. antiq. Harl. 10, Mus. Brit.

^b Ibid. vol. i. p. 50, from the Tutbury Register.

^c "Prior de Tuttebury finem fecit cum rege per unam marcam pro licentia danda Henrico de Hambury quod ipse decem acras terræ cum pertinentiis in Meriton dare possit et assignare prefato Priori et conventui ejusdem loci, ad manum mortuam habend." Abbreviat. Rotulorum Originalium, 14 Edw. III. p. 139.

^d Shaw, ut supr. e Reg. de Tutb.

^e MS. Cotton. Brit. Mus. Nero D. x.

^f In rot. de particulis taxat. bonorum spiritual. et temporalium in custod. remem. regis existen. Shaw, ut supr.

^g So in the Tutbury Register; "anno r. r. E. fil. r. E." but the last year of Edw. II. was the 20th of his reign.

^h Shaw, Hist. Staff. vol. i. pp. 50, 51, from Extent. &c. 18 Edw. I. VOL. III.

penes remem. Regis existen. et Regist. de Tutb. Coll. Armor. foll. 139, 142.

ⁱ See the Append. of Instrum. Num. XVIII.

^j See the Abstract of this Return in the Appendix of Instrumenta.

^k Notit. Monast.

^l "27 Edw. I. Bartholomeus prior de Tutbury et pene lx. alii de Merston et Hatton attachiati fuerunt ad respondendum Johanni de Bek pro fractione fossati sui apud Hulton &c. Ipsi responderunt quod villatæ de Hulton et Merston se invicem communicant. Et dicunt quod predictus Johannes Bek predictum fossatum levavit ad nocummentum clacis averiorum suorum ad communam suam &c. rot. 21." Abbrev. Placitorum, tom. i. p. 241. Possibly this may be the same Bartholomeus whom Shaw ascribes to the reign of Henry III.

^m Num. XVII.

ⁿ See Num. XVIII.

THOMAS LONGDON occurs in the 7th of Edw. IV.^a

WILLIAM COVENTRY, 21 Edw. IV. and 4 Hen. VII.

ARTHUR MEVERELL, *alias* THROWLEY, 4 Hen. VIII. He, with eight monks, surrendered this priory into the king's hands, Sept. 14th, 1538.^b Meverell's pension at the Dissolution was fifty pounds.^c

At what time Tutbury was made a denizen priory does not appear. That it remained an alien priory to the 1st of Hen. IV. is evident from the writ "de restauratione prioratum alienigenarum."^d We do not, however, find it suppressed with the rest of the alien houses in the 2d of Henry V. And it is possible that it might have been naturalized in consequence of the advowson or patronage forming a part of the inheritance of the earldom of Derby, then merged in the crown.

Of the REGISTERS of Tutbury priory,

One, from which Dugdale has made copious extracts, is still the property of the duke of Devonshire; to whose

ancestor it was delivered at the time of granting the scite, with various detached charters, rentals, &c.

A second Register is named as formerly in the possession of Sir Henry Agard, Knt. of Foston, in the county of Derby. This manuscript is now preserved in the library of the Herald's College, to which it was presented in 1710 by Michael Burton, Esq. of Wirksworth. It is a square octavo volume, of the fifteenth century, the folios of which run to a hundred and seventy. On a fly-leaf at the beginning is a memorandum of the 31st Hen. VI. of "all the lands that the Prior of Tutbury hadde of Thomas Quernby of Merston" in an exchange; followed by a note of lands in Dalbury, of which two parts of tithe belonged to the Priory. On another leaf is an entry in the very words of the last paragraph of the instrument Num. XIX. in the Appendix to the present Account, beginning "Item, est ibidem quedam consuetudo," &c. concerning the bull due to the minstrels and their court from the Prior; of which custom more may be read in Shaw, and in Plott's History of Staffordshire, chap. x. § 69, 76.^e

^a Compare Num. XXI.

^b Shaw, ut suprà, p. 51. Kennet's MS. Diptycha. The names of the monks were Thomas Norton, Thomas Smith, Thomas Shele, Robert Stafford, Nicholas Bromley, Roger Shelton, Thomas Raynard, Richard Arnold. At the back of the Surrender is an indorsement, followed, as witnesses, by the names of William Basset, knight, Francis Poole, esq. William Leigh, gent. John Bukely, gent. Thomas Basset, gent.

^c He was alive in 1553, when the following payments appear still to have been made from the Exchequer:

"TUTTEBURY nuper Mon. Feod. Francisci comitis Salopp. capit. seneschalli omnium possessionum Monasterii predicti per annum lxvj. viij^d. Penc. Thomæ Norton alias Sutton per annum vij^d. Ricardi Arnold per annum vij^d. xij^d. iiiij^d. Thomæ Raynard per annum vij^d. Roberti Stafford per annum vij^d. Rogeri Halton per annum vij^d. Arthuri Meverell per annum l^d."

^d Pat. 1 Hen. IV. p. 2, m. 13. See the Account of the Alien Priors collected from the MSS. of John Warburton, esq. and Dr. Ducarel, 8^o. Lond. 1786, vol. ii. pp. 201, 209.

^e The following are the more important charters in the volume here described:

1. Privilegium Alexandri papæ, fol. 17.
2. Privilegium Honorii papæ pro ecclesia de Matherfeld, fol. 18.
3. Privilegium Gregorii papæ pro ecclesia de Matherfeld, fol. 18 b.
4. Sententia contra rectorem ecclesiæ de Duffeld, ibid.
5. Privilegium Innocentii papæ de exemptione novalium et nutriment. animalium, fol. 19.
6. Carta T. archiepiscopi Cantuar. contra detentores decimarum, ibid.
7. Litteræ Ricardi Cantuar. archiepiscopi contra detentores decimarum, fol. 19 b.
8. Confirmatio Ricardi Cantuar. archiep. super possessionibus cæterisque beneficiis ecclesiæ Tuttesbir, fol. 20.
9. Litteræ Thomæ Cantuar. archiep. pro decimis dominicorum, ibid.
10. Carta concessionis Rogeri Coventr. episcopi super proprietate ecclesiæ de Merston, fol. 20 b.
11. Carta Ricardi Coventr. episcopi pro vicaria Tuttesbur. ibid.
12. Carta Roberti Lincoln. episcopi pro ecclesiis de Wimundeham, Stapilford, et Torp, fol. 21.
13. Carta H. Coventr. episcopi pro pensione ecclesiæ de Matherfeld, ibid.
14. Carta Willielmi Coventr. episcopi pro ecclesia de Matherfeld, fol. 21 b.
15. Carta Galfridi Coventr. prioris pro ecclesia de Matherfeld, ibid.
16. Confirmatio R. Coventr. et Lich. episcopi pro x. libris de ecclesia de Duffeld, fol. 22.
17. Confirmatio Will. decani et Capituli Lich. pro eisdem, fol. 23.
18. Confirmatio W. prioris et conventus de Coventr. de eisdem, fol. 24 b.
19. Carta Rog. Coventr. et Lichf. episcopi pro appropriatione ecclesiæ de Matherfeld, A. D. 1253, fol. 25 b.
20. Confirmatio capituli Lichf. pro ecclesia de Matherfeld, fol. 26.
21. Ordinatio vicariæ de Matherfeld, A. D. 1254, fol. 27.
22. Confirmatio Rogeri episcopi Lich. pro x. et viij. solid. de ecclesia de Croxhale, ibid.
23. Carta Herberti Sarum episcopi pro decimis Stanford, fol. 28.
24. Carta Will. Coventr. episcopi pro ecclesia de Matherfeld, fol. 28 b.
25. Carta Roberti Lincoln. episcopi pro decimis ecclesiarum de Stapilford, Wimundeham, et Torp, ibid.
26. Carta Willielmi Lincoln. episcopi pro pensione trium marcarum in ecclesia de Stapilford, fol. 29.
27. Carta R. Sarum episcopi pro decimis de Stanford, ibid.
28. Carta Ricardi Cantuar. archiepiscopi pro decimis Stanford, ibid.

29. Carta Galfridi Coventr. episcopi pro pensione quinque marcarum de Matherfeld, fol. 29 b.

30. Carta ejusdem pro ecclesiis de Dubbrig, de Merston, et Tuttesbir. ibid.

31. Carta Rogeri Coventr. episcopi et Lich. pro vicaria Tuttesbur. fol. 32 b.

32. Carta Roberti Lincoln. episcopi pro ecclesia de Wimundeham, fol. 35 b.

33. Compositio inter episcopum, et priorem et conventum de Tuttesbur. A. D. 1401, fol. 35 b.

34. Privilegium Eugenii papæ, fol. 36.

35. Sententia excommunicationis commissa abbatiæ de Burton, A. D. 1443, fol. 36 b.

36. Compositio inter abbatem de Welbek et priorem de Tuttesbur. 20 Hen. VI. fol. 38.

37. Compositio inter priorem et conventum de Tuttesbur. et priorem de Trentham, A. D. 1447, fol. 39.

38. Compositio vicar. de Kyrkebroughton, A. D. 1403, fol. 42 b.

39. Carta Roberti comitis junioris de Ferrariis, fol. 44.

40. Carta Willielmi comitis de Ferrariis pro quadam bovata terræ in Merston, fol. 44 b.

41. Carta Willielmi comitis de duabus partibus decimarum Stanfordiæ, fol. 46.

42. Carta Willielmi comitis de confirmatione pro duabus partibus decimarum Stanfordiæ, fol. 46 b.

43. Carta Willielmi de Ferrariis comitis Derbeys, ibid.

44. Carta Willielmi de Ferrariis comitis pro toto exitu de tota foresta de Duffeld, fol. 47.

45. Carta Willielmi comitis pro vivar. de Stanford, ibid.

46. Carta W. de Ferr. comitis Derb. pro ecclesiis de Torp, de Wimundeham, Stapilford, et Coston, fol. 47 b.

47. Carta R. comitis de Ferr. pro villa quæ vocatur Neuton, fol. 48.

48. Confirmatio Willielmi comitis de Ferr. super donationibus antecessorum suorum, fol. 48 b.

49. Cartæ aliæ de ecclesiis de Stapelford, Wimundham, et Torp, fol. 49 b.

50. Carta Roberti comitis junioris de Nottingham tempore Willielmi prioris, fol. 50.

51. Carta Willielmi de Ferr. comitis Derb. pro ermitagio de Atgar, fol. 52 b.

52. Carta ejusdem pro villa de Thorinhul, ibid.

53. Carta Willielmi comitis de Ferrariis fil. Willielmi comitis pro decimis de foresta de Duffeld, fol. 54.

54. Pro manerio de Norbur. fol. 55 b.

55. Inquisitio facta per Joh. de Leke de omnibus amerciamentis omnium tenentium prioris de Tuttesbir. infra hundr. de Appultr. residentium, fol. 57.

56. De competo prioris, fol. 59 b.

57. Confirmatio Willielmi de Ferrariis, fol. 60.

58. Carta Roberti de Ferr. nichil habere in vacationibus, ibid.

59. Inquisitiones captæ tempore regis Edwardi, foll. 60 b, 61, 62.

60. Gorings, Oxon. fol. 62 b.

61. Compositio inter priorem et conventum de Tuttesbir. et priorem et conventum de Dunstaple, fol. 63.

62. Compositio inter priorem de Tuttesbur. et priorissam de Stratford at Bow, fol. 64.

63. Carta Roberti comitis de Ferr. pro manerio de Stannfort, fol. 64 b.

64. Cartæ de decimis de Fiffida, foll. 65 b, 66.

65. Carta Roberti Albeneii pro donatione ecclesiarum de Wiburdeston et de Catton, fol. 68.

66. Carta Willielmi de Eyton pro parco de Dubbrigg, fol. 74 b.

67. Carta Willielmi de Yppestanes pro parco de Egyndon, ibid.

68. Carta Sewali pro virgulto sub castello, fol. 75.

69. Cartæ duæ Thomæ le Daneys, foll. 76, 76 b.

70. Carta Henrici filii Fulcheri pro virgulto sub castello Tuttesbir. fol. 82 b.

The continuator of Bishop Tanner mentions a third Register; "*Vide Registrum et cartas quamplurimas autographas penes Thomam Astle arm.*" No such manuscript, however, now occurs in the "*Bibliotheca Stowensis*," the catalogue of the marquis of Buckingham's library, to which Mr. Astle's collection was transferred.^a

Tanner gives the following references to public records:

"Pat. 13 Hen. III. m. 4 d. Cart. 36 Hen. III. m. 4, pro lib. war. et libertat. in Macherfeld et Wectindon, Staff. in Dovebrigg, Merston, Broctun, Ednachestun, Holinton, Osmundeston, et Edolveston, Derby.

"Cart. 4 Edw. I. n. 21 vel 22, pro mercat. et feria apud Dovebridge. Assis. in com. Derby. 8 Edw. I. rot. 6, de commun. pastur. in Clifton et Edulveston. Plac. in com. Staff. 21 Edw. I. quo war. rot. 1. alloc. libertatum.

"Claus. 18 Edw. II. m. 16, pro estoveriis e foresta de Nedewood.

"Plac. in com. Derby. 4 Edw. III. quo war. rot. 8, allocat. libertat. in Merston, &c. Pat. 14 Edw. III. p. 3, m. 18 vel 19. Pat. 18 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 29 vel 30. Plac. de banco, 27 Edw. III. Hill. rot. pro mess. et terris in Broughton juxta Dovebrig. Pat. 28 Edw. III. p. 3, m. 8. Assis. in com. Derby. 28 Edw. III. rot. 35, 38, pro XL. acris in Mershton.

"Pat. 16 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 38. Pat. 22 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 16, pro eccl. de Kirk Broughton approprianda.

"Rec. in scacc. 2 Hen. VI. Mich. rot. 16, pro respond. Regi de antiquo apportu qui reddi consuevit capituli domui. Claus. 32 Hen. VI. m. 21, de excambio cum Nicolao Fitzherbert arm. de terris in Osmundeston, &c. pro reddit. et servitiis e maner. de Norbury, Derby. Fin. et Recup. Derby. 34 Hen. VI. Trin. rot. 137, pro x. mess. xix. bovatis terræ, &c. in Osmundeston, Foston, et Broughton."

The site of Tutbury priory was granted in the 6th of Edw. VI. to Sir William Cavendish, who pulled down the priory and part of the church, together with the chapel of St. Stephen, to build himself a large house, in which his eldest son, Henry Cavendish, lived in Erdeswick's time. It is at present the property of the duke of Devonshire.

The SEAL of this priory has been engraved by Shaw^b from the impression appendant to the Surrender in the Augmentation Office. On one side, in the centre of the area, is the figure of the Virgin Mary, seated, between the first and second persons of the Trinity, who appear placing a crown upon her head. Above the crown is the dove, the emblem of the Holy Ghost. The whole covered by a canopy of gothic tracery. At the sides are two shields of arms; one Az. a saltire vairé Or and Gules, between four crescents Ar. The other coat is vairé, Or and Gu. Both are considered as belonging to the priory.^c They are exhibited in the initial letter of the present account of Tutbury. The inscription on the obverse of the Seal which remains is, SIGILLUM COMUNE PRIORIS ET CONVENTUS MONASTERII—Shaw continues it with *Beate Marie de Tutesbury*. On the reverse of the impression the Virgin Mary is again represented, supporting the infant Jesus with her right hand, and holding a sceptre in her left, under a canopy of gothic tracery, similarly arranged to that on the obverse. At the sides, angels instead of shields. In the exergue the half figure of a priest, fronted, praying. All that remains of the inscription on this side is, PIA SERVOS SANCTA MARIA.

The church of Tutbury (as much as remains of it at present) is in the early Norman style. The west end is particularly beautiful.

Cartae ad Tutburiense Coenobium in comitatu Staffordiae spectantes.

NUM. I.

Carta Henrici de Ferariis Cœnobii Fundatoris.

[Ex Codice MS. sub effigie Vitellii F. iv. in bibl. Cotton. fol. 1.]

IN nomine sanctæ et individue Trinitatis, ego Hen-

ricus de Ferariis fundavi ecclesiam in honore sanctæ Dei genetricis Mariæ apud castellum meum Tutesbury, pro anima Willielmi regis, Matildis reginæ, et pro salute animæ patris mei et matris meæ, et uxoris meæ Bertæ, et filiorum meorum Eugenulphi, W. Roberti, ac filiarum mearum, et omnium prædecessorum et amicorum meorum.

71. Sententia inter priorem et conventum et vicar. de Dubbrig pro decima molendini, &c. fol. 99 b.

72. Carta de decimis ecclesiæ de Langeford, fol. 116.

73. De decimis de Hertindon, fol. 116 b.

74. Sententia pro decimis de Edolmiston, fol. 117.

75. Sententia contra vicar. ecclesiæ de Duffeld pro minutis decimis, fol. 118.

76. Sententia contra rectorem ecclesiæ de Duffeld, fol. 118 b.

77. De decimis ecclesiæ de Pirii, fol. 119.

78. Compositio inter priorem de Tutt. et abbatem de parco de Stanley, A. D. 1266, fol. 127 b.

79. Compositio inter N. priorem de Tutt. et ejusdem loci conventus pro coquina, fol. 131.

80. Inquisitio de Coston, fol. 132 b.

81. Carta Henrici sexti per litteram de signeto, fol. 134.

82. Statuta edita per parlamentum tempore regis Edwardi tertii per litteram de signeto, fol. 134 b.

83. Corrodium ad instantiam domini regis Henrici VI. fol. 135.

84. Carta Henrici Knyveton armigeri pro omnibus terris et tementis suis in Osmoston, fol. 136.

85. Extenta prioratus de Tutesbury, temp. R. Edw. I. II. foll. 139, 142.

86. Carta Edmundi filii regis Angliæ pro oblationibus, 54 Hen. III. fol. 155 b.

* 87. Carta le roy dez ministrals, fol. 158.

88. Inquisitio capta apud Tutt. pro warda de Zoxhale, A.D. 1367, ibid.

* Tanner mentions "*Collectanea quædam e Registro prioratus de Tutbury Oxon. inter MS. Ashmol. 804, MS. Dugdal. 11 F. 1, MS. Dods-worth, vol. xxxix. foll. 83, 90, &c.*" but does not name from which Register. The instrument referred to by Tanner, among Peck's collections, will be found in the Appendix to the present Account, Num. XX.

^b Hist. Staff. ut supr. p. 51.

^c For the first coat see Leland's *Collectanea*, tom. i. p. 46. For the second (which is the coat of Ferrers earl of Derby, as Dugd. *Warwickshire*, p. 905) see Burton's *Leicestershire*, p. 96. Tann. *Notit. Mon.* Tanner, by mistake, says the two are impaled upon the priory seal.

In usibus autem hujus ecclesiæ et monachorum ibi Deo servientium dedi villam, quæ dicitur Mershtona, præter xj. bovatas et quartam partem pratorum: et uxor mea Berta villam quæ dicitur Dubbrigge, cum omnibus consuetudinibus et benevolencia mea. Dedimus etiam villam quæ dicitur Parva Broctona, quæ adjacet eidem Dubbrigge, cum omnibus consuetudinibus quas ego in eisdem tribus villis hactenus habueram. Adhuc autem donavimus parochiam castelli mei et decimam tolonei mei de eodem castello, et decimam vini mei, et totius venationis meæ, et pannagii mei, et in nemore meo ligna ad focum et ad mæremium quantum opus fuerit. Et in aqua mea voluntariam piscationem, et decimam de melle meo, decimas quoque domini mei Tuttesbury, Scropton, Rolleston, Barton, Sapirton, Moginton, Overton cum uno villano, et Pry cum uno villano. Decimam quoque de Stapilford cum uno villano. Decimam quoque de Caustona cum uno villano. De Scropton cum uno villano, excepta tertia parte quæ adjacet ecclesiis earundem villarum. De Duffeld quoque decimam cum uno villano, excepta tertia parte ecclesiæ; et ecclesiam de Matherfeld, cum decima, et quicquid ad ecclesiam pertinet cum homine uno. Ac de Norburie eodem modo, et decimam de Brassinton, et de Tissinton.

Hanc autem ecclesiam et quicquid huic ecclesiæ vel jam præbui, vel deinceps præbere voluero, per concessionem et auctoritatem W. junioris regis Anglorum dono ecclesiæ meæ Tuttesbury et monachis meis ibidem Deo servientibus, sicut constitutum est apud Merlebergam ante præfatum regem Willielmum.

Anno milleno Domini quater atque viceno
Tuttsburieque novo domus est fundata patrono;
Anni trecenti septem cum mille fuerunt
Quando recesserunt Normanni lege recenti.

NUM. II.

Carta Roberti Comitis junioris de Ferariis.

[Ibid.]

Ego Robertus comes junior de Ferariis, domino T. Cantuariensi archiepiscopo, totius Angliæ primati, et apostolicæ sedis legato, et domino W. Cestrensi episcopo, et domino R. Lincolnæ episcopo, et omnibus fidelibus sanctæ matris ecclesiæ salutem. Sciatis me concessisse huic ecclesiæ meæ Tuttesburie, quæ est constructa in honore sanctæ Virginis Dei genetricis Mariæ, quicquid avus meus Henricus, sive Egenulfus patruus meus, seu Robertus pater meus, seu uxores, seu barones, seu milites, vel homines eorum donaverunt vel concesserunt huic præfatæ ecclesiæ; videlicet, parochiam castelli mei Tuttesburie, et decimam telonei mei de eodem castello, et decimam totius venationis meæ, et pasnagii mei, et in nemore meo quantum opus fuerit ligna ad focum, et ad maremeum, et in aqua mea voluntariam piscationem, et decimam de melle meo: decimas quoque domini mei de Scropton, et de Ronstona, et de Sapertona, et de Mugintona, et de Bertona, et de Bracintona, et de Tiscintona, et de Holintona, et de Norberia, et de Duffeld cum uno villano, et de Overton cum uno villano, et de Pery cum uno villano, et de Stanford cum uno villano, et de Stapilford cum uno villano: cujus terra est apud Saxeby: excepta tertia parte decimarum, quæ adjacent ecclesiis. De Caston quoque quinque partes decimarum domini, cum uno villano, et de Wimundeham et de Torp, cum omnibus pertinentiis, et cum uno villano. Concedo etiam villam quæ Merstona dicitur, et Dubbrigia, et Parvam Broctonam, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis; et Matherfeld, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis quæ eidem villæ adjacent, et omnes consuetudines et libertates quas Henricus avus meus in eis unquam melius habuit, qui cum Berta uxore sua eas in elemosinam ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ contulit. Eodemque modo concedo villam quæ Brocton vocatur, et Norberiam, et Edolvestonam, quas pater meus præfatæ ecclesiæ propter villam quæ dicitur Stanford dedit. Concedo etiam decem et novem bovatas terræ in Murcaveston, quas pater meus solutas et quietas huic ecclesiæ dedit; et decimam domini mei de Hertishorn. Concedo etiam villam quæ Osmundeston dicitur, quam Alfinus de

Breleford, concedente patre meo Roberto de Ferariis domino suo, et Nicolao Alfini filio solutam et quietam huic ecclesiæ dedit. Concedo quoque, et mea auctoritate confirmo omnes donationes subscriptas, scilicet, ecclesiarum, terrarum, decimarum, quas homines et fidelis avi mei, et patris mei et mei, usque in præsens, huic ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Tuttesburie dederunt. Ita ut deinceps nulli liceat eas minuere, vel ab ista ecclesia detrahere. Nigellus de Albiniaco, et Amicia filia avi mei, dederunt ecclesiam de Catton, cum decima et pertinentiis suis. Et de Wibaldeston ecclesiam cum duabus virgatis terræ et pertinentiis suis. Sewallus dedit duas partes domini sui de Hoga, et quatuor acras terræ contiguas villæ Merstone. Radulphus de Bakepuz duas partes decimæ suæ de Esseden, et de Orlestona. Johannes duas partes domini sui et decimarum de Suberia, et de Eston, et de Oslaweston. Elfinus duas partes decimæ domini sui de Turwardestow et de Omonddeston, et quatuor bovatas terræ in Holintona. Robertus filius Sarle duas partes domini sui de Esse. Willielmus de Rolveston duas partes decimæ domini sui de Swynefen. Robertus de Dun duas partes decimæ domini sui de Dalebiry. Hugo le Arbalester duas partes decimæ domini sui de Trusselai, et duas bovatas terræ. Rogerus de Livet duas partes decimarum domini sui de Sumeresdeby et de Daleby. Robertus Venator duas partes decimarum domini sui de Burtona. Henricus de Fifidre dedit duas partes decimæ domini sui de Hyngge, et de Bamonestona. Ricardus frater ejus dedit duas partes decimæ domini sui de Berwadesote. Vasolinus dedit duas partes decimæ domini sui de Herburburi, et de Cestretona. Ernulfus de Bec dedit duas partes decimæ domini sui de Hilton, et de Sumerdeston. Ulsius dedit duas partes decimarum domini sui de Tuiford et de Steinston. Robertus filius Widelini dedit duas partes decimarum domini sui de Sceyle. Horrefastus dedit duas partes decimarum domini sui de Makelai. Radulfus de Instanval dedit dimidiam carucatam terræ in Holinton. Tole duas partes decimarum domini sui de Syrle. Chetell duas partes decimarum domini sui de Sterton. Gulielmus duas partes decimarum terræ suæ de Merston. Ormus dedit duas partes decimarum domini sui de Yrton. Anselin de Heginton dedit dimidiam carucatam terræ in eadem villa, concessu Gaufridi Anselini domini sui, quæ terra est apud Herdewike. Robertus de sancto Quintino duas partes decimarum domini sui de Turwardestow. Stephanus duas partes decimarum domini sui de Fifidia. Sciatis me etiam concessisse sanctæ Mariæ et monachis Tuttesburie donationem quam Henricus filius Sewalli dedit ecclesiæ prædictæ, scilicet unam carucatam terræ quæ Neuton dicitur, et duas bovatas terræ quas Radulfus filius Venatoris dedit pro anima uxoris suæ, et pro animabus antecessorum suorum in Holinton, me præsentem, liberas ab omni servitio. Concedo etiam huic ecclesiæ decimam de Novo-burgo, quod pater meus accrescere fecit. Et de hoc quod ego accrevi vel accrescere faciam, et de feria mea ac totius villæ telonei, in quibuscunque reddiderit, sive in denariis, sive in cera, seu in aliis quibuscunque redditibus. Ita quod si prædicta villa, et theloneum ejus creverit, secundum augmentum eorum et decima crescat. Præterea concessi priori et monachis facere unum Trenchée in mora de Huttosshall ad campos suos salvandos, et rameam de salicibus et oseris quæ super aquam pendent, ad emendationem camporum humidorum.

Hæc et omnia alia quæ avus meus, et pater meus, et omnes homines eorum, sive ego vel homines mei huic ecclesiæ dedimus, concedo et auctoritate mea confirmo, tam in villis quam in terris, tam in decimis quam in redditibus, tam in molendinis, in pascuis, in nemoribus, in planis, in pratis et in piscinis, cum omnibus consuetudinibus quas illi in eis melius unquam habuerunt, sive ego habeo, nominatim ad tol, ad teme, ad sache, ad infangenthef, ita ut supra dictam ecclesiam de nullis hiis rebus, per querimoniam vel per minas, vel per placitum, nemo commoveat vel inquietet amplius. Concedo etiam duodecim acras terræ in Cheyhull ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ, quas Gilbertus de Foston dedit. Concedo quoque pratum de Mara, et tres acras de Fractio, quas Jordanus nepos Henrici filii Sewalli accrevit donationi patrui sui de Neutona. Hoc autem facio pro anima mea, et patris mei et matris meæ, et omnium pa-

renatum meorum : et ut Deus mihi indulgeat omnia mala quæ feci.

NUM. III.

Litteræ Thomæ Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi, pro Decimis Dominicorum, Tuttesbiriæ Dominorum.

[Ex Regist. de Tutburi penès Will. Comitem Devon. n. 9.]

THOMAS Dei gratiâ Cantuariensis archiepiscopus, totius Angliæ primas, apostolicæ sedis legatus, dilecto filio R. archidiacono Berkesyre, et aliis archidiaconis, in potestate quorum monachi de Tuttesbiriâ decimationes habent, et habere debent, salutem : si præfati monachi Tettesbiriæ legitimis testibus probare possunt ecclesiam suam de Tuttesbiriâ esse fundatam de decimationibus domini minorum de Tuttesbiriæ, et baronum suorum ; et illas decimationes in tempore regis H. et tempore E. de Ferrariis, et H. de Ferrariis, et Roberti de Ferrariis in pace possiderunt ; tunc vobis mandamus, ut eis, sicut ratio exigit, eos ipsas decimationes omnes cum integritate habere faciatis ; nec eis prejudicet ad illas decimationes percipiendas, quod alii quàm proprius dominus terras præfati domini colunt, ita ergo eis in justitiâ faciendâ provideatis, ut pro defectu justitiæ ad nos inde laborare non cogantur. Valete.

NUM. IV.

Carta Willielmi Comitis de Ferrariis, pro quadam Bovata Terræ in Merstone.

[Ibid. n. 53.]

Ego Willielmus comes de Ferrariis, episcopo Cestrensi R. et omnibus fidelibus sanctæ matris ecclesiæ, et omnibus baronibus, militibusque et hominibus, atque cunctis amicis meis clericis et laicis, tam Francis quàm Anglis salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse in perpetuam elemosinam, huic ecclesiæ meæ Tuttesbiriæ, in honore sanctæ Dei genitricis Mariæ constructæ, unam bovata[m] terræ in Merstone, quam Hugo filius Radulphi tenet, cum eodem servicio, quod michi et antecessoribus meis pertinet ; liberam et quietam ab omni exactione ad me pertinente. Hanc donationem feci, illo die quo corpus Henrici de Ferrariis feci deferri et deponi in dextrâ parte majoris altaris ejusdem ecclesiæ. Præterea concedo et confirmo quicquid antecessores mei, scil. prædictus Henricus de Ferrariis, et Eugenulphus, et Robertus avus meus, et Robertus comes pater meus, sive uxores, vel barones, seu milites, vel homines eorum donaverunt, vel concesserunt prædictæ ecclesiæ, tam in villis quàm in terris, tam in decimis quàm redditibus, tam in molendinis quàm in pascuis, tam in nemoribus quàm in planis, tam in pratis quàm in piscinis, cum omnibus consuetudinibus et libertatibus, quas illi in eis meliùs unquam habuerunt, sive ego habeo ; nominatim od tol, od tem, od sache, od infanginthof, ita ut supradictam ecclesiam de nullis hiis rebus, per querimoniam, vel per minas, vel per placitum nemo commoveat vel inquietet amplius. Hanc donationem dedi, et confirmationem feci, pro salute meâ, et uxoris meæ Sibillæ, et liberorum meorum, et pro requie animæ Henrici de Ferrariis proavi mei, et Roberti patris mei, et Roberti avi mei, et Eugenulphi de Ferrariis, omniumque antecessorum meorum. Testibus, &c.

NUM. V.

Carta Willielmi Comitis de Ferrariis, pro toto Exitu de tota Foresta de Duffeld.

[Ibid. n. 58.]

WILLIELMUS comes de Ferrariis, filius Willielmi comitis de Ferrariis, omnibus ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit salutem. Noverit universitas vestra, me concessisse et præsentem cartâ meâ confirmasse domui S. Mariæ de Tuttesbiriæ, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, pro salute animæ meæ, et Agnetis uxoris meæ, et antecessorum meorum, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, omnes decimas de omni exitu de totâ forestâ meâ de Duffeld ; scilicet de pannagio,

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de venatione, de melle, de denariis. Et quia volo assartare quasdam particulas prædictæ forestæ meæ, et de hominibus assedere, concedo et confirmo prædictæ domui et monachis prænominatis, de omnibus assartis factis et faciendis in prædictâ forestâ ; veluti decimas de venatione, de pannagio, de melle, ex eadem terrâ, ex dono antecessorum meorum habere consueverunt. Ut autem donatio antecessorum meorum et mea sit rata, stabilis, et inconcussa, sigilli mei testimonio illam corroboravi. Hiis testibus, &c.

NUM. VI.

Carta R. Comitis de Ferrariis, pro villâ quæ vocatur Neutone.

[Ibid. n. 62.]

R. COMES de Ferrariis, omnibus baronibus et hominibus suis, et universis sanctæ ecclesiæ filiis, tam clericis, quàm laicis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse S. Mariæ de Tuttesbiriæ, et monachis, illam donationem, quam Henricus filius Sawali dedit eis ; scilicet Neutonam, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis : et præterea concessi eis facere unam trencheam in morâ de Huttokeshale ad campos suos salvandos, qui nimîâ aquâ sæpè periclitabantur ; et rameam de salicibus et oseris, quæ super aquam pendent, ad emendationem camporum humidorum. Teste R. capellano, &c. Et huic dono accrevit Jurdanus rectus hæres H. filii Sawali pratum de Marâ, et tres acras terræ de fractitio. Hiis testibus, &c.

NUM. VII.

Carta Roberti Comitis junioris, pro Decimâ Firmæ Tuttesburiæ.

[Ibid. n. 71.]

ANNO ab incarnatione Domini mxxli. ego Robertus junior, comes de Notingham, concedo et do huic ecclesiæ S. Mariæ Tuttesburiæ omnem decimam denariorum de novo burgo, quem pater meus accrescere fecit, et de hoc quod ego accevi aut accrescere faciam ; videlicet de redditibus domorum hujus villæ, et hoc facio pro salute animæ meæ, et patris et matris meæ, et maximè pro solutione marci argenti, quam Robertus filius Walkelini de Roburnâ huic ecclesiæ solvebat singulis annis de Heginton, post mortem Hauwisæ matris meæ. Sciant igitur præsentem et posteri, quod ego et prior et omnes monachi, hoc pacto prædictum Robertum ab hac marchâ argenti liberum acclamavimus et fecimus imperpetuum. Huic etiam prædictæ donationi adjeci omnem parochiam de Novo-Burgo, sicut de veteri ; quam donationem per unum cultellum super altare S. Mariæ optuli, astante priore, cæterisque monachis et baronibus meis, scil. Alano de Leica, &c. Sciant igitur præsentem et posteri, quod Radulphus filius Venatoris dedit huic ecclesiæ duas bovatas terræ in Holintone, pro animâ uxoris suæ, et pro animabus antecessorum suorum, liberam ab omni servicio.

NUM. VIII.

Carta Willielmi Comitis de Ferrariis, filii Willielmi Comitis de Ferrariis, pro omnibus Decimis de Nedewode, tam in defensis, quam in assartis.

[Ibid. n. 75.]

WILLIELMUS comes de Ferrariis, filius Willielmi comitis de Ferrariis, omnibus ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit salutem. Noscat universitas vestra, me concessisse et præsentem cartâ meâ confirmasse ecclesiæ S. Mariæ Tuttesbiriæ et monachis ibi Deo servientibus, pro salute animæ meæ, et Agnetis uxoris meæ, et antecessorum meorum, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, omnes decimas de omni exitu de totâ forestâ meâ de Nedewode ; scil. de omnibus defensis meis, et ubi nullus potest commune clamare, de pannagio, de venatione, de melle, de denariis : et si in defensis illis in forestâ prædictâ assartare voluero, et de hominibus assedere illas assartas, de omnibus illis prædictæ

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domui et monachis prænominatis decimas concedo et confirmo, veluti de paunagio, de venatione, de melle, de denariis in eisdem defensis, ex dono antecessorum meorum decimas habere consueverunt: et ut ista donatio sit stabilis et inconcussa, sigilli mei testimonio confirmavi. Hiis testibus, &c.

NUM. IX.

Carta Willielmi de Ferrariis Comitis Derbiæ, pro Villâ de Thornihul.

[Ibid. n. 80.]

OMNIBUS sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis, ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit, Will. de Ferrariis, comes Derb. salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra, me divinæ pietatis intuitu, et pro salute animæ meæ, et antecessorum et successorum meorum, dedisse et concessisse, et hac præsentī cartâ meâ confirmâsse ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ Tutesbirie, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, infra forestam de Nedewode villam de Thornihul, cum omnibus pertinentiis, libertatibus, aisiamentis, communis, et pasturis, infra forestam et extra. Præterea dedi et concessi eisdem monachis, de incremento, octies viginti acras terræ et duodecim infra has metas; scil. à culturâ de Adgareleg propinquiore versùs Hamburi usque ad corneriam prati de Adgaresleg; et à superiori parte prati Willielmi de Foston, per fossatum, juxta Præsteti usque Withinsich; et sic à Withinsich descendendo usque ad haiam Ric. Rokele; et sic extendendo usque ultra domus Hugonis Marveissin; et sic retro per viam quæ tendit versùs Horecros, usque ad corneriam haiæ Walteri Karles et ita per transversum usque ad campos de Aggaresle versùs Horecros. Hæc omnia tenebunt prædicti monachi in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, liberam et quietam ab omni servicio et seculari exactione, sicut aliqui elemosina potest vel debet liberiùs dari vel recipi. Et sciendum, quod prædicti monachi vel homines eorum in prædictâ villâ vel terrâ manentes, habebunt husbote et haibote in prædictâ forestâ, et porcos suos de nutrimentis suis quietos de pasnagio sine aliorum agistamento. Et ne aliquis clericus vel laicus hanc meam elemosinam aliquo tempore in alios usus, quam in proprios usus prædictorum monachorum, in quorum sustentatione data est, convertere præsumat; à priore et omnibus monachis prædicti loci feci excommunicari omnes, qui talia præsumpserint attemptare. Ut autem hæc mea donatio rata permaneat et inconcussa, huic præsentī scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus, &c.

NUM. X.

Pro Manerio de Norburi.

[Ibid. n. 88.]

ANNO ab incarnatione Domini MCXXV. Willielmus prior et conventus ecclesiæ S. Mariæ Tutesbirie, dedit Willielmo filio Herberti, Norberiam, in feodo, sibi et hæredibus suis, pro centum solidis redditus unoquoque anno; quinquaginta solidos in Annunciatione S. Mariæ, et alios quinquaginta in festivitate S. Michaelis, pro homagio suo: et si submonitus fuerit à priore, intererit placitis et negotiis ecclesiæ in provinciâ Tutesbirie. Et si dominus Tutesbirie de captione corpus suum redemerit, vel primogenitam filiam maritaverit, vel honorem suum reemerit, et prior Tutesbirie ad hæc prædicta ei auxilium concesserit, tunc Willielmus aut hæres ejus, priori competens auxilium, secundum feodum suum exhibebit. Et si prior et conventus aliquam terram emerit, supradictus Willielmus, seu hæres ejus, secundum feodum suum, competens auxilium faciet. Et si ipse Willielmus aut hæres ejus, prædictam firmam terminis statutis non reddiderit, justicietur: et si non poterit justiciari et firmam retinuerit, prior faciet tunc Norberiam saisiri; et postea, secundum judicium curiæ priori justè tractetur Willielmus aut hæres ejus. Et quando Willielmus obierit, hæres ipsius relevet suum feodum à priore et conventu. Præter hæc autem, pro decimâ domini, et pro duabus bovatis terræ decimæ pertinentibus, dabit Wil-

lielmus aut hæres ejus, singulis annis, quinque solidos prædictis terminis. Propter hanc concessionem dedit Will. priori et monachis, unum modium frumenti. Hujus conventionis sunt testes, Robertus episcopus, et pluribus aliis.

NUM. XI.

Carta Roberti Comitis de Ferrariis, pro Manerio de Staunfort.

[Ibid. n. 103.]

Ego Robertus comes de Ferrariis, nutu divino, succedens in hæreditatem bonæ memoriæ, viz. Henrici patris mei, concedo libens et meâ auctoritate confirmo quæcunque pater meus et mater mea donaverunt ecclesiæ S. Mariæ, quam ipsi à fundamentis construxerunt apud castellum meum Tutesburie, tam in villâ quàm in decimis et in consuetudinibus, et in omnibus omnino denariis, sicut sancitum est juniore Willielmo rege, sicut ipsi ea in vitâ suâ meliùs tenuerunt et habuerunt; et ea pro possibilitate virium mearum contra omnes homines defendo et manuteneo. Præterea notum sit præsentibus et futuris, quod B. mater mea morti appropinquans, præfatæ ecclesiæ S. Mariæ donavit unum manerium, quod Estanfort appellatur, me annuente atque concedente, per concessionem et auctoritatem H. regis Anglorum, sicut ipsa multis ante annis in sanitate suâ Deo voverat atque promiserat; quod quidem manerium, quoniam vicinoribus meis erat parvum, atque commodum, à monachis monasterii prædicti longiorem atque remotum, mutuum illud à priore et monachis ejusdem loci, et pro eo dedi illis in vicinâ ipsorum, mutuâ vicissitudine, x. libratis terræ meæ, cum decimâ ejusdem manerii, et omnes consuetudines, quas ego in illâ habebam, mediante R. episcopo Cestriæ, atque causas utriusque partis fideliter ac strenuè peragente: peracto itaque negotio, et ab utraque parte confirmato, dedi illi, pro centum solidis, Broctonam villam meam: deinde operam de fratre W. Norburi, et dedi illis pro quatuor libris; reliquos xx. sol. dabo eis per annum de ratione meâ, donec considerem et tradam illis aliquam terræ meæ portionem xx. valentem. Hujus rei fuerunt testes prædictus R. episcopus, W. capellanus senior, Wachelinus de Raborna, &c.

NUM. XII.

Carta Sawali de Scyrle, pro quadam Cultura Terre in Villa de Hogâ.

[Ibid. n. 114.]

OMNIBUS amicis suis et hominibus Sawalus de Syrle salutem. Noverit universitas vestra, quod ego dedi et concessi Deo et S. Mariæ Tutesbirie et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, unam culturam terræ de dominio meo de Hoga,* pro animâ meâ et uxoris meæ Mathildis; et pro animabus patris et matris meæ, et omnium antecessorum meorum, et hæredum meorum, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, liberam et quietam ab omni servicio et exactione seculari, illam scil. culturam, quæ vocatur Polforland, propinquiorem Merstonæ, quam una semita dividit ab aliâ culturâ, quæ similiter Polforlone appellatur, quam ego retinui in manu, propinquiorem Tutesbirie. Ne autem aliquis malignitate aliquâ præfatis monachis super concessione istâ detrimentum valeat afferre, sigilli mei auctoritate volui communire. Hiis testibus, &c.

NUM. XIII.

Carta Willielmi de Eytone militis, pro Parco de Dubbrige.

[Ibid. n. 140.]

UNIVERSIS Christi fidelibus præsens scriptum visuris vel audituris, Will. de Eytona miles, salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra, me dimisisse, et penitus quietum clamâsse priori et conventui de Tutesbiria, totum jus et

clanium quod habebam vel habere poteram in parco suo de Dubbrigge, qui vocatur le Holt, cum terris et pratis eidem prato adjacentibus; ita quod nec ego, nec hæredes mei, nec homines de feodo meo in prædicto parco et dictis terris et pratis aliquid de cætero poterimus reclamare: et in hujus rei testimonium præsentī scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus, &c.

NUM. XIV.

Carta Sewali pro Virgulto sub Castello.

[Ibid. n. 142.]

RICARDO Dei gratiā Coventrensi episcopo, et universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis, tam præsentibus quam futuris, Sawalus filius Fulcheri salutem in Domino. Sciatis me dedisse et præsentī scripto et sigilli mei munimine confirmasse Deo et ecclesiæ S. Mariæ apud Tutesbiriā, et monachis ibi Deo servientibus, virgultum meum quod est sub castello Tutesbiriæ; illud scil. quod fuit H. filii Sawali patris mei; et omnem terram, quæ est de feodo meo, inter sepem virgulti monachorum, usque ad viam quæ descendit à portâ castelli, usque ad portam molendini, in liberam et puram, et perpetuam elemosinam, illis et eorum successoribus omnibus, usque in sempiternum: habendum et tenendum liberè et solutè, et quietè ab omni exactione et calumpniâ, et omni seculari servicio, tam hæredum meorum, quam meis temporibus, pro animâ H. filii Sawali, et animabus patris et matris meæ, et animabus omnium prædecessorum, parentum meorum, et succedentium hæredum meorum, et in remissione meorum et uxoris meæ peccatorum, et parentum et amicorum meorum. Mater enim mea moriens, sub testamento divisit prædictæ ecclesiæ et monachis redditum annuum, scil. vij^s. ex quibus septem solidis ego in manu meâ cepi quatuor solidos, annuatim reddendos, et Henr. frater meus primogenitus, ad cujus voluntatem suscepi hæreditatem nostram, reliquos tres solidos recepit reddendos. Nunc verò in hac donatione virgulti et prædictæ terræ, redditus annuus septem solidorum prædictorum assignatur ecclesiæ prædictæ, et monachis in virgulto et terrâ prædictâ, prior Fulco et totus conventus ejusdem ecclesiæ absolutam clamaverunt, et quietam animam matris et meæ et me, et H. fratrem meum, et meos et suos hæredes omnes, usque in sempiternum à redditu prædicto; et si quid indè minus reddimus, totum nobis quietum dimiserunt. Hanc verò donationem feci ego, concessione et assensu domini mei Willielmi comitis de Ferrariis et H. fratris mei, de quo suscepi hæreditatem nostram; nam et ipse hoc concessit, et manu dedit propriâ, sicut et ego coram domino meo Will. comite de Ferrariis, et assensu etiam Matildis Ridel, uxoris meæ. Testibus, &c.

NUM. XV.

Placita de Juratis et Assis. com. Staffordiæ in Crast. Epiph. Domini anno r. r. Edwardi I. vicesimo primo.

[Ex orig. in Domo Capitulari Westmon. asservato.]

PRIOR de Tuttebury summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clam. tenere placita coronæ, et habere liberam warennam, feriam, mercatum, furcas, et wayf in Tuttebury.

Et prior venit et dicit quod ipse non clamat aliquas prædictarum libertatum in prædicta villa nisi tantum warennam per cartam domini Henrici regis patris domini regis nunc, quam profert, et quæ hoc idem testatur: et tenere visum franci plegii de tenentibus suis bis per annum, et hoc ad voluntatem vic. Staff. qui pro tempore fuerit, secundum quod pascisci poterit cum eo per majus vel minus pro eodem visu. Et de aliis libertatibus nichil clamat. Ideo remaneant Regi, &c. rot. 30.

NUM. XVI.

Placita de Quo Waranto coram W. de Herle et sociis suis Justic. itinerantibus in com. Derb. die Lunæ prox. post Festum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli anno r. r. Edwardi III. a Conquestu quarto.

[Ibid.]

PRIOR Tuttebur. summonitus fuit ad respondendum

domino regi de placito quo waranto clamat habere liberam warennam in omnibus dominicis terris suis in manerio suo de Merston, et liberam warennam in omnibus dominicis terris suis in manerio suo de Brocton, et liberam warennam in omnibus dominicis terris in manerio suo de Edenaston cum membris, et habere unum parcum in eodem manerio, ac etiam liberam warennam in omnibus dominicis terris suis in manerio suo de Edelneston cum membris, et unum parcum in eodem manerio, et liberam warennam in omnibus dominicis terris suis in manerio suo de Doubrigg, &c.

Et prior per Thomam de Assburne attornatum suum venit. Et quo ad hoc quod ipse summon. est [ad respond.] quo waranto clam. omnes libertates prædictas, dicit quod ipse et omnes prædecessores sui et omnes qui prædicta maneria tenuerunt, a tempore quo non extat memoria, habuerunt prædictas warennas in maneriis suis prædictis in forma qua superius clam. est, et etiam parcos prædictos in maneriis suis prædictis tamquam eisdem maneriis suis pertinentes a tempore supradicto. Et eo waranto clamat libertates prædictas, &c.

Et Willielmus de Denum qui sequitur pro rege petit quod inquiratur, &c. si prædictus prior et omnes prædecessores sui, et omnes qui prædicta maneria tenuerunt, a tempore quo non extat memoria, habuerunt omnes prædictas libertates superius clam. necne et si sicut tunc qualiter usi illis sunt, &c. Ideo inquiratur, &c. Juratores dicunt super sacramentum quod prædictus prior et omnes prædecessores sui, et omnes qui prædicta maneria tenuerunt, a tempore quo non extat memoria, sine interruptione, habuerunt omnes præscriptas libertates tanquam maneriis illis pertinent. modis quibus decet idem prior superius clam. Ideo prædictus ad præsens inde sine die salvo jure regis, &c.

NUM. XVII.

Pro Priore Prioratus de Tuttebury.

[Pat. 18 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 30.]

Rex omnibus ad quos, &c. salutem. Licet nuper ex parte monachorum Anglicorum prioratus de Tuttebury nobis suggerentium sententiam pro eis per placitum in curia Romana inter ipsos et abbatem et conventum sancti Petri super Diuam in Normannia jam motum, super libera electione prioris dicti prioratus de Tuttebury per monachos ejusdem faciendâ, cum vacaverit, latam fuisse; et nobis supplicantium, ut cum ipsis per ostensionem bullarum suarum quas penes se inde habent, dampnum et periculum inferri posset; velimus ipsorum indemnitati prospicere in hac parte. Dederimus eis licentiam dictas bullas super libera electione prædicta factas ostendere, publicare, et notificare, prout eis melius videretur expedire; dum tamen quicquam quod in nostri seu coronæ nostræ præjudicium, aut ordinationis in parlamento nostro ad Westm. nuper tento factæ, enervationem cedere possit, in eisdem non contineretur, nec per easdem aliquammodo attemptaretur prout in literis patentibus eisdem monachis inde confectis plenius dicitur contineri. Pro eo tamen quod inter Willielmum de Ferrariis dudum comitem Derbiæ, dominum Honoris de Tuttebury, ex parte una, et abbatem et capitulum sancti Petri super Diuam in Normannia, unde dictus Prioratus Cella existit ut dicitur, ex altera, super Advocatione prioratus prædicti; per quod scriptum, inter eos confectum, inventum et compertum fuit, quod in singulis vacationibus dicti prioratus, abbas loci prædicti qui pro tempore foret, de assensu capituli sui, tres personas de conventu suo prædicto, prædicto comiti et hæredibus suis dominis Honoris prædicti nominaret, de quibus idem comes et hæredes sui prædicti unum quem voluerint eligerent, et ad prioratum prædictum loci diocesano præsentarent; prout per Compositionem prædictam in cancellaria nostra exhibitam plene liquet; ipsique abbates loci prædicti in singulis vacationibus postmodum hujusmodi personas eidem Comiti et hæredibus suis dominis honoris prædicti, et postmodum Edmundo dudum comiti Lancastriæ cui dominus Henricus quondam rex Angliæ proavus noster, ad cujus manus Honor prædictus certis de causis deveniebat, Honorem illum concessit, habend. et tenend. eidem Edmundo et hæredibus de corpore suo exeuntibus, et etiam Thomæ filio et hæredi ipsius co-

mitis Lancastriæ, et dilecto et fideli nostro Henrico nunc comiti Lancastriæ domino honoris prædicti, virtute scripti prædicti, semper hactenus a tempore confectionis ejusdem nominarunt. Eidemque comes Derb. et hæredes sui, ac præfati comites Lancastriæ unum de illis sic nominatis ad prioratum prædictum in singulis vacationibus ejusdem elegerunt, et ipsum sic electum loci diocesano qui pro tempore fuerit successive præsentaverunt; et ipse sic præsentatus absque alicujus temporis interruptione a tempore prædicto in singulis vacationibus prædictis virtute Compositionis et Præsentationis hujusmodi ad Prioratum prædictum, ut dicitur, admissus et installatus fuit in eodem. Et etiam pro eo quod Supprior et conventus prædicti prioratus de Tuttebury in ultima vacatione Prioratus illius per resignationem Johannis de sancto Albano ultimi prioris ejusdem, prædecessoris prædicti Prioris nunc, asserentes se hujusmodi electionem de priore loci prædicti habere debere ad electionem hujusmodi, quamquam nulla electio a tempore foundationis prioratus illius aliter quam prætangitur ibidem facta fuerit, de Radulpho de Coventrie commonacho suo faciend. processerunt; præfatis comes per placitum in curia nostra coram justiciariis nostris de banco per breve nostrum versus prædictos Supprior et conventum de advocatione prioratus illius jam motum, advocationem suam prioratus prædicti per considerationem dictæ curiæ nostræ recuperavit, sicut per tenorem recordi et processus Recuperationis illius in cancellaria nostra residentem est compertum. Ipseque comes postmodum virtute Compositionis et Recuperationis prædictarum, Alexandrum de Porta nunc priorem loci prædicti, quem abbas sancti Petri super Diuam inter alios eidem abbati tunc nominavit, elegit, et ipsum loci diocesano præsentavit, qui ad illum virtute dictæ præsentationis admissus et installatus fuit in eodem. Pro eo itaque quod præfati supprior et conventus machinantes compositionem et iudicium super Recuperatione prædicta in dicta curia nostra redditum, ac leges et consuetudines regni nostri Angliæ adnullare, negotium electionis prædictæ ad curiam Romanam versus abbatem sancti Petri super Diuam, qui pars ad dictum iudicium non fuit, clandestine sunt prosecuti, et per hujusmodi callidos processus præfatum nunc priorem a possessione sua Prioratus illius proponunt amovere; et insuper litteras, bullas, processus, et alia nobis et coronæ nostræ præjudicialia infra regnum nostrum prædictum jam detulerunt et deferri fecerunt, et per ea quamplura nobis et coronæ nostræ dampnosa prosequi machinantur posse suo in nostri contemptum et præjudicium, et iudicii prædicti, ac legum ac iurium coronæ nostræ lesionem, et ipsius nunc comitis exhæredationis periculum manifestum, ac præfati prioris dampnum gravissimum. Considerantes insuper præsentationem prædictam ad nos et hæredes nostros si præfatus nunc comes Lancastriæ sine hærede de corpore suo exeunte obiret, ad nos et hæredes nostros pertinere debere; et etiam placita de jure patronatus in regno nostro Angliæ alibi quam in curiis nostris terminari non posse; eundemque priorem prioratum prædictum pro certa firma nobis ad scaccarium nostrum quamdiu illum in manu nostra contigerit morari reddend. tenere; et volentes eo prætextu tam nostri quam ipsius nunc comitis exhæredationi et præjudicio, et nostri ac ipsius prioris indempnitati, providere, et iudicia in curiis nostris reddita; ac etiam jura et leges regni nostri prædicti illæsa, prout vinculo juramenti astringimur manutenere, omnes litteras patentes si quas nobis et dicto iudicio præjudiciales iidem monachi in cancellaria nostra impetraverint veritate suppressa, quatenus de facto processerunt, tenore præsentium revocamus; et eidem Priori tenore præsentium licentiam damus specialem, quod ipse omnia quæ ad roborationem juris nostri regii, seu recuperationis, compositionis, vel status sui quem earundem compositionis et præsentationis virtute in dicto prioratu jam possidet valeant expedire, pro se et suos ostendere, notificare, et publicare possit, prout sibi melius videbitur expedire. Ita tamen quod quicquam quod in præjudicium ordinationis in parlamento nostro apud Westmonasterium nuper tento de communi consilio regni nostri Angliæ factæ cedat per hoc nullatenus attemptetur. In cujus, &c. Teste Rege apud Westmonasterium vicesimo primo die Julii. Per petitionem de consilio.

NUM. XVIII.

Extenta Possessionum Terr. et Tenementorum Prioratus de Tuttebury in manu Regis, occasione guerra, existen. facta mense Septembr. anno regni Regis Ricardi II. post Conquestum tertio.

[MS. Donat. Brit. Mus. 6164, p. 378.]

EXTENTA possessionum, terr. et tenementorum prioratus de Tuttebury alienigenæ in com. Staff. in manu regis occasione guerra existent. facta apud Tuttebury in com. prædicto xij^o. die Septembris anno regni regis Ricardi secundi post Conquestum tertio, coram Thoma de Sekyndon clerico et Willielmo de Walshale escaetore domini regis in com. Salop. et Staff. extentoribus tam possessionum Prioratum alienigenarum quam omnium aliorum maneriorum terræ et ten. in manu domini regis existen. virtute cujusdam commissionis domini regis eidem Thomæ et Willielmo inde direct. per sacramentum Johannis Duffeld senioris, Ricardi de Mesford, Johannis de Duffeld junioris, et Johannis de Burton, Johannis Mason et Henr. de Heywode, Henrici Smith, Johannis Davy, Henrici le Sadlere, Ricardi de Rydeware, Ricardi Belleyate, et Thoma Sadelere, qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Johannes Bellasser alienigena, Prior perpetuus prioratus de Tuttebury in com. prædicto Staff. tenet possessiones Prioratus prædicti subscriptas de domino rege in capite in puram et perpetuam elemosinam de patronatu Johannis regis Castellæ et Legionis, ducis Lancastriæ. Et dicunt quod Curia Prioratus prædicti cum curtilagio et gardino ibidem contin. in se iij. acras terræ quæ valet per annum vj^s. viij^d. Et est ibidem unum voc. columbare^a quæ nihil valet per annum. Et est ibidem dimidia carucata terræ quæ valet per annum xij^s. Et sunt ibidem v. acr. prati quæ valent per annum vj^s. viij^d. Item est ibidem piscaria de Douve quæ valet communibus annis ij^s. Item, placita et perquis. curiæ valent per annum xij^d. Item sunt in villa de Tuttebury xiiij. libere tenentes qui tenent xiiij. burgagia, (pro quolibet burgagio xij^d.) xiiij^s. terminis . . . et sancti Michaelis. Item sunt ibidem iij. cotar. qui reddunt per annum xj^s. terminis prædictis. Dicunt etiam quod ecclesia de Tuttebury quam Prior tenet in proprios usus valet per annum ultra c^s. Quos vicarius ibidem percipit in eadem lxxj^s. viij^d. Et vicaria ibidem valet per annum x. marc. cum c^s. supra. Mathfeld manerium est Prioris de Tuttebury, in quo est unum mesuagium et contin. in se iij. acr. terræ, et val. per annum ij^s. Item sunt ibidem in dominico iij^s. x. acr. terræ et valet acr. per annum ij^d.—xxij^s. vj^d. Et sunt ibidem x. acr. prati, et valet acr. per annum ij^s.—xx^s. Item piscaria de Douve ibidem valet per annum xij^s. Item est ibidem quoddam molendinum aquaticum quod valet per annum liij^s. iij^d. Item placita et perquisit. curiæ val. per annum v^s. Item auxilium villanorum valet per annum xl^s. Dicunt etiam quod ecclesia ibidem valet per annum x^s. de quibus canonici eccl. Lichf. percipiunt vj^s. xij^s. iij^d. Et valet de claro lxxvj^s. viij^d. Item sunt ibidem quidam tenentes qui tenent ad voluntatem et in bondagio, et reddunt per annum viij^s. xij^s. Item de reddit. liberorum tenentium ibidem xlviij^s. viij^d. Item sunt ibidem iij^s. cotar. qui reddunt per annum vj^s. iij^d. Wetton manerium est Prioris de Tuttebury, in quo est unum mes. et continet iij. acr. terræ et valet per annum ij^s. Item est ibidem una carucata terræ quæ contin. iij^s. xv. acr. terræ et valet acr. iij^d.—xxxj^s. viij^d. Item sunt ibidem duæ plac. pasturæ quæ dicunt le Thornes et le Dales, et val. per annum xx^s. Item sunt ibidem xl. acr. bosci et val. per annum xij^s. iij^d. Item placita et perquis. curiæ valent per annum xij^s. iij^d. Item est ibidem unus liber tenens qui tenet xxiiij. acr. terræ et redd. per annum xij. quarter. avenæ pret. quarterii xij^d.—xij^s. Item sunt ibidem libere tenentes in Botherdon et Croudecote qui reddunt per annum xviij^s. Item sunt ibidem xxv. tenentes qui tenent in bondagio et ad voluntatem xxxiiij. bovatas terræ et reddunt pro qualibet bovata terræ v^s. ij^d. ob.—viij^s. xj^s. x^d. ob. Item prædicti tenentes reddunt per annum lxxij. quarter. avenæ et valet quarter. x^d.—lij^s. vj^d. Item sunt ibidem vj. tenentes qui tenent vj. cotar. et reddunt per annum ix^s. Item dicunt

^a sic.

quod prior inveniet cotidie duodecim monachos vel capellanos seculares ad divina celebranda juxta ordinationem et præceptum regis Castellæ et Legionis, ducis Lancastriæ, patroni dicti prioratus. Ac etiam dictus prior solvet domino regi per annum pro firma dicti prioratus, durante guerra inter regem Angliæ et Franciæ, xl^{li}. Et pro decimis quando currunt ix^{li}. viij^s. j^d. Et sustentabit omnia onera ordinaria et extraordinaria dicto prioratui incumbentia, et ecclesiam de Tuttebury sumptibus suis reparabit, &c. Item dicunt quod Johannes Belasser prior perpetuus tenet prioratum de Tuttebury alienigen. de rege in capite in perpetuam et puram elemosinam possessiones prædictas de patronatu Johannis regis Castellæ et Legionis, ducis Lanc. Item dicunt quod præsentatio vicariæ de Mathfeld et vicariæ de Tuttebury spectant ad præsentationem prioris prædicti; unde vicar. de Mathfeld valet per annum x^{li}. Et dicunt quod non est aliquod vastum, venditio, seu destructio in possessionibus prioratus prædicti sive in boscis sive in ten. eorum. In cujus rei testimonium jurati supradicti huic Extentæ sigilla sua apposuerunt. Data die, loco, et annis supradictis.

Summa tam spiritualium quam temporalium prioratus de Tuttebur' xlv^{li}. vj^s. v^d. ob.

NUM. XIX.

Carta le Roy de Ministrals.

[Ex Registro de Tutbury penes Henricum Agard militem. Nunc penes Coll. Armor.]

HENRICUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ et Franciæ et dominus Hiberniæ omnibus ad quos præsentis literæ pervenerint salutem. Inspeximus literas patentes Johannis nuper regis Castellæ et Legionis ducis Lancastriæ proavi nostri factas in hæc verba. 'Johan par la grace de Dieu roy de Castille et de Leon duke de Lancastre a tous ceux qui cestes nos lettres vorront ou orront saluz. Saches nous avoir ordenoz constitut et assignez nostre bien ame le roy des ministraults deins nostre honour de Tuttebury quore est, ou qui pur le temps serra, pur prendre et arrester tous les ministrals deins meisme nostre honour et franchise queux refusont de faire lour services et ministralcie as eux appartenants a faire de ancient temps a Tuttebury suisdit annualment les jours del Assumption de Nostre Dame. Donants et grantants au dit roy des ministrals pur le temps esteant plein poiar et mandement de les faire resonablement justifier et constrener de faire lour services et ministralcies en maner come appeint et come illonques ad este use et de ancient temps accustome. En testimoigniance de quel chose nous avons fait faire cestes noz lettres patentes, don souz nostre privie seal a nostre castell de Tuttebury le xxij. jour de August le an de regne nostre tresdulces le roy Richard Second quart.'

Nos autem literas prædictas ad requisitionem dilecti nobis in Christo Thomæ Gedney prioris de Tuttebury duximus exemplificandas per præsentis. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Datum sub sigillo nostri ducatus Lancast. apud palatium nostrum de Westmonast. xxij. die Februar. anno regni nostri vice-simo primo.

Item est ibidem quædam consuetudo quod histriones venientes ad matutinas in festo Assumptionis beatæ Mariæ habebunt unum taurum de priore de Tuttebury si ipsum capere possunt citra aquam Doue propinquiorem Tuttebury, vel prior dabit eis xl^d. pro qua quidem consuetudine dabuntur domino ad dictum festum annuatim xx^d.

NUM. XX.

Compositio inter Priorem et Conventum de Tuttesbiri, et N. Fitzherbert.

[Ibid. n. 89.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus, ad quos hoc præsens scrip-

tum indentatum pervenerit, Nicholaus Fitzherbert armiger, et Radulphus Fitzherbert filius et hæres apparens ejusdem Nicholai, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Cum ego præfatus Nicholaus tradiderim, concesserim, et per quandam indenturam, cujus data est xviii. die Jan. anno regni regis Henrici sexti xxx. confirmaverim Thomæ Gedney priori monasterii beatæ Mariæ de Tuttebury, omnes terras et tenementa mea, redditus et servicia, cum pertinentiis in Osmondestone in com. Derb. necnon unum messuagium, vocatum le Halle Place, et lvii. acras terræ et prati, cum pertinentiis, in Fostone, quæ Thomas Badeley tenet; unum messuagium, et xx. acras terræ et prati ibidem nunc in tenura Ricardi Dawkyn et unam acram et duas partes unius dimidiæ acræ prati, cum pertinentiis, in Kirke-Broughton; habenda et tenenda eidem priori et successoribus suis, à festo Omnium Sanctorum proximo ante datam ejusdem indenturæ, usque finem et terminum quatuor annorum, extunc proximè sequentium et plenariè complendorum, prout in eadem indenturâ plenius apparet: noveritis nos præfatum Nicholaum et Radulphum, pro eo quod prædictus prior et conventus monasterii prædicti, per quoddam scriptum suum sub eorum sigillo communi signatum, remiserunt et relaxarunt mihi præfato Nicholao et hæredibus meis, totum jus suum et clameum, quæ habuerunt seu habere potuerunt in quodam redditu c^d. tunc exeuntium de manerio de Norbury in com. prædicto; ac in omnibus serviciis, quæ ego seu hæredes mei pro manerio illo eidem priori seu successoribus suis facere deberemus; quod quidem manerium de Norbury de præfatis priore, in jure monasterii sui prædicti tunc tenebatur per eundem redditum et alia servicia; remisisse, relaxasse, ac omnino pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, per præsentis imperpetuum quietum clamasse præfatis priori et conventui, et successoribus suis, totum jus nostrum et clameum, quæ habemus, habuimus, seu quovismodo habere poterimus, de et in omnibus terris, tenementis, redditibus, et serviciis prædictis; ita quod nec nos nec hæredes nostri, nec aliquis alius nomine nostro aliquid juris seu clamei in eisdem, seu in aliquâ parcellâ eorundem; de cætero exigere seu vindicare poterimus; sed ab omni jure, titulo, et clamio indè totaliter simus exclusi per præsentis imperpetuum. Et nos verò præfati Nicholaus et Radulphus, et hæredes nostri, omnia terras et tenementa, redditus et servicia prædicta, cum pertinentiis, præfatis priori et successoribus suis, contra omnes gentes warrantizabimus et imperpetuum defendemus. In cujus rei testimonium huic præfati scripto nostro sigilla nostre apposuimus; datum xxviii. die Jan. anno regni regis Henrici sexti post Conquestum xx.

NUM. XXI.

De Pensione Prioris et Conventus pro duabus partibus Decimarum Ecclesiæ de Etwall.

[MS. Peck, Mus. Brit. Donat. 4937, p. 5. e Codice MS. penes Amicum Leicestrensem, Feb. 22, 1732, fol. 113 b.]

NOVERINT universi nos Thomam Longdon priorem monasterii de Tuttebury et ejusdem loci conventum recepisse et habuisse die confectionis præsentium de Johanne abbate monasterii S. Jacobi de Welbek et ejusdem loci conventu xxvj^s. viij^d. pro termino Nativitatis S. Johannis Baptistæ de quodam annuo redditu liij^s. iiij^d. nobis et monasterio nostro prædicto debitis annuatim, pro quadam annua pensione trium sextariorum frumenti, pro duabus partibus decimarum ecclesiæ de Etwall, &c. Dat. apud Tuttebury, xxiiij^o. die mensis Julii, anno regni regis Edwardi IV. post Conquestum Angliæ septimo.

VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Return, 26 Hen. VIII. First Fruits Office.)

Verus Valor omnium et singulorum Temporalium et Spiritualium pertinentium dompno Arthuro Meverell Priori
Domus sive Prioratus de Tutbury in Com. Staff. et ejusdem Loci Conventui.

		Temporalia.		
Com' Derby			£.	s. d.
Dovebridge	Terr', Ten', ac Redd' Assis'	38	11	5
Dovebridge Holt	Terr' dñical'	8	0	0
West Broughton	Terr' et Ten' ad vol'	7	4	0
- - - - -	Terr' dñical'	5	0	0
Somersall	Terr' et Ten'	1	0	0
Osmondston et Edulneston	Terr' et Ten'	9	8	10
Wetton	Terr' et Ten'	23	10	11
Ednaston et Holington	Terr' et Ten'	11	2	0
Kyrkebroughton	Terr' et Ten' Maner'	15	13	4
Marston	Terr' et Ten' Maner'	18	15	0
Mulneton	Redd' Molend' et Terr'	2	0	9
Duffeld	Redd' Assis'	0	7	0
Norbury	Terr'	0	5	0
Fenton	Redd'	0	5	0
Braylesford	Redd'	0	10	0
Overton	Redd'	0	1	0
Com' Staff				
Matherfeld	Maner'	22	3	11
Tutbury	Terr' dñical' de Chapelyard, &c.	3	16	10
- - - - -	Terr' dñical' voc' Prioris Holmes	2	6	8
Dovebrig', Matherfeld, Kirkbroughton, et Mars- ton	Pquis' Cur'	0	16	8
Summa Temporalium		170	18	4

Receptio Pensionum.

De Rector' de Duffeld pro x ^m	10	0	0
De Rector' de Barrowe pro x ^m de Twyford, Stentston, et Erleston	3	0	0
De Eccl' de Bradburne pro x ^m in Brasington et Tyssington	4	0	0
De Prior' et Conv' de Repingdon pro Pens' Eccl' de Croxall	0	18	0
De Priorissa de Langley pro x ^m Dñij de Majori Dalbi	0	5	0
De Prior' et Conv' de Trentham de x ^{mis} de Thurnaston et Oisilaston in Paroch' de Sutton	2	13	4
De Abb' et Conv' de Welbeck pro x ^m apud Etwall	2	13	4
De Priorissa de Stratford at the Bowe pro x ^m Dñij de Gynges et Wodham Ferrers in Poch' de Bottelsbury	0	13	4
De Abb' et Conv' de Kenelworth pro Pens' pro x ^{mis} apud Herberbury	0	12	0
De Priorissa de Goring pro Pens'	0	3	0
De Rector' de Wymondham et Thorpe in Com' Leic' pro x ^{mis} ibm	0	13	4
Summa Pensionum	25	11	4

Receptio Decimarum.

Com' Derby			
De x ^{mis} Maner' de Sudbury et Aston'	0	13	4
De x ^{mis} Maner' de Shirley	0	10	0
De x ^{mis} Maner' de Mogynton	0	13	4
De x ^{mis} Maner' de Dalbury	0	13	4
De x ^{mis} Terr' Dñic' de Saperton, Foston, et Scropton	1	16	8
De x ^{mis} in Osmondston	0	7	0
De x ^{mis} Dñical Maner' de Hartysborne	0	6	8

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Com' Derby		£.	s.	d.
De Rectoria de Dovebrige		6	6	8
De Rectoria de Kyrkbroughton		12	0	0
De Rectoria de Marston		6	0	0
Com' Staff				
De x ^{mis} de Rolleston, &c.		2	0	0
De Rectoria de Tutbury		7	0	0
De Rectoria de Matherfeld		10	0	0
Summa Decimarum		48	7	0
Summa totalis		244	16	8

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 31 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

PRIORAT' DE TUTBURY.

COM' STAFF.

Com' Derby		£.	s.	d.
Churche Broughton, Saperton, Hatton, et Makeley	Redd' Assis'	0	14	9½
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad vol' Dñi	1	12	11
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'	19	8	10
- - - - -	Redd' Terr' dñic' de Saperton et Hatton	0	17	7
- - - - -	Redd' Rectoria de Church Broughton cum x ^{is} ibm et x ^{is} in Makeley et Hatton	13	5	6
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc' et Perquis' Cur'		null	
Edelston al' dict' Edilneston	Redd' Ten' ad vol' Dñi	0	0	8
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'	11	4	3
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc' et Perquis' Cur'		null	
Com' Staff				
Mathefelde et				
Com' Derby	Redd' Assis'	1	11	10
Oketon, cum x ^{ma} de Calton et Wodhouse infra Paroch' de Mathefelde				
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad vol' Dñi	1	7	2
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'	11	3	4
- - - - -	Firm' Molend' et Terr', &c.	8	6	8
Manerium de Churche Mathefelde	Decimæ	4	10	0
Calton, Wodhouse	Vendic' Bosc' et Perquis' Cur'		null	
Com' Staff				
Wetton infra Paroch' de Mathefelde et Butterson	Redd' Assis'	1	4	8
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad vol' Dñi	3	14	6
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'	27	13	8½
- - - - -	Redd' mobil'	4	4	0
- - - - -	Redd' Terr' dñic' de Wetton	8	16	0
- - - - -	X ^{me} Rectoria de Wetton	8	6	8
- - - - -	X ^{ma} de Burton	4	0	0
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc' et Perquis' Cur'		null	
Com' Derby				
Dowbrige et Etton	Redd' Assis'	1	7	0
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad vol' Dñi	0	4	8
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'	35	4	10
- - - - -	Firm'	12	15	8
- - - - -	Firm' Terr' dñical' de Dowbrige	25	7	0
Rectoria de Dowbrige	Firm' Rectoria	8	6	8

		£.	s.	d.
Com' Derby				
Rectorie de Dowbrige	Vendic' Bosc' et Perquis' Cur' . . .		nult	
Adneston, Shyrley, et infra Dominium de Brayle-				
forde, Netherthroughmaston	Redd' Assis'	0	4	11
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad vol' Dñi	2	11	10
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'	5	15	6
- - - - -	Firm'	4	0	0
Shurle	Pens' voc' Saynt Mary Tithe . . .	0	6	8
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc' et Perquis' Cur' . . .		nult	
Hollyngton, Marcaston, Dyffylde, Mogington, et				
Bradborne	Redd' Assis'	1	5	4
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'	6	3	1
- - - - -	X ^{ma} in Hollyngton	0	7	0
- - - - -	Pens' sive Porc'	15	13	4
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc' et Perquis' Cur' . . .		nult	
Osmaston cum Pens' in Braylesforde et x ^{ma} de				
Com' Leicest'	Redd' Ten' ad vol' Dñi	1	18	4
Esteleke				
- - - - -	Redd' Cust'	10	15	4
- - - - -	Profic' Decim'	1	1	2
- - - - -	Annual' Redd'	0	6	8
- - - - -	Pens'	0	2	0
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc' et Perquis' Cur' . . .		nult	
Com' Derby				
Westbroughton et x ^{ma} in Castorne	Firm' cum Redd' mobil'	15	12	4
Marston, Hardwyke, Hylton, et x ^{ma} in Hownde .	Redd' Assis'	1	15	5½
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad vol' Dñi	13	14	4
- - - - -	Firm'	7	7	5
Rectorie de Marston	Firm' Rectoriæ	8	16	8
- - - - -	X ^{ma} dimiss' ad vol' Dñi	0	16	4
Hatton infra Parochiam de Marston	Pcell' x ^{ma}	2	13	4
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc' et Perquis' Cur' . . .		nult	
Com' Staff'				
Tutbury	Redd' Assis'	0	4	0
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad vol' Dñi	1	13	2
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' per Cop' Cur'	0	9	2
- - - - -	Redd' Terr' dñical'	5	6	7
Rôria de Tutbury	Firm' Rôrie	7	13	4
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc' et Perquis' Cur' . . .		nult	
Com' Derby				
Scropton, Foston, Barrowe, Repton, et				
Com' Leic'	Redd' Ten' ad vol' Dñi	1	17	0
Pens' in Langley				
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'	1	6	0
- - - - -	Redd' Terr' dñical'	6	9	0
- - - - -	Redd' ad vol' Dñi	1	6	0
- - - - -	Pens'	4	3	0
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc' et Perquis' Cur' . . .		nult	
Com' Derby				
Norbury	Redd' Assis'	0	5	0
Struston infra Dominium de Bradley, Sudbury et				
Aston, Dalbury, Hartysborne	X ^{ma} dimiss' ad vol' Dñi	1	18	8
Com' Leic'				
Pochia de Wymondham, Saxby				
Com' Rutl'	Firm' Porc' x ^{mar} ad Firm' dimiss' . .	1	9	8
Thorpe, Pochia de Stapleford				
Com' Derby				
Rôria de Sutton, Rôria de Etwall	Pens'	6	12	0
Dowbrige, Osmaston, Marston, et Sutton . . .	Redd' mobil'	0	13	6
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc' et Perquis' Cur' . . .		nult	

Priory of Eye,

IN

SUFFOLK.



THE Priory was founded in the time of King William the Conqueror, by Robert Malet, one of the barons who accompanied him upon his expedition to England.^a It was dedicated to St. Peter, and was, at first, a cell to the abbey of Bernay, in Normandy.

The founder endowed his monastery with the church of Eye and its appurtenances, a portion of his burgage in

the town, and the tithe of the market of Eye; all the churches which then existed or might subsequently be erected in Dunwich;^b the tithes of the vill, and a fair for three days on the feast of St. Laurence. The charter adds, "*scolas etiam ejusdem villæ.*" He also gave the churches of Laxfeud, Badingham, Beuseya, Benehale, Bergebi, and Thorendon; Seckebroc and Weleburne churches, with their chapels; the vills and churches of Stoke and Bادهfeild; the churches and tithes of Playforde, Helegleya, Denenetune, Burendys, Thatingetune, Suttune, Stradebroc, and Wyngefeild; the church of St. Margaret; the churches of Pelecoth, Thornham, and Melles; tithes in Ilstede, Helegestowe, Gosewelde, and of his demesnes in Eye, Stradebroc, Redelingfeud, Dinnetune, Thatingetune, Badingham, Keletune, Helesteya, Leestone, Laxfeud, Bergebi, Seckebroc, Weleburne, Orburne, and Cava; the tithes of pannage in his woods, of all his forests and essarts; the vill of Stoke; land in Alcote; a carucate of land in Badingham; land and a mill in Frasingfeld; the fisheries of Welles, and

in Elyn; with soc, sac, tol, them, and infangenethef in Eye, Donewich, &c. After these donations, the founder confirms various gifts made to the monastery by his barons and other persons holding under him in military service. Roger de Huntingfeud gave two parts of the tithe of his demesne in Huntingfeud, Linestede, and Benges. Richard Honel gave two parts of his tithe in Winardestune. William Gulafre gave two parts of his tithe in Hukenholle. Ogerus, of his lands in Bedingfeud and Framlingham. Ernald fitz Roger gave two parts of his tithe in Wytingeham and Wasketon. Ralph Grossus gave two parts of his tithe in Cratinges. William de Roville, the church of St. Botolph Yca, two parts of his tithe in Clakestorpe and Glemham, and a socman in Petlegh. Hugh de Avilers gave two parts of his tithe in Brom and Selfhangre, the church and tithe of the vill, and tithe of thirty acres of land of the fee of the earl of Britany. Odo de Charune gave two parts of his tithes in Giselingham and Reydon. Godard de Giselingham and his wife gave half the church of Giselingham with certain land belonging to it. Hubert de Rikinglehale gave two parts of the tithe of Rikelinghale. Hubert de Montecaniso gave his possessions at Jakesleia. Ralph de Glanville offered upon the altar of the church the gift of his house at Jakesleia. Robert Malus, the nephew, gave his tithe in Huntingfeud. Josceline de Heleseia gave the tithe of a hundred acres in Huntingfeud. Geoffrey de Brisewrda gave the church of Briseword with the tithe of his house. Fulcred de Pesenhale gave certain portions of tithes in Pesenhale. Jurdanus gave two parts of the tithes, with the church of Wikebegge and its appurtenances. In further augmentation of which the founder gave the church of Jakesleia, with all the churches and tithes of the manors appertaining to the castle of Eye; with the privilege of

^a Leland, Collectan. edit. 1770, tom. i. p. 62, says, "AYE PRIOR. com. Suff. Robertus Malet comes Suffolc. primus fundator. Nunc dux Suffolc." Again, tom. iv. p. 26,

"EYE.

"Eye Saxonice insulam significat, unde et Eye op. nomen accepit, quod esset quasi tota circumdata aquis, quibus quamvis in presentia non usque adeo abundet, loca tamen vicina uliginosa sunt, et hyeme plerumque obducta quis, manifestum inditium stagnantis olim paludis. Veniebant antiquitus et naviculæ onerariæ ad oppidum de portu Chromarico vel ex sinu Chromariæ vicino. Hoc satis vel ex hoc liquet, quod cum monachi Eyenses fossas purgent, inveniunt rudentes majusculas pice oblitæ, clavos nauticos, et cetera id genus arma navalia. Nunc vero naviculæ non perveniunt cis Burstane, qui locus ab Eya duodecim distat miliaribus.

"Eya olim nobile castellum habebat paludibus adjacens, cujus nunc tantum specula et murorum in aliquot locis ruinæ extant. Hoc castellum vi Gulielmi Normanni (ut oppidani prædicant) dirutum fuit, quod ejus violentum imperium non admiserit."

^b The churches of Dunwich underwent a singular fate. From Gardner's Historical Account of that place, we learn that one Church only was subsisting there in the time of King Edward the Confessor, dedicated to St. Felix; but that in the reign of the Conqueror the ad-

dition of two more was made. See Gardner, pp. 46, 47. Subsequently, several other churches were founded. The different structures were dedicated to St. Felix, St. Leonard, St. John Baptist, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, St. Peter, St. Michael, St. Bartholomew, and All Saints. The church of St. Felix, together with a cell to Eye which will hereafter be noticed, were undermined and swallowed by the sea very early. Ibid. p. 93. St. Leonard's also is said to have been early lost. Ibid. p. 47. St. Bartholomew's and St. Michael's were destroyed about 1331. "Circa annum Domini m.ccc.xxxi. Ecclesiæ sancti Bartholomæi et sancti Mich. Donewici consumptæ sunt per inundationem aquæ maritimæ, et fructus dictarum ecclesiarum valebant xl^l. annuatim quos fructus religiosi prioratus de Eya percipere consueverunt." Reg. Dannon, fol. 53 a. See Harl. MS. 639, fol. 71. The last institution to St. Martin's was in 1335; and to St. Nicholas church in 1352. St. John Baptist church, which stood in the heart of the town, was taken down to save the principal materials from the sea in 1540. St. Peter's was not pulled down for the materials till 1702. See Gardner, ut supr. pp. 47, 48. Chapels to St. Anthony, St. Francis, and St. Catherine are also stated to have been swallowed up. Before the 23d of Edw. III. we are assured, that, beside these churches and chapels, four hundred houses in Dunwich, with certain shops and windmills, had been devoured by the sea. Gardn. p. 93.

holding a fair for four days. The charter thus granted was offered with all due solemnity upon the altar of the church.^a

Beatrice, the sister of Robert Malet, gave to the monks the little vill of Radingefeld.^b

King Stephen, in 1138, granted to this monastery a very full charter of confirmation; among the witnesses to which were Eustace his son and Matilda his queen.^c

William, earl of Bologne, Warren, and Moretaine, the son of Stephen, made another confirmatory grant, chiefly relating to the possessions of the monastery in Acolt and Stoke.^d

Thomas à Becket, as archbishop of Canterbury, granted the monks another confirmation.^e

These appear to have been the charters to Eye of primary importance.

Among the petitions entered on the Rolls of Parliament, two occur, early in the reign of Edward the Third, praying for the appropriation to the monks of Eye of the church of Laxfeld.^f The appropriation appears to have been made in the 7th of Edward III.^g

Eye underwent the usual fate of Alien Priories whenever a war broke out with France. The revenues were in consequence seized into the king's hands. An extent of the possessions of Eye, taken during the war with France in the 44th of Edward the Third, A. D. 1370, will be found a curious document.^h From the statements of this Instrument the total value of the rents and proceeds, at that time, appear to have amounted to 123*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.*

During any vacancy of the priorate, the earls of Suffolk, in their own right as patrons, had no claim to any profits from the monastery; they could only, in token of dominion, place a porter at the gate, to be maintained out of the House; and who at the installation of a new prior was to receive five shillings, or an ox, as his reward.ⁱ

In the 8th of Richard II. A. D. 1384, at the express instance of Anne, King Richard the Second's queen, and in consequence of the payment of sixty pounds by the prior and convent, the priory of Eye was made denizen;^k and so continued till the general Dissolution of Monasteries. The prior and convent in future were to be Englishmen only.

Sir Symonds D'Ewes, from different folios of the two Registers of Eye priory which will presently be more fully described, but chiefly from that called "Registrum Danoun," compiled a Catalogue^l of the

PRIORS of EYE,

which the Editors have made the groundwork of the present List.

HUBERT, the first prior, occurs in the time of King William the Conqueror, and again in the reign of Henry the First.^m His death, without mention of the year, is placed on the 6th of the kalends of March, on the feast of St. Matthew the Apostle.ⁿ

GAULENUS occurs in the Register Danoun.^o Sir

Symonds D'Ewes considers him to be the same person with GAUSELENUS, who occurs in the Register Malet in 1130, 31 Hen. I.^p His death is placed upon the 2d of the ides of August.^q

OSBERTUS, or OSBERNUS, was prior in the reign of Henry II. His name occurs in one Instrument of the date of 1167;^r and again, "anno imperii regis Henrici junioris nono."^s His death is dated on the 3d of the kalends of September.^t

ROGER DE MUNGUMBRAY occurs in 1202, 4 Joh.;^u again 10 Joh.;^v and is probably the same prior who occurs by the name of ROGER only in the 12th Hen. III.^w He died, the year un-named, on the ides of September.^x

ROGER DE LA BRUER, or DE BRUER, occurs in the 16th of Hen. III., A. D. 1231.^y

RICHARD JACOB was prior in 1237, 21 Hen. III.^z

WILLIAM PULEYN, or POLEYN, occurs in the 28th of Hen. III.,^{aa} and again in the 10th Edw. I., A. D. 1282.^{ab}

NICHOLAS EVELYN, or YVELYN, occurs in the 29th of Edw. I.,^{ac} and again in 1313, 6 Edw. II.^{ad} He died on the 14th kal. July 1313.^{ae}

DURANDUS FROWE had the temporalities of this priory restored to him Aug. 10th, 1313, 7th Edw. II.^{af} He is also mentioned in the 17th Edw. II. as having vacated by cession.^{ag}

ROBERT MORPAYN succeeded in 1323, 17 Edw. II. The temporalities were restored to him on March 10th that year.^{ah} He died in 1347.^{ai}

JOHN FAENHAM was the first prior who was by birth an Englishman. The date of his admission does not appear. His death is placed on the 3d of the kalends of November.^{aj} His successors, it need not be added, were all Englishmen.

THOMAS FAENHAM occurs Prior in the 9th Hen. V., A. D. 1421.^{ak} He died on the 14th kal. Novemb. 1431, 10 Hen. VI.^{al} The next prior was

JOHN EYE.^{am}

THOMAS CAMBRIDGE afterwards succeeded. He died on the ides of October, 1462, 2 Edw. IV.^{an}

THOMAS NORWICH, or NORTHWYCH succeeded.^{ao} He was presented 21st March, 1470, by Alice duchess of Suffolk, to the church of Chedsey, in the diocese of Bath and Wells.^{ap} He died on the 2d of the nones of April, 1487, 2 Hen. VII.^{aq}

AUGUSTIN SCELTONE succeeded in the same year.^{ar}

RICHARD occurs prior of Eye Aug. 28th, 1492.^{as} He was probably the same person with RICHARD NORWICH, who is noticed as prior in 1500, 15 Hen. VII.^{at}

WILLIAM HADLEY occurs prior in the 26th of Hen. VIII.^{au} He was the last prior.

Sir Symonds D'Ewes gives the names of several other priors of an early date, with the days of their respective obits:

"13 Kal. Maii obiit GICELINUS prior Eye."^{av}

3 id. Apr. obiit ROGERIUS prior Eye.^{aw}

5 id. Apr. obiit GODWINUS prior de Eye.^{ax}

16 kal. Mart. ob. SILVESTER BOLTON prior Eye.^{ay}

^a See the Append. of Instruments, Num. I.

^b Num. II.

^c Num. III.

^d Num. IV.

^e Num. V.

^f Numm. VIII. IX.

^g Abbrev. Rot. Orig. tom. i. p. 206. Extractæ grossorum finium, &c. "Prior de Eye finem fecit cum rege per viginti libr. pro licentia appropriandi ecclesiam de Laxfeld sibi et domui suæ," &c. ro. 17. Among other reasons alleged in petitioning for the impropriation of the church of Laxfeld, was the loss which the monastery of Eye had sustained at Dunwich by the ravages of the sea.

^h See Num. X.

ⁱ See Num. VII.

^j See Num. XI.

^k See Sir Symonds D'Ewes's Suffolk Collections, MS. Harl. 639, foll. 68, 68 b.

^l Reg. Malet, foll. 49 a, 67 b.

^m Reg. Danoun, fol. 64 b.

ⁿ Ibid. fol. 67 b.

^o Reg. Malet, fol. 22 a.

^p Reg. Danoun, fol. 67 b. "Gualenus prior Eye testis cartæ Eburardi Norwic. episcopi cum Willielmo archidiacono reg. eccl. Christi Cant." Kennett, MS. Diptycha.

^q Reg. Malet, fol. 32 b.

^r Ibid.

^s Reg. Danoun, fol. 67 b.

^t Reg. Malet, fol. 139 a.

^u Ibid. fol. 56 b.

^v Ibid. fol. 50 a.

^w Reg. Danoun, fol. 68 a.

^x Reg. Malet, fol. 50 a.

^y Reg. Danoun, fol. 66 b.

^z Reg. Malet, fol. 50 b.

^{aa} Reg. Danoun, fol. 67 a.

^{ab} Reg. Malet, fol. 75 a. See also for the mention of him in subsequent years of the same reign, *ibid.* foll. 5, 100 b, 101. Reg. Danoun, 45 b, 46.

^{ac} Reg. Danoun, fol. 9 b.

^{ad} Ibid. fol. 66 b.

^{ae} Pat. 7 Edw. II. p. 1.

^{af} See the Appendix of Instruments, Num. VIII.

^{ag} Pat. 17 Edw. II. p. 2. Harl. MS. 6958, p. 268.

^{ah} Reg. Danoun, fol. 64.

^{ai} Ibid. fol. 68 b.

^{aj} Ibid. fol. 14 b.

^{ak} Ibid. fol. 68 b.

^{al} Ibid. fol. 69 a.

^{am} Ibid. fol. 68 b.

^{an} Ibid. fol. 65 b.

^{ao} Harl. MS. 6966, p. 126.

^{ap} Reg. Danoun, fol. 65 b.

^{aq} Ibid. fol. 64 a.

^{ar} MS. Cole, Brit. Mus. vol. xxvii. fol. 90 b.

^{as} Reg. Danoun, *ut* *supr.*

^{at} See the return in the Valor Ecclesiasticus of that year in the Appendix. The return relating to Eye monastery in the Roll of the 2d and 3d of Phil. and Mar. 1553, is, "Eye super Priorat. *Penc.* Willielmi Parker per annum xvijj."

^{au} Reg. Danoun, fol. 65 b.

^{av} Ibid.

^{aw} Ibid.

^{ax} Ibid. fol. 64 b.

2 id. Dec. obiit WILLIELMUS DE SANCTO PETRO prior de Eya.^a

13 kal. Januar. obiit JOHANNES BELYNG prior de Eya."^b

At the Suppression here were ten monks, whose yearly revenues, according to Dugdale, amounted to 161*l.* 2*s.* 3*d.*: according to Speed, to 184*l.* 9*s.* 7*d.* The little improvement in the income of this monastery from the 44th of Edw. III. to the Dissolution, can only be accounted for by the destruction of the monastic property at Dunwich.

The scite and precinct of Eye monastery were granted to Charles duke of Suffolk in the 28th Hen. VIII.^c They returned again to the crown in the 30th of Hen. VIII. when the duke of Suffolk exchanged the Honor of Eye, with numerous manors, the scites of the monasteries of Leyston and Eye, &c. for the reversions of the scites of Trentham and Burcester monasteries, with numerous other possessions.

Of the REGISTERS of Eye priory Bishop Tanner names two only: "*Vide* Registra duo hujus Prioratus, penes Thomam Dey de eadem villa mil. 1636, quorum unum MALET, alterum DANOUN nuncupatum fuit." The latter contained seventy folio leaves of vellum; and was, both in 1731 and when Blomefield compiled his History of Norfolk, in the possession of Mr. Thomas Martin of Palsgrave.^d Where either of these manuscripts are at present

deposited, the Editors of the Monasticon have not discovered.^e

Tanner also refers to "*Cartæ et munimenta varia ad prioratum de Eya pertinentia*, in codd. MSS. Norfolc. n. 221, in bibl. Reg. Societatis London:" but, upon examination, these turn out to be a few pleas, &c. relating to the Honor of Eye; not the Monastery. The whole book is a Register of Sibton priory in Suffolk.

Exclusive of these, the following records are referred to by Tanner:

"Fin. Suff. 11 Joh. n. 54, pro advoc. eccl. de Stokes.

"Fin. Suff. 3 Hen. III. n. 22, de terris in Fresingfield. Fin. Suff. 12 Hen. III. n. 123, de ten. in Acolt. Fin. Suff. 16 Hen. III. n. 33, de advoc. eccl. de Yakesle et Mellis. Fin. Suff. 19 Hen. III. n. 100, de terris in Thornham. Fin. Suff. 28 Hen. III. n. 16, de mess. et terris in Pleyford. Fin. Suff. 38 Hen. III. n. 217, de hostiario Prioratus. Fin. Suff. 53 Hen. III. n. 15, pro advoc. eccl. de Stoke juxta Thorndon.

"Pat. 3 Edw. I. m. 34 d, pro advoc. eccl. de Beausey Norf. Plac. in com. Suff. 14 Edw. I. assis. rot. 40, pro feria in die S. Leonardi apud Donewycum; rot. 44, pro libertat. in Stokes et Thornham. Fin. Suff. 16 Edw. I. n. 148, pro advoc. eccl. de Laxfield. Plac. apud Westm. 20 Edw. I. rot. 138, de eccl. de Laxfield. Escaet. Suff. 24 Edw. I. n. 94, inquis. de jure patronatus Prioratus.

"Escaet. Suff. 7 Edw. II. n. 16, pro eccl. de Laxfield approprianda. Pat. 7 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 9 d. Claus. 17.

^a Reg. Danoun, fol. 69 b. He also occurs in a Harleian charter, which will be again referred to presently, 44 D. 41.

^b Reg. Danoun, fol. 69 b.

^c See Tann. Notit. Mon. Suff. xx.

^d Ibid. See also Blomef. Hist. Norf. vol. i. p. 27.

^e The Harleian manuscript 639, foll. 58—71 b, contains Sir Symonds D'Ewes's Collectanea from both of these manuscripts:

viz. I. "Collectanea quedam eorum quæ ad topographicam comitatus Suffolciensis instaurandam Corographiam conducunt selecta ex pervetusto libro manuscripto prioratus de Eya *Registrum Malet* nuncupato, et hoc anno instante 1636, spectante Thomæ Dey de eadem villa generoso."

The principal charters transcribed or abridged from this Register by Sir Symonds are,

1. Carta Willielmi de Gerardeville de advocacione ecclesiæ de Stoke juxta Thorndone, t. Hen. III. Reg. Malet, fol. 3 a.

2. Finalis concordia inter Will. priorem de Eya querentem et Will. fil. Thomæ de Gerarville deforcientem de advocacione ejusdem ecclesiæ, 54 Hen. III. fol. 6 a.

3. Carta Roberti Malet fundatoris Ecclesiæ Conventualis de Eya, fol. 17 a.

4. Carta Beatricis sororis Roberti Malet, fol. 18 b.

5. Carta Willielmi filii regis Stephani, fol. 23 a.

6. Carta Willielmi dapiferi regis Stephani, de terra in Acolt, fol. 23 b.

7. Carta Stephani comitis Moritonæ de ecclesia de Pleiford, fol. 22 b.

8. Cartæ duæ Johannis comitis Moritonæ, foll. 24 b, 25.

9. Carta Henrici ducis Lotharingæ de terra Dosolf, fol. 25.

10. Carta Ricardi comitis Pictaviæ et Cornubiæ Rogero priori et monachis de Eya t. Hen. III. qua concessit judicium de omnibus hominibus suis si deliquerint in pondere panis vel mensura cervisiæ &c. fol. 25 b.

11. Carta Johannis Norwicensis episcopi de ecclesiis Prioratui concessis, fol. 26 b.

12. Compositio inter priorem et conventum de Eya et rectorem ecclesiæ de una parte, et priorem de Buttel. ex altera, fol. 30.

13. Confirmatio Adriani papæ de bonis et possessionibus ecclesiæ conventuali Eye pertinentibus, A. D. 1155, fol. 32.

14. Sententia de decima totius dominici de Dinneuetune, anno v^{to}. pontif. Innoc. III. fol. 35 a.

15. Sententia de decimis essarti de Stradebroc, A. D. 1221, fol. 37 a.

16. Compositio inter priorem et conventum de Eya et clericos de Donewico ex una parte, et fratres hospitalis Jerusalem ex altera, fol. 37 b.

17. Compositio inter priorem et conventum de Eya et Ricardum Aaron personam de Wingefeud, fol. 42 a.

18. Sententia de decimis de Buredys, fol. 43 a.

19. Compositio inter priorem et conventum de Eya et Ricardum de Alestun, ibid.

20. Sententia super medietate ecclesiæ de Seckebroc, A. D. 1218, ibid.

21. Compositio inter Wimerum personam de Grimestune et G. clericum de Bensaya, fol. 45 a.

22. Sententia de decimis de Flemewrde, fol. 45 b.

23. Sententia de decimis de Rikingehale, fol. 46 b.

24. Conventio inter dominum abbatem sancti Eadmundi et priorem de Eya, t. regis Hen. I. fol. 49 a.

25. Carta Willielmi de Rovilla et Beatricis uxoris ejus de ecclesia sancti Botulphi de Yca, de decimis de Glemham, &c. fol. 64 b.

26. Carta Roberti de Quency de decimis in villa de Colum Malet, fol. 65 b.

27. Carta Odonis de Charune, fol. 66 b.

28. Carta Roberti filii Godardi de medietate ecclesiæ de Gisingham, ibid.

29. Carta Godardi le Kayli et uxoris ejus, fol. 67 b.

30. Carta Adæ filii Huberti de Bedingefeud de tenemento in parochia de Eya, fol. 68 b.

31. Carta Ricardi Romanorum regis anno iij^o. regni de decima molendinorum, fol. 69 b.

32. Carta alia Ricardi Romanorum regis, dat. Istelwre anno regni iv^{to}. de feno in parcis de Eya, ibid.

33. Carta Ricardi Romanorum regis tertia, de feris bestiis: dat. Lond. 30 Nov. ibid.

34. Carta domini Huberti de Briesworde, de Johanne filio Ricardi le Frere nativo cum tota sua posteritate et cum tenementis adeptis a supradicto Ricardo de feodo Prioris de Eya in Torpe, fol. 84 a.

35. Carta Willielmi de Geravillis, fol. 85 b.

36. Carta domini Roberti de Mundevile de decimis novalium in villa de Vkenhelle, fol. 112 a.

37. Carta Willielmi Joye de Wingefeud, fol. 117 a.

38. Carta Osborni de Cnutevilla de terris in Acolt, fol. 124 a.

39. Carta Bernardi filii Alwini, fol. 132 a.

40. De concordia de ecclesia de Playforde, 52 Hen. III. fol. 10 a.

41. Carta Gilberti filii Agathæ de terris in Playforde, fol. 129 b.

42. Carta Burgi de Haya, fol. 127 b.

II. "Collectanea quedam &c. selecta ex *Registro Danoun* MS. olim prioratus de Eye in comitatu Suff. anno hoc Domini 1636, penes Thomam Dey de Eye prædict. generosum:" containing, among other extracts of a minor kind,

1. Conventio inter Priorem et Conventum de Eya et magistrum Michaellem de Ringessele ex una parte et W. de Smalham rectorem ecclesiæ de Holesle ex altera, A. D. 1232. Reg. Danoun, fol. 3 a.

2. Traditio minutarum decimarum pertinentium prioratui Eye, et termini solutionum earundem, anno Domini 1308, 1 Edw. II. fol. 5 a.

3. Concordia de uno forario pasturæ cum pertinentiis, jacen. in hameletto de Langetone in villa de Eya; 9 Hen. V. fol. 14 b.

4. De decimis manerii de Broom, fol. 15 a.

5. Custumarium, fol. 20 a.

6. Presentationes annuæ debite priori et conventui de Eye, fol. 22 a.

7. Redditus et consuetudines de Stoke, fol. 23 b.

8. Custumarii tenentes de Stoke, fol. 25 a.

9. Redditus et consuetudines de Bedefeud, fol. 33 a.

10. Custumarii, sive tenentes nativi manerii de Bedefeud, fol. 33 b.

11. Redditus et consuetudines de Fresingfeud, fol. 39 a.

12. Custumarii tenentes de Fresingfeud, fol. 39 b.

13. Redditus et consuetudines de Acolt, fol. 41 b.

14. Custumarii tenentes, sive nativi, manerii de Acolt, fol. 42 a.

15. Redditus et consuetudines de Stoke, fol. 23 b.

16. Acta in ecclesia S. Petri de Manecroft apud Norwic. A. D. 1277, in causa et negotio vicariæ ecclesiæ de Jakele, fol. 46 a.

Excerpts from these Registers are likewise preserved in MS. Dodsw. Bibl. Bodl. vol. xxxviii. fol. 39, &c., Collect. dom. Ric. Gipps Suffolc. MS. and MSS. Harl. Brit. Mus. 294, foll. 171, 172 b, illustrative of the family descents of Suffolk: 298, fol. 69: 312, foll. 79 b, 80.

Edw. II. m. 19 vel 29. Pat. 18 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 6, pro eccl. de Laxfield approprianda, et de pensionibus ex ecclesiis de Thorndon et Melles.

"Pat. 35 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 14. Rec. in Scacc. 44 Edw. III. Hill. rot. 9.

"Cart. 20 Ric. II. n. 4, confirm. libertates.

"Pat. 1 Hen. IV. p. 5, m. 30 vel 31. Pat. 5 Hen. IV. p. 5, m. 34, de ix^{ta}. concess. ex firma villæ de Dunwich.

"Rec. in Scacc. 6 Hen. VI. Mich. rot. 9."

He adds,

"The case of Wingfield Horminge and his trustees, wherein the state of the priory of Eye in Suffolk is shewed: MS. penes Thomam Brotherton de Hey in com. Lanc. arm."

The following Instruments relating to this monastery are preserved among the original charters belonging to the Harleian collection in the British Museum:

* 43 G. 22. Confirmatio T. [Tho. Becket] monasterio B. Petri de Eia de ecclesiis de Dunewica et de Eia.

44 D. 39. Carta Rogeri prioris et conventus de Eya Willielmo filio Roberti de Cran de feodis curiarum.

44 D. 40. Carta Ricardi prioris et conventus sancti Petri de Eya de terris in Pelecoc.

44 D. 41. Carta Willielmi de Sancto Petro Prioris de Eya Thomæ Gernun de terris in parochia de Pilecok.

44 D. 42. Carta Durandi prioris mon. B. Petri de Eya et ejusdem luci conventus Roberto et Henrico filis Theobaldi le Hardi de Thornham Pilcok capellanis, de terris in Thorneham, 10 Edw. II.^a

The SEAL of this Priory was large and oval. An Impression of it on red wax is appendant to the acknowledgment of King Henry the Eighth's supremacy, remaining in the chapter-house at Westminster. It represents a full-length figure of the patron saint, St. Peter, with the keys in one hand, and an open book in the other. This Impression has been unfortunately broken, and much of the legend is gone. What remains is as follows:

SIGILLV ATVS . SANC EYE ,

The instrument dated 20 Oct. A. D. 1534, has the signatures of William the prior, William Norwyche the sub-prior, and seven monks.

The mutilated impression of another seal, appended to the Harleian charter 44 D. 42, already described, in which it is designated as "sigillum commune Capituli nostri," bears the figure of a prior in the centre, in pontificalibus. The legend round the edge gone. It is, no doubt, the earlier of the two.

The RUINS of Eye monastery are still to be seen on the east side of the town.

In early times the monastery of Eye had a CELL at DUNWICH. Tanner, speaking of Dunwich, formerly called Domnoc, or Dommoc, says, "The episcopal seat for the kingdom of the East Angles was placed here upon the consecration of Felix the first bishop, about A. D. 630.^b And upon the division of this diocese, A. D. 673, the bishops of Suffolk continued their residence here, till the whole kingdom was re-united under the bishops of Elmham in the tenth century. After which here was a Cell of Monks, who were subordinate to Eye; but this, with many other churches and religious houses, was some ages since swallowed up by the sea."^c So Leland, who adds, that the monks of Eye in his time possessed an ancient manuscript of the Gospels, brought from this cell, called in later days 'The Red Book of Eye,' which had belonged to St. Felix himself.^d

Gardner speaks of what may possibly have been the last trace of this cell. "Common or Convent Garden," he says, "abutting on Sea-Field, at Dunwich, was a plot of ground whereon grew large crops of thyme, &c. which created in many people a belief that it was a garden for the service of the whole town. But the name rather imports the foundation of some convent thereabouts. Also mention is made of a cell of monks at Dunwich subordinate to Eye, destroyed some ages past, so probably it was a curtilage appertaining to the religious house. And as the sea made encroachments thereupon, many human bones were discovered; whereby part thereof manifestly appeared to have been a place of sepulture, which was washed away in the winter of ann. Dom. 1740."^e

Cartae ad Eyense Coenobium in agro Suffolciensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

Carta Roberti Malet Fundatoris Ecclesiae Conventualis de Eya.

[Ex Registro de Eya penes Thomam Deye generosum an. 1630, fol. 58.]

Cum pro animarum suarum salute multa bona opera

^a Blomef. Hist. Norf. vol. i. p. 27, gives a particular account of the tithes of land, belonging to Eye priory, at Royden in Norfolk: see also tom. iv. p. 477, of a portion of tithe at Bawsey.

^b Bedæ Eccl. Hist. lib. ii. c. 15.

^c Tann. Notit. Monast. Suff. xviii.

^d "Monachi Eyenses olim habebant cœnobiolum apud Dunwic, opp. maritimum, antiquitus Dunmoc dictum, et civitatis nomine insigne, in quo Felix, Orientalium Anglorum episcopus, sedem habuit. Sed postquam sedes alio traducta fuit, veterem occupabant monachi. Nunc vero cœnobiolum (ut plura ibidem alia) à mare devoratum est.

fideles viri ac Deo devoti operentur: hoc præcipuum estimatur quod in constructione, et edificatione sanctæ matris ecclesiæ impenditur. Nam in sancta ecclesia virorum religiosorum precibus illorum peccata qui eam edificant, Dei misericordia diluuntur; pauperes elemosinis, sive aliis beneficiis sustentantur, cæteraque caritatis officia cum tempus exigit humiliter ministrantur: et quia Dei misericordiam per opus simile spero me posse adipisci, ego Robertus Ma-

Eyenses adhuc servant Evangeliorum librum reliquias exhausti cœnobioli, et a vulgo 'Ruber Liber de Eya' vocatur, per quem apud vulgus solenne est jurare. Monachi constanter adfirmant librum fuisse Felicis, et certe verisimile est. Nam præterquam quod sit scriptus litteris majusculis Longobardicis, refert vetustatem mire venerandam.

"Quod autem Dunmoc olim civitatis nomine insignitum fuerit, inscriptio veterum numismatum indicat."

Lel. Collectanea, edit. 1770, tom. iv. p. 26.

^e Gardner, Historical Account of Dunwich, p. 62.

let, assensu domini mei Willielmi regis Angliæ, pro anima ipsius et uxoris ejus Matildis reginæ, pro memetipso, et pro animabus patris mei Willielmi Malet et matris meæ He-siliæ, et pro animabus omnium antecessorum et parentum meorum, ad usus monachorum apud Eyam monasterium construo, et monachorum conventum in eo pono.

Et ut ipsi Deo liberè et quietè servire possint, eidem monasterio, de meis propriis terris, ecclesiis, et decimis, ad eorum sustentamentum confero, præsentis scripti attestazione confirmo. Inprimis ecclesiam Eye, quæ in honore sancti Petri fundata est, concedo cum omnibus terris et decimis eidem pertinentibus. Do eis etiam partem de burgagio meo in Eya, cum vivario uno. Do eis etiam decimam fori Eye, et omnes ecclesias de Donewico quæ factæ sunt et faciendæ: necnon et decimam totius villæ, tam in denariis quam in allecibus, et unam feriam ad festum sancti Leonardi per tres dies. Scolas etiam ejusdem villæ. Do eis insuper ecclesiam de Laxfeud, cum omnibus terris et decimis eidem ecclesiæ pertinentibus: et ecclesiam de Badingham cum terris et decimis et pertinentiis. Et in eadem villa, do eis unam carucatam terræ: præterea ecclesiam de Beuseya do eis, cum omnibus terris et decimis sive aliis possessionibus eidem pertinentibus. Ecclesiam de Benehale, cum terris, et decimis et pertinentiis. Ecclesiam de Bergebi, cum capellis, et terris, et decimis ad eam pertinentibus, sive aliis possessionibus. Ecclesiam de Seckebroc, cum capellis, et terris, et decimis et pertinentiis. Ecclesiam de Weleburne, cum capellis, et decimis et pertinentiis. Et de terris meis do eis villam quæ dicitur Stoke, cum omni integritate sua, scilicet ecclesiam, cum terris et decimis, sive aliis possessionibus, cum omni tenemento quod Benedictus capellanus meus de me tenuit. Et, petitione Osberti de Cuncteville, do eis totam terram quam habebat in Acolte. Do eis etiam ecclesiam de Thorendona, cum omnibus terris decimis, et pertinentiis; et villam quæ dicitur Bادهfeild, cum ecclesia et pertinentiis. Et assensu Walteri filii Grip, do eis totam terram quam habuit in Frasingefeld cum molen-dino. Et decimam de Playforde, et ecclesiam ejusdem villæ cum terris et decimis et pertinentiis. Et Alfricum de Fen cum tota terra sua. Et decimam Oyn Campayn de Ilstede. Confirmo eis donum Walteri Arbalestarii, qui dedit eis duas partes decimæ suæ de Halegestowe et de Gosewelde, et ecclesiam sanctæ Margaretæ, cum terra quæ ei pertinet. Do eis ecclesiam de Helegleya, cum terris et decimis, sive aliis possessionibus eis pertinentibus. Et ecclesiam de Denenetune, cum terris et decimis, et omnibus pertinentiis. Ecclesiam de Burendys, et ecclesiam de Thatingetune, cum terris, et decimis, et possessionibus. Eccle-siam de Suttune cum pertinentiis. Ecclesiam de Strade-broc, et ecclesiam de Wyngfeild cum terris et decimis et pertinentiis. Do eis etiam piscarias omnes de Welles, et in Elyn; et totam decimam de omnibus silvis meis de pasna-gio, tam in denariis quam in porcis, tam in garbis quam in agris, vel vitulis, sive in omnium forestarum decimis, et de omnibus essartis; in caseis, in velleribus, et in omnibus aliis decimis. Et de dominio meo horum maneriorum meorum do eis decimas: totam decimam de dominio Eye, et de Stradebroc, et de Redelingfeud, et de Dinnene-tune, et de Thatingetune, de Badingham, de Keletune, de Helesteya, de Leestone, de Laxfeud, de Bergebi, de Secke-broc, de Weleburne, de Orburne, de Cava.

Quare volo, concedo, et firmiter præcipio ut teneant liberè et quietè omnia sua ab omni exactione: habeantque socham, et sacham, et toll, et theam, et infangenetheof in Eya, in Donewyco, sive in aliis locis ubicunque terras habuerunt. Habeantque omnes alias libertates quas dominus meus Willielmus rex Angliæ mihi concessit, quando Honorem mihi dedit. Do eis etiam ecclesiam de Pelecoth cum terris et pertinentiis suis. Ecclesiam de Thornham, et ecclesiam de Melles cum terris et decimis et omnibus perti-nentiis suis. Præterea donationes quas barones et milites mei, me annuente, eis fecerunt, præfato monasterio concedo et confirmo. Quorum nomina hæc sunt. Rog. de Hun-tingfeud dedit eis ij. partes decimæ suæ de dominio de Huntingfeud, et de Linestede, et de Benges. Ric. Honel dedit eis duas partes decimæ suæ in Winerdestune. Wil-lielmus Gulafre dedit duas partes decimæ suæ de Hukenholle. Ogerus dedit duas partes decimæ suæ de Beding-feud, et de terra sua quam habuit in Framlingham. Er-naldus filius Rogeri dedit duas partes decimæ suæ de

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Wytingeham, et de Wasketona. Radulfus Grossus dedit eis duas partes decimæ suæ de Cratinges, et ecclesiam sancti Botulphi de Yca, cum appendiciis, quam Willielmus de Roville dedit, et duas partes decimæ suæ de Clakestorpe et de Glemham et sokemannum quandam in Petlegh. Hugo de Avilers dedit duas partes decimæ suæ de Brom et Selfhangre, et hoc quod Ailwinus presbiter tenuit de eodem Hugone in Beria, et ecclesiam ejusdem villæ cum terris, et decimis sive aliis possessionibus, et decimam de triginta acris terræ de feodo comitis Britaniæ. Odo de Charune dedit eis duas partes decimæ suæ de Giselingham et Reydon. Godardus de Giselingham, et uxor ejus de-derunt Deo et sancto Petro dimidiam ecclesiam de Gise-lingham, et terram et omnia quæ ad eandem pertinent me-dietatem. Hubertus de Rikinghale dedit duas partes de-cimæ suæ de Rikingehale. Hubertus de Montecaniso de-dit Deo et sancto Petro suam terram apud Jakesleiam, scilicet hospitium suum cum tenura ejus. Ranulphus de Glanvillis optulit super altare sancti Petri hospitium quod habuit in Jakesleiam. Robertus Malus nepos dedit Deo et sancto Petro decimam suam de Huntingfeud. Joselinus de Heleseia dedit decimam c. acrarum in Huntingfeud ecclesiæ sancti Petri. Galfridus de Brisewrda dedit Deo et sancto Petro ecclesiam de Briseworda cum libera terra ejus et cum propria decima domus suæ. Fulcredus de Pesen-hale dedit duas partes decimæ suæ in eadem villa, et deci-mam Unfridi filii Unney. Do monachis de Eya ecclesiam de Jakesleia cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Jurdanus dedit eis decimæ suæ duas partes in Wikebegge, et ecclesiam ejusdem villæ, cum terris et decimis eidem ecclesiæ perti-nentibus. Do eis omnes ecclesias, et omnes decimas pro-priorum maneriorum castello Eye pertinentium. Et aliis viris, militibus, sokemannis meæ jurisdictionis concedo, et præcipio ut monasterio meo et conventui de Eya de benefi-ciis beneficiant pro facultatibus suis.

Volo etiam et firmiter præcipio, ut quædam feriæ, quam monachis meis dedi quatuor diebus, teneatur kalend. Augusti, et ut venientes et redeuntes in his quatuor diebus pacem meam et protectionem domini mei regis Willi. ha-beant, ne aliquis eos disturbet, nec eis injuriam, vel malum faciat super forisfacturam decem librarum. Hujus dona-tionis et confirmationis meæ testes sunt Hubertus de Monte-kenesi, Rogerus filius Walteri de Huntingfeud, Willielmus de Rovillis, Willielmus Gulafre, Robertus filius Walteri, Robertus filius Erefridi, Odo de Charimer, Herveus de Glanville, Osbertus de Cunteville, Benedictus capellanus, Galfridus filius Urselli, Arnulphus de Wydrevill, Walterus de Conovill, Egger præpositus, Fulcredus de Pesenhale, Hubertus Malus nepos, Robertus Roiator, Godebertus de Witsand, Walterus Arbalestarius. Hæc omnia, illis conce-dentibus, testimonio Dei et sancti Petri super altare sancti Petri Eye ego Robertus Malet optuli ecclesiæ monachorum meorum, et hac carta mea inperpetuum confirmavi.

NUM. II.

Carta Beatricis sororis Roberti Malet.

[Ibid. fol. 59.]

Ego Beatrix soror Roberti Malet concedo Deo et sancto Petro apostolo de Eya et monachis ejusdem loci villulam quandam Radingefeldiam nominatam, quietam et liberam ab omnibus querelis et calumpniis contra omnes homines, sicut meum dominium, scilicet pro redemptione animæ meæ, et patris et matris mei necnon et fratrum meorum Roberti Maleth et Gilberti Malet, aliorumque amicorum vivorum et defunctorum. Testibus Francigenis et Anglis, Roberto presbitero, Rogero diacono, Radulpho de Bellicia, Alfredo de Combia, Mayno de Sandeclaro, Edrico, Alfrico coco, Ansgodo de Cantuar. et Gaufrido coco.

NUM. III.

Carta Regis Stephani.

[Ex autog. penes prænobilem dominum Willielmum Howard Na-worthocastrensem an. 1630. Vide etiam Pat. 7 E. II. p. 1, m. 19, in dorso, et Cart. 20 R. II. n. 4.]

QUONIAM divina misericordia providente cognovimus

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esse dispositum, et longè latèque prædicante ecclesia sonat omnium auribus divulgatum, quod eleemosinarum largitione possunt absolvi vincula peccatorum et adquiri cœlestium præmia gaudiorum. Ego ✠ Stephanus Dei gratia Anglorum rex, partem habere volens cum illis qui felici commercio cœlestia pro terrenis commutant, Dei amore compunctus, et pro salute animæ meæ ✠ et patris mei, matrisque meæ, et omnium parentum meorum ✠ et antecessorum meorum regum, ✠ Willielmi scilicet regis avi mei, ✠ et Willielmi avunculi mei, ✠ et Henrici regis avunculi mei, ✠ et Roberti Malet; et consilio baronum meorum concedo Deo et ecclesiæ sancti Petri de Eia, et monachis ibidem in Dei servicio congregatis, ut habeant omnes res suas quietas et liberas ab omni exactione. Et teneant eas in terris, in decimis, in ecclesiis, in omnibus possessionibus, sicut unquam melius et honorabilius tenuerunt tempore Roberti Malet, et tempore meo antequam rex essem, cum soca vel sacca, et tol et tem, et infanganthef ✠.

Præcipio etiam ut teneant de quocunque tenebat (et non mittantur in placitum) sicut tenebant die qua ad regni coronam perveni. Sit etiam ipsa ecclesia in meo dominio cum rebus subscriptis. Concedo ecclesiam de Holesle, de Dinevet, de Bordenis, de Sutton, de Stadebroc, de Wingefel, et mercatum et thelonium de Oreford, præter navium quæ pertinent ad firmam de Donewico, videlicet xxx. solidos; ecclesiam ipsam ubi monachi habitant cum terris suis; decimam de Eya; xij. solidos de foro; unam feriam per quatuor dies ad festum sancti Petri kal. Augusti. Nullusque in feria habeat potestatem nisi monachi et homines eorum. Et omnes illuc venientes et inde redeuntes habeant meam firmam pacem, nullusque eos in aliquo disturbeat super decem libras forisfacturæ ✠. Habeat etiam ecclesia eandem libertatem de episcopo, de archidiacono, de decano quam habuit à tempore regis Eadwardi, et à tempore Eadrici de Lexafelda, et regis H. ✠ sitque de priore ponendo et removendo sicut constitutum fuit in tempore Roberti Malet.

✠ Habeat etiam omnes decimas de maneriis sicut habuit in tempore Rotberti Malet, scilicet de Eia, Stedebroc, Radingefeldia, Dinevet, Tatinget, Bedingham, Keleton, Oleslia, Leest, Donewic, Lessefeld, Bergebi, Willeburn, Segebroc, Colum, Cave. ✠ Concedo etiam ecclesias has, De Beweseia, Segebroc, Bergebi, et ecclesias de Donewico, quæ factæ sunt, et faciendæ, de Bedingham, Lessefeld, et presbiterum ejusdem villæ, et de omnibus meis silvis decimam pasnagii. Piscariam etiam de Wells, atque totam Benefeldiam, Storas, Pelecoc, Frasingefeld. Hæc etiam terræ quod habebant tempore Roberti Malet. In Bedingham, et omnia inconcussa teneant. Concedo etiam ecclesiam sancti Botulfi de Ica cum appendiciis suis quam dedit Willielmus de Rovel et Beatrix uxor ejus, et terram Godem Jakl, et ea quæ habebant in Donewico eodem Roberto vivente.

✠ Horum igitur supradictorum socam et sacam in omnibus concedo, et nominatim in Donewico, et decimas meorum hominum Walteri, scilicet, Arbalestarii. Et ecclesiam sanctæ Margaretæ de Halgestowe et terram quæ ei pertinet. Decimam quoque Rogeri filii Walteri de Huntingfeld et de Benges, Richardi Hoveel de Wiverdest, de Geslingesh, Richingehall, Reindun, decimam Hugonis de Alvilario in Brom, et in Selfhangers, et hoc quod Alwinus presbiter tenet de eo in Beria, decimam Willielmi de Rovilla in Clakestorp et in Glemeham, et de triginta acris quas tenet Willielmus Bole de feudo comitis Britanniae. Decimam Willielmi Gulafri Unchevell. Decimam Petri de Bedingefeld, decimam de Pleaford, et ecclesiam villæ, et Alluricum Delphen cum sua terra. Decimam Hernaldi filii Rogeri in Witingeham et Ascheton. Terram Osberti de Cratevill in Acolt, et hoc quod dictus capellanus tenebat de Rotberto Malato in decimis et rebus aliis. Decimam Willielmi de Pefersale. Decimam Jordani de Willebeke, v. solidos de Pentenhake quos Willielmus de Rovilla dedit. Tres solidatas quas tenet Johannes filius Roberti, terram Alwini filii Wulstan in Bedefeld. Septem solidatas quas tenet Wulmer presbiter de Codenham. Decimam Humfridi filii Unvei. Decimam Radulphi Grossi de Gretinges. Duodecim solidos de aquitancia in Aldefen. Terram Wulmari in Akesleia.

Et præter hæc supradicta concedo eis quod decima

eorum de Donewico crescat quoquo anno in denariis et harengis et in omnibus aliis rebus secundum hoc quod redditus mei ibidem crescent. Teste Nigello Eliensi episcopo, et Rogero cancellario. Henrico nepote regis Stephani. Galeranno comite de Mellento. Rotberto filio Richardi. Willielmo Mart. Adam de Beln. Johanne Marescallo. Huberto de Munc. Johanne filio Rotberti vicomitis. Gaurido filio Walteri. Willielmo filio Rogeri. Herv. . . . de Glavil. Ricardo de Alenc. Rogero de Hosa, anno ab incarnatione Domini mccccxviii. apud Ela secundo anno regni mei in tempore Edwardi episcopi Norwicensis et Gausleni prioris Elæ. Ipse rex subscripsit. Eustacius filius ejus subscripsit. Matildis regina subscripsit. Willielmus Cantuariensis archiepiscopus subscripsit. Turstanus archiepiscopus subscripsit. Alexander Lincolniensis episcopus subscripsit. Johannes Roffensis episcopus subscripsit. Euerardus Norwycensis episcopus, Simon Wigornensis episcopus, et Robertus Herefordensis episcopus et Robertus Badonensis episcopus, et Gislebertus Londonensis episcopus subscripserunt.

Quicumque aliquid de eis quæ in hac continentur auferre, aut minuire, aut disturbare scienter voluerit, auctoritate Domini omnipotentis, Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti, et sanctorum apostolorum et omnium sanctorum, sit excommunicatus, anathematizatus, et à consortio Domini et liminibus sanctæ ecclesiæ sequestratus donec resipiscat, et regiæ potestati triginta libras auri persolvat. Fiat, fiat, fiat. Amen, amen, amen.

NUM. IV.

Carta Willielmi filii Regis Stephani.

[Ex Registro de Eye, ut supr. fol. 59.]

WILLIELMUS filius regis Stephani, comes Bononiæ et Warrennæ et Moretoniæ, omnibus baronibus, militibus, et ministris suis, &c. salutem. Universitati vestræ notum facio, me concessisse ecclesiæ beati Petri de Eya, &c. omnes donationes quas eidem ecclesiæ contulerunt antecessores mei, et præcipuè Acolt et Stoke, sicut pater meus eis confirmavit cartâ suâ, tanquam ejusdem ecclesiæ protector, et advocatus, &c. Teste Reginaldo de Warrenna, Roberto de Wenevall, Willielmo Martelle, Ranulpho de Glanvill, et Willielmo Gulafre, &c.

NUM. V.

Confirmatio Thomæ Becket Cantuar. archiep. Monasterio B. Petri de Eia de Ecclesiis de Dunewica et Eia.

[Ex autogr. Cart. antiq. Harl. Mus. Brit. 43 G. 22.]

T. DEI gratia Cant. archiepiscopus, Anglorum primas, et apostolicæ sedis legatus, universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis salutem. Noscatur universitas tam præsentium quam futurorum quod monasterio beati Petri de Eia et monachis ejusdem loci ecclesias omnes de Dunewica et de Eia quas habent ex donatione antiqua Roberti Malet, auctoritate bonæ memoriæ Herberti quondam Norwic. episcopi, et omnes alias possessiones suas quas juste et canonice possident concedimus, et auctoritate qua fungimur confirmamus, sicut Rex felicis memoriæ Henricus eis concessit et carta sua confirmavit: prohibentes sub anathemate ne quis in injuriam faciat, nec in bona eorum manum violentam extendat. Valete.

NUM. VI.

Placita de Juratis et Assisis coram Salomone de Roff. et aliis Justiciariis domini Regis itinerantibus apud Gypewicum in com. Suff. in crastino Animarum anno regni Regis Edwardi quartodecimo.

[Ex originali in domo Capitulari Westmon. asservato.]

PRIOR de Eya summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamat habere visum franci plegii et emendas assisæ panis et cervisiæ fractæ de tenentibus suis in Pylecok, Parva Thorenham, et Stokes, &c.

Et prior venit et dicit quod Robertus Malet fundator monasterii sui de Eya venit in Angliam cum Conquestore, qui quidem Robertus libertates illas prædictas suis et ecclesiæ suæ prædictæ contulit, unde dicit quod ipse et similiter prædictus Robertus Malet tempore suo et omnes prædecessores sui prædictas libertates habuerunt et eis usi sunt a tempore quo non extat memoria, et eo waranto clamat ipse habere libertates prædictas de Honore de Eye, &c.

Et Willielmus de Gyselham, qui sequitur pro domino rege, petit iudicium si prædictus prior libertates quæ regales sunt habere possit desicuit nullum warantum inde ostendit. Dies datus est eis coram baron. de scaccario domini regis apud Westmonasterium a die Paschæ in xv. dies de audiendo iudicio suo, &c. rot. 44 d.

NUM. VII.

De Janitore ad portam Prioratus admittendo.

[Claus. 17 E. II. m. 29. Vide Pat. 7 E. II. p. 1, m. 19, in dorso.]

Rex dilecto clerico suo Johanni Walewayn escaetori suo ultra Trentam salutem. Cum nuper comperto per inquisitionem quam per dilectos et fideles nostros Johannem de Thorpe, et Willielmum de Morewode clericum fieri fecimus quod Robertus Malet dudum fundavit prioratum de Eye de certis terris et possessionibus priori et conventui ejusdem loci in puram et perpetuam elemosinam possidentibus; et quod prioratus ille abbatie de Berniaco in Normannia tanquam Cella ejusdem abbatie est subjectus, ita quod neque prior neque monachus in dicto prioratu sine voluntate et assensu abbatis abbatie prædictæ perfici debet, nec a tempore foundationis prædictæ perfici consuevit; et etiam quod prædictus Robertus Malet seu hæredes sui, tempore vacationis ejusdem prioratus, nichil de bonis seu de rebus ad prioratum illum spectantibus perceperint, sed tantummodo quendam janitorem, seu custodem ad portam dicti prioratus, qui de bonis ejusdem, durante vacatione, sustentationem habuit competentem, in signum domini apponere consueverunt. Qui quidem janitor ad installmentum novi prioris percipere debet quinque solidos tantum vel unum bovem. Et quod dominus H. quondam rex Angliæ avus noster, ad cuius manus advocatio prioratus prædicti tanquam escaeta sua per forisfactum Normannorum in Anglia devenit, seu Edmundus comes Cornubiæ qui avocationem prædictam de dono ejusdem avi nostri postmodum habuit, nichil in prioratu illo tempore alicujus vacationis ejusdem perceperunt nisi simplicem seisinam, ratione domini, constituendo janitorem prædictum ad portam prædictam sicut prædictum est, mandaverimus Johanni Abel tunc escaetori ultra Trentam ad cuius officium pertinuit de hujusmodi custode intrmittere, quod janitorem seu custodem hujusmodi ad portam prioratus prædicti nomine nostro in signum domini in forma prædicta prout ad officium suum pertinuit apponeret, ibidem moraturum quousque aliud a nobis super hoc haberet in mandatis. Ac prioratus prædictus per cessionem fratris Durandi ultimi prioris ejusdem loci jam vacet, et frater Robertus Morpayn monachus dictæ abbatie de Berniaco per abbatem loci illius in priorem prioratus prædicti præfectus sit, ut dicitur, nobisque ex parte ipsius præfecti, et monachorum dicti prioratus sit supplicatum ut janitorem seu custodem hujusmodi ad portam ejusdem prioratus in forma prædicta poni, aliaque onera et gravamina, si quæ fuerint abinde amoveri faciamus. Nos nolentes ipsos contra tenorem inquisitionis prædictæ indebitè prægravare, vobis mandamus quod janitorem seu custodem hujusmodi ad portam prioratus prædicti in præsentī vacatione ejusdem, in signum domini, prout ad officium vestrum pertinet in forma prædicta apponatis; de aliis ad prioratum prædictum pertinentibus vos in nullo intromittentes. Teste rege apud Notingham, xv. die Novembris.

NUM. VIII.

Petitio in Parlamento.

[Ex Rot. Parl. 4 Edw. III. tom. ii. p. 31.]

N. 1. Priour & Covent de Eye.

A N'RE seigneur le roi et a son conseil prient ses

poveres chapeleins Priour et Covent de Eye, q̄ com ils suerent deŵs n're seignr le roi q̄ mort est al temps q̄ fust dreynement en les pties de Suff. d'aver apropiie le eglise de Laxfeld, q'est de lour avoweson demaigne q'il vousit aver escrit pur eux a l'apostoile p ses lettres pur l'apropriacion de cel eglise; la n're dit seignoure le roi adonqes enforme p ascuns q̄ adonq̄s furent p's de ly graunta au dit Priour, q̄ il luy fereyt aver cel eglise apropiies a lui a ses costages demene, ay tieles q̄ le dit Priour voussit graunter et doner au roi et a ses heires a touzjours l'avowesons des eglises de Thorndon et Mells, q̄ sont de lavoweson de la dit Priour.

Et tut soit il q̄ le dit Priour, nient conseyle sur ceste besoigne sur tiel covenant rendist au roi et lui donast les dites avowesons, jademeys le dit n're seignr le rio en sa vie arere as dites Priour et Covent endroit de la dite eglise apropiier nule allowaunce, ne nul autre chose rien ne fist, n'en uncore est fait. Dount priount les ditz Priour et Covent, pur l'alme n're seignr le roi v're piere descharger restitucoun de lour avowesons, issint q̄ cele povere . . . de seint Piere ne soit mi si peccherousement desherite.

Responsio.

Soit ceste petition mande en Chaunc', q̄ le chaunceller, ewe informacion de ceux q̄ furent entour le roi adonqes, si trowe soit q̄ le covenantz soient tielx et nemie pfourmes, donq' il semble au Conseil, s'il plect lui roi, q̄ le roi lour doit fair restitucion, ou autrement lour gree.

NUM. IX.

Petitiones in Parlamento, annis incertis Regis Edw. III.

[Ibid. p. 414.]

N. 200. Priour & Covent de Eye.

A N'RE seigneur le roi et son conseil, monstrent ses chapeleins Priour et Covent de Eye q̄ come ils ont longement suy deŵs n're seignr le roi, auxi bien en parlements come hors de plementz de re-avoir les avoesones de eglises de Thorndon et Melles queles le dit priour dona au roi q̄ mort est, pere n're seignr le roi q'ore est, c'est assavoir p tiel cause et en tiel mane q̄ le dit roi le pere manderait a la court de Rome, et ferroi avoir a lour meson de Eye l'apropriacion de l'eglise de Laxfeld a toz jours. Et tot soit q̄ les avant dites avoesons fusseint p tiel cause, et nemye p autre, donez, et sur ce l're le dit roi, le pere mandez a l'apostoil, jadumeins l'apostoil rien n'ad fait ne ne voet faire, et issint ont celes avoesones demorez en la mein le roi puis la mort le dit roi, par quei prie humblement le dit Priour a n're seignr le roi, qe pur salvacion de s'alme et de l'alme son pere vullie faire avoir a sa dite meson de Eye l'avant dit apropiacion, solonc la cause et l'entencion du doun et la volunte le dit roi son pere, ou rebailir a eux leur dites avoesones, issi q̄ la dite povre meson ne soit si voluntrement, sanz reson et peccherousement desherite, et dissicome avis fust a tot le gnt conseil en le derrein plement a Westmostr', per respons fait a la petition le dit Priour q̄ si les avoesones estoient donez p la cause susdite, qe le roi leur deit faire restitucion, ou autrement lour gre.

Responsio.

Il plect au roi d'escuire especialment a l'evesq̄ de Norwiz et au chapitre, d'apropriier la dite eglise de Laxfeld, et il entend' bien d'exploit' et en cas q'il ne porra exploit', le roi, fra droit a lui des autres avoesons.

NUM. X.

Extenta terrarum Prioratus de Eya, 44 Edw. III.

[MS. Donat. Mus. Brit. 6164, p. 424.]

EXTENTA terrarum, tenementorum, ecclesiarum, pensionum, portionum, et reddituum tam temporalium quam spiritualium pertin. priori et conventui de Eye, fact. apud Eye in com. Suff. coram Johanne de Rokwode escaetore

domini regis in dicto comitatu die lunæ prox. post dominicam in ramis palmarum anno regni regis Edwardi III. a Conquestu xliij^{to}. virtute cujusdam Brevis domini regis huic Extent. consut. tam per evidentiam Prioris Prioratus prædicti quam per sacramentum Willielmi Nichole, Willielmi Childe, Willielmi Wentte, Johannis Barkere, Thomæ Cobald, Ricardi Sucklyng, Willielmi Anneys, Rogeri Donne, Johannis Jones, Rogeri Esthaghe, Ricardi Gudman, Johannis Cosyn, et Gilberti Alvene juratorum, qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod idem prior de Eye tenet prioratum de Eye cum pertinentiis in Com. Suff. videlicet cum terris, et tenementis, redditibus, et serviitiis ad dictum prioratum spectantibus valent. per annum in omnibus exitibus juxta verum valorem ultra reddit. resolut. capit. dominis feodi vj^{li}. xij^s. Item idem prior tenet ecclesiam de Eye in proprios usus, quæ valet per annum xix^{li}. vj^s. viij^d. Idem prior tenet in villa de Eye xx. acras terræ, quæ pertinent elemosinario, quæ val. per annum v^s. Item idem prior tenet manerium de Stoke cum suis pertinentiis in villis de Thornham, Pilcok, Thrandiston, Thornham Parva, Melles, et Gyselyngham, val. per annum ultra reprimas et reddit. resolut. xij^{li}. Item idem prior tenet in villa de Stoke lx. acras terræ, duas acras prati, quatuor acras bosci, quæ valent ultra reddit. resolut. xxx^s. Item idem prior tenet ecclesiam de Zaxle in proprios usus, quæ valet per annum x. marc. Item idem prior tenet ecclesiam de Playford in proprios usus, quæ valet per annum viij^{li}. Item idem prior tenet quoddam manerium in Fresyngfeld cum redditu in Badyngham, Wyngfeld, Weybred, et Sandebrok, val. per annum juxta verum valorem ultra redd. resolut. x. marcas. Item idem prior tenet manerium de Bedefeld cum pertinentiis in dicto comitatu quod valet per annum ultra reddit. resolut. x. marcas. Item idem prior tenet ecclesiam de Laxfeld in proprios usus quæ valet per annum xvj^{li}. Item idem prior tenet ecclesiam Omnium Sanctorum in Denewyco, quæ valet per annum xx^s. Item idem prior tenet ecclesiam sancti Leonardi in Denewyco quæ valet per annum xxij^s. Item idem prior tenet certas porciones, videlicet in Rekyngham ij^s. iiij^d. Item in Biom v^s. Item in Thrandiston ij^s: in Geste-lyngham xl^d: Wyneston ij^s: item in Fresyngfeld ij^s: item in Bedyngfeld ij^s: item in Metyng Sancti Petri xl^d: item in Shatisham iiij^s: item in Leyston x^s: item in Pesinhale dim. marc: item in Huntyngham xvj^s: item in Reydon dim. marc: item in Shelshangelis ij^s. Item idem prior tenet certas pensiones: videlicet in Stoke iiij^s: item in Thornham Pilcok iiij^s: item in Thornham Parva v^s: item in Bedefeld xx^s. Item in Donewyco, de ecclesia sancti Johannis xij^s. iiij^d. Item in eadem villa xij^{li}. de elemosina progenitorum domini regis. Item in Banseye in com. Norff. xxij^s. iiij^d. Item idem prior tenet in com. Lyncoln certas pensiones, videlicet in Welborn iiij. marc. Item in Sekbrook in dicto com. xxxv^s. Item in Berweby in dicto com. v. marc. prout compertum fuit per evidencias prædicti prioris prædicto escaetori ostensas. In cujus rei testimonium huic Extent. prædicti juratores sigilla sua apposuerunt. Dat. die, loco, et anno supradictis.

NUM. XI.

Quod hujusmodi Prioratus, de cætero, sit indigena.

[Pat. 8 R. II. p. 1, m. 3.]

Rex omnibus ad quos, &c. salutem. Supplicarunt nobis dilecti nobis in Christo prior et conventus prioratus de Eye alienigenæ, in manu nostra occasione guerræ inter nos et adversarios nostros Franciæ motæ existentis, per quandam petitionem suam nobis per carissimam consortem nostram Annam reginam Angliæ, de cujus patronatu dictus prioratus jam existit exhibitam, ut cum prioratus prædictus retroactis temporibus sub tam debili gubernatione priorum

et monachorum Francigenarum extiterit, quod idem prioratus penè destructus et possessiones suæ ad prolixos terminos pro plurimis chevanciis alienatæ existunt, sic quod divinum obsequium in eodem prioratu fieri consuetum multipliciter diminuitur; et quamvis prior et integer conventus ibidem fuisse consueverunt antiquitus, in præsentem tamen unus prior et tres seu quatuor monachi illuc vix sustineri valent, qui pauperrimam vitam de proficuis dicti prioratus ducere poterunt ultra xx. libr. quas ipsi ad scaccarium durante guerra prædicta nobis reddunt annuatim, dictusque prioratus pro defectu boni regiminis in tam magnis debitis pro firma ejusdem de tempore domini E. nuper regis Angliæ avi nostri existat, quod debita prædicta absque destructione finali ejusdem prioratus persolvi, seu prioratus ille relevari non possint, nisi eis per nos de gratiosis auxiliis succurratur; velimus eis ex benignitate regia, sanctæ caritatis intuitu in hac parte misericorditer subvenire. Nos ad supplicationem dictorum prioris et conventus, et ad specialem instantiam et requisitionem dictæ consortis nostræ; et pro eo quod ex credibili relatione accepimus, quod si pro relevatione dicti prioratus in præmissis juxta supplicationem prædictam providere dignemur, tunc duntaxat certe gentes de elemosinis suis magnos custus in auxilium relevationis et reparationis prioratus prædicti apponere intendunt et proponunt. Volentes pro relevatione dicti prioratus, et pro divinis obsequiis in eodem augmentandis, providere benigniter et devotè, ut iidem prior et conventus et successores sui pro statu nostro et dictæ consortis nostræ dum vixerimus, et animabus nostris cum ab hac luce migraverimus, specialiùs exorare teneantur, de gratia nostra speciali, et pro lx. lib. quas præfati prior et conventus nobis solverunt, pardonavimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, eisdem priori et conventui et successoribus suis, omnia debita quæ per ipsum priorem et conventum debentur aut exiguntur, seu exiguntur de prioratu prædicto ex quacunque causa de tempore dicti avi nostri.

Et concessimus ulteriùs pro nobis et hæredibus nostris quod prædictus prioratus exnunc indigena imperpetuum habeatur, et quod iidem prior et conventus et successores sui ut indigenæ et Anglici, et de eadem conditione sicut veri Anglici et non ut alienigenæ reputentur et perpetualiter teneantur; et quod prædicti prior et conventus, eundem prioratum, terras, tenementa et redditus, servicia, feoda, militum, advocaciones ecclesiarum, libertates et omnia alia ad prioratum prædictum qualitercunque spectantia, quæ eis tenore præsentium restituimus, exnunc integrè habeant et teneant sibi et successoribus suis imperpetuum, absque hoc quod prædictus prioratus seu aliqua parcella ejusdem in manus nostras seu hæredum nostrorum occasione alicujus guerræ motæ vel movendæ exnunc capiantur vel seisiuntur quovismodo, seu quod aliquod auxilium, impositio, taxa, aut aliud subsidium de ipsis ut de alienigenis quocunque modo exigatur in futurum, sed quod ipsi de quibuscunque finibus, firmis, subsidiis, oneribus, impositionibus et demandis impositis, vel in futurum imponendis, quæ de ipsis ut de alienigenis occasione præsentis guerræ seu alicujus alterius motæ vel movendæ exigi poterunt, exonerati quieti et absoluti existant imperpetuum, sine occasione vel impedimento nostri vel hæredum nostrorum seu ministrorum nostrorum, et ipsorum hæredum nostrorum quorumcunque.

Volentes insuper et pro nobis et hæredibus nostris concedentes, quod iidem prior et conventus et successores sui liberam electionem habeant, et quod nullus eligatur in priorem, seu prior existat ibidem, nisi verus Anglicus, et de natione Anglicana fuerit. Et quod prioratus prædictus, ac prior et monachi ejusdem de natione Anglicana amodo omnino existant, et quod ipsi de eadem natione, et non alia existentes, adeo liberè exnunc sint in omnibus sicut prior et monachi de Thetford, seu aliqui alii in regno nostro Angliæ existunt de patronatu nostro qualitercunque existentes. In cujus rei. T. rege apud Westmonast. xij. Julii.

VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Return, 26 Hen. VIII. First Fruits Office.)

MONASTERIUM DE EYE.

Extent' omnium et singulorum Maner', Terr', Ten', et Reddit', cum suis pertinentijs ac aliorum proficuorum tam spiritualium quam temporalium pertinentium sive spectantium prædicto Monasterio Sancti Petri de Eye.

WILLMS HADLEY Prior ibidem.

Temporalia.

Com' Suff'		£.	s.	d.
Firm' scitus Monaster', &c.		null' quia res' in man'		
		Prior' et Conv'.		
Eye	Redd' Assis', &c.	15	18	4
Occolt	Redd' Assis', &c.	8	15	4½
Laxfeld	Redd' Assis', &c.	7	3	0½
Stoke	Redd' Assis', &c.	24	7	4 ob q̄ di'
Bedfeld	Redd' Assis', &c.	25	8	10
		81	12	11 ob q̄ di'
Fressyngfeld	Terr', &c.	10	6	8
Eye	Terr', Prat' &c.	12	1	5
Eye, Stoke, Laxfeld, Bedfeld, Occolte, Fressyngfeld.	Perquis' Cur' cum Fin'	0	14	4
Donwyche	Elemosina	8	4	1
		112	19	5 ob q̄ di'

Spiritualia: viz. Penc', Porc', et Decim'.

Thorndon	Penc'	0	13	4
Thorndon Magna	Penc'	0	4	0
Thornham Parva		0	5	0
Bedfeld		1	0	0
Sypton	Penc' de Abbate	1	6	8
Stoke	Penc'	0	4	0
Donwiche	Penc'	1	6	8
Layston	Penc' de Abbate	0	10	0
Melles	Penc'	0	4	0
Woodebrydge	Penc' de Priore	0	6	8
Bressworthe	Penc'	0	4	0
S' Trin' Gipwic'	Penc' de Priore	0	8	0
Campsay	Penc' de Priore	0	10	0
Thorndeston	Porc'	0	5	0
Donwiche	Porc' Eccl'	0	13	4
Helsley	Porc'	0	7	0
Rekyngale Superior	Porc'	0	6	8
Gyslingham	Porc'	0	3	4
Cretyng West	Porc'	0	5	0
Brome	Porc'	0	5	0
Stratbroke	Porc'	0	6	8
Wynston	Porc'	0	3	4
Laxfeld	Porc'	0	4	0
Laxfeld	Rect'	4	13	4
Yaxley	Rect'	7	17	4
Donwiche	Rect' Omn' Sōorum	10	13	4
Playfourthe	Rect'	8	16	0
Eye	Rect'	4	5	0
Eye	Al' Decim'	15	15	0
		62	1	6

		£.	s.	d.
Com' Essex'				
Colnewake	Penc'	0	13	4
Com' Linc'				
Welbourne	Penc' Eccl'	2	13	4
Barcheby	Eccl'	3	6	8
Sexbroke	Eccl'	0	15	0
- - - - -	Penc' Decanat'	0	15	0
Com' Norf'				
Shelfanger	Porc' Eccl'	0	2	0
Raydon	Porc' Eccl'	0	3	4
Summa totalis		184	9	7 obq̃di'

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 32 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

PRIORAT' DE EYE.

		£.	s.	d.
Com' Suff'				
Bedefeld	Firma Maner'	25	9	8
Eye, Laxefeld, et Stoke	Redd' Assis' lib' et custum' Tenen'	16	2	7
Stoke al' Stokeasshe	Redd' Assis'	16	7	6½
- - - - -	Firma Maner'	8	13	4
Laxefeld	Redd' Assis'	7	3	2½
- - - - -	Rectoria	4	13	4
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	1	0	9
Eye	Firm' Scit' Monasterij cum terr' dñical'	20	2	9½
Ockolte	Redd' Assis'	8	5	4½
- - - - -	Firma Terr'	0	10	0
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	null		
Eye, Thorndon, Thornh̃me, Bedfeld, Stokeasshe, Pesenhale, Dunwyche, S̃ci Petri in Eye, Melles Bresworth, Colquince, Welbrame, Byghbye, Segebroke, Rykyngghall,				
Com' Linc'	Pensiones	18	9	0
Gyssyngh̃m, Stadbroke, Raydon, Wymerston, Laxefeld, Westcretinge, Prioratus de Snape, Ecc̃ia de Baddyng̃h̃me, Hollesleye, Tharndesten				
Priours Wood in Thornh̃m	Firm' Grovettæ	0	17	0
Fresingfelde	Firm' Maner'	11	4	8
Yaxeley	Firm' Rectoriæ	8	0	0
Donnewyche	Firm' Rectoriæ	3	6	8
Pleyforth	Firm' Rectoriæ	4	0	0

Benedictine Nunnery of Elstow, Helenestow, Elnstowe, or Alnestowe.

IN

BEDFORDSHIRE.



ELSTOW, or Elnstowe Nunnery, about a mile and a half from Bedford,^a was founded in the time of King William the Conqueror, by his niece Judith, wife to Waltheof earl of Huntingdon, and dedicated to the honour of the Holy Trinity, St. Mary, and St. Helen.^b Bishop Kennett dates the foundation about the year 1078.^c

Among the entries of the lands of the countess Judith, in the Domesday Survey for Bedfordshire, two or three relate to the Nuns of Elstow. They held under the countess five hides a virgate and a half in Meldone, three hides at Winessamestede, and three hides and a half at Elnestou.^d A charter of King Henry the Second grants the churches of St. Andrew of Hiche^e and Westun; and, exclusive of the countess Judith's endowment, confirms two hides and three virgates of land in Mulesho, ten virgates and a half in Erendesby, land to the value of four marks in Oxineford, two mills in Risendune, lands in Avinton and Burn, and a mill in Dentun, all given by other benefactors: two or three of these benefactors making their donations at the time their respective daughters were admitted nuns.^f

Among the Quo Waranto Rolls we find the abbess's claim to exemption from aids, geld, danegeld, assises, &c. allowed in the 6th of Edw. I.;^g with a particular specifica-

tion of the jura regalia enjoyed in the 15th of Edw. I. in Elstow, Wilshamstude, Kempston, and Maldon.^h Another specification to the same effect occurs in the 4th of Edward III.

Of the possessions of this monastery noticed by different county historians, Newcourt and Morant speak of the manor and advowson of the rectory of Inworth of Essex; the former of which the monks appear to have held in the 6th of Edw. III.ⁱ Sir Robert Atkyns speaks of the impropriate rectory of Stonehouse in Gloucestershire:^k Chauncy, of the impropriate rectory of Hiche in Hertfordshire.^l Burton notices ten yardlands in Arnesby, and lands and tithes at Knaptoft in Leicestershire.^m Blomefield notices certain temporalities of Elstow at Hockwold in Norfolk, valued at 15s. with lands in Walpole called Wyldole, which were granted, in the 2d of Mary, to Thomas Reeve and Giles Isham.ⁿ Brydges speaks of a rent of xx^s. issuing from the rectory of Braunston in Northamptonshire, with lands in Sywell:^o Willis, in his account of Buckingham, of the impropriate rectory and advowson of the vicarage of West Tring.^p

ABBESSES of ELSTOW.

CLEMENTIA occurs abbess in 1307, 1st Edw. II. when a fine was levied between her as querent and Roger Jory and Alice his wife impediens, of lands and woodlands in Mulesho, to the use of the abbess and church of Elstow.^q

^a In the former edition of the *Monasticon* this nunnery was placed by Dugdale in *Berkshire*: the name causing him to confuse it with the destroyed nunnery of Helenestow at Abingdon.

^b Compare Num. I.

^c Kennett, *Par. Antiq.* new edit. vol. i. p. 85.

^d See the extract from Domesday, Num. II.

^e In the *Abbreviatio Placitorum*, 6 Ric. I. p. 8, we read:

^f "Reginaldus de Argentain petit versus Abbatissam de Alnestowe advocacionem ecclesie de Wimundale sicut jus suum. Et sicut illam que pertinet ad hereditatem suam quam tenet in serjeantiam de domino Rege in Wimundale quam disrationavit versus Andream de Vitric, in quam ecclesiam ipsa habet nullum ingressum nisi per ablatorem suum. Et Simon le Guiz positus loco abbatissae venit et defendit jus suum, et dicit quod Judith comitissa neptis Regis Willielmi Conquestoris, que fundavit abbatiam de Alnestowe, dedit ecclesie de Alnestowe villam de Hich cum ecclesia ejusdem villae et cum capella de Wimundale que pertinet ad ecclesiam de Hich per cartam suam quam protulit, et que testatur quod ita dedit eam in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam; in qua etiam carta continetur concessio et confirmatio regis Willielmi Conquestoris inde et assensus Willielmi filii regis predicti. Producit etiam Confirmationem regis Henrici inde, et postea confirmationem regis Henrici patris domini regis, et postea scripta episcoporum qui fuerunt officiales in episcopatu illo, et testimonium archidiaconi, que testantur quod ecclesia de Wimundale fuit pertinens

ad ecclesiam de Hiche, et testimonium episcopi qui dedicavit ecclesiam illam et testimonium per scriptum Henrici regis, qui fuit tunc temporis legatus. Et Reginaldus dicit quod nunquam ecclesia de Wimundale fuit pertinens ad ecclesiam de Hiche: et quod nunquam rex Willielmus tenuit Wimundale in dominico, sed tempore suo tenuit terram illam, quidam Alfredus et presentationem personae fecit ad ecclesiam illam, et post eam dominus rex dedit Wimundale sicut escaetam suam Reginaldo avo predicti Reginaldi in serjeantiam, et inde fecit presentationem personae ad ecclesiam illam duas personas quarum ultima persona fuit quidam Osbertus, et inde producit sectam, &c. qui hoc offert probare ut de viso suo consideratione curiae. Et quia predicta priorissa habuit inde ingressum per ablatores suos et inde ponit se super jur. patriae; dies datus est, &c." rot. 22.

^g See Num. III.

^h See Num. V.

ⁱ Num. VI.

^j Newc. Rep. Eccl. vol. ii. p. 349. Morant, *Hist. Essex*.

^k Atkyns's Glouc. p. 693.

^l Hist. Antiq. of Hertf. p. 390.

^m Burton, *Hist. Leic.* pp. 15, 104.

ⁿ Blomef. *Hist. Norf. fol. edit.* vol. i. p. 494; vol. iv. p. 716.

^o Brydges, *Hist. Northampt.* vol. i. p. 30.

^p Willis, p. 351. Among the *Placita*, 15 Joh. we find, "Nicholas de Tigr. recuperat versus abbatissam de Alnestowe presentationem ad ecclesiam de Tigr. rot. 10, in dorso."

^q MS. Cole, vol. xxxviii. p. 269.

ANASTASIA, who is called prioress, occurs in a receipt dated Sept. 1370, 47 Edw. III.^a

MARGARET GODFREY received the temporalities as abbess March 23d, 1487.^b

ELIZABETH HERVY received the temporalities Nov. 5th, 1501.^c Her tomb, with her effigies in brass, are still remaining in the south aisle of the chancel of Elstow church. Mr. Cole, who saw her monument in a more perfect state in 1759 than it is in at present, gives the following account of it in his manuscripts. Above the head had been some religious representation, probably of the Trinity, with a scroll beneath; but both gone. There had also been four coats of arms, at the corners of the stone, one only of which, at the corner by the left foot, was then remaining: viz. Party per pale, first, quarterly 1 and 4 a lion rampant; 2 and 3 a bend, and on it something indistinct: impaling a chief dancettè. Mr. Cole conjectured, but without support from any other authority, that the first four quarterings were the arms of the Nunnery.^d On a brass fillet was this inscription:

"Orate pro anima Elisabeth Herwy quondam abbatissæ monasterii de Elnestow, quæ obiit—die mensis—anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo—cujus animæ et omnium fidelium defunctorum Deus propicietur Amen."

The Messrs. Lysons call Elizabeth Herwy the last abbess: and in accounting for the blank spaces for the dates, say, that "as she survived the Dissolution of the abbey, it is probable that her body never reached its intended place of sepulture."^e But whatever may have been the date of her death, she certainly had three successors as abbesses of Elstow previous to the Dissolution.

AGNES GASCOIGNE received the temporalities of the monastery from the king July 11th, 1524.^f

ELIZABETH STARKEY succeeded in 1529.^g

ELIZABETH BOYVILL was made abbess in 1530. She surrendered her house to the king Aug. 27th, 31 Hen. VIII.^h

The scite of this monastery was granted in 1553 to Sir Humphrey Ratcliffe, a younger brother of the earl of Sussex,ⁱ who resided in the abbey house, and died in 1566. In the reign of Charles the First, if not earlier, it belonged to the family of Hillersden. It is now, with the manor of Elstow, the property of W. H. Whitbread, Esq. by whose grandfather it was purchased in 1792.^k

Nothing in the shape of a REGISTER of this priory is now known to be extant.

Ryley, in his *Placita Parliamentaria*, Append. p. 656, gives a petition of the burgesses of Bedford against the abbess, 11 Edw. III. "de tertio denario redditus villæ de Bedford."^l

Tanner gives the following references to public records:

"Esson. 10 Ric. I. rot. 22, pro advocacione ecclesiæ de Wimundele, Hertf.

"Fin. Oxon. 6 Hen. III. n. . . pro advocat. eccles. de Godendon. Claus. 10 Hen. III. m. 9, de ten. in Aldmanbury.

"Plac. forinsec. apud Hertford, 6 Edw. I. rot. 35, de libertatibus allocandis.^m Plac. in com. Essex, 13 Edw. I. assis. rot. 34 d, pro advoc. eccl. de Ineworth. Plac. in com. Bedford, 15 Edw. I. assis. rot. 13, 29, pro libertat. in man. de Maldon. Pat. 32 Edw. I. m. . .

"Fin. Bucks, 1 Edw. II. n. 19, pro terris et bosc. in Mullesho. Pat. 18 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 26 vel 27, de x.

^a Cart. antiq. Mus. Brit. L. F. C. x. 9.

^b MS. Lansd. 963, p. 52. ^c Ibid. p. 55.

^d The arms, he adds, assigned to Waltheof earl of Huntingdon, husband to the countess Judith, were, Ar. a lion rampant, Az. a chief Gu. See Brooks's Catalogue of Kings, &c. p. 179.

^e Lysons's *Magna Britann. Bedf.* p. 81.

^f MS. Lansd. 963, p. 60.

^g MS. Cole, Brit. Mus. vol. xxix. fol. 145.

^h Ibid. The pensions assigned on this occasion to the Nuns are given in the Appendix from the Original List still remaining in the Augmentation Office.

marc. ann. redd. in Thorp com. Linc. a priore de Kyme. Pat. 19 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 25, pro eccl. de Elnstow approp. Pat. 42 Edw. III. p. 1, m. . . Pat. 51 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 30, pro ten. in Elnstow et Welshamsted.

"Inquis. Bedf. 11 Henr. IV. n. 8, de omnibus maneriis, terris, et redditibus ad hanc abbatiam pertinentibus."ⁿ

Among the original charters belonging to the Harleian collection, now in the British Museum, are two probably belonging to this priory: viz.

43 G. 23. Carta Ricardi archiep. Cantuar. de querimonia inter abbatem et canonicos de Niewehouse et abbatissam et moniales de Alnestero super ecclesiam de Hauton.

43 G. 24. Carta alia Ricardi Cant. archiep. de eadem querimonia.

In the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer's Office, Exchequer, among the memoranda of that court, is a Record, bearing this title—"De literis patentibus abbatissæ de Elnstowe in com. Bedford. de exitibus temporalium ejusdem abbatissæ factis et irrotulatis. Mich. Recorda, 17 Hen. VII. rot. 21."

In the Augmentation Office there is a conventual lease of Elnestowe priory, dated 13 Jan. 30 Hen. VIII. demising the rectory and tithes of Kempston to George Carleton.

In this repository are also Court Rolls of the manor of Elnestow from 33 Hen. VIII. to 1 Edw. VI. both years inclusive, with the exception of the 35th year, which is wanting.

The Surrender of the monastery or abbey of the Blessed Mary of Elnestowe has been already alluded to. It is extant in the Augmentation Office, and bears the date before mentioned. It is under the seal of the abbess and convent, but without signatures. The SEAL is large, of an oval form; the impression on dark-coloured wax, representing, under tabernacle work, two female figures; one the Virgin with the child, the other St. Helen holding a cross; and in a cleft underneath them are several figures praying. The legend runs thus: SIGILLV SCE . MARIE . DE . ELENSTOWE. The whole of the seal is in good preservation, except the legend, which seems to want the word Monasterii.

A fragment, also, of a SEAL of this priory in green wax, of a small oval form, is appendant to an instrument in the British Museum already referred to.^o All that remains is a female figure crowned, holding a cross of this shape † in the right hand: probably intended for St. Helena the mother of Constantine the Great, who is said to have found the real cross. Toward the bottom of the letters ELE

Of the CONVENTUAL BUILDINGS there are few remains. The church of Elstow, which is now the parochial church, is large and spacious: partly built in the Norman style, and partly in the earliest style of Gothic architecture; the chancel forming the oldest part. The north door of the church has a semicircular arch with zig-zag mouldings. The tower, at the north-west end, stands detached.

The mansion-house, now in ruins, on the south-west side of the church, was built with the materials of the abbey in the time of James the First.

Some of the nuns of this monastery, (according to the Messrs. Lysons) who died after the Reformation,^p were buried in St. Mary's church at Bedford.

ⁱ "Bedd. Rex tertio die Julii concessit Humfrido Ratclyff mil domum et scitum nuper Priorat. de Elstow cum certis terris et tementis ibidem specialiter habend. sibi et hæredibus suis imperpetuum." Orig. 7 Edw. VI. p. 4, ro. xc.

^k Lyson's *Magna Brit. Bedf.* vol. i. p. 81.

^l See Num. VII. where it is printed from the Parliament Rolls.

^m See the Append. to the present Account, Num. V.

ⁿ Notit. Monast. Bedf. VIII.

^o See Note ^a.

^p Lysons's *Mag. Brit.* ut supr.

Cartae ad Helenstowense^a Coenobium in agro Bedfordiensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

[Lelandi Collectan. vol. i. p. 40.]

JUDITH comitissa Walevi comitis sponsa fundavit ecclesiam in villa de Helenestow, tempore Gulielmi primi, et sanctimonialibus ibi constituit. Testes donationis, Henricus de Ferrariis, Henricus de Bellomonte, Robertus comes de Mellent. Ecclesia dicata Trinitati, Mariæ et Helenæ.

[Ibid. p. 54.]

Elnestowe.

JUDITHA comitissa fundatrix fuit uxor Waldevi comitis Huntendune, et neptis Gulielmi Conquestoris. Milo de Bray inter benefactores.

NUM. II.

Prædia ad Ecclesiam Helenstowensem spectantia, tempore Willielmi Regis Conquestoris.

[Ex Libro Censuali vocato *Domesday Book*, in domo Capitulari Westmon. asservato.]

Bedefordscire, tom. i. fol. 217.

TERRA JVDITÆ COMITISSÆ, in Radborgestov Hund.

Maner. JUDITA comitissa tenet in MELDONE v. hid. et i. virg. et dim. et *Moniales de Elnestou* tenent de ea in elemosina. Terra est v. car. In dominio ii. car. et vii. villani habent iii. car. Ibi ii. servi. et i. molinum iii. solid. Pratum v. car. Silva c. porc. Valet lx. sol. Quando recep. iii. lib. Tempore regis Edwardi vii. lib. Hoc manerium tenuit Aluuoldus teignus regis Edwardi, et ibi unus sochemannus dim. virg. habuit, et cui voluit dare potuit.

Maner. ipsa Comitissa tenet WINESSAMESTEDE. et *Moniales* tenent de ea. Pro iii. hid. se defend. Terra vi. car. In dominio ii. car. Ibi xi. villani habent iii. car. et xi. bord. et i. servus. Pratum dim. car. Val. vii. lib. et vi. sol. Quando recep. xlv. sol. Tempore regis Edwardi x. lib. et x. sol. Hoc manerium tenuerunt viii. sochemanni et dare et vendere potuerunt. Judita comitissa dedit *S. Mariæ de Elnestou* in elemosina; sed soca jacuit semper in Camestone.

Maner. ELNESTOV pro iii. hid. et dim. se defend. *Moniales S. Mariæ* tenent de J. comitissa. Terra est vii. car. In dominio ii. car. et xiiii. villani habent v. car. Ibi xi. bord. et iii. servi. et i. molinum de xiiii. sol. Pratum iii. car. Silva lx. porc. Val. c. sol. Quando recep. xl. sol. Tempore regis Edwardi x. lib. Hoc manerium tenuerunt iii. sochemanni; homines regis Edwardi fuerunt; terram suam dare et vendere potuerunt; sed in Camestone jacuit semper soca eorum.

NUM. III.

Carta Regis Henrici Secundi.

[Cart. 11 E. 2, n. 88, per Inspex.]

HENRICUS, rex Angliæ archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, vicecomitibus, et omnibus baronibus, et

fidelibus suis, Francis et Anglis, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Helenstow et sanctimonialibus ibidem Deo servientibus, ecclesiam sancti Andree de Hiche, cum terris et decimis, et universis libertatibus eidem pertinentibus, liberè et absolutè, ab omnibus consuetudinibus etiam episcopalibus, et archidiaconalibus, excepto quod archidiaconi semel in anno, cum septem equis ibidem recipientur hospitio; et ecclesiam de Westuna. Et ex dono Judithæ comitissæ villam de Helenestowe, et villam Wilsamested, et in Meldona quinque hidas terræ et dimidiam. Ex dono Richardi de Langedota, duas hidas in Mulesho, cum filia sua. Ex dono Radulfi filii ejus, tres virgatas cum filia sua in eadem villa. Ex dono Nigelli de Staford, decem virgatas terræ et dimidiam cum filia sua in Erendesby. Ex dono Nicholai Basset quatuor arcatas terræ in Oxineford, et duo molendina in Risenduna. Ex dono Richardi Basset, et Jefe terram Ivonis Fridai in Avintona, et unum molendinum in Dentuna. Ex dono Matildis comitissæ terram Willielmi Medici de Burna.

Quare volo, et firmiter præcipio, ut hæc omnia habeant, et teneant bene, et in pace, liberè, et quietè, et honorificè; quæta de omnibus auxiliis, et geldis, et danegeldo, et assisis, et murdris, et placitis, et omnibus occasionibus, et querelis, et scutagiis, et warpeny, et omnibus consuetudinibus, et omni terreno servitio, et habeant saca et soca, toll et team, et infangenethefe, et omnes libertates quas habent liberæ ecclesiæ terræ meæ, quæ meliùs, et liberiùs, et quietiùs tenent. Teste rege, T. Eboracensi archiepiscopo, et R. Sarisburiensi episcopo, et Johanne filio Johannis, et R. de Brus, apud Wintoniam.

NUM. IV.

Bulla Urbani Papæ Ecclesia de Harenkewood.

[Ex autogr. Cart. Harl. antiq. 43 A. 17.]

URBANUS episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilectis in Christo filiabus abbatissæ et monialibus de Alnestoua salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Justis petentium desideris dignum est nos facilem præbere consensum, et vota quæ orationis tramite non discordanti effectu prosequente complere. Ea propter dilectæ in Domino filiæ nostris justis postulationibus grato concurrentes assensu, ecclesiam de Harenkewod cum omnibus pertinentiis suis canonice vobis concessam sicut justè ac pacifice possidetis vobis et per vos ecclesiæ vestræ, auctoritate apostolica confirmamus, et præsentis scripti patrocinio communimus. Statuentes ut nulli omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostræ confirmationis infringere vel ei ausu temerario contraire. Si quis autem hoc attemptare præsumperit indignationem omnipotentis Dei et beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum ejus sentierit incursurum. Dat. Veronæ iiij^o. Martii.

NUM. V.

Libertates Abbatissæ de Elnestowe in com. Hertf.

[Placita de Juratis et Assisis coram Joh. de Reygate et sociis suis Justic. itin. in crastino Anim. 6 Edw. I. in Domo Capitul. Westmon. asservat.]

ABBATISSA de Elnestowe clamat. habere omnes terras suas quietas ab omnibus auxiliis et geldis, hidagiis, dane-

* Helenestow, id est, Helenæ statio.

geldis, assisis, murdris, placitis, et omnibus occasionibus, querelis, scutagiis, [et] wardepeny. Clamat etiam habere sok et sak, thol et them, et infangenthef per cartam regis Henrici primi, et etiam per cartam regis Henrici patris domini regis nunc, quas profert, et quæ testantur quod iidem reges concesserunt ecclesiæ de Elnestowe omnes libertates prædictas. Et dicit quod ipsa et prædecessores suæ a tempore concessionis prædictæ usi sunt omnibus libertatibus prædictis: et quod ipsa nec prædecessores suæ nihil occupaverint ultra prædictas libertates. Et de hoc ponit se super patriam. Et prædicti milites et alii ad hoc electi unacum xij. de hundr. de Hich, in quo ten. prædictæ abbatisse sunt; dicunt super sacramentum suum quod ipsa et omnes prædecessores suæ plene usæ sunt a tempore prædictæ concessionis eis factæ omnibus libertat. prædictis. Et quod ipsa et prædecessores suæ nullam occupationem vel usurpationem fecerint super dominum regem nec prædecessores suos. Et ideo dictum est ei quod eat sine die cum libertatibus suis prædictis salvo jure domini regis, &c. rot. 36.

NUM. VI.

Placita Domini Regis de Quo Waranto coram Johanne de Metingham et Thoma de Bray Justiciariis Domini Regis in crastino Sancti Hillarii anno r. r. Edwardi filii Regis Henrici III. quinto decimo in com. Bedf.

[Ex orig. in Domo Capitulari Westmonast. asservato.]

ABBATISSA de Elnestowe per attornatum suum venit coram justiciariis per biletum et clamavit visum franci plegii de hominibus suis in villis de Elnestowe, Wilshamstude, Kemeston, et Maldone, et clamavit weyf, et esse quietam de auxiliis vicecomitis, geldis, hidagiis, danegeldis, assisis, murdris, scutagiis, et clam. et infangenethef et feriam in villa de Elnestowe semel in anno, et warantum in terris suis in Elnestowe, Wilshamstede, et Maldone, et vult respondere sine brevi. Et dicit quod tota villa de Elnestowe est de feodo suo, et habet ibi furcas et alia judicialia, et dicit quod tota villa de Wilshamstede est de feodo suo, et similiter tota villa de Maldone est de feodo suo, et habet in Kemestone v. virgatas terræ, et molendinum; et dicit quod tenet visum suum apud Elnestowe de omnibus commorantibus in feodo suo de Elnestowe, Wilshamstede, et Kemestone, et alium visum tenet apud Maldone bis per annum et sine serviente regis: dicit quod habet septem decennar. apud Elnestowe, Wilshamstede, et Kemeston, et habet iij. decennar. apud Maldon, et dicit quod nullus de feodo suo venit ad turnum vicecomitis, et inquit de articulis de quibus vicecomes inquit in turno suo, et capit emendas assisæ fractæ cervisiæ, et probat mensuras, et capit emendas, et capit standardum de marescall. domini regis, et ad Maldon habet tumberellum, et istas libertates clamavit per cartam domini Regis Henrici primi, quæ testatur quod idem rex concessit monialibus ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Elnestowe villam de Elnestowe et villam de Wilshamstede, et in Maldone duas hidas terræ et dimidiam quiet. de omnibus auxiliis, et geldis, et hidagiis, et danegeldis, et assisis, murdris, et placitis, et omnibus occasionibus, et quærelis, et scutagiis, et wartpeni, et omnibus consuetudinibus, et omni terreno servitio, et habeat sacam et socam, et toll, et team, et infangenthef, et omnes libertates quas habent liberæ ecclesiæ terræ meæ quæ melius et quietius tenent. Test. rege, et T. Eborac. archiepiscopo, et R. Salesb. episcopo, et F. fil. Johannis, et R. de Brus, apud Wintonam. Et similiter profert cartam Henrici regis secundi quæ testatur quod concessit monialibus prædictis terram quæ fuit Willielmi medici in Kemeston quæ reddit per annum xx^d. sol. et molendinum ejusdem villæ, et v. virgat. terræ et xij. acr. in eadem villa, cum soka et saka, et tholl, et theam, et infangenethef, et cum omnibus aliis libertatibus et consuetudinibus et acquietanc. suis, sicut unquam melius et liberius et quietius tenuerunt tempore regis Henrici avi mei, et sicut cartæ ejusdem regis Henrici testantur. Teste T. archiepiscopo Cantuariensis apud Cantuar. Et quoad feriam profert cartam domini regis Henrici secundi quæ testatur quod concessit eisdem monialibus unam feriam in Elnestowe per iij. dies, videlicet in vigilia inventionis sanctæ Crucis et die festi et ij. diebus postea. T. Ric. de Hum. apud Cant.

Et quoad warennam, profert cartam Henrici regis primi in hæc verba, 'H. rex Angl. &c. Concedo quod abbatisa de Elnestowe habeat warennam in terra sua tota de Bedefordscir et nullus super hoc fuget in ea sine licentia ejus super decem libras forisfacturæ. T. Ric. Basset, apud Westm.' Et istas libertates clam. per cartas prædictas et longam seysinam continuatam. Et quoad visum franci plegii, et weyf, clam. istas libertates eo quod ipsa et prædecessores sui a tempore quo non extat memoria extiterunt in seisinâ continuata, et per verba generalia in cartis contenta. Et quia duodecim de Redburnstok dicunt per sacramentum suum quod terræ prædictæ abbatisse hucusque extiterunt quiet. de auxiliis vicecomitis, geldis, hidagiis, danegeldis, assisis, murdris, et scutagiis. Ideo quoad acquietanc. feriam, et warennam, de quibus ostendit cartas ad præsens inde sine die, salvo jure domini regis et hæredum suorum, &c. Et quoad visum franci plegii et weyf dicit ut supra, &c.

Et Gilbertus de Thornton qui sequitur pro domino rege dicit quod prædicta abbatisa non debet gaudere de prædictis libertatibus, visu, et weif desicut eadem libertates non expresse nominantur in prædictis cartis regis quas pro waranto allegat unde petit judicium pro domino rege, &c. Et super hoc datus est dies de audiendo judicio suo coram thesaur. et baron. de scaccario apud Westm. a die Paschæ in xv. dies, &c. Postea a die sancti Michaelis in xv. dies anno xv^o. venit quidam Ingelannus Sporoun quasi attorn. prædictæ abbatisse, et quia judicium nondum factum est datus est ei dies a die Paschæ in xv. dies, &c. Ad quem diem venit prædicta abbatisa per attornatum suum. Et datus est dies a die sancti Michaelis in xv. dies, &c. Ad quem diem prædicta abbatisa venit per attornatum suum. Et dies datus est ei a die Paschæ in xv. dies, &c. Deinde datus est ei dies hic per attornatum suum in octabis Sancti Michaelis, &c. rot. 8 d.

NUM. VII.

Petitio in Parlamento.

[Ex Rot. Parl. 11 Edw. III. tom. 11, p. 96.]

N. 1. Burgesses of Bedford and Abbess of Elnestow.

A N'RE seignr le roy et a son conseil monstrent et prient ses Burgeys de la vile de Bedeford, qe come ils tignent de lui la dite vile de Bedeford a fee-ferme rendant p an a son Eschequer xlij. liveres la vient l'abbesse de Elnestowe et suist par petition en parlement tenuz a Westmonst. l'an de son regne dyme, en fefant mencion qe ele avoit du grant de Manklum jadis roy d'Escoce longe temps devant ceo qe la dite vile devynt en les meyns des progenitours nostre dit seignour le roy, le tierz denier de la rente de la dite vile de Bedeforde, et qe les progenitours n're seignr le roy granterent et confermerent la dite rente a l'abbesse avantdit Sur qei, en entendant ceste suggestion estre veritable, n're seignr le roy manda son bref a tresurer et as barouns de la Eschequer q'ils appellassent devant eux meyr et baillifs de la ditte vile et q'ils feicent droit, la ou l'abbesse ne monstre rien del confermement des progenitours n're seignour le roy, ne n'est pas trove en le l'Eschekere par record qe cesti Manklum unqes fust seignour de la vile de Bedeford. Et par le bref si l'abbesse recovere ele serroit enherite a lui et as ses successeurs a touz jours de ceste rente, quele chose est encontre comune ley, qe frank tenement ou chose qe donne enheritement deit estre recover en l'Escheker s'il ne soit chose qe soit trove de record en l'Escheker ou autrement de chose dont allowance eit illoeges este fait, ou chose qe ches en acres de l'estat nostre seignour le roy mes ceste sute ches proprement en desgres de la ferme due a nostre seignour le roy. Par qei le meyr, baillifs, et la coealte de la dite vile prient a nostre seignour le roy et a son conseil s'il lui plest, qe il voille maunder son bref as ditz tresurer et as barouns q'ils surcesent en ceo plee en tout. Et qe ele sue a la cõe lei si ele voet, la ou la sute est meyn-tenable par ley, del l'our qe cele demande est proprement en desgres de l'estat nostre seignour le roi saunz ceo qe allowaunce ne eyt este fait de cele rente par record trove en l'Escheker.

Responsio.

Le conseil n'est pas avise de doner sursise en cest ple, pur ce qe la conisance de ce ple feust done as tresorer et barons de l'Eschequier p petition de plement. Mes soit bref mande as ditz tresorer et barons, de les faire droit et reson en le proces qe est ore comence.

NUM. VIII.

Penc'ons graunted unto the late Abbess and her Sisters of the surrendred Monastery of Elnestowe in the Countie of Bedf. as ensueth; mens. Augusti a. R. Hen. Octavi xxxij^m.

DAME Elizabeth Boyvill abbess	l ^u .
Dame Elen Snowe p'oresse.	iiij ^u .
Dame Anne Wake p'oresse quondam	lxvj ^s . viij ^d .
Dame Cecillie Sterky sexten	lxvj ^s . viij ^d .
Dame Mawde Sheldon subp'oresse	liij ^s . iiij ^d .
Dame Alis Boyvill	liij ^s . iiij ^d .
Dame Anne Preston	liij ^s . iiij ^d .
Dame Katheryne Wyngate chapel-lain	liij ^s . iiij ^d .
Dame Dorothe Combford	liij ^s . iiij ^d .
Dame Elizabeth Napton	liij ^s . iiij ^d .

Dame Alis Blakwall	liij ^s . iiij ^d .
Dame Elizabeth Steynesmore	liij ^s . iiij ^d .
Dame Mgery Preston	liij ^s . iiij ^d .
Dame Mgrete Nicholson	liij ^s . iiij ^d .
Dame Barbara Grey	liij ^s . iiij ^d .
Dame Alys Bolles	liij ^s . iiij ^d .
Dame Alys Fforster	liij ^s . iiij ^d .
Dame Elizabeth Synklere	liij ^s . iiij ^d .
Dame Alis Croft	liij ^s . iiij ^d .
Dame Anne Ardys	liij ^s . iiij ^d .
Dame Elizabeth Waltam	xl ^s .
Dame Elizabeth Ffox	xl ^s .
Dame Elizabeth Hewis	xl ^s .
Dame Cecillie Hillis	xl ^s .
	cxj ^u . vj ^s . viij ^d .

All whiche pençons assigned to be paide at two usuall termes in the yere by even porçons viz. at the feest of Saint Mighell the Archaungell next cōmyng, and at the feest of the Añunciacōn of our Lady, in consideraçōn that the king's majestie shall fully receyve the half yeres rent due at Mighelmas now next folowing the day of their surrendre.

p me JOHEM GOSTWYK comissionar' ibm.
p me EDMUNDU' HARVY.

VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Return, 26 Hen. VIII. First Fruits Office.)

ELNESTOWE ABBATHIA.

ELISABETHA BOYFELD Abbatisa ibidem.

Valet in Spiritual'.

Com' Bedf'		£.	s.	d.
Huchyn	Rector'	66	13	4
Clanfeld	Rector'	5	6	8
Wilbaston	Rector'	6	0	0
Westonyng	Rector'	10	0	0
Flytt et Sylsoo	Rector'	13	6	8
Elnestowe	Rector'	10	0	0
Kempston	Rector'	20	0	0
Wilshamstede	Rector'	6	13	4
Halton super Humbr'	Porc'	2	13	4
Barford	Porc'	1	0	0
Bugden	x ^m Molend'	0	10	0
Pulloxhill	Porc' x ^m	0	10	0
S. Macut'	Porc' x ^m	0	3	9
Gravenhurst Parva	Porc' x ^m	0	6	8
Irkhamstede	Porc' x ^m	0	6	8
Milton	Porc' x ^m	0	5	0
Bramston	Porc' x ^m	1	0	0
Shitford	Porc' x ^m	2	13	4
Upton	Porc' x ^m	0	13	4
Stonehousse	Pens' Vic'	6	0	0
Huchyn	Pens' Vic'	2	13	4
Inworth	Pens' Rector'	1	6	8
Haringworth	Rect'	13	6	8
Thorp	Pro Manerio de Priore de Kyme	6	13	4
Westbury	Rector'	5	0	0
King's Walden	Porc'	1	0	0
Elnestowe	Oblation'	1	2	3
		185	4	5

				Temporal'.											
Com' Bedf'				£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.						
Elnestowe	30	17	3½	}											
Wilshamstede	19	0	5½												
Bedford	3	3	2												
Kempston	2	15	8½												
Harodon et Fenlake	1	0	0½												
Houghton	0	7	7												
Maldon	18	18	0												
Recept' Forens' in diversis Villis .	12	2	8												
Divers' Reddit' pertin' ad Offic'										127	17	8½			
Coquinarii	3	0	0												
Divers' Reddit' pertin' ad Offic'															
Sacriste	5	3	3½												
Elnestowe . . Tolnet' Nundin'	7	12	0												
Weldell . . Firma Clausi .	2	6	8												
Mulsoo . . Terr'	0	18	0												
Crofte . . Terr'	0	15	0												
Terr' dominical' Monaster' . . .	18	16	10												
Wilshamstede . Bosc'	4	0	0	}			10	0	0						
Maldon Wode	6	0	0												
Perquis' Cur'							2	0	0						
Summa totalis							325	2	1½						

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 34 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

ELNESTOWE ABBATHIA.

Com' Bedf'		£.	s.	d.	
Elnestowe et Wilshamsted, Kempston, Fenlake, Haroden, Welden, Cotton, et Howghton, cum Mowlshoo		Terr' et Ten'	Non r' quia annec- tuntur Honori de Amphill.		
Com' Hertf'					
Hychyn	Rector'	}	66	16	8
Welbury in Parochia de Offeley	Rector' et x ^m '				
Hychyn					
Wymondley et Ippollets	Terr', &c.				
Hychyn	Penc' Eccl'				
Kyngeswalden	Penc' Eccl'				
Hychyn, S. Ippollets, Wymondley	Advoc' Eccl'				
Com' Oxon'					
Clanfelde	Rector'		5	6	8
Com' Northt'					
Wylbarston	Rector'		6	13	4
Com' Bedf'					
Westonyn	Rector'		11	0	0
Flytte et Silneshoo	Rector'		15	6	8
Barford	Redd' Assis'		0	1	0
Com' Hunt'					
Bukden	X ^m Molend'		0	10	0
Com' Bedf'					
Gravenhurst	Porc' x ^m '		0	6	8
Com' Northt'					
Irkehamsted	Redd'		0	6	8

Com' Northt'		£.	s.	d.
Brampton	Porc' x ^m	1	0	0
Com' Oxon'				
Shutforde et Burton Magna	Ten' et x ^m	2	13	4
Com' Glouc'				
Stonhowse	Penc' Vic'	6	0	0
Com' Hertf'				
Hychyn	Penc'	2	13	4
Com' Essex'				
Imworth	Penc' Rector'	1	6	8
Com' Northt'				
Harryngworth	Rector'	14	0	0
Walepole	Terr'	2	6	8
Com' Hertf'				
Welden Regis	Porc' x ^m	1	0	0
Com' Bedf'				
Gravenhurst Magna	Porc' x ^m	1	2	0
Kempston Bourn	Redd' Assis'	1	0	0
Bedford Villa	Terr'	4	3	0
Com' Leic'				
Enesby	Redd' Assis'	1	13	4
Com' Linc'				
Crofte et Frykney	Redd' Assis'	0	18	4
Com' Bedf'				
Wynnington et Blomham	Ten'	0	6	0
Kyngesmede	Prat'	0	10	0
Sibell	Terr' et Ten'	0	10	9
Maldon et Fletton	Redd' et Firm'	non r'		
Elnestow	Scitus Monaster' cum Terris domini- calibus	77	17	10
Kempston	Mol' aquat'	8	0	0

Priory of Penwortham,

IN

LANCASHIRE.

A Cell to the Abbey of Evesham.



sham placed in it."* It was dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

F the Cell of Penwortham, dedicated to the Virgin Mary, our accounts are extremely scanty. Tanner says, "Warine Bussel having given the church and tithes of this place, with several other estates in this country, to the abbey of Evesham in Worcestershire, in the time of William the Conqueror, here was shortly after a Priory erected, and several Benedictine monks from Evesham placed in it."*

Richard, the son of Warine Bussel, confirmed his father's donations;^b which were also confirmed by Hugh Buissel, or Bussel, the nephew of Richard.^c
Pope Alexander III. gave the monks of Evesham a bull, confirming to them the cell of Penwortham.^d
In the 23d of Henry III. the custody of the manor of Waltone was granted to the prior of Penwortham during the minority of John de Banastre the king's ward.^e
A charter of King Henry the Fourth, as duke of Lancaster and earl of Derby, to the monks of Evesham, granting in the latter part a portion of his waste to the monks of Penwortham, in the vill in which the cell was situated, has been already printed in the Appendix to Evesham monastery, num. XXI.

* Tann. Notit. Mon. edit. Nasm. Lanc. xiv.
^b See the Append. of Instrum. Num. I.
^c See Num. III.
^d Num. II.
^e Abbrev. Rot. Orig. tom. i. p. 3.

PRIORS OF PENWORTHAM.

ROGER NORREIS was appointed prior here by the pope's legate in 1213, upon his removal from the abbacy of Evesham. According to one account he remained prior of Penwortham three years; but a passage in one of the Registers of Evesham says five months only.^a

THOMAS DE GLOVERNIA, or GLOUCESTER, was preferred from the priory of Penwortham to the abbacy of Evesham in 1243.^b

RALPH DE WYLECOTE occurs as Prior, (otherwise Custos) of Penwortham in 1320, in the time of Roger bishop of Lichfield and Coventry.^c

THOMAS DE BLOCKELEY was prior in 1321.^d

RICHARD HAWKYSBURY occurs prior in the 26th Hen. VIII.^e

The cell of Penwortham is stated, in the Harleian manuscript 3763, fol. 198 b, to have had no endowment distinct from that of the parent monastery; and the priors, as they were called, are expressly stated in Ralph de Wylecote's time never to have been either presented to, or instituted by, the bishop of the diocese. "Abbates [de Evesham] pro ipsorum libito voluntatis omni tempore effectualiter revocarunt et mutarunt, ac alios ejusdem monasterii monachos duntaxat revocandos ad dictam obedientiam perfererunt."

At the time of Pope Nicholas's taxation, A. D. 1291, the Church of Penwortham was rated at the annual value of 20*l.*; with the deduction of 2*l.* for the decima, or tenth part, which was the object of the taxation. The Cell itself, or Priory, does not appear in the Taxation, except in the following instance, where this entry occurs,

"Decanatus de Amundernesse.

"Porcio Prioris de Penewytham pro garbis quas percipit in parochia de Kirkesham, 2*l.*"

And once again to the same effect in another part of the Record.

In the Survey 26th Hen. VIII., according to Dugdale, in one place it was rated at 29*l.* 18*s.* 7*d.* per annum;^f in another he makes it 99*l.* 5*s.* 3*d.*^g According to Speed it was valued at 114*l.* 16*s.* 9*d.* per annum.^h

An entry relating to this priory occurs in the Originalia of the 23d Hen. III.:

"R. concessit priori de Penwirtham manerium de Waleton quod fuit Johannis de Banastr. cujus custodia ad Regem pertinet ratione terrarum Johannis quondam com. Linc. in manu Regis existentium, habend. usque ad legitimam ætatem hæredis ipsius Johannis."

Tanner refers to the following Records:

"Rot. Pat. 16 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 14, de terris in Penwortham, Faringdon, Tallingdon, &c." and

"Rom. 4 Edw. III. m. 3, pro eccl. de Leilond approprianda. Brev. Regis 5 Edw. III. n. 61, de dimiss. dominicorum manerii de Penwortham redd. xxxvj*l.* per annum."ⁱ

Rot. Pat. 18 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 33, (referred to by Bishop Tanner as Pat. 18 Ric. III.) contains "Exemplificatio judicii quod Prioratus de Penwarthen existens Cella Abba-

thiæ de Evesham sit liber de una putura pro Senescallo Libertatis de Penwortham in com. Lancast. et ministris, equis, et garcionibus dicti senescalli per unum diem et duas noctes de tribus septimanis in tres septimanas, viz. de esculentis, poculentis," &c.

A Memorandum "quid debeat Prioratus de Penwortham," has been already printed from the Cottonian manuscript Vitell. E. xvii. in the Appendix to Evesham monastery, num. XXXV.

The Minister's Accompt, 33^d Hen. VIII., does not specify in detail what constituted the possessions of this cell; but John Fleetwood, of London, farmer thereof, answers for the sum of 99*l.* 5*s.* 3*d.* for the lordship, manor, or late cell of Penwortham, lately united and annexed to the monastery of Evesham; with all tenements, houses, lands, barns, stables, buildings, fields, pastures, feedings, meadows, marshes, woods, underwoods, commons, &c. &c.: and, moreover, for the rectory of Penwortham and the rectory of Leyland in the county of Lancaster, and all tithes, oblations, &c. in Penwortham and Leyland, or in any town hamlet or place in the county of Lancaster, or elsewhere, demised to him John Fleetwood, gentleman, with the exception of the advowsons of the vicarages of Leyland and Metes, by indenture, under the seal of the convent of the said monastery, dated 11 Feb. 30 Hen. VIII., for the term of ninety-nine years. This lease is not to be found among the conventual leases in the Augmentation Office; but in that repository is a lease of a messuage and other premises in Penwortham, made by the abbat and convent of Evesham to John Barons, dated 8th January, 30 Hen. VIII. In 34 Hen. VIII. the premises so demised were granted to John Fleetwoode in fee.^k The Particular for the Grant is extant in the Augmentation Office.^l

The estate of Penwortham (including the patronage of the chapel) long remained in the family of Fleetwood, but it is now the property and residence of a family of the name of Barton.

The church at Penwortham, which is situated about a mile to the south of Preston, is only a donative, the tithes and other profits of it having been originally wholly appropriated to the priory. The present parish church was the church of the priory. The tithes, after they came into lay hands, were the subject of frequent litigations, as is evident from the following Records in the King's Remembrancer's Office, Exchequer; viz. Penwortham.—Tithes of Langton there. Lib. Ordin. Mich. 31 et 32 Eliz.—Possession of the Rectory. Lib. Ord. Pasch. 37 Eliz.—Decree touching the lands of Hatton in the said parish. Hil. 40 Eliz.

No SEAL of the priory of Penwortham has, as yet, fallen under the notice of the Editors of the new Monasticon.

The ARMS of this cell are given in the initial Letter of the present Account, on the authority of the Plate following p. 272 of the Abridged Translation of the Monasticon, fol. Lond. 1718. See also Num. LXXXI in Tanner's Plates of Arms.

^a The Register of Evesham, MS. Harl. 3763, noticing the deposition of abbat Norreis, says, "Quinta post hoc die ad petitionem Conventus dedit ei dominus Legatus Prioratum de Penwortham ad vitæ sustentationem, quem post quinque menses propter suos excessus ei abstulit. Qui tunc Romam adiit, sed nec Abbatiam, nec Prioratum, nec etiam monachatum hujus ecclesiæ potuit optinere." fol. 181 b.

^b See the present work, vol. ii. p. 6.

^c MS. Harl. ut supr.

^d "Item in eodem die [sc. in transl. sancti Andreæ apostoli A. D. MCCC.xxj.] frater Thomas de Blockeley tunc Prior de Penwortham per consensum abbatis et conventus [de Evesham] assignavit coquinario dim. marcam de quadam terra juxta molendinum de Farynton ad idem festum solemnitus peragendum." MS. ibid. fol. 115 b.

^e See the extract from the Valor Ecclesiasticus in the Appendix of Instruments.

^f See his Valor in Lancashire in the present Work, vol. ii. p. 48.

^g See also the Valor Ecclesiasticus of Evesham monastery.

^h Tanner says, "The sum total in Stevens, vol. i. p. 25, and the First Fruits Office, is 114*l.* 16*s.* 9*d.* and the clear sum 29*l.* 18*s.* 7*d.*: and the chief reason of this great difference is, that, amongst the reprises, the prior here paid 63*l.* per annum, by way of composition, to the abbey of Evesham. MS. in Offic. Primitiar." Notit. Mon. ut supr.

ⁱ Ibid.

^k The Abstracts from the Originalia, already frequently referred to, say,

"Lancast. Staff. Rex xxiiij. die Januarii concessit Johanni Fleetwoode reversionem capitalis domus et scitus nuper Priorat. sive Cellæ de Penwortham, ac mess. &c. in Penwortham et Houghwike, ac advoc. &c. de Laylonde in com. Lanc. ac etiam reversionem manerii de Caldewicke et rectoriæ de Elaston in com. Staff. ei et hæred. suis." Orig. 34 Hen. VIII. rot. 32.

^l See Num. VIII.

Cartae ad Penworthamense Coenobium in agro Lancastrensi (Cellam de Evesham) spectantes.

NUM. I.

Carta Foundationis per Richardum Bussell.

[Ex Registro de Evesham, olim penes Richardum Fleetwood armig. nunc MS. Harl. Mus. Brit. 3763.]

NOVERINT præsentes et posterius quod ego Richardus Bussell, concedo, et scripto meo et sigillo meo confirmo ecclesiae de Evesham, omnem donationem, et totam elemosinam quam fecit pater meus Warinus praedictae ecclesiae, videlicet, ecclesiam de Peneverham, cum decimis et omnibus pertinentiis suis, et Farington, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et in Longetona duas bovatas terrae, et de ecclesia Leilandia, tres solidos, et duas partes decimae de dominio, et de capella de Moles duos solidos, et duas partes de dominio de Frechelton, et Warinton, piscationem unius retis liberam et quietam, et totam decimam conredii domus suae; et quod abbas habeat curiam suam in Penverham in omnibus tam liberam, sicut pater meus habuit suam, vel ego meam; haec sunt donationes quas ego postea donavi, videlicet, ecclesiam de Leilandia cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. De tota piscatione mea, excepta piscatione duarum retium, quartum piscem. In Longetona quatuor bovatas terrae. In Penvertham unam bovatom; capellam de Moles cum omnibus pertinentiis suis.

Has praedictas donationes quas pater meus Warinus contulit praedictae ecclesiae de Evesham, et quas ego postea contuli, ego Richardus Bussell concedo et praesenti scripto atque sigillo meo confirmo, ut ecclesia de Evesham possideat, et pacifice teneat, liberas, et quietas, et ab omni seculari servitio et exactione solutas, in pratis, in pascuis, in aquis, in stagnis, in sabulonibus, in piscariis, in bosco, in plano, in pannagio, et omnibus libertatibus, et liberis consuetudinibus, in puram, et perpetuam elemosinam, pro salute mea, et haereditum meorum et pro anima patris mei et antecessorum meorum. Hiis testibus, Waltero presbitero de Prestona, Lidulfo de Crostona, Ealwardo presbitero de Langetona, Gaufrido, Osberno, Radulpho capellanis, Roberto diacono, Osberno filio Edmundi, Ormo filio Magni, Warino filio ejus, Sweni Child, Willielmo filio Alani, Huctredo filio Sweni, Arctura de Arston, Sweni de Penevertham, Ada fratre ejus, et Sibilla et Matilde sororibus ejus, et multis aliis.

NUM. II.

Confirmatio Alexandri III. Papae.

[Ibid. fol. 112 b.]

ALEXANDER episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilectis filiis abbati et conventui de Evesham salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Justis filiorum ecclesiae petitionibus benigno favore annuimus, et eas effectu prosequente complemus. Ea propter dilecti in Domino filii rationabili postulationi vestrae benignius annuentes prioratum de Penwortham pia devotione nobilis viri Ricardi Bussell et Alberti fratris ejus cum diocesani episcopi assensu monasterio vestro concessum vobis et per vos eidem monasterio auctoritate apostolica confirmamus et praesentis scripti patrocinio communimus. Statuentes ut nulli ecclesiasticae secularive personae liceat eundem prioratum illicitis et indebitis exactionibus gravare, aut ejus possessiones invadere, minuere, seu presumptione qualibet detinere. Decrevimus igitur ut nulli omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostrae confirmationis infringere, vel ei ausu temerario contraire. Si quis autem hoc attemptare presumpserit indignationem omnipotentis Dei et beatorum Petri et Pauli

apostolorum ejus se noverit incursum. Dat. Lateran. iij^o. non. Mart.

NUM. III.

Confirmatio Chartae per Hugonem Buissel.

[Ex Registro de Evesham in Bibliotheca Cottoniana, sub effigie Vespasiani B. xxiv. fol. 71 a.]

SCIANT præsentes et futuri quod ego Hugo Buissel concedo et scripto atque sigillo meo confirmo ecclesiae de Evesham omnes donationes, et elemosinas quas dedit et confirmavit avus Warinus Bussel, et postea Ricardus avunculus meus, et postea pater meus Albertus praedictae ecclesiae, videlicet, ecclesiam de Penvertham, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et Farintonam, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, totam ecclesiam de Leilonde, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et in eadem villa duas bovatas terrae, quas tenet Rodbertus filius Galfridi; capellam de Moeles, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Et in Longetona sex bovatas terrae, quas tenet Rodbertus filius Galfridi de ecclesia de Evesham. Duas etiam alias bovatas terrae in eadem villa, quas tenet Reinerus filius Steinulfi, et duas bovatas terrae de Euchestona, et Roleiam cum pertinentiis suis, et piscationem unius retis in Ribel liberam et quietam, et quartam partem piscaturae suae, et totam decimam conredii domus suae, duas partes decimae de dominio de Frecheltona, et War-tona.

Has praedictas donationes omnes, quas avus meus Warinus, et Ricardus avunculus meus et pater meus Albertus ecclesiae de Evesham confirmaverunt, ego Hugo Bussel filius Alberti Bussel concedo atque sigillo meo confirmo, ut jam dicta ecclesia de Evesham possideat, et pacifice teneat liberas et quietas, et ab omni seculari exactione solutas, in pratis, in pascuis, in aquis, in stagnis, in sabulonibus, in piscariis, in bosco, in plano, in pannagio, in geldo, et in omnibus libertatibus, et liberis consuetudinibus; praeter has donationes ego do, et concedo, et sigillo meo confirmo Deo et sanctae Mariae, et monachis in Penvertham Deo serviens totam decimam totius pannagii mei in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, pro salute mea, et uxoris meae, et haereditum meorum, et anima patris mei, et antecessorum meorum. Hiis testibus, Warino Buissel haerede meo. Henrico Buissel fratre meo. Antigoniam uxore mea. Ada de Salopessire. Roberto filio Galfridi. Willielmo dapifero. Willielmo fratre abbatis. Eluredo de Burchelle. Magistro Stephano. Rogero de Taneworth. Willielmo de Capes. Albino fratre suo. Willielmo filio Henrici, et multis aliis.

NUM. IV.

Carta Abbatis Eveshamensis de Hakewike ad Cellam Penworthae spectante.

[Ibid.]

DOMINUS abbas M. omnisque congregatio Eveshamii talem conventionem cum hiis quatuor fratribus, Wolfgeato, Sweino, Radulfo, Liulfo, de terra quae Hokewike dicitur, fecerunt, scilicet, quod dominus abbas dedit supradictis quatuor fratribus, xxvij. sol. ex conventionem, ut clament quietam omnem calumpniam quam habuerunt super illam terram semper et in perpetuum. Liulfus verò unus ex illis devenit homo proprius abbatis, ea conventionem, ut teneat de illo unam partem ipsius terrae, et per singulos annos in nativitate sanctae Mariae, centum salmone, pro ipsa terra,

bonos reddat. Hii verò sunt testes hujus conventionis, dominus abbas, prior. Benedictus. Ahuredus.

NUM. V.

Alia Carta de eadem.

[Ibid.]

RANULPHUS consul Cestriæ, constabulario, dapifero, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, ministris, et ballivis quicumque fuerint inter Ribbam^a et Mersam, et omnibus hominibus suis Francis et Anglis, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Deo et sanctæ Mariæ, et monachis de Evesham, elemosinam suam de Hocwice, ita bene et libere, et quietè et honorificè, sicut melius tenuerunt tempore comitis Rogeri Pictaviensis, et tempore Ranulphi comitis patris mei, et sicut decet elemosinam habere sancta ecclesia. Ita quod nullus super monachos prædictos se intromittat de prædicta elemosina, nec de operatoribus, nec de aliis exactionibus, nec de occasione aliqua aliquis eos, vel eorum elemosinam, super timorem Dei, et super meum forisfactum inquietet, sed honorificè teneant in terris et decimis, et pasturis, et in bosco et in plano, et in aquis et molendinis, et piscariis, et in omnibus aliis locis. Testibus Eustachio constabulario Cestriæ, et Hugone Ostvero. Et Serlone venatore, et Ricardo Buissel, Ricardo Pinc. apud Molas Warini.

NUM. VI.

Willielmus Bastard.

[Ex Registro de Evesham, olim penes Ricardum Fletewode de Penwortham, an. 1618, nunc MS. Harl. 3763, fol. 58.]

WARINUS Bussel dedit ecclesiæ de Evesham ecclesiam

de Penewrtham, et ecclesiam de Leiland, et capellam de Moles, cum pertinentiis. Item Warinus Bussel dedit Farinton, cum pertinentiis suis.

Ricardus Bussel dedit ecclesiæ de Evesham sex bovatas terræ in Longton. Item dedit totam ecclesiam de Leiland, quæ reddit duas marcas, et capellam de Moles, quæ reddit iij. sol. Albertus, frater ejus, duas bovatas terræ in Leiland. Idem Albertus dedit assartum de Blakesaw. Item prædictus Ricardus Bussel dedit quartam partem piscationis suæ. Rogerus Pictaviensis dedit Hocwike.

Willielmus Rufus.

Ricardus Fossard dedit ecclesiam de Huntingdon.

NUM. VII.

Placita apud Preston, 17 E. III. coram Willielmo de Shareshull, Rogero de Hungerford, Henrico de Ham-bury, Symone de Pakeman, et Rogero de Hillary.

[Ibid. fol. 131.]

JOHANNES de Radecliffe, seneschallus libertatis de Penwortham, attachiatus fuit ad respondendum abbati de Evesham de placito, &c. Johannes clamat unam puturam in prioratu de Penwortham, qui est quædam cella abbatix de Evesham, pro se et ministris, equis, et garcionibus suis, per unum diem et duas noctes, de tribus septimanis in tres septimanas, videlicet, de victualibus, ut in esculentis et poculentis, ad custus prioratus prædicti, indebitè.

NUM. VIII.

Transcript of the Particular for Grant to John Fleetwoode, 34 Hen. VIII.

[From the Original in the Augmentation Office.]

NUPER Prioratus sive Cella de Penwortham in comitatu Lancastriæ annexa et pertinens nuper Monasterio de Evesham in comitatu Wigornix sursumreddito et dissoluto.

Scitus cujusdam mansionis in Penwortham vocat' le Priorye de Penwortham alias dict' le Celle de Penwortham alias dict' le Manour de Penwortham alias dict' le Graunge de Penwortham cum terris dominicalibus ibidem valet in

	£.	s.	d.
Scitus dicti nuper prioratus sive cellæ de Penwortham cum omnibus domibus, columbarijs, horreis, et alijs edificijs quibuscunque super dictum scitum scituatis et existentibus firmar majus apt. Ac cum ortis gardinis dicto scitui adjacentibus communibus annis per annum	1	0	0
Uno clauso separale terræ arabilis vocato le Orchard felde, continente per estimationem 13 acras ultra unam acram pertinentem Willielmo Forsha, ut dicitur, existentem infra clausum prædictum quælibet acra ad 8d. per annum	0	8	8
Uno clauso separale terræ arabilis vocato le Buttz, continente per estimationem 3 acras, le acra ad 10d. per annum	0	2	6
Uno clauso separale terræ arabilis vocato le Townfeld, continente per estimationem 14 acras, le acra ad 8d. per annum	0	9	4
Uno clauso pasturæ separale vocato Hereford Ryddyngs, jacente apud Hangmansbanke et Ferymanhey, continente per estimationem 12 acras ultra unam acram pertinentem Plesyngton, ut dicitur, existentem infra clausum prædictum, quæ quidem pastura supercrescit cum vepribus et valet qualibet acra ad dimittendam 12d. per annum	0	12	0
Duobus separalibus clausis terræ arabilis vocatis le Blasshes continentibus per estimationem 28 acras, unde 4 acræ supercrescentes cum les Shrubbys ad 10d. per annum	1	3	4
Uno separale clauso terræ arabilis vocato le Neweclosse cum una parcella sub-bosci de le Shrubbys vocata Aspeleys continente inter se 17 acras ultra duas acras dimiss. fuerunt per copiam curiæ manerij regis de Penwortham nuper priori ibidem le acra ad 10d. per annum	0	13	2
Uno clauso separale pasturæ vocato Over Eye, quondam occupato in cultura modo jacente pro pastura continente per estimationem 8 acras ad 14d. le acre in toto per annum	0	9	4
Uno clauso separale pasturæ vocato le Nether Eye, continente per estimationem sex acras ad 14d. le acre in toto per annum	0	7	0
Uno prato vocato Blasshawe medowe, continente per estimationem 7 acras ad 2s. le acre in toto per annum	0	14	0

* f. Riblam.

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
Octava parte piscationis et piscium in aqua de Rybley a quodam loco vocato Evyn poole, alias dicto Ivye poole, usque ad de le Marshe in manibus nuper prioris ibidem reservata ante confectionem cujusdam indenturæ omnium possessionum dictæ nuper Cellæ cuidam Johanni Fletewood generoso inde confectæ per annum .	1	0	0	}	7	3	8
Proficuo annuatim proveniente de turbaria dicti nuper prioratus sive Cellæ pertinente sive spectante per annum	0	3	4				Inde in

Reprisis, viz. in

Annua firma soluta Gourssiche pro terris quondam Gilberti Sutton, qui quidem Gilbertus per indenturam suam sub sigillo suo datam 12^o. die Januarij anno Domini millesimo cccclij^{xx}.j. et anno regni regis Edwardi quarti 21^o. concessit Willielmo abbati monasterij beate Mariæ Virginis et sancti Egwini de Evesham ac ejusdem loci conventus omnia mesuagia, terras, tenementa, turbarias, moras, boscos, sepes, et fossata, redditus, reversiones, et servicia sua, cum omnibus et singulis suis pertinentijs quæ habet in villa et campis de Penwortham in comitatu Lancastriæ una domo cum quatuor selionibus terræ jacente in le Whadysshe in tenura Thomæ Smalwodd, tantummodo exceptis et reservatis &c. habenda &c. pro termino cc. annorum extunc proximo sequen. et plenarie complend. reddendo inde per annum præfato Gilberto Sutton hæredibus et assignatis suis a festo Natalis Domini et Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ ultra alia servicia domino regi, et quibuscunque alijs servicijs, servitia inde debita et de jure consueta &c. ut in eadem indentura inde ostensa plenius continetur

M^d. quod advocaciones rectoriæ de Northemelys et vicariæ de Leylond in comitatu sunt in manibus domini regis ratione dissolutionis nuper Cellæ de Penwortham prædicta. Et valet clare ultra reprisas prædictas per annum £4. 17s.

M^d. that ther ys adionynge to the house of Penwortham on litle grove of wodd of oke and asshe conteynynge by estymacōn three rodde and more whiche is compassed with aleys and lykewyse w^t. cross aleys in the middle whiche wodd ys a great pleasur and comodytie to the seid house.

Per me ROBERTUM BURGOYN.

26^o. die Decembris anno } The yerely valewe of the premisses is 47*l*. 17*s*. whereof deducte for the tenthe 4*l*. 15*s*. 9*d*.
34^o. Henrici regis 8^{vi}. } and then remayneth clere 43*l*. 0*s*. 15*d*. whiche ratid at twenti yerez purchase dothe amounte
pro Johanne } to the sūme of 84*l*. 5*s*. adde therto for the woodds growing upon the premises 13*l*. 10*s*. adde therto
Fletwode. } also the patronage of the church of Northmelys and for the vicarage of Leylonde 19*l*. 3*s*. 8*d*. whiche in
the hole dothe amounte to the sūme of 89*l*. 18*s*. 8*d*.

Memor^d. the kyng must discharge the said Fletwode of all incombraunces except leasez and except 46*s*. 8*d*. dewe yerely to Gilberte Sutton and his heyres for certeyn londs and tenements in Penwortham in the countie of Lancaster.

RYCHARD RYCHE.

VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Transcript of Return, 26 Hen. VIII. First Fruits Office.)

PENWORTHAM MONASTERIUM, SIVE CELLA.

VALORES tam Spiritualium quam Temporalium pertinentium Monasterio sive Cellæ Prioratus de Penwortham, infra Decanatum de Leylond prædict' in manibus Ric'i Hawkysbury in Prioris ibidem.

Dominium de Penwortham in comitatu Lancastriæ, valet in	£.	s.	d.
Redd' liberorum Tenentium ibidem per annum	1	8	11½
Redd' et firmis Tenentium ad Voluntatem ibidem	28	13	11½
	30	2	11

Rectoria de Penwortham impropriata dictæ Cellæ, valet in
Granis decimalibus communibus annis, 25*l*. 0*s*. 10*d*.
In feno, lino, cum canabo communibus annis per estimationem 1*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*. Agnis et lana decimalibus annuatim per estimationem 1*l*. 3*s*. 4*d*.
In decimis Vitulorum, cum alijs parvis decimis, ac rotulo Paschæ annuatim per estimationem 5*l*. 11*s*. In Pensione annuatim recept. extra Ecclesias de Kyrkham 1*l*. 3*s*. 4*d*.; Northemels

6*s*. 8*d*.; et Vicariam de Leylonde in com. prædict. 2*l*.
Summa Pensionum in toto 3*l*. 10*s*.
Summa totalis Valoris Rectoriæ prædictæ per annum 36*l*. 11*s*. 10*d*.
Rectoria de Leylonde in comitatu prædicto impropriata dicto Prioratui sive Cellæ, valet in
Redditibus Terrarum vocat' Glebe-londes per annum 1*l*. 1*s*. 6*d*. In Granis Decimalibus ibidem annuatim per estimationem 47*l*. 0*s*. 6*d*. In decimis Vitulorum, Agnorum, Lanarum, Lini, Oblationum, cum rotulo Paschæ nihil hic quia pertinent Vicario.
Summa Valoris hujus Rectoriæ 48*l*. 2*s*.
Summa totalis Valoris tam Spiritualium quam Temporalium pertinentium Prioratui (sive Cellæ) prædicto 114*l*. 16*s*. 10*d*.

Nunnery of Kilburn,

IN

MIDDLESEX:

A Cell to the Abbey of Westminster.



FROM the instrument detailing the foundation of this monastery printed by Dugdale, it appears that in the reign of King Henry the First, one Godwyn, a recluse, built a hermitage at a place called Cuneburn, now Kilburn, in the parish of Hampstead, little more than two miles from London. Godwyn, having subsequently given this hermitage, with the land belonging to it to the abbey of Westminster, Herebert, at that time abbat, with Osbert de Clara the prior, and the convent, settled it upon three maidens, named Emma, Gunilda, and Christina, who, in one account are called maids of honour to Matilda, queen of Henry the First.^a The hermitage now became a nunnery of the order of St. Benedict. Godwyn was appointed Warden during his life, the future nomination of a warden being reserved to the abbat of Westminster; who, at first, had sole authority over the nunnery, Gilbert bishop of London having exempted it from the jurisdiction of his church.^b

By a charter subsequent to that of the foundation abbat Hereford bestowed on this nunnery a portion of land called Gara, in the manor of Knightsbridge, supposed to be at the spot now called Kensington Gore.^c

The nuns being still not sufficiently provided for, abbat Gervase, Herebert's successor, gave them two corrodies, in addition to one which it appears from his charter they had held before. Of these additional corrodies one was that which Ailmar the hermit had held, consisting of bread, beer, wine, and mead, and a pittance or small allowance of meat; the other was that of abbat Gilbert, who died in 1114.^d

Abbat Gervase also confirmed to the nuns the possession of their land at Knightsbridge.^e

Laurence, the next abbat of Westminster, gave a confirmation of the grants of Herebert and Gervase.^f

Walter abbat of Westminster, says Mr. Park, dying 27 Sept. 2 Ric. I. A. D. 1191, assigned the manor of Pad-

dington, co. Middlesex, to the almoner of his abbey, for the purpose of providing hospitality at the celebration of his anniversary, on the festival of St. Cosmas and St. Damian. It was appointed that on this day he should also make allowance to the nuns of Kilburn both in bread and wine, as well as the provisions from the kitchen supplied on other days by the cellarer and the cook; and that the nuns should not lose their ordinary allowance on account of the extraordinary. It appears, however, that a retrenchment being afterwards made of the Anniversary, this dole was done away.^g

From a very early period, Mr. Park observes, mutual jealousies and discord had subsisted between the bishops of London and the abbats of Westminster, who, though within the diocese, and immediately under the eye of those prelates, were, by several ancient charters expressly exempted from their episcopal jurisdiction. It was probably in contemplation of some disagreement of this nature, that, on the first foundation of Kilburn Priory, the jurisdiction over it was expressly granted by charter from Gilbert bishop of London to the abbat; and afterwards strengthened by a confirmatory bull from Pope Honorius III. dated in the ninth year of his pontificate, A. D. 1225.^h Roger Niger, however, who was bishop of London at this latter date, again investigated the episcopal claim. A rescript of Pope Gregory IX. on this subject, dated in 1229, will be found in the Appendix,ⁱ referring the matter in dispute to the bishop of Rochester, the prior of Dunstaple, and Thomas rector of Maidstone. A composition was in consequence entered into, after Bishop Niger's death, in 1231, between the dean and chapter of St. Paul's on one part, and the abbat of Westminster on the other. By virtue of this agreement the bishop for the time being was to have access to the cell of Kilburn, to be received with procession, to preach, hear confessions, and enjoin penances; but without being entitled to any claim for procurations. It was also conceded that the secular priest, or warden, who was set over the house by the abbat, should, upon his appointment, be presented to the bishop and pay canonical obedience to him, but to be removeable by the abbat alone. That the prioress of the house, though appointed by the abbat and his successors, should be under obedience to the bishop, saving in all things the canonical reverence and subjection which she

^a The Cottonian manuscript Claudius A. VIII. fol. 40, speaking of abbat Herebert, says, "Iste fundavit Cellam canonissarum monialium de Kylborne ubi prius quidam nomine Godwynus heremiticam multo tempore ducebat vitam. Et hoc actum est ut Deo sacratæ virgines pro anima regis Edwardi et pro statu Abbatis et Conventus Westmonasterii inperpetuum exorarent. Statuit etiam certas terras, annonas, et corrodia quædam cum redditibus de monasterio eisdem pro perpetuo

assignari in quo loco sub honore Johannis Baptistæ consecrato, statuit tres virgines Deo sacratas domicellas videlicet cameræ Matildis bonæ reginæ consortis regis Henrici Primi."

^b Compare Numm. I. III. of the Appendix.

^c See Num. II.

^d See Num. IV.

^e Num. VI.

^f Num. VII.

^g See Num. IV.

^h Hist. of Hampst. p. 165.

ⁱ Num. VIII.

^j Num. V.

owed of old to the abbat. That, however, the entire ordering or regulation of the house, concerning matters and persons within its precinct, with the correction of excesses and reformation of its abuses, and the institution or destitution of the prioress and nuns, should belong to the abbat and his successors for ever; provided, that in case any matters requiring correction among the nuns, or other regular or secular persons abiding there, should be neglected by him for the space of a month after warning having been given to him (or in his absence to the Prior) by the bishop, then, upon clear evidence of such neglect of reformation, it should be lawful for the bishop himself to proceed toward correcting and reforming them in such manner as "prout secundum Deum viderit expedire." It was further ordained that no monk but the abbat (or in vacancy, absence, or illness, the prior) should go near the nuns to hear their confessions, and enjoin penance. That the bishop should, when requested by the abbat, perform the office of blessing or consecrating the nuns, but that no other bishop should be in future introduced or admitted at Kilburn to perform any episcopal ceremony. Finally, that neither the bishop nor his chapter should, by reason of this composition, challenge any jurisdiction or subjection over the abbat and monks of Westminster, nor in any thing derogate from the rights of the aforesaid nuns, or their cell.^a

John, son and heir of Roger de Somerie, appears to have given the manor of Midleton, now Milton Borough, in Surrey, to the priory of Kilburn; which was possessed of it 9 Edw. II.:^b and on his decease, 21 Dec. 15 Edw. II. A. D. 1321, it was found by the inquest that the prioress held of him at that time the manor of Midleton, by the service of half a knight's fee, and suit of his court at Bradfield, co. Berks, every three weeks.^c

By a patent of the 27th Edw. III. the Prioress and Convent of Kilburn were acquitted of all tenths, fifteenths, and other taxations and tallages whatsoever, ecclesiastical or temporal, for all lands and tenements which they then possessed, and all goods and chattels which then or thereafter might belong to them.^d

Manning, in his History of Surrey, vol. ii. p. 667, says, "In the 39th Edw. III. A. D. 1366, Roger de Aperdele had licence to grant to the Prioress and Convent a messuage and thirty acres of land, eight acres of meadow, and ccc. iij^d. rent in Leddrede (Letherhead, co. Surrey); the messuage and twelve acres of land, and the eight acres of meadow, being held of William de Aperdele by the rent of vi^d.; the other eighteen held of John de Argentyn, chevalier, by the rent of xij^d. ob. of his manor of Paschevesham (Packenham). This estate afterwards obtained the name of the manor of Minchin, and was in some few instances confounded with the manor of Paschevesham, and styled Paschevesham, *alias* Minchin; but this last name is wholly improper, Minchin being merely a farm in Letherhead." This, Manning adds, is one of the many instances in which a farm has been dignified with the name of a manor, merely because it had belonged to a religious house.^e

In the 50th of King Edward III. Thomas de Walton clerk, and William Topcliffe, obtained licence to grant and assign to the prioress and convent of Kilburn, and their successors, for ever, one acre of land, with its appurtenances, in the parish of Cudham in the county of Kent, together with the advowson of the church of the same parish, held of the king in capite: and by writ of privy seal, dated at Haverlyng Dec. 1st in the same year, the prioress and convent are empowered to receive the same, and to appropriate the said church to their own proper use, for the purpose of finding a chaplain to celebrate divine service daily, in the Church of the House of the said prioress and convent, for the welfare of the above King Edward, as long as he should live, and afterwards for the health of his soul, and for the souls of Simon, formerly cardinal of Canterbury, and all the faithful who had de-

parted this life; notwithstanding the statute of mortmain, &c. saving to the king and his heirs the due and accustomed services from the said land and advowson.^f The church of Cudham was, in consequence, appropriated to the prioress and convent by the bishop of Rochester June 20th, 1377; the petition to the bishop, on that occasion, setting forth that the monastery was much decayed in its rents and profits, and, from its situation near a much-frequented highway, inevitably exposed to the burthen of affording hospitality to a large concourse of people, both rich and poor, continually passing on the road.^g

By Pat. 6 Rich. II. p. 3, m. 1, in consideration of the poverty of the priory, it was granted that the Prioress and Convent should be acquitted, for the space of thirty years, of all tenths, subsidies, and taxations, temporal or ecclesiastical, due upon the said church.^h

The former liberties and exemptions of this priory were further confirmed by letters patent in the 1st Hen. V. p. 4, m. 37, and in the 5th Edw. IV. p. 2, m. 28: to the latter of which was added a grant "de acquietatione theolonei."

Bishop Tanner, in addition to the Records already referred to, says,

"*Vid.* in Cartulario archiepisc. Cantuar. MS. in bibl. Bodl. Oxon. p. 87, cartam, qua priorissa et conventus tenentur annuatim reddere archiepisc. Cantuar. v. marcas pro ten. in Herewe et Hese.

"Brev. 7 Edw. II. Trin. rot. 11. Claus. 11 Edw. II. m. 29. Plac. apud Turrin 14 Edw. II. assis. rot. 28, de ten. in London.

"Claus. 2 Hen. IV. p. 1, m. 19 et 21, dorso, de ten. in Tokington et Herwe, Midd."

Lysons, Envir. of London, edit. 1810, vol. ii. p. 348, refers to Pat. 49 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 22, pro ten. in St. Nich. Shambles.

Mr. Park, commenting on the Valor Ecclesiasticus of this priory, enumerates the particulars of certain other possessions.

"It is stated in a Record of the dean and chapter of St. Paul's," he says, "that forty acres of land in the parish of Wilsdon were in the cultivation of the nuns of Keleburne, an. 1181. State of the Churches, &c. belonging to the Dean and Chapter in that year. Reg. Dec. et Cap.

"In MS. Cotton. Nero E. vi. fol. 53, there is a lease from the prioress and convent of Kilburn to Geoffrey Marescall, London, of a tenement situated between the foss of London near Newgate and St. Sepulchre's church-yard; rent reserved v^s.

"In Liber Regis, under 'Priorat. Novi Hospitalis B. Mariæ Virginis extra Busshopesgate London,' the following entry is among the reprisals: 'Reddit. resolut. Priorissæ de Kilborne annuatim exeunt. de tent. in parochia sancti Olavi juxta Creplegate, iij^s.'

"In 'A particular Noat of the severall rents and things, given, granted, remised and released by Q. Eliz. by her letters patents bearing date Aug. 11, an. reg. 14, unto the dean and chapter of St. Paul's'—'Item, a quitt rent of xvij^s. per ann. late parcell of the possessions of the Priory of Kilburn, issuing forth of a tenement of the said Dean and Chapter, scituate in the parish of St. Mary Magdalen Old Fish Street.'

"In Liber Regis, under 'Repris. Hospitalis Sancti Johannis Jerusalem,'—'Reddit. resolut. Priorissæ de Kilborne exeunt. de terr. in London, v^s.'

"In the same, under Repris. dom. Sancti Thomæ Acon Civit. London,'—'Redd. resolut. Priorissæ de Kylborne exeunt. de duobus tenementis in Abchurch Layne, v^s.'"

An original release from Emma de Sancto Omero, prioress of Kilburn, to John Graunt of Everdone, and John Heywode of Daventre, of a messuage called the Bell on the Hoop, and four shops adjoining, in the parishes of St. Mary le Strande and St. Clements Danes, is still in existence, in private possession.

^a See Num. IX.

^b Harl. MS. 6281.

^c Esch. 16 Edw. II. num. 72. Park's Hist. of Hampst. p. 171.

^d See Num. X. An Inspecimus of this Grant occurs on the Patent Roll, 27 Edw. IV. p. 2, m. 28.

^e Hist. of Hampst. ut supr. p. 172.

^f Pat. 50 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 8, printed in Thorpe's Registrum Roffense. See Park, ut supr. p. 173.

^g Park, ibid. pp. 173, 174.

^h Ibid. p. 178. See the Append. of Instruments, Num. XII.

"The manor or manor farm of Wembly, *alias* Wymbley, in the parish of Harrow, appears to have belonged to the priory of Kilburn, in Claus. 2 Hen. IV. p. 1, m. 18—20. Among Bishop Tanner's MSS. in the Bodleian library (No. 223, fol. 87), there is a bond executed by Margery prioress of Kilburn and the convent of that place, securing the payment of five marks per annum to the archbishop of Canterbury, for the land and tenement which they held by the donative of William Hustard, in the manors of Hareways and Hese [Harrow and Hayes]."^a

The notice of a virgate of land belonging to the nunery, at Estburnham in Buckinghamshire, occurs among the Placita of that county as early as the 8th Joh.^b

In a "Certificate of the value of the Monastery of Saint Sexburge within the Yle of Shepey," there is the following entry among the reprisals:

"Item, rents paid yerly for the Prioress of Kylborne, v^s."^c

The names of very few of the

PRIORESSES OF KILBURN

are now recoverable.

JOAN occurs prioress at the time Ralph Harldel was lord mayor of London.^d

EMMA DE SANCTO ORMERO, and
MARGERIE, have been already noticed.
ANNE BROWNE was the last prioress.

The suppression of all religious Houses under the yearly value of 200*l.* anno 28 Hen. VIII. put an end to the existence of Kilburn priory. From an "Inventory of all the Goodes, Catalles, Implements and Store, as well quyk as ded, belonging to the Nonre of Kilborne the xj. day of May, anno xxvij. R. Henr. VIIIth." Mr. Park has extracted some particulars relating to two or three of the principal apartments, the church goods, &c. From this document it appears that the buildings of the Convent were, 1. The Hall. 2. The Chamber next the Church. 3. The middle Chamber between that and the Prioress's Chamber. 4. The Prioress's Chamber. 5. The Buttery, Pantry, and Cellar. 6. The Inner Chamber to the Prioress's Chamber. 7. The Chamber between the Prioress's Chamber and the Hall. 8. The Kitchen. 9. The Larder House. 10. The Brewhouse and Bakehouse. 11. The three Chambers for the Chaplain, and the Hinds or Husbandmen. 12. The Confessor's Chamber. 13. The Church.

"The Hall.

"First, the same hangd with steyned work, bordered, in peces, val. v^s.

Item, two tables, xvij^d. Three trestelles, viij^d. Three formes, vj^d. One longsetell, vj^d. and two benches, *nulla*.

Item, one carpet upon the cupborde, ij^d.

Item, a cupborde, iij^d.

Item, four clothes lyeng in the four wyndos, iij^d.

Summa, ix^s.

"The Chamber next to the Chirche.

Item, three peces of hanginges about the said chamber with a border to the same, xx^d.

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Item, an other litle table w^t. a standing foote, iij^d.

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Item, four cosshins of old tapstry work, vj^d.

Item, one carpet of Cadys for the table, xij^d.

Item, two clothes in the two wyndowes, of old tapstrye, iij^d.

Item, two bookes of Legenda Aurea, the one in prynt, and the other wryten, both Englyshe, iij^d.

Summa, viij^s. iij^d.

^a Hist. of Hampst. pp. 186, 187.

^b Abbreviatio Placitorum.

"The Midle Chamber.

Item, two bedsteddes of bordes, viij^d.

Item, one fetherbedd, v^s. Two matteres, xx^d. Two old coverlettes, xx^d. Three wollen blankettes, viij^d. Three bolsters, xvij^d.

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Item, a syller of old steyned worke, iij^d.

Item, two peces of old hanginges paynted, x^d.

Summa, xij^s. ix^d.

"The Prioress Chamber.

Item, four peces of Sey redde and greene, with a bordure of story hanginge in the seid chamber, iij^s. iij^d.

Item, a standing bedd with four posts of weynscott, xx^d.

Item, a trundle bedd, under the same, iij^d.

Item, a syller of yelow and redde bokerame, and three curteyns of the same work, ij^s.

Item, eight pillowes of downe covered with fustyan, xij^d.

Item, an old cubbord with two ambreys in it, x^d.

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Item, two aundeyerns, a fyer fercke, a fyer panne, and a paire of tongges, xx^d.

Item, nine paire of sheetes, flaxen and canvas, xij^s. iij^d.

Item, two diaper table clothes, vj^s. viij^d. A pleyn clothe for the borde in the Hall, xij^d.

Item, four pleyn clothes for the table in the seid chirche chamber, ij^s.

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Summa, lv^s. x^d.

"The Botery, Pantrye, and Seller.

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Item, two saltes of pewter with one cover, vj^d.

Item, six latyn candilstykes, xvij^d.

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Item, one charger, xij^d. Twelve podyngers, iij^s.

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Item, six stone cruesys to drink in, ni.

Item, two gestes for ale vessels to lye on in the seller, ni.

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Summa, xxxj^s.

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"The Bruehowse and Bakehowse.

Item, a faire bruyng leade sette in the furnes, x^s.

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Item, a mylne to grynd malt, with two qwarn stones, iij^s.

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Belles, three, worth by estimacion after xx^s. the C. xij^{li}. vj^s. viij^d.

Leade in dyverse places, j^{li}.

Glasse and yorne, viij^{li}. viij^s. x^d.

Redy money in her [the prioress's] kepinge upon her confession, vj^{li}. xvj^s. iij^d.

Item, one horse of the collar of blacke, at v^s.

Item, the churcheyerde, or the yerde adioynynge to the seid howse, worth to the lettere xx^s. by the yere.

Dettes owynge by the howse, as apperyth by a byll, x^{li}. xj^s. ix^d.

"The Inventory of the Chirche Stuff.

First, three superaltaries of stone, vj^s.

Item, a hollywater fatte of brasse, iij^d.

^c Hist. of Hampst. p. 189.

^d See p. 424.

Item, four hanginges for the highe aulter; two of silke, vij^s. iiij^d. and two of steyned work, iiij^s.

Item, six curteyns; two of silke, ij^s. and four of steyned work.

Item, seven aulter clothes, wherof three at ij^s. and four at iiij^s. Summa v^s.

Item, one front or frenge, at vij^d.

Item, five hanginges for other aulters of steyned work,

v^s.

Item, four candilstykkes of laten for the high aulter, ij^s. iiij^d.

Item, a standerde of yern, viij^d.

Item, a braunche of yerne befor Seynt John, with of pewter, xij^d.

Item, a lampe of laten, x^d.

Item, a laten sensor, xx^d.

Item, two crosses, one of coper and gilt, with a staff of the same, and thoder of clene coper, at ij^s. iiij^d.

Item, one baner clothe for the seid crosses of grene sersenet, with a mity devisede, ij^d.

[Item, two silver chaleses; one sole gilt, lxxvj^s. viij^d. and the oder parcell gilt xl^s.

Item, a relique of the holy crosse, closed in silver, and gilt, sett with counterfeyte stones and perls, worth ij^s. iiij^d.

Item, a crosse, with certen other reliques plated with silver gilted, ij^s. iiij^d.

Item, a case to kepe in reliques, plated and gilt, v^d.

Remayninge w^t. the comyssioners.]

Item, one paire of tynne cruettes, ij^d.

Item, three copes, one of redd velvet, vj^s. viij^d. another of yelow silke, ij^s. and the third of white w^t. roses for Lent season, viij^s. viij^d.

Item, eight vestmentes complete, and three xij^s. iiij^d.

Item, two masbookes, one old writen, and the oder print, at xx^d.

Item, four processions in parchement, ij^s. and paper, x^d.

Item, two Legendes, viij^d. the one in parchement, and thoder in paper.

Item, two chestes w^t. diverse bookes perteyninge to the chirche, bookes of no value.

Item, four corporasse cases with the corporasyes in them, ij^s. iiij^d.

Item, a clocke, v^s.

Summa, xjⁱⁱ. iiij^s. x^d.

Item, a goblett of silver, parcell gilt, with a cover by estimacion xiiij. oz. leyd to plegge to Guthlake Overton for xl^s. vj^d.

Item, a salt without a cover gilt, per oz. xj. oz. by estimacion at ij^s. viij^d.—xliij^s. delivered to the commysioners. Nota, ther ys one salt of sylver

Item, a goblett weying ix. oz. by estimacion xxxij^s. Delivered to the comyssioners.

Item, six of sylver weying vj. oz. xx^s. Ditto.

"Kylborne. Memorandum theise parcelles within wrytten viewed and seed by Sir Roger Chomley and other the Kinges comissioners ben delyvered to Anne Brown prioress ther, by the same comyssioners savelly to be kept to the kynges use the xjth. day of May anno xxvijth. R. Henr. VIII. In wytnes wherof the same Comyssioners and the said Prioress have herunto sett there names the said daye and yere.

ANNE BROWNE.

ROGER CHOLMLEY.

THOMAS SPILMAN.

THOMAS WYLDDEMAN.

"Summa totalis cvjⁱⁱ. x^d. videlicet,

Moveabell and redy moneye xxxijⁱⁱ. xiiij^s. viij^d.

Lead and belles lxxjⁱⁱ. xiiij^s. vj^d.

Dettes owing by the howse xjⁱⁱ. xj^s. ix^d.

"Pro uno pomario et cemeterio ejusdem prioratus adiacen. ad xx^s. per annum."^a

The valuation of this monastery at the Suppression is variously stated. Dugdale says, the possessions amounted to the yearly value of 74*l*. 7*s*. 11*d*. : Speed to 121*l*. 16*s*. Weever says, 86*l*. 7*s*. 6*d*. ; while Stevens makes that the gross sum, and the clear value 74*l*. 7*s*. 11*d*.

After the Dissolution, the scite, circuit, and precinct of Kilburn priory, with the demesne lands and other territory adjoining, were exchanged by King Henry the Eighth, by act of parliament, in the 28th year of his reign, with the prior and co-brethren of St. John of Jerusalem, for Paris garden and some other estates.^b

Upon the suppression of the Knights Hospitallers in 1540, the scite of Kilburn Priory came again, among their possessions, into the hands of the crown. It is said afterwards to have been in the tenure of Robert earl of Sussex.^c On the 27th March, 1st Edw. VI. the king, among numerous other lands and manors, granted this scite, then stated to be of the yearly value of 11*l*. to John Dudley earl of Warwick:^d who is said immediately to have aliened it to Richard Taverner.^e The latter conveyed it, in 1550, to John Lambe, at which time it should seem as if the chancel was then the only part of the conventual church remaining.^f The scite is at present the property of Richard Marsh, gent.

There are now no REMAINS of this priory; but the scite is very plainly to be seen in the abbey-field, nearly adjoining to a tea-drinking house called Kilburn Wells, from a mineral spring of a gentle aperient quality. The abbey farm consists of about forty-six acres.^g

There are two impressions of the SEAL used by this priory appendant to deeds in the chapter-house at Westminster. Both these deeds are without date; but the time when one of them was made may be ascertained by the name of one of the witnesses being Ralph Harldel, then mayor of London. By this deed, Joan prioress of the house of St. John the Baptist of Keleburne, and the convent of the same place, convey to Ralph de Lincoln, citizen

called Kylborne woode conteynnyng by estymacion xxixⁱⁱ. acres, the woode behynde the orchearde there called Hungerells wyth the hedge rowes rounde about the same conteynnyng by estimacion six acres, a wood or grove in Kylborn aforsayde called Flowrell woode with certeyne hedge rowes about the same contaynyng by estimacion xxijⁱⁱ. acres and a half and seven rodes, the hedge rowes rounde about Gorefeld and Goremede conteynnyng by estimacion xj. acres and a half acre and xxⁱⁱ. rodes, and the hedge rowes about Wormole conteynnyng by estimacion ix. acres and a halfe, set and beyng in Kylborne and Padyngton aforsayde wyth all and singler theyre appurtenances; to holde the same of the kyng's highnes his heyres and successours in franke almes for ever. And also our sayde sovereign lorde the kyng in further consideration of the premysses, by the sayd indentures &c."

^a See Lysons's Environs of London, ut supr. vol. ii. p. 348.

^d Harl. MS. 4316, p. 161.

^e Park, Hist. of Hampst. p. 197, from Pat. 1 Edw. VI. p. 8. June 25.

^f Orig. 4 Edw. VI. p. 1. De licentia alien. mesuag. nuper priorat. sancti Johannis Baptistæ de Kylburn in com. Midd. ac cancellam ejusdem Ecclesiæ, et al. terr. ibidem spectan. Johanni Lambe et heredibus suis. ro. 45.

^g See Lysons, ut supr. p. 349.

^a See Park, pp. 179—185.

^b The grant of the scite of Kilburn priory is thus described in the act of the 28th Hen. VIII. chap. 38. "And our sayde sovereign lorde the kyng by the said indentures, in consideration of the said maner, londes, tenements and other the premysses, and also of and for all and singular covenants, graunts, promyses, and agrements, comprysed and specefyed in the said indentures on the partie and behalfe of the saide priour and his cobrethern to be observed, performed, and kepte, gave and graunted unto the sayde priour and his cobrethern and to theyre successours, all that the scyte, circuyte, and procyncte of the late Priory, Monastery, or House of Kylburne in the countie of Midd. comenly called the priory of Kylborn, wyth the Churche, houses, and buyldyngs theruppon stondyng or beyng, and also the demayn londs of the sayde late priory, conteynnyng by estymacion six acres, the Chapel felde, and the Lytell Hyll felde adjoyning to the same in Kylborne aforsayde, conteynnyng by estymacion four acres, one fyld or pasture there called Hungerellys conteynnyng by estimacion x. acres, and a fyld or pasture called the West Ende conteynnyng by estimation xii. acres, and all other the demayne londes of the sayde late prory lyeng and beyng in Kylborne aforsayde, Hamsted, Padyngton, and Westborn in the said countie of Middlesex; and also one mesuage or tenement set and beyng then before the dore of the churche of the sayd late prory wyth the londes therunto belongyng, one woode in Kylborne aforsaide

and skinner of London, a messuage in the parish of St. Alban, Wood Street: by the other, Margery the prioress and convent convey to William Preest of London a certain place of land in the parish of All Saints, Fenchurch. The impressions of these seals, one of which is nearly perfect, but the other much mutilated, are on green wax, oval, and of a middling size: they are both taken from one matrix; that to Preest, which is nearly whole, represents St. John

the Baptist, clothed in camels' hair, and bearing a scroll, with the words ECCE . AGNUS . DEI. The legend round the seal is SIGILL S^CI . JOH . BAPTE . DE . KELEBV^RN.

Mr. Park, who has engraved the seal of Kilburn priory in his History of Hampstead, from an impression in private possession, fills the blank here left with the word CONVENTVS.

Cartae ad Kylburnense Coenobium Monialium in comitatu Middlesexiae spectantes: Cellam Abbatiae de Westmonasterio.

NUM. I.

Prima Fundatio Monialium de Kylborne per Abbatem Westmonasterii Herebertum.

[Ex Registro quodam Westmonasteriensis Coenobii in bibl. Cotton. sub effigie Faustinae A. III. fol. 325 b.]

OMNIBUS hominibus tam futuris, quam praesentibus notum sit, tempore Henrici regis, qui tertius ex Normannis regnavit in Anglia, Herebertum abbatem Westmonasterii, et priorem Osbertum de Clara, una cum omni venerabili ejusdem sanctae ecclesiae conventu, domino Gilberto Universali Londoniae sanctae ecclesiae praesule annuente, dedisse tribus puellis, Emmae videlicet, et Gunildae et Cristinae, heremitorium de Cuneburna, quod aedificavit Godwynus, cum omni terra illius loci, et omnibus illis quae inibi eadem sanctitatis vitae norma fruendi causa futurae sunt. Concessu tamen, atque precatu illius Godwyni heremite, quatinus eundem locum qui ad illum pertinet in elemosina pro redemptione animarum totius praedicti conventus fratrum possideant; eadem conditione atque libertate qua Ethelredus rex Anglorum, pater Edwardi regis, ad praedictam Westmonasterii ecclesiam dedit Hamstedam. Post cujus obitum etiam, praedictus Edwardus, qui regni gubernacula suscepit, illud idem confirmavit. Ad cujus villae possessionem ille praenotatus locus, antequam haec fierent pertinebat; ut Deus, omnium redemptor, omnes illorum animas in caelis inter sanctorum consortia, perseverare jubeat. Sit tamen semper locus ille sub custodia fratrum, ne temerario quolibet jure pejoretur, aut sinistra regatur. Huic ergo loco concessit dari dominus abbas Herebertus, et totus conventus duo perpetue beneficia: unum videlicet pro requie omnium animarum illius ecclesiae fratrum, et pro omnibus fratribus de Feschampa, tam pro vivis, quam pro defunctis; et aliud quod dederant Ailmaro, omni tempore vitae suae, ut omnipotens Deus, ab omni peste et clade omnes praedictorum fratrum animas eripiat; et sit ille praescriptus heremita Godwynus, magister loci, illarumque puellarum quamdiu vixerit custos. Et post ejus obitum eligat conventus puellarum seniore ydoneum, qui earum ecclesiae praesit, abbatibus tamen concilio. Et non habeat potestatem aliquam abbas, priorve aut quislibet alter aliquam intrare faciendi absque illarum voluntate et licentia quae infra clausae fuerint. Capellanus vero qui in monasterio praefuerit de possessionibus, vel ecclesiae rebus, non se intromittat, nisi illarum jussu, et omnes possessiones quas eis Deus donaverit, habeant liberè, sicut sanctus Petrus habet suas. Et in principio omnium beneficiorum dedimus eis, et concessimus imperpetuum xxx^s. de illa elemosina, quam Sweno pater Roberti de Estsexa dedit Deo et sancto Petro,

scilicet, lx. sol. Quorum solidorum altera medietas, in coena Domini ad mandatum pauperum Christi faciendum constituta est. Hanc autem donationem fecimus illis ancillis Dei, pro statu ecclesiae nostrae in bonum, et pro incolumitate, et pace omnium seniorum abbatum, et fratrum, et benefactorum nostrorum vivorum, et pro redemptione animarum a poenis ex quorum beneficio descenderunt, et pro animabus omnium abbatum nostrorum et fratrum ecclesiae nostrae defunctorum. Huic loco etiam, Cuneburnae scilicet, dedit Ailmanus sacerdos unam terram in caritate in Southwerch, quae reddit per annum ij^s. Huius testibus, &c.

NUM. II.

Carta Hereberti Abbatis de Terra in Knyhtbrigg Monialibus de Kylborne concessa.

[Ibid. fol. 326 b.]

HEREBERTUS abbas ecclesiae sancti Petri Westmonasterii, et totus ejusdem ecclesiae conventus, tam futuris, quam praesentibus salutem. Notum sit vobis nos communi assensu totius capituli et consilio dedisse in elemosina, pro anima regis nostri Edwardi fundatoris ecclesiae nostrae, et pro animabus omnium fratrum et benefactorum nostrorum, ancillis Dei, quae sunt in ecclesia beati Johannis Baptistae de Keneburna, et omnibus quae ibidem ad serviendum Deo futurae sunt, quandam terram ad sartandam in tenetura manerii nostri quod dicitur Cnittebruga in loco qui Gara appellatur. Volumus etiam et firmiter praecipimus, ut in pace, et quiete, liberè, et sine omni servitio teneant illam praedictam terram. Et si quis eis super hanc donationem, et donationis libertatem aliquam inde violentiam, vel dampnum, vel contumeliam, aut torturam aliquam fecerit, et elemosinam nostram violare, vel auferre a praedicta ecclesia praesumpserit, nisi illis ancillis Dei citam et congruam satisfactionem fecerit, ab omni conventu ecclesiae nostrae excommunicetur, et a Christo, pauperum suorum defensore, perpetuo anathematis gladio feriatur. Amen. Hii sunt testes, Gregorius dapifer, Radulfus de Puntfret, Ricardus cocus, et multi alii.

NUM. III.

De Jurisdictione in Cella Monialium de Kylebourne per Episcopum Londoniensem Abbati Westmonasterii concessa.

[Ex Codice MS. in Bibliotheca Cottoniana, sub effigie Vespasiani A. XIX. fol. 406.]

OMNIBUS sanctae matris ecclesiae filiis ad quos praesens

scriptum pervenerit Gilbertus Dei gratia Londoniensis episcopus salutem. Noverit universitas vestra quod cum inter nos et abbatem Westmonasteriensem et conventum quæstio verteretur super subjectione et jurisdictione Cellæ de Kilebourne cum suis pertinentiis, attendentes eandem cellam à fundatione sua cum pertinentiis suis dicto conventui et abbati Westmonasterii pertinere, concedimus et præsentem cartam nostram confirmavimus eidem abbati et successoribus suis in perpetuam jurisdictionem et subjectionem in spiritualibus prædictæ Cellæ cum suis pertinentiis; ita quod memorata Cella cum pertinentiis suis à jurisdictione et subjectione Londoniensis ecclesiæ in perpetuum penitus sit exempta. Et quod abbas Westmonasterii et conventus, et successores eorum, omnem habeant potestatem ordinandi et disponendi per se et procuratores suos quod eidem Cellæ viderint expedire, absque ulla contradictione Londoniensis ecclesiæ in perpetuum. Et ut hæc nostra Concessio et Confirmatio firma sit et stabilis, præsens scriptum sigilli nostri appositione roboravimus. Ad majorem verò securitatem sigillum capituli nostri de assensu ipsius fecimus apponi, &c.

NUM. IV.

Carta Gervasii Abbatis de tribus Corrodiis Monialibus de Kylborne concessis.

[MS. Cotton. Faust. A. III. fol. 327 b.]

NOTUM sit omnibus Ecclesiæ fidelibus tam præsentibus quam futuris quod ego Gervasius abbas Westm. dono et concedo pro salute animæ meæ et pro anima Regis Edwardi, necnon et pro salute omnium successorum meorum, ancillis Christi de Keneburna unum plenarium moniale corredium, illud videlicet quod habuit Ailmarus heremita in pane et cervisia, in vino, in medone, et in pitancia. Istud corredium prece ac petitione nostra communi consilio et consensu totius capituli nostri confirmari feci. Præterea notum sit quod nos communiter et concorditer voluntate corredium Gilberti abbatis illis concessimus; et tertium corredium quod secundum tenorem cartæ suæ antea habuerunt firmiter confirmo. Volumus igitur et constanter præcipimus ut hæc tria beneficia in pane et cervisia et coquina, in vino, in medone, et pitanciis, cum uno tantummodo clareto, sc. pro anima Gilberti abbatis, absque ulla contradictione et contrarietate, et diminutione, in perpetuam elemosinam habeant. Quicumque ergo hæc beneficia manutenerunt, et manutenedo pro Christo augere voluerunt benedictionem Dei et nostram percipiant; qui vero diminuere præsumperit, semel et secundo ac tertio correptus, nisi digna emendatione satisfecerit iram omnipotentis Dei et nostram maledictionem incurrat. Deus omnipotens sit testis et conservator acceptor hujus donationis ac constitutionis nostræ. Amen.

NUM. V.

Carta Gervasii Abbatis et Conventus Westm. de Terra de Gara in Knythbrigge Monialibus de Kilborne concessis.

[Ibid. fol. 328.]

GERVASIUS abbas ecclesiæ sancti Petri Westm. et totus ejusdem ecclesiæ conventus tam futuris quam præsentibus salutem. Notum vobis sit nos communi assensu totius capituli et consilio dedisse in elemosina pro anima regis nostri Edwardi fundatoris ecclesiæ nostræ, et pro animabus omnium fratrum et benefactorum nostrorum ancillis Dei quæ sunt in ecclesia sancti Johannis Baptistæ de Keneburna et omnibus quæ ibidem ad serviendum Deo futuræ sunt quandam terram ad sarcandum in tenetura manerii nostri quod dicitur Knihteburga, et in loco qui Gara appellatur; volumus igitur et firmiter præcipimus ut in pace et quiete, et libere, et sine omni servicio teneant illam prædictam terram sicut eas inde saysivit frater noster Osbertus de Clara, et sicut meta et divisio illius terræ facta est per respectum et considerationem et mensuram hominum illius villæ. Et si quis eis super hanc donationem et donationis libertatem aliquam inde violentiam, vel dampnum, vel contumeliam, aut torturam aliquam fecerit, et elemosinam nostram violare vel auferre a prædicta ecclesia præsumperit, nisi Ancill. Dei citam et congruam satisfactionem fecerit, ab omni conventu

ecclesiæ nostræ excommunicetur, et a Christo pauperum suorum defensore perpetuo anathematis gladio feriatur. Amen. Hii sunt testes Gregorius dapifer, Radulphus clericus, Mauricius clericus, Ricardus præpositus, et Hathewy qui idem manerium tenebat, et multi alii.

NUM. VI.

Carta Confirmationis Laurencii Abbatis de Donatione Prædecessorum suorum Ancillis de Kylborne.

[Ibid. fol. 328 b.]

LAURENCIUS abbas Westmon. universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ fidelibus salutem. Pium est ac religiosum ea quæ sanctis locis a fidelibus caritatis intuitu collata sunt confirmare et ne in posterum quorumlibet pravitate valeant auferri scriptorum munimine roborare. Ea propter quæcumque a prædecessoribus nostris Hereberto et Gervasio abbatibus Ancillis Christi de Kyneburna rationabiliter concessa sunt nos auctoritate qua possumus ratum habemus et sigilli nostri impressione confirmamus. Hii testibus Radulpho fratre abbatis Westmonasterii, magistro Mauricio, Symone clerico, Willielmo filio Isabellæ, Radulpho de Septem Fontibus, Hugone Bello, et Roberto Testard.

NUM. VII.

Bulla Honorii III. Papæ de Jurisdictione in Cella de Kyleburn.

[Ibid. fol. 178.]

HONORIUS, &c. dilectis filiis abbati et conventui Westmon. salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Justis petentium desideriis dignum est nos facile præbere consensum, et vota quæ a rationis tramite non discordant effectu prosequente complere. Cum ergo sicut ex parte vestra fuit propositum coram nobis Cella monialium de Keleburn Lond. dioc. ad vos pertineat pleno jure nos vestris partibus inclinati Cellam ipsam cum omni jurisdictione quam habetis in illa sicut ea juste, canonice, ac pacifice obtinetis vobis auctoritate apostolica confirmamus et præsentis scripti patrocinio communimus. Nulli, &c. Dat. Tybur. id. Maii Pont. nostri anno nono.

NUM. VIII.

Rescriptum Gregorii IX. Papæ, A. D. 1229, de Spoliatione Jurisdictionis Cellæ Monialium de Killeborn.

[Ibid. fol. 204.]

GREGORIUS episcopus, servus servorum Dei venerabili fratri episcopo Roffen. et dilectis filiis Priori de Dunstaple et magistro Thomæ rectori ecclesiæ de Madestane, Lincoln. et Roffen. dioc. salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Dilecti filii abbas et conventus Westmon. transmissa nobis petitione, monstrarunt quod cum ipsi bonæ memoriæ episcopus et capitulum Lond. super eo quod ipsos quasi possessionis jurisdictionis cellæ monialium de Killeburne ad eorum monasterium pertinent, idem episcopus spoliaret et aliis coram te fili prior et tuis collegis auctoritate apostolica traxissent in causam iidem episcopus et capitulum præfatos abbatem et conventum super eisdem auctoritate cujusdam Rescripti apostolici quod ante spoliationem hujusmodi per biennium et amplius ad vos frater episcopus tunc archidiaconus et fil. magister tunc officialis Cantuar. fuerat impetratum prætextu illius clausulæ alias graves et injuriosi existentes eisdem postmodum convenerunt. Cumque super jurisdictione judicum quæstio suborta fuisset, tandem memoratus episcopus et decanus et quidam alii canonici London. qui tunc aderant pro capitulo, et præfati abbas et conventus in vos super tam prædicta unanimiter consenserunt, et licet coram vobis lite legitime contestata usque ad publicationem testium sit in causa processum te cum frater episcopus interim promotus de archidiacono in episcopum, et supradicto London. episcopo sublato de medio, tam ipsa remanet in suspenso pro eo maxime quod ex capituli parte asseritur sibi esse possessionem hujusmodi acquisitam ac ideo non esse contra episcopum, cum ipsi rem suam faciant procedendum et decanum et canonicos supradictos quorum in

nos consensus accesserat capitulum nunquam habuisse cum in veritate post consensum hujus communis procurator a capitulo ad prosequendum causam ipsam fuerit institutus. Quare nobis prædicti abbas et conventus humiliter supplicarunt ut hujusmodi assertionem capituli ac episcopi morte nequaquam obstantibus cum ei sit alius substitutus causæ ipsi finem imponi debitum faceremus volentesque ut finis litibus imposita discretionem vestræ per apostolica scripta percipiendo mandamus quatinus ad decisionem ipsius causæ juxta priorum continentiam literarum sine moris dispendio, appellatione remota, pervia procedatur. Ita quod neutri partium, juxta de vobis remaneat materia conquerendi. Nullis litteris veritati et justitiæ præjudicantibus a sede apostolica impetratis. Quod si non omnes hiis exequendis potuerit interesse tu ea frater episcopo cum eorum altero nichilominus exequaris. Dat. Perusii id. Maii pontificatus nostri anno tertio.

NUM. IX.

Contentio Cellæ de Kyleburn terminata inter Capitulum Sancti Pauli et Ecclesiam Westmonasterii.

[Ex Codice MS. in Bibliotheca Cottoniana, sub effigie Vespasiani A. xix. fol. 406.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit R. Dei gratia Londoniensis episcopus, et R. Dei gratia abbas Westmonasterii salutem in Domino. Noverit universita vestra quod cum inter nos super jurisdictione cellæ de Kileburn auctoritate apostolica quæstio mota fuisset, tandem ita amicebilitate convenit de consilio peritorum, videlicet, quod dominus Londoniensis episcopus qui pro tempore fuerit ad cellam de Kileburn accedet quociens voluerit et quando voluerit, et cum processione et campanarum pulsatione et omni solempnitate et reverentia à priorissa et monialibus admittetur. Ingredietur etiam dominus episcopus capitulum monialium cum suis ad prædicantem verbum Dei, et audiet confessiones secretas et injunget pœnitentias monialibus volentibus confiteri. Nullam tamen dictus episcopus exigit procuracionem. Custos verò secularis sacerdos canonicè prædictæ domui ab abbate et successoribus suis præficiendus, episcopo præsentabitur, et nisi aliquid canonicum obstiterit, sine difficultate admittetur, et eidem faciet canonicam obedientiam, qui à dicto abbate poterit sine contradictione amoveri prout viderit abbas expedire, et alius ydoneus forma simili præsentari. Priorissa verò dictæ domus ab abbate et successoribus suis instituenda canonicam faciet obedientiam episcopo memorato in hiis quæ præsentem tangunt compositionem, salva in omnibus reverentia et obedientia debita abbati sæpedito canonica et antiqua. Tota verò ordinatio dictæ domus de rebus et personis tantum intra septa dictæ cellulæ contentis, et correctio excessuum et reformatio status in institutionibus et destitutionibus priorissæ et monialium et cæteris omnibus, ad abbatem et successores suos pertinebit in perpetuum. Si qua tamen in dicta domo fuerint corrigenda in personis monialium et regularium et secularium personarum ibidem existentium, et fama deferente, ad noticiam episcopi hoc pervenerit, et dictus abbas à tempore denunciacionis sibi factæ per episcopum, si abbas præsens fuerit, vel prior Westmonasterii, abbate in remotis partibus agente, circa dictam correctionem et reformationem per mensem negligens fuerit, et de ejus negligentia canonicè constiterit, extunc licebit episcopo ea circa quæ abbas ea vice negligenter se habuerit corrigere et reformare prout secundum Deum viderit expedire. Ita videlicet quod circa personam dictæ priorissæ contra præsentem compositionem nichil attemptetur per eundem. Nullus verò monachus excepta persona abbatis et prioris vacante abbacia vel abbate in remotis partibus agente, vel etiam ipso ægrotante, poterit audire confessiones et injungere pœnitentiam monialibus prænotatis. Dictus etiam episcopus cum fuerit ab abbate rogatus

monialibus dictæ domus munus benedictionis seu consecrationis impendat, nullo alio episcopo ad aliquod officium episcopale dicto loco imposterum introducendo vel admitendo. Ratione verò præsentis compositionis episcopus Londoniensis vel capitulum suum in dictum abbatem vel monachos Westmonasterii vel in ipsum monasterium nullam jurisdictionem vel subjectionem poterunt vindicare, nec etiam hujus compositionis prætextu prædictæ cellæ monialium seu ipsis monialibus suo jure in aliquo derogabitur. Acta in capella apud Fulham, anno gratiæ mcccxxxj.

NUM. X.

Pro Priorissa et Monialibus de Kilbourn.

[Pat. 27 Edw. III. p. 3, m. 2. Park, Hist. Hampst. App. p. xvii.]

Rex omnibus ad quos, &c. salutem. Sciatis quod de gratia nostra speciali concessimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris dilectis nobis in Christo Priorissæ et monialibus Prioratus de Kilbourn, qui de fundatione progenitorum nostrorum quondam regum Angliæ esse dinoscitur, quod ipse et earum successores de decimis, quintedecimis, ac omnimodis taxationibus, tallagiis, et aliis quotis quibuscumque nobis per clerum aut communitatem regni nostri Angliæ vel alio modo concessis seu nobis vel hæredibus nostris exnunc concedendis pro omnibus terris et tenementis quæ eadem priorissa et moniales possident in præsentem, ac bonis et catallis quæ nunc habent, seu ipsas vel earum successores in terris et tenementis prædictis de cætero habere contigerit, imperpetuum sint quietæ et penitus exoneratæ. In cujus, &c. Teste Rege apud Westmon. xx. die Decembris.

Per breve de privato sigillo.

NUM. XI.

Pro Priorissa et Monialibus de Kilbourn de Confirmatione.

[Pat. 5 Edw. IV. p. 2, m. 28. Park, ut supr.]

Rex omnibus ad quos, &c. salutem. Inspeximus literas patentes domini Edwardi nuper regis Angliæ factas in hæc verba: Edwardus, &c. [vid. Num. X.] Nos autem literas prædictas ac omnia et singula in eisdem contenta rata habentes et grata ea pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, acceptamus et approbamus ac dilectis nobis in Christo nunc Priorissæ et monialibus loci prædicti et successoribus suis tenore præsentium ratificamus et confirmamus sicut literæ prædictæ rationabiliter testantur. In cujus, &c. Teste Rege apud Westmonasterium quarto die Junii.

Per decem solid. solut. in hanaperio.

NUM. XII.

Priorissa et Conventus de Kilborne.

[Pat. 6 Ric. II. p. 3, m. 1. Park, ut supr.]

Rex omnibus ad quos, &c. salutem. Sciatis quod nos considerantes exilitatem prioratus de Kilborn, volentesque dilectis in Christo Priorissæ et Conventui ejusdem prioratus gratiam facere specialem, concessimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris eisdem Priorissæ et Conventui quod ecclesiam parochialem de Codeham in comitatu Kantiæ in proprios usus tenent sicut dicunt quod ipse et successores sui per triginta annos proxime futuros quieti sunt et exonerati erga nos et hæredes nostros de omnimodis decimis, subsidiiis, et quotis, nobis vel hæredibus nostris per clerum regni nostri Angliæ concedendis pro dicta ecclesia vel fructibus ejusdem. In cujus, &c. Teste Rege apud Chilterne Langeley xxj. die Maij.

Per breve de privato sigillo.

VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Return, 26 Hen. VIII. First Fruits Office.)

PRIORATUS SIVE DOMUS MONIALIUM DE KYLBORNE.

		£.	s.	d.
Civit' London' et Com' Midd'				
Scitus Domus sive Prioratus.		N ^l . quia reservatur in manibus priorissæ.		
Terr' dominical' in diversis Locis cum 10s. pro Firma unius Domus sive Mansionis ex opposit' Hostij Ecclesie		6	9	8
Bosc' ibidem communibus Annis		1	6	0
xl. Lagen' Cervisiæ et xvij. Pan' Frumenti qualibet septimana in Anno de Monasterio Westmonaster' unacum 26s. 8d. in Pecunijs numeratus		16	1	4
Kylborne Street Redd' Assis' cum alijs Reddit' et Firmis tenentium		1	0	0
London et Suburb' Redd' Assis', &c.		20	9	6
Wembley et Tokyngton Redd' Assis', &c.		7	6	8
Hendon Redd' Assis', &c.		0	2	0
Stanwell Redd' Assis', &c.		0	8	0
Totenham Redd' Assis', &c.		0	10	0
Thelbestend Redd' Assis', &c.		2	0	0
		31	16	2
Wembley et Tokington Bosc'		0	19	0
- - - - - Perquis' Cur'		1	3	10½
		1	3	10½
Com' Kanc'				
Cowdeham Rector'		9	0	0
Com' Essex'				
Elham Penc' sive Porc'		0	6	8
Com' Buck'				
Estbornham Terr'		0	5	0
Com' Surr'				
Milton Redd' Assis' cum alijs Reddit' et Firmis tenentium		15	13	4
Letherede Redd' Assis', &c.		2	0	0
- - - - - Bosc'		1	12	0
- - - - - Perquis' Cur'		0	13	10½
		19	19	2½
Summa totalis hujus Priorat'		86	7	11

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 28 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

KYLBORNE PRIORATUS MONIALIUM.

		£.	s.	d.
Com' Midd'				
Kylborne Terr' dominical' cum uno tenemento vocato le Westende		7	10	0
- - - - - Firma unius parvi Clausi, Ort' et Gardin'		1	0	0

		£.	s.	d.
Com' Midd'				
	Stanwell	vij. Acr' Prati	0	8 0
	Kilborne	Firma unius Tenementi cum Gardino jac' juxta quandam Capellam . .	1	0 0
	- - - - -	Firma unius Tenementi jac' infra Precinctum dicti Prioratus cum quodam Clauso vocato le Condite Water-Close	0	10 0
Com' Surr'				
	Milton	Maner'	2	0 0
Com' Midd'				
	Wymbley et Tottington	Maner'	5	13 4
	Wymbley	Redd' Assis' cum Operibus arrentatis	1	13 8
	Milton	Firma Maner'	8	6 8
	- - - - -	Redd' Assis'	7	6 8
Com' Kanc'				
	Cowdehame	Rector'	9	0 0
Com' Essex'				
	Eldehame	Penc' sive Porc' x ^{mar} '	0	6 8
Com' Midd'				
	Westmon'	Oblationes, &c. extra Monaster'	16	1 4
	Stanwell	Terr'	0	8 0
	Tottenham	Terr'	0	10 0
	Estborneham	Redd'	0	5 0
Com' Surr'				
	Lethered	Redd'	2	0 0
Com' Midd'				
	Lond' Civ'.	Redd' in Paroch' S. Dunstani et in aliis Locis in Civitate predicta et in Parochia beate Marie de Strand juxta le Temple Barre	20	16 6

KYLBORNE NUPER PRIORATUS.

[Valor Monasteriorum 36 Hen. VIII. MS. Harl. 701.]

Midd.	FIRMA terr. dominical. cum aliis minutis firmis ibidem per annum	n ^l . quia conceditur.	} pr. xxx ^{li} . xij ^s . ij ^d . ob.
	Decima manerii de Wymbley et Tottington cum redd. assisis et operibus autumpnal. dicti manerij de Wymbley per annum	xiiij ^s . viij ^d . ob.	
Kanc.	Decima manerii de Milton per annum in com. Kanc.	xxxj ^s . iiij ^d .	
	Firma rectoriæ de Cowdham cum pensione de Eldeham in com. Essex ibidem per annum . .	ix ^{li} . vj ^s . viij ^d . ij ^s .	
Midd. &c.	Redd. terr. in Hendon per annum	ij ^s .	
	Redd. terr. in Tottenham, Estborneham, et Lethered per annum	xix ^s .	
Lond.	Quiet. redd. et firm. infra civitatem London. in diversis parochiis jacen. per annum	xvij ^{li} . xvij ^s . vj ^d .	
Inde			
Repr. in	Feod. et vad. ibidem per annum	xxxv ^s . iiij ^d .	
	Annualibus pensionibus cum penc. et procurat. ibidem per annum	xvij ^s . vj ^d .	
	Exonerat. redd. ibidem hoc anno	xlij ^s . iiij ^d .	
	Potatione inter tenem. per annum ^a	v ^s .	
	Et val. clare hoc anno	xxv ^{li} . xij ^s . j ^d . ob.	
	Summa totalis dicti nuper Priorat. hoc anno		

^a Interlin. hoc anno.

Priory of Hurley,

IN

BERKSHIRE:

A Cell to the Abbey of Westminster.



EOFFREY de Magna-villa, or Mandeville, ancestor of the Mandevilles earls of Essex, toward the close of the Conqueror's reign, endowed the church of St. Mary of Hurley with certain lands which were adjacent to it; subsequently bestowing both upon the abbey of Westminster, to form a Cell.^a Osmund bishop of Salisbury, in whose diocese Hurley was situated, is stated to have dedicated the church,

and King William the Conqueror to have approved and confirmed the donations made to it by the founder.^b

Madox, in his *Formulare Anglicanum*, has printed another Instrument of the founder to prevent injury to the woods on the territory of the monks at Waltham in Berkshire.^c

Geoffrey de Magna-villa, earl of Essex, son of the founder, was also a benefactor.^d

King Henry the First granted a charter of confirmation to the convent, printed by Madox.^e Another charter of confirmation was granted by King Kenry the Second, the original of which is preserved among the archives of the abbey of Westminster.^f

William de Mandeville, earl of Essex, granted them the tithe of nuts in his park at Enfield,^g together with the woods of Hurley and Little Waltham.^h

William bishop of London, in the year 1218, confirmed the different grants made by Geoffrey de Mandeville and his successors to the priory; particularly mentioning the third part of the tithes of Walden, the tithes of Sabridgeworth, Thorley, Wiggefosse, Mose, Waltham by Pleahy, Easter, Mimmes, Senley, Bissex, and the park at Enfield.ⁱ

Subsequently to this, A. D. 1258, Godfrey, prior of Hurley, exchanged the greater part of the tithes already specified with the abbat of Walden for the church of Streatley.^k

The revenues of this priory in spiritualities and temporalities appear to have amounted in 1291, according to the taxation then made, to 67*l.* 14*s.* yearly.^l

In the 30th year of Edw. I. the prior of Hurley impleaded Ralph de Hurle for cutting down and destroying his woods in Hurle: Ralph alleged that he took the said woods for housebote and haybote, as reasonable estovers, &c. The prior produced a deed of covenant before made between Richard, formerly prior of the said place, and John Hurle, ancestor of the said Ralph; in which it was agreed between them that the said John and his heirs should have the said estovers by delivery of the forester of the said prior: and for as much as he took five oaks for housebote, as he acknowledged in pleading, and it is not now known how many oaks the same Ralph took, not carried away, therefore it is commanded to the sheriff that he do cause to come, &c.^m

In the 15th Ric. II. we find the prior and convent of Hurley petitioning the king for the appropriation of the church of Warfield, in Berkshire.ⁿ

PRIORS of HURLEY.

Of the priors of Hurley we have no complete list.

RALPH PAPILLON, or DE ARUNDEL, was promoted from the priorate here, in 1200, to the abbacy of Westminster.^o

RICHARD LE GRAS, or LE GREY, prior of Hurley, was promoted to the abbacy of Evesham A. D. 1236.^p Matthew Paris says in 1237.^q King Henry III. placed him at the head of the embassy which negotiated his marriage in the former year.^r

THEOBALD, prior of Hurley, in 1251, was in a commission for the visitation of St. Alban's monastery.^s

GODEFRIDUS, or GEOFFREY, occurs prior of Hurley in 1258.^t

JOHN, 2 Edw. I.^u

^a "Prior de Hurle noluit talliari, quia ecclesia ejus Cella est, et Geoffr. filius Petri advocatus ecclesie sue." Madox, *Hist. Scacc.* p. 498, ex Memorand. 1 Joan. rot. 10.

^b See the Append. of Instr. Num. I. Pope Adrian IV. in his bull granted to the abbey of Westminster A. D. 1157, confirms "Cellam de Malvern quæ sita est in terra beati Petri Westmonaster. cum omni obedientia et subjectione et omnibus pertinentiis suis: Cellam de HERLEYA cum eadem villa cum omni obedientia et subjectione et pertinentiis suis." MS. Cotton. Faustina A. III. fol. 165. The Cottonian manuscript Faust. A. III. fol. 280 b, gives the foundation charter of Hurley in an abridged form.

^c Num. II.

^d Numm. III. IV.

^e *Formulare Anglicanum*, p. 37.

^f See Num. V.

^g Num. VI.

^h Num. VII.

ⁱ Num. XI.

^j *Placitorum Abbrev.* p. 246.

^k *Annal. Winton. Angl. Sacr.* tom. i. vol. 304. See also vol. i. of the present Work, p. 270.

^l *Annal. Eccl. Wigorn. Angl. Sacr.* tom. i. p. 490.

^m *Mat. Par. edit.* 1684, p. 367.

ⁿ See the present Work, vol. ii. p. 193.

^o See Append. Num. XI.

^p Among the Records called *Penes Finium* in the Chapter-House, Westminster, are the following relative to the priors of Hurley:

"19 Hen. III. Gilbert Fitz Robert plaintiff and Richard prior of Hurley deforciant as to a messuage in Hurley.

31 Hen. III. Theobald prior of Hurley plaintiff and Hugh le Brun deforciant concerning lands in Hurley.

^q Num. X.

^r Num. XII.

^s See Num. XIV.

^t *Ibid.* p. 354.

The priory of Hurley was suppressed among the lesser monasteries in the 26th of Henry VIII. A. D. 1535: when the annual revenues, according to Dugdale, amounted to 121*l.* 18*s.* 5*d.*: according to Speed, to 134*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.*^a

By a deed enrolled 1 June, 28 Hen. VIII. the abbat and convent of Westminster conveyed to the king their garden called "Covent Gardeyn, and also seven acres of land lyeng without the said gardeyn and nere adjoynnyng to the same in the parrysche of Seynt Martin wythout the town of Westminster:" in recompence and full satisfaction whereof, by act of parliament, 28 Hen. VIII. chap. xxix. the lords spiritual and temporal in parliament assembled enacted that the abbat and convent and their successors should "have and hold to them and theyr successors for ever, one great wood called Hurley Wode within the county of Berks sometyme being parcel of the priory of Hurley, whiche amongs other thyngs was geven to oure said sovereign Lord by an acte of parlyament therof lately provyded and ordeyned."^b

A month after this an act of parliament passed, 28 Hen. VIII. chap. 49, for a more extensive exchange: by which, in recompence for the manor of Nete and other lands in Westminster, the priory of Hurley and the possessions belonging to it were granted to the abbat and his successors for ever.^c

In the 33d of Hen. VIII. the priory of Hurley was granted to Charles Howard, Esq.;^d and subsequently, in the 36th of Hen. VIII., the scite, then called Lady Place (the convent having been dedicated to the Virgin Mary), was granted to Leonard Chamberleyn, Esq.^e From him it passed to John Lovelace, Esq. in the same year, who died in 1558.^f The present proprietor is Gustavus Adolphus Kempenfelt, Esq.^g

No REGISTER of Hurley priory is known to exist. In the Walden Chartulary, formerly in the Earl of Suffolk's possession, now Harl. MS. 3697, we have

"TRANSCRIPTA EVIDENTIARUM PRIORATUS DE HURLEIE."

These are,

- * 1. Carta de dono Goisfridi de Magna Villa, fol. 51 b.
2. Placita inter Abbatem de Walden rectorem de Magna Compton, et priorem de Hurleia, fol. 52.
- * 3. Carta Gaufridi de Magna Villa de c. redd. dat. in escamb. monachis de Waledena, fol. 52 b.
- * 4. Confirmatio Willielmi London. episcopi de donatione Goisfridi de Magna Villa, ibid.
5. Confirmatio Ricardi London. episcopi de donatione Gaufridi de Magna Villa, ibid.
- * 6. Permutatio inter Absolonem abbatem de Walden et priorem de Hurleia, ibid.
7. Queta clamatio prioris et conventus de Hurlei super pensione centum solid. et omnium aliarum actionum, fol. 153.
8. Confirmatio quiete clamationis prioris et conventus de Hurlee de pensione centum solidorum, &c. A. D. m.cc.lxx. ibid.

Bishop Tanner notices various Accompts, Rentals, and original charters of this priory, as formerly in the possession of Robert Gayer, Esq. He also gives the following references to public records:

"Cart. antiq. EE. n. 11.

Same year. *Theobald* prior of Hurley plaintiff and Richard de Oxhaye deforciant as to lands in Chadenham.

2 Edw. I. *John* prior of Hurley plaintiff and Richard son of Jordan de Hurley deforciant as to a messuage and lands in Hurley."

* Tann. Notit. Mon.

^b Stat. of the Realm, vol. iii. p. 685.

^c See the Act of Parl. in the Append. Num. XV. The Exchequer Repertories, 28th Hen. VIII. ro. lxvj. lxvij. say,

"Berk. Oxon. Midd. Rex ij^{uo}. die Julii concessit abbati et conventui monasterii Westm. scitum et precinctum nuper Domus sive Prioratus de Hurley, necnon omnia illa maneria, terras, et tenementa jacen. in Esthamsted in com. Berk. cum rectoriis de Hurley, Waltham, et Stretley, et advocaciones et patronatus vicariorum de Hurley et Waltham, cum omnibus decimis, &c. in com. Berk. unum mesuagium in Kyngham in com. Oxon. necnon manerium de Hurley, in recompensationem pro manerio de Neyte et al. terr. ibid. specificat. in villis et parochiis de Weston et Sancti Martini in Campis in com. Midd. ac advocacionem ecclesie, &c. ac manerium de Eyberye, et al. terr."

"Cart. 20 Hen. III. m. 5 vel 6. Fin. Oxon. 43 Hen. III. rot. . . de terris in Kayngham.

"Fin. div. com. 4 Edw. I. n. 39, de terris in Herefield. Plac. in com. Berks, 12 Edw. I. assis. rot. 39, dorso, et rot. 40, dorso, de libert. in Est Hamstede. Plac. apud Oxon. 13 Edw. I. assis. rot. 21, de man. de Ust Hamstede.

"Claus. 16 Edw. III. m. 19, dorso, de Cantaria in cap. S. Andreæ de Maideneth ordinanda per priorem de Hurley juxta testamentum Johannis Husband. Pat. 17 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 34 vel 35.

"Pat. 9 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 25, pro ten. in Hurle. Pat. 14 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 7, de mess. terris et boscis in Hurle. Pat. 20 Ric. II. p. 3, m. penult.

"Pat. 2 Hen. IV. p. 3, m. 16, licent. prosternendi arbores infra forestam de Windsor."^h

Ashmole, in his History of Berkshire, 8^{vo}. vol. ii. p. 431, notices the manor of Laurence Waltham belonging to this monastery.

In Bridges's Northamptonshire, vol. i. p. 138, is the notice of a pension of two marks granted to it out of the rectory of Aynho.

In Dugdale's History of Warwickshire, edit. 1730, vol. i. p. 581, is a notice of tithes in the lordships of Great Compton and Weston in that county, and of a pension.

The Return, 26 Hen. VIII., in what is termed the General Ecclesiastical Survey is as follows:




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"Monasterium sanctæ Mariæ sive cella de Hurley in temporalibus et spiritualibus per annum	121	18	5
Decima inde	12	3	10½

In the Office of the Treasurer's Remembrancer, in the Exchequer, are the two following Records respecting this priory:

"De literis regis patentibus de prioratu de Hurley et alijs terris in comitatu Berksiræ Carolo Howard arm. concessis." Pasch. Rec. 33 Hen. VIII. rot. 15.

"De Johanne Lovelace occasionato ad ostendendum quo titulo tenet scitum nuper prioratus de Hurley et manerium de Hurley in com. Berksiræ." Mich. Rec. 36 Hen. VIII. rot. 53.

Madox, in his *Formulare Anglicanum*, p. 250, gives the inscription (without describing the device) on the SEAL of Hurley priory in the time of prior Ralph de Arundell: SIGILLVM ECCLIE SCE DEI GENETRICIS DE HERLEIE. The form of the seal was oval.

On another impression of similar form was the head of the blessed Virgin, with the words  AVE MARIA GR̄A PLENA: the whole circumscribed  SIGILL. RAD. DE ARVNDEL PRIORIS HERL. On the reverse a counter seal, impressed with a lion, inscribed  ECCE VICIT LEO DE TRIBV JVDA.

A few REMAINS of Hurley priory are still visible. The present parish church of Hurley was formerly the conventual church, and has a circular door-way, ornamented with a zig-zag moulding. The refectory has been converted into stables, which retain the ancient pointed arches of the windows.ⁱ

^d In the office of the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer in the Exchequer are two records: "1. Pasch. Rec. 33 Hen. VIII. rot. 15. De literis regis patentibus de prioratu de Hurley et alijs terris in comitatu Berksiræ Carolo Howard arm. concessis. 2. Mich. Rec. 36 Hen. VIII. rot. 53. De Johanne Lovelace occasionato ad ostendendum quo titulo tenet situm nuper prioratus de Hurley et manerium de Hurley in com. Berksiræ."

^e "Berk.—Oxon. Rex xix. die Maii concessit Leonardo Chamberleyn Domum et Scitum nuper prioratus de Hurley, ac etiam maneria de Hurley et Esthamsted, necnon rectorias, &c. de Hurley, Waltham, et Stretley, ac decimas, &c. in Knoll Hyll in com. Berk. ac mes. &c. in Kyngham in com. Oxon. habend. ei et hæredibus suis imperpetuum." Orig. 36 Hen. VIII. p. 4, ro. clxij. See the Particular of Chamberleyn's grant in the App. Num. XVI.

^f See the reference to the second record in Note c.

^g Lysons's *Magna Britannia*, vol. i. p. 299.

^h Tann. Notit. Mon.

ⁱ Compare Lysons's *Mag. Brit.* ut supr. pp. 212, 300.

Cartae ad Hurlepense Coenobium in agro Berrocensi spectantes: Cellam Abb. Westmonasteriensis.

NUM. I.

Carta Foundationis.

[Ex Regist. de Walden penes Comitem Suffolciæ an. 1650, hod. MS. Harl. Mus. Brit. 3697, fol. 51 b.]

SCIANT præsentēs et futuri, universi sanctæ matris ecclesiæ fideles et filii, quod ego Godefridus^a de Magnavilla concessi, et mea liberali donatione donavi Deo, et sancto Petro, et ecclesiæ Westmonasteriensi, necnon et sanctæ Mariæ de Hurleia, pro salute et redemptione animæ meæ, et uxoris meæ Lecelinæ, cujus consilio, gratiâ divinâ providente, hoc bonum inchoavi, et pro anima Athalaisæ primæ uxoris meæ, matris filiorum meorum jam defunctæ, necnon et hæredum meorum omnium mihi succedentium, eandem ecclesiam sanctæ Mariæ de Hurleia in Berrochsira,^b cum tota prædicta villa de Hurleia, et cum toto circumjacente nemore, eidem villæ adjacente, sine participatione et^c divisione cujuscunque hominis in ipsa parochia manentis aut aliquid tenentis, excepta terra Audrici^d præpositi, et excepta terra rusticorum de Parva Waltham, quam in manu mea ad me hospitandum retinui.

Concessi quidem dico et firmiter donavi ecclesiæ eidem de Hurleia, cum toto dominio meo, liberè, quietè, et^e in campis, et in silvis, pratis, pascuis,^f pasturis, molendinis, aquis, et piscariis, atque piscationibus, et cum omnibus appenditiis suis, id est, ecclesiam de Waltham, cum una hida terræ et dimidia, quæ sibi subjacent, et cum socna capellæ de Remenham.^g Et cum omnibus aliis rebus, decimis,^h et possessionibus, in vivo et mortuo, sine parte et divisione, cum omnibus consuetudinibus et libertatibus illi antiquitus debitis, ita liberè et quietè ab omni hominum inquietudine et exactione, sicut dominus meus rex deditⁱ et concessit.

Dedi etiam prædictæ ecclesiæ, cum supradictis, ea die qua feci eam dedicare, Osmundo episcopo Sarisburiensi, præsentibus^k tunc^l multis aliis viris magnæ autoritatis et personis, terram Audwardi^m de Watecumba in dotalicium, liberè et quietè, cum omnibus sibi pertinentibus. Qua vero die supradictus episcopus venerabilis, pontificali auctoritate, assistentibus secum magnæ autoritatis et dignitatis personis, confirmavit omnes donationes meas quas eidem sancto loco pro animæ meæ et omnium hæredum meorum salute æterna libere contuli, scilicet, in omnibus maneriis quæ in dominio meo tempore erant eo, tertiam partem decimæ totius annonæ meæ, et duas partes decimæ totiusⁿ omnium maneriorum meorum sine parte, in vivo et mortuo, et totam decimam panagiorum meorum in porcis et denariis sine parte, et totam decimam caseorum sine parte, et totam decimam lini et lanæ sine parte, et totam decimam pullorum, equorum,^o et vitulorum, pomorum^p et vinearum sine parte, et totam decimam aliarum^q rerum mearum de quibuscunque justè et rectè debet Deo decima reddi.

Insuper igitur in unoquoque manerio totius domini mei, dedi prænominatæ ecclesiæ meæ de Hurlee^r unum

rusticum, qui octo acras terræ habeat, liberè et quietè ab omni consuetudine, et in parco meo unam porcariam cum terra porcarii. Hiis etenim addidi adhuc in insula de Hely, unam piscariam quæ reddit unum millenarium sticarum^s anguillarum, unum pesentum^t anguillarum xl. valet grossas^u anguillas. Et in villa quæ Mosa^x vocatur, tria concessi extra prænominata millearia sticarum allecium.^y Turoldus quidem dapifer meus concessit eidem ecclesiæ, et dextra sua super altare confirmavit, cum oblatione Radulfi filii sui duas partes decimæ totius annonæ suæ de Wokendena, et totam decimam totius pecuniæ suæ, in vivo et mortuo, sine parte; et in Bordesdene, totam decimam totius annonæ suæ, et totius pecuniæ suæ, sine parte. Audricus^z præpositus meus totam decimam annonæ suæ, et totius pecuniæ suæ ibidem donavit in vivo et mortuo sine parte.

Ego vero ad expletionem hujus tanti boni, ad sustentationem solummodo conventus monachorum in eadem ecclesia Deo imperpetuum deservientium, gratiâ disponente divina, impetravi à domino meo rege Willielmo hæc omnia ad honorem Dei et salute^a animæ meæ et omnium hæredum meorum mihi succedentium, pro loci integritate æterna, et stabilitate confirmari, et quod locus ille, locus quoque regio munimine insignitus, in protectione mea et defensione semper sit præcipuus, et mei^b caput honoris, ab omni inquietudine^c liber et quietus feci, itaque^d in eadem die qua dedicata est ecclesia ab eodem episcopo, et ab abbate Westmonasterii Gilberto, cum multis aliis magnæ autoritatis viris et personis, omnes infractores, seu diminutores hujus meæ elemosinæ excommunicari ut habitatio^e illorum perpetua cum Juda maledicto proditore Domini, et viventes descendant in æternæ proditiōis baratrum, cum Sathan et Chore,^f cum maledictione æterna, nisi emendaverint digna satisfactione.

Contestor igitur omnes filios meos, hæredes videlicet, et omnes posteros meos, per tremendum Dei judicium, et per omnem potentiam ejus in cælo et in terra, ne ipsi faciant aut facere sinant ullam infractionem huic donationi meæ, immo augeant et stabiliant illam, ita ut Deus augeat et stabiliat dies et vitam illorum in æterna beatitudine, et habeant partem in illa mea^g elemosina mecum in cælesti requie. Testes, idem episcopus Osmundus, Gilbertus abbas Westmonasterii, Lecelina domina uxor mea, Willielmus de Magnavilla, Hugo marescallus,^h Turoldus de Wokindon,ⁱ Galfridus de Wokindon,^k Walterus Mascherell, Ascelinus capellanus, Agamundus^l persona de Greneford,^m Robertus nepos ejus, Engeram pincerna, Richerius miles, Rogerus Blundus, Wymundus de Blangeo, Audricusⁿ præpositus, Alfricus sementarius,^o cum aliis multis inenarrabilibus magnæ autoritatis et dignitatis viris et personis in eadem die apud Hurleiam assistentibus. Ex hac vero donatione mea et institutione, concilio proborum sumpto virorum tria acta sunt Brevia, unum apud Westmonasterium, aliud apud eandem ecclesiam de Hurleia, tertium mihi et hæredibus meis succedentibus, pro loci integritate æterna et stabilitate reposui.

^a Gosfridus. Madox, Formul. Anglic. p. 239, ex autogr. in arch. S. Petri Westmon.

^b Bearrochsira. ibid.

^c aut. ibid.

^d et quiete. ibid.

^e Kemenham. ibid.

^f ea michi dedit. ibid.

^g cum. ibid.

^h totius pecuniæ. ibid.

ⁱ et pomorum. ibid.

^j Hurleia. ibid.

^k præsentum. ibid.

^l Ædrici. ibid.

^m et pascuis. ibid.

ⁿ et decimis. ibid.

^o presente. ibid.

^p Edwardi. ibid.

^q equinorum. ibid.

^r omnium aliarum. ibid.

^s siccarum. ibid.

^t quadraginta videlicet crassas. ibid.

^u Mosæ. ibid.

^v Ædricus. ibid.

^w michi. ibid.

^x quietus. Feci itaque, &c. ibid.

^y ut ait habitatio. ibid.

^z hac mea. ibid.

^a Wochendona dapifer. ibid.

^b Ammundus. ibid.

^c persona de Wochendon, Goduvinus de Turroc capellanus, Roulfus de Hairun, Haernulf de Greneford.

^d Ædricus. ibid.

^e siccorum allecium. ibid.

^f ad salutem. ibid.

^g omnium hominum inquietudine. ibid.

^h Dathan et Core. ibid.

ⁱ Mascherell. ibid.

^j Wochendona. ibid.

^k cœmentarius. ibid.

NUM. II.

Carta Gausfridi de Mandavilla, Fundatoris, Præposito suo, ne destruat boscum Monachorum.

[Madox. Formul. Anglic. p. 290, ex autogr. in arch. S. Petri Westmon.]

G. DE MANDAVILLA Ædrico præposito suo omnibusque hominibus suis de Uualtham salutem. Sciatis quod prior et monachi mei de Herleiâ michi graviter conquesti sunt, de hoc quod boscum suum absque eis et eorum licentiâ tam male vastatis et destruitis: unde vobis mando et super feoda vestra præcipio et defendo ne amodo vos neque de aquâ suâ intromittatis; neque in bosco suo extra sepes vestras, sine prioris aut suorum documento, quicquam capiat; si quæ vero ad domos vestras reficiendas necessaria vobis fuerint et sepes, inde præcipio ut vobis necessaria, prioris vel suorum documento, habeatis; quia omnia quæ in terra et in aqua et in omnibus rebus pro animæ meæ atque meorum salute ipsis dedi et concessi, volo et firmiter præcipio ut ipsi habeant ita bene et quiete et libere sicut ea dedi et concessi Deo et ecclesiæ meæ de Herleiâ die quâ feci eam dedicare. Valet.

NUM. III.

Carta Gaufridi de Magna-villa.

[Ex Registro de Walden, supra memorato, fol. 52 b.]

GAUFRIDUS DE MAGNAVILLA domino suo Stephano regi Angliæ, cunctis arhiepiscopis, abbatibus, cæterisque fidelibus et ministris sanctæ ecclesiæ, necnon et comitibus, baronibus, et universis amicis suis, et omnibus hominibus suis tam Francis quam Anglis, salutem. Noscit vestra dilectio me dedisse in escambium monachis de Hurleia centum solidatas mei proprii redditus, pro anima patris mei et matris meæ, et omnium amicorum meorum et antecessorum. Insuper pro salute mea et uxoris meæ, et universorum mihi benevolentium, et pro universa decima sua, quam habebant in Edelmetona in Emfelda, tam in hominibus, quam in decimis et omnibus redditibus, excepta decima padnagii et excepto padnagio porcorum de Hurleia quæ monachis pertinent pro me in sua manu. Et hii sunt de quibus habebunt suum escambium in Hurleia, de Ernulpho, et Alueredo fratre suo xx. sol. in Waltham. De Alfruco de Byntenursh xxx. sol. in Westuna, quæ est berewica de Comptona l. solid.

Has decimas hiiis rebus escambiatas reddidi prænomiatis ecclesiis pro redemptione animæ meæ, et pro salute omnium amicorum et successorum meorum, ut unaquæque ecclesia suam habeat libertatem omnino ad victum sacerdotum ibidem Deo servientium: de reliquo fratribus de Hadlega canonice viventibus victum et vestitum. Testes Royses uxor ejusdem Gaufridi, Walterus capellanus, Gaufridus de Tyretexa dapifer, Adelardus conestable, Gaufridus de Querendon camberleyn, Ranulfus filius Arnulphi, et Willielmus frater ejus, et multi alii.

NUM. IV.

Carta Gaufridi de Magnavilla secundi Comitæ Essexiæ.

[Madox. Formul. Anglic. p. 242, ex autogr. in archiv. S. Petri Westmon.]

G. DE MAGNAVILLA et Roeisa uxor ejus concedunt Deo et Ecclesiæ S. Mariæ elemosinæ suæ de Herleia, pro redemptione animarum suarum, necnon et hæredum suorum salute omnium sibi succedentium, partem illius decimæ quam Willielmus capellanus eorum habere solebat de dominica curiâ monachorum ejusdem ecclesiæ, et quietam de se et hæredibus suis finabiliter clamant et solutam; et ita ut quicunque, aut clericus aut laicus, elemosinam istam et concessionem quoquo modo infringere, vel auferre, vel diminueræ præsumperit, maledictioni perpetuæ subiaceat et excommunicationi, et sit pars illorum et habitatio perpetua cum illis qui dixerunt Domino Deo 'recede a nobis, scientiam viarum tuarum nolumus.' Testes, Aluredus de Benneun, Hunfridus de Roccheleia, Rannulfus filius Ærnulfi, Hamelinus camerarius, Ernaldus forestarius regis, Ricardus de Ran., Goffridus de Querrendon, Ærn. de Herleia, Æluredus frater ejus, et multi alii.

NUM. V.

Carta Confirmationis R. Henrici II.

[Ibid. p. 45.]

H. REX Angliæ, et dux Normanniæ et Aquitaniæ, et comes Andegaviæ, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, baronibus, et omnibus ministris suis, Francis et Anglis, de Berchsira, salutem. Sciatis me pro anima Willelmi filii mei concessisse et firmiter confirmasse omnes donationes quas primus Gaufridus de Magnavilla ecclesiæ S. Mariæ de Herleia pro suâ et hæredum suorum salute liberè donavit et carta sua confirmavit; totam scilicet eandem villam de Herleiâ et sibi circumjacens nemus, sine participatione cujuscumque hominis in tota parrochia manentis aut tenentis; in terris, et ecclesiis, et decimis, in bosco et plano, campis et pratis, silvis et pasturis, aquis et molendinis, piscariis et piscationibus, pasnagiis, porcis, et denariis, cum tota tertia parte decimæ totius annonæ omnium maneriorum domini sui quicumque ea teneat, et cum duabus partibus decimæ totius pecuniæ omnium maneriorum domini sui in vivo et mortuo, et cum omnibus rebus sine parte, de quibuscumque decima Deo reddi debet. Concedo igitur et imperpetuum confirmo eidem ecclesiæ de Herleia ecclesiam de Waltam, cum una hida terræ et dimidia de Warefeld quæ ad ecclesiam illam pertinet et ecclesiæ de Herleia subjacent; et totam terram Eadwardi quæ dicitur Watecumba, et eandem ecclesiam de Watecumba cum omnibus ejusdem appendiciis, in bosco, et plano, et pasturis, imperpetuum; ad sustentationem monachorum, et sicut dotalitium supranominatæ ecclesiæ de Herleia ita bene, et libere, et juste, et quiete, sicut idem Gaufridus de Magnavilla in die qua fecit ecclesiam de Herleia dedicare, ea ecclesiæ de Herleia dedit et concessit, et per cartam proavi mei et suam confirmavit. Præcipio igitur ut Prior et monachi de Herleia habeant plenarie, et juste, porcariam suam in parco, et hominem suum cum terra porcarii, et in omnibus maneriis domini sui quicumque ea teneat, unum rusticum qui octo acras habeat; et etiam decimas quas Tuoldus dapifer in Wochendona, et in Bordesdena, et Edricus præpositus ibidem, pro animabus eorum contulerunt; et omnia alia quæcumque ecclesiæ præfatæ ab eodem Gaufrido seu ab alio quocumque viro Dei ibi juste sunt collata et concessa, et in futuro adjicienda. Confirmo etiam eidem ecclesiæ duas hidas terræ quas Willielmus constabularius Cestriæ in Peritona et in Claiora ecclesiæ de Herleia dedit et per cartam avi mei et suam confirmavit; et illas iij^{or}. solidatas terræ in boscagio quas Agnes ejusdem Willelmi filia ecclesiæ de Herleia postea pro ejusdem animâ et suâ dedit, et per cartam domini sui et viri Roberti assensu confirmavit, ab omni servitio liberas et solutas. Quare volo et concedo et firmiter præcipio ut ecclesia illa S. Mariæ de Herleia et Prior et monachi et homines eorum, illam habeant plenariè libertatem quam Henricus rex avus meus per cartam suam eis habere testatur et præcipit; et nostram firmam pacem, in bosco et plano, in terra et in aqua; et habeat per totam terram suam, soccam et saccam, et toll, et team, et meschenningge, et infanghenedof, et omnes assultus in suo jure, in via et extra, in festo et extra; et terra et homines ecclesiæ illius, quocumque sint loco per Angliam, sint liberi et quieti de siris, et hundredis, et murdro, et latrocinio, et denegeldo, et omnibus assisis quæ ad vj. hidas terræ pertinent de dominio eorum; et tota alia eorum terra dominica, quocumque sit loco per Angliam, et de omnibus geldis, scottis, et auxiliis omnibus, et operationibus, teloneis per Angliam et passagiis, et assartis, et de omnibus placitis, et querelis, et occasionibus, et aliis omnibus exactionibus regis et consuetudinibus. Quod si placitare Priorem ejusdem ecclesiæ, aut homines suos cujuscumque rei causâ contigerit, vel forisfactura quæcumque super terram ecclesiæ et prioris evenierit; præcipio ut inde suam plenarie habeant curiam, nec in alio loco placitent nisi in eadem curia S. Mariæ et prioris, pro nullâ forisfacturâ quæ de hominibus suis contingi possit; sed si aliquis ex hominibus suis, causâ apertâ et rationabili missus est in forisfacturâ mea de xx^{ti}. mancis; adquietet se ante iudicium pro vj. denariis, et post iudicium pro xij. denariis; sicut regis Henrici avi mei testatur et præcipit Carta. Præterea præcipio et firmiter defendo, ne francos suos plegios prior et homines sui alibi annuatim recenseant, nisi in eadem curia S. Mariæ et suâ;

et ne vicecomes, aut baro, aut minister aliquis in rebus ecclesiæ manum quoquomodo, super x. libras forisfacturæ, extendere præsumat, aut placitis aut occasionibus suis quibuscunque super institutionem avi mei et concessionem, et meam, eos etiam infestet, aut injuriam aut violentiam inferre præsumat; quoniam iste eis pro animâ avi mei regis Henrici, et Willelmi filii mei, concessi, et animæ meæ salute, et reginæ meæ Alienoræ voluntate et petitione. Testibus, Willelmo filio Johannis, et Nigello de Broc, et Roberto de Dunstanvillâ, apud Radingam.

NUM. VI.

Carta Willelmi de Mandavilla Comitis Essexiæ pro Decimatione Nucum in Parco suo de Enefeld.

[Ibid. p. 236.]

WILLELMUS DE MANDAVILLA, comes Essexiæ, omnibus hominibus et amicis suis, Francis et Anglis, clericis et laicis, præsentibus et futuris, salutem. Sciatis me pro salute domini mei regis Henrici et meâ, et pro anima patris et matris et fratrum meorum, et omnium antecessorum meorum, in perpetuam elemosinam dedisse et concessisse, et præsentî cartâ meâ confirmasse Deo et ecclesiæ S. Mariæ de Herleia et monachis ibidem Deo famulantibus, totam decimationem nucum Parci mei de Enefeld sine participatione cujuscunque hominis. Quare volo et firmiter præcipio quod ecclesia de Herleia, et monachi ibidem Deo servientes, decimationem præscriptam, plenarie, libere, et quiete habeant et imperpetuum teneant; et ne ullus super hac decimatione illis aliquam injuriam vel inquietationem inferat. Hiis testibus, Simone de Bello Campo fratre meo, Gaufrido de Sai, Gileberto de Ver, Hasculfo capellano, Sawil de Osonvilla, Henrico de Cramavilla, Ogero filio Ogeri, Elya de Herigton, Johanne de Rochellâ, Michaelæ de Bosevilla, Roberto filio Rogeri, Johanne de Lamborn, Widone de Adfeld, Ernaldo de Rohing, Gaufrido de Rohinges, Lucâ pincerna, Hugone clerico, et multis aliis.

NUM. VII.

Carta alia Willelmi Comitis Essexiæ de Boscis de Herleia et Parva Waltham.

[Ibid. ex autogr. in archiv. S. Petri Westmonast.]

WILLELMUS comes de Essex, omnibus sanctæ Dei ecclesiæ fidelibus, et omnibus hominibus et amicis suis, Francis et Anglicis, clericis et laicis, salutem. Sciant omnes tam præsentēs quam futuri, me hac meâ cartâ dedisse et concessisse Deo et Sanctæ Mariæ de Hurleia totum boscum manerio de Hurleia pertinens, et totum boscum villæ de Parva Waltham pertinens, itâ quod nullus hominum meorum in boscis prænominatis, sine assensu et licentia prioris prædictæ ecclesiæ vel ballivorum suorum quicquam capiat; sicut carta avi mei Gaufridi de Mandevillâ, et carta patris mei comitis Gaufridi testantur: et hoc do et concedo ecclesiæ de Hurleia in perpetuam elemosinam. Hiis testibus: Johanne Marescallo, Willelmo de Lisuris, Davide de Jarpenvillâ, Osberto de Sancto Clero, Johanne de Matheme, Ricardo de Bercorell, Johanne de Rochella, Roberto filio Ernulf, Radulfo filio Berengeri, Roberto bedello, Ricardo janitore, Eustachio camerario, Gileberto ostiario, Willelmo clerico, Willelmo filio Hermeri, et Roberto fratre suo.

NUM. VIII.

Carta Gulielmi Comitis Essexiæ de decimationibus.

[Madox, Formul. Anglic. p. 48, ex autogr. in arch. S. Petri Westmonast.]

GULIELMUS comes de Essex, omnibus baronibus et hominibus suis, Francis et Anglis, clericis et laicis, et præcipue præpositis et ministris suis in quorum ministeriis ecclesia S. Mariæ de Herleia et monachi mei decimationes vel quæcunque alia beneficia possident, salutem. Præcipio

quod reddatis integre et plenarie Deo et ecclesiæ S. Mariæ de Herleia, et monachis meis ibidem Deo servientibus, omnes decimas et possessiones per totam terram meam, ubicunque sint, vel quicumque eas tenuerint in toto feodo meo, quas Pater meus comes Gaufridus eidem ecclesiæ dedit et concessit et cartâ sua confirmavit, in bosco et in plano, et in terris, et in aquis, in pratis, et in pasturis, et in essartis, et in omnibus liberis consuetudinibus, sicut ejusdem patris mei carta testatur in omnibus modis et confirmat. Et ita teneant bene et in pace, libere, et quiete, in perpetua elemosinâ, sine participatione et divisione cujuscunque hominis. Valete.

NUM. IX.

Carta de Pensione iiij. Solidorum de Ecclesia de Est Hamstede.

[Madox, Formul. Anglic. p. 249, ex autogr.]

RADULFUS de Arundel, prior ecclesiæ S. Mariæ de Hurleia, universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis, tam præsentibus quam futuris, salutem. Noverit universitas vestra me, communi assensu et voluntate conventus Hurleia, pro salute animæ meæ, et pace meâ et Priorum successorum meorum, concessisse et dedisse, et hac præsentî cartâ meâ confirmasse pensionem de ecclesia de Jezhamstede, scilicet iiij. solidos Secretario^a nostro, et nominatim hac de causâ ut tam præsentēs quam futuri Sacristæ ad missam S. Mariæ quam cantare constitui, honorifice et plenarie cereos valeant administrare. Contestor igitur omnes Priores successores meos per tremendum Dei judicium, et per omnipotentiam ejus in cœlo et in terrâ, ne ipsi faciant aut fieri sinant ullam infractionem huic meâ donationi, quoniam est de acquisitione meâ, immo augeant et stabiliant illam, ut Deus augeat et stabiliat dies et vitam illorum in æterna beatitudine, et habeant partem cum Christo in cœlesti requie.

NUM. X.

Carta Willelmi London. Episcopi.

[Ex Registro de Walden, ut supr. fol. 52 b.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus ad quos præsens carta pervenerit, Willelmus Dei gratia London. episcopus salutem in Domino. Opus pietatis est, et episcopali dignum officio illorum securitati et quieti imposterum prospicere, qui a seculari tumultu elongari cupientes ad claustrales angustias et artioris vitæ religionem se transtulerunt. Ea propter attendentes honestatem et necessitatem dilectorum nobis in Christo prioris et conventus de Hurleia, beneficia quæ ex donatione Gosfridi de Magna-villa et successorum suorum, quantum ad laicam pertinet potestatem, et sicut ex inspectione cartarum quas super hoc habent, cognovimus in diocesi nostra sunt assecuti, eis autoritate pontificali imperpetuum confirmavimus, ita ut eadem beneficia integre quiete et pacifice, sicut antecessorum nostrorum temporibus ea possiderunt, imperpetuum, et sine diminutione possideant.

Quæ etiam propriis nominibus duximus designanda, videlicet in villa de Walden de toto dominico tertiam partem decimarum de blado. Præterea et omnes minutas decimas de dominico ejusdem villæ, in lino, lana, pullis, caseo, vitulis et porcis, cum integra decima totius pomagii et in omnibus quæ decimantur in ortis, gardinis et vineis de eodem dominico, exceptis decimis de agnis ejusdem domini, de quibus monachi de Hurleia habent duas partes et ecclesia de Waleden tertiam partem. Simili modo eisdem monachis confirmamus decimas de dominico de Sabrichworth, et de Thorleia, et de Wyggefossa, et de Mose, Waltham juxta Plesset, et de Estra, et de Mymmes, de Senleia, de Bissexæ, et de Northale, tam in blado quam in minutis decimis, et totam decimam pomagii tam in parco, quàm in denariis de parco de Enefeld, et decimum numerum^b ejusdem parci, sicut in supramemoratis cartis dominorum fundi continetur, ut ratum sit et firmum autoritatis munimine duximus confirmandum, salvis tamen in

^a sc. sacristario.

^b sc. nucum. Vid. Num. VI.

omnibus jure auctoritate et dignitate ecclesie nostre et nostra et successorum nostrorum. Datum apud Hadham sexto kalendas Decembris anno pontificatus nostri vicesimo.

NUM. XI.

Carta Godefridi Prioris de Hurleia.

[Ibid.]

UNIVERSIS Christi fidelibus præsens scriptum visuris vel audituris Godefridus prior de Hurleia et ejusdem loci conventus salutem in Domino. Perpendentes ex commu-
nitione posse multotiens materiam oriri contentionis; ac cu-
pientes paci et tranquillitati nostre et successorum nostro-
rum prospicere cum servos Dei non deceat materiam fo-
vere discordie, aut litigii. Hinc est quod convenit inter
nos ex una parte, et dominum Absolonem Dei gratia abbat-
tem de Waledena et ejusdem loci conventum, ex altera,
videlicet quod nos dedimus et concessimus nomine permu-
tationis eisdem abbati et conventui omnes decimas, tam
maiores quam minores, scilicet in garbis, agnis, vitulis,
pullis equinis, porcellis, aucis, lanis, linis, lacte, caseo, cur-
tilagiis, pomis, piris, columbariis, herbagiis, pannagio et
venationibus, assartis et assartandis cum nucibus ex eorum
parochiis provenientes, videlicet, Waleden cum Wyggefosse,
Magna-Waltham, Plesseto, Alta Estra, Thorleia, Enefeld,
et Magna-Mymmes, et quicquid nomine decimarum quali-
tercunque, et quantumcunque ad nos vel successores nostros
aliquo jure spectare posset, seu accrescere, sine aliquo re-
tinemento decimarum de prædictis locis provenientium no-
bis, vel successoribus nostris retento, eis et successoribus
eorum in perpetuum possidendas.

Et propter hoc dederunt, et concesserunt nomine per-
mutationis, idem abbas et conventus ecclesiam de Stratleya
quam in usus proprios habuerunt, cum omnibus ejus perti-
nentiis et omni re quod in eadem habuerunt, sine aliquo
retinemento eisdem aut eorum successoribus retento nobis
et successoribus nostris imperpetuum possidendam. Et si
contingat aliquo tempore prædictos abbatem et conventum
vel eorum successores, super prædictas decimas, per quos-
cunque inquietari, aut molestari, nos et successores nostri
instrumenta et munimenta nostra ad eorum defensionem et
liberationem, quotiens et quandocunque necesse fuerit, ex-
hibebimus. Dederunt etiam et concesserunt idem abbas et
conventus nobis et successoribus nostris jus patronatus in
ecclesia prædicta: ita scilicet quod cum vacaverit vicaria in
eadem, ad eam possimus, pro nostre voluntatis arbitrio,
clericum ydoneum loci diocesano præsentare, et hoc quo-
tiscunque eam vacare contigerit imperpetuum.

Insuper ne occasione dictæ permutationis aliqua eccle-
siarum prædictarum prægravetur, convenit inter nos et eos-
dem, quod quotienscunque tallagium, vel aliud onus extra-
ordinarium ecclesie Anglicanæ fuerit impositum, prædicti
abbas et conventus et eorum successores, juxta concurrentes
estimationes prædictarum decimarum et ecclesie memoratæ
illud sustinebunt, et in eo in quo dictarum decimarum
estimatio ecclesie prælibatæ taxationis excedit, nos, et suc-
cessores nostri dictos abbatem et conventum, et eorum suc-
cessores, ab omni onere extraordinario relevabimus et ex-
onerabimus. Ut autem omnia et singula præterita utræque
ecclesie perpetuæ firmitatis robur obtineant, præsens scrip-
tum in modum cirographi confectum alterno signorum nos-
trorum munimine corroboravimus. Acta anno Domini mi-
lesimo ducentesimo quinquagesimo octavo.

NUM. XII.

Hurley Priorat.

[Taxatio Ecclesiastica P. Nicholai IV. A. D. 1291.]

		£.	s.	d.
Midd.	In Herefeud de redd'	3	6	8
	In Stanewell de redd'	0	16	0
Essex.	In Alta Estre de redd'	0	5	0
Midd.	Pensio in ecclesia de Northall	0	6	8
Hertf.	Portio in ecclesia de Thornle	1	10	0
	Portio in ecclesia de Sabrichewrth	3	6	8
Essex.	Pensio in ecclesia de Alta Estre	5	0	0

		£.	s.	d.
Buck.	Pensio in ecclesia de Ammundesham	2	0	0
Camb.	Portio in Chipenham	5	0	0
Berk.	Portio in ecclesia de Esegarston	1	10	0
	Rectoria ecclesie de Stretle	10	13	4
	Pensio in ecclesia de Ishamstede	0	4	0
	Rectoria ecclesie de Hurle	10	0	0
	Temporalia in Stretle	0	3	0
	Temporalia in Hurle	22	10	0
	Temporalia in Isamstede	0	18	8
	Temporalia in Sottesbrok	0	4	0
		67	14	0

NUM. XIII.

Placita dom. Regis forinseca coram Salomone de Roff. et
sociis suis Justic. itin. apud Ozon. de octab. Pur. Be.
Mariæ, 13 Edw. I.

[Ex originali in domo Capitulari Westmon. asservato.]

PRIOR de Hurle summonitus fuit ad respondendum
domino Regi de Placito quo warranto tenet Placitum de
namio vetito in Yashamsted quod ad coronam domini Re-
gis licentia et voluntate domini regis et prædecessorum suo-
rum regum, &c.

Idem Prior summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino
Regi de placito quod permittat villanos suos de Hurle fa-
cere sectam ad hundredum domini Regis septem hun-
dredorum quam ad illud facere debeat, &c. Et de placito
quod idem Prior faciat sectam ad hundredum domini regis
septem hundredorum quam ad illud facere debet, &c.

Et Prior venit et dicit quod dominus Henricus rex,
pater domini regis nunc, concessit ei et ecclesie suæ de
Hurle quod ipse et omnes successores sui habeant in omni-
bus terris et tenementis suis placitum de namio vetito, et
quod ipse et homines sui quieti sint de sectis shirarum et
hundredorum; per cartam suam profert, et quæ hoc idem
testatur. Et petit judicium, &c. Profert etiam cartam
domini Regis nunc de confirmatione quæ testatur quod
dominus rex nunc concessit eidem priori et successoribus
suis, quod ipsi quieti sint de sectis shyr. et hundred. et
quod ipsi habeant placitum de namio in omnibus terris et
tenementis suis. Unde petit judicium, &c.

Dies datus est ei apud Westm. coram domino rege a
die Paschæ in unum mensem de audiendo judicio suo, &c.
ro. 27.

NUM. XIV.

De Appropriatione Ecclesie de Warefeld.

[E Libro MS. vocato "Liber Niger Quaternus" in Archivis Ecclesie
Westmonasterij conservato, p. 88.]

Anno xv^{mo}. Ric. II^{di}.

EODEM tempore Prior et conventus de Hurley suppli-
caverunt domino regi ut pro reverentia dominæ Edithæ
sororis sancti regis Edwardi Confessoris ibidem sepultæ, et
quia dictus locus in multis aggravatur, videlicet de inun-
datione fluminis Thamesis, de domibus ruinosis, de morte
tenentium suorum, de onere hospitalitatis suæ, et quia mo-
dicè sunt dotati; placeat eidem domino regi appropriare eis
ecclesiam de Warefeld Sarum diocesis, unde ipsi patroni
sunt et ab antiquo fuerint.

NUM. XV.

An Acte concernyng an Exchaunge of Londs betwene the
Kyng's Highnes and the Abbot and Convent of Westm.
A. D. 1536, 28 Hen. VIII. chap. xlix.

[Stat. of the Realm, vol. iii. p. 709.]

WHERE the ryght reverende father in God Wylliam
Boston abbot of the monastery of Seynt Peter of West-
minster in the countye of Middlesex and the convent of the
same place, wyth there hole assent consent and agreement
by theyre dede suffycient in the lawe dated the furst daye
of July in the xxviijth yere of the reign of oure sovereign
lorde Kyng Henry the viijth, sealed wyth theyre convent

and comen seale, and enrolled of recorde, have geven graunted and by the same dede conformed unto oure sayde sovereign lorde his heyres and successours all that there scyte soyle circuyte and procynct of the maner of Nete wythin the cumpas of the Mote, wyth all the housyngs buyldyngs yerds gardeyns orcheards fysshynge and other commodytes in and about the same scyte, one close lyeng over ayenst the sayde scyte called xxⁱⁱ acres a medowe called Abbotts medowe wyth a pece of grounde called Cawcy Halle conteynnyng in all xiiij acres, xvij acres of medowe called Market mede lyeng next the Horseferry over ayenst Lambethe, xxxij acres of errable lande in dyvers places, thre acres of medowe in Temys mede, iij acres of lande and one acre of medowe nowe in the holdyng of John Lawrence two acres of lande in three parcelles next the Eye nowe in the tenure of the same John Lawrence two acres of medowe lyeng in Temys mede nowe in the tenure of the same John Lawrence, two acres of medowe lyeng in Market mede nowe in the tenure of John Clerke two acres of lande in Charyng Crosse felde now in the tenure of Thom^s Swalowe; all which premysses lyen and bene in the townes and parysses of Westminster and Seynt Martyns in the Felde in the sayde countye of Middlesex; one mesuage or tenement in the Kyngs Strete in Westminster called the Lambe wyth the yarde and wharffe thereunto adyoynnyng late in the tenure of John Pomfrett, and iij acres of medowe in Chelseth medowe next the Broke in the county aforsayde, and the advouson and patronage of the churche of Chelsethe and also the maner of Totyngton wyth all and singler the appurtenances, wyth all those lands tenements and other heredytaments nowe in the occupation of Hughe Mannyng in Totyngton and the rectory and parsonage of the churche of Totyngton in the sayde county of Myddlesex, wyth all the tythes oblations offeryngs pencions porcions and other proffettes and advauntages what so ever they be beyng parte or parcell of the sayde parsonage or to the sayde parsonage perteynyng or in any wyse belongyng; and also the scyte soyle circuyte and procyncte of the maner of Hyde wyth all the demayne landes tenements rents medowes and pastures of the sayde maner wyth all other proffytts and commodytes to the same apperteynyng or belongyng whyche nowe be in the tenure and occupation of one John Arnold, and also the maner of Eybury wyth all the landes medowes and pastures rents and services beyng parte or parcell therof or reputed or taken as parte or parcell therof and two closes late parcell of the ferme of Longmore in the county of Middlesex aforsayde, whiche maner of Eybury wyth the sayde two closes late were in the tenure and occupation of one Richard Whasshe; and two banks theone ledyng from Totehyll to the Thamyse lyeng betwene the dyche of Market mede upon the southe and the dyche of the Burgoyne and the Vyne garden upon the northe, the other lyeng betwene the sayde Market mede upon the west and the Thamyse upon the est in Westminster aforsayde whiche nowe be in the occupation of John Shether; and also thre parcelles of medowe called Markett medes lyeng betwene the Thamyse and Totehyll and one more abutting upon Shere dyche now in the occupation of John Bate, and also one close called Sandypytte feld conteynnyng xvij acres whether yt be more or lesse wyth two medowes to the same adjoynnyng, wherof one of the sayde medowes conteyne v acres and the other vij acres nowe in the occupation of one Wylliam Bate, and also one medowe called Longmore conteynnyng vij acres and one bank extendyng from Abbotts brydge unto the Thamyse whiche nowe be in the occupation of one John Lawrence, and also a pasture called Priours crofte lyeng next the waye ledyng from Eye brydge to Eybury, and one pece of medowe lyeng in Thamyse mede called Pryours hoope conteynnyng one acre and an halfe, and one close called Bryk close lyeng betwene the greates close belongyng unto Eybury on the west and north and the medowe called Conduyte mede on the est whiche Robert Sharpe and Elyzabeth his wyffe late the wyffe of one Wylliam Vincent now holde, and also one croft called Hawardes croft whiche nowe one Edward Stokwood holdethe, and one medowe parcell of Longmore conteynnyng by estymacion iij acres lyeng next the Abbotts brydg at

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Totehyll aforsayde whiche now ys in the occupation of one Nicholas Fysshier lyeng and being in Westminster aforsayde, and also one tenemente wyth two cotages lyeng at Charyng Crosse whiche nowe one Crystian Norres holdeth lyeng in the seyde parysshe of Seynt Martyn in the Felde; and also one yerly rent of xvj^d. goyng out of a tenement called the Swanne in Charyng Crosse in the same parysshe of Seynt Martyns, and also one yerly rent of xj^s. viij^d. goyng out of the londes belongyng to the abbott of Abyngdon nowe in the tenure of one George Sutton in Charyng Crosse felde, and also one yerly rent of vj^d. by the yere goyng oute of a close at Colmanshedge nowe in the occupation of the late wyffe of Edmond Horne, and also one yerly rent of vij^s. j^d. goyng out of xx acres of londe of Sir Wylliam Essex knyght lyeng in Westminster aforsayde, and also one yerly rent of xvij^d. goyng out of the londs belongyng unto theyres of Edward Norres lyeng in the same towne, and also one yerly rent of xiiij^d. goyng out of three acres and an half of the landz of Sir Hugh Vaughan lyeng wythin Westminster aforsayde, and also one yerly rente of ij^s. goyng oute of iij^{or}. acres of erable lande and x. acres of medowe of one Wylliam Jenyn in Westminster aforsayde, and also one yerly rente of iij^{or}. goyng out of the maner of Chelseth in the sayde countye of Middlesex late in the tenure of Wylliam Sandes knight Lorde Sandes and also three closes lyeng and beyng in Estgrenewyche in the countye of Kent parcell of the ferme of Combe and late in the tenure of one Wylliam Muschampe; all whiche maners landes tenements and other the premysses bene valued and extended by the sayde abbott and covent to be of the clere yerly valew of fourescore sixteen poundes and seven shyllings over and above all yerly charges and reprints; to have and to holde all the sayde scytes soyles circuytes and procyncts of the maners before rehersed and all other maners londes tenements pastures rents revercions services fysshynge and other the premysses wyth all and singler theyre appurtenances unto the same oure seyde sovereign lorde his heyres and successours for ever; as by the same dede enrolled of recorde amongs other thyngs doth appere: for and in recompence and consideracion wherof the kyngs most royall majesty of his most habundaunt grace and of his mere mocion by his lettres patents dated the thirde daye of July the xxvij. yere before rehersed hathe geven and graunted and by the same lettres patents conformed unto the sayde Wylliam Boston abbot of the monastery of Seynt Peter of Westminster and his successours the scyte soyle circuyte and procyncte of the late house or pryory of oure blessed Lady of Hurley in the countye of Berks, wyth all the housyngs buyldyngs yerdes gardeyns and orcheardes in and aboute the same and also all those maners lands and tenements lyeng and beyng in Esthamsted in the sayde countye of Berks and the rectories and parsonages of Hurley Waltham and Stretley and the advousons and patronages of the vicarages of Hurley and Waltham aforsayde and all tithes oblations offeryngs pencions porcions and all other proffytts and avauntages what so ever they be to the sayde rectories and parsonages or any of them apperteynyng or in any wyse belongyng, and also the tythe of Knollehyll whiche Rycharde Andrewes nowe occupyeth in ferme parcell of the sayde parsonage of Hurley one pencion of iij^s. goyng oute of the churche of Esthamsted in the sayde countye of Berks one mesuage and certeyn landz lyeng and beyng in Kyngham in the counte of Oxford nowe in the tenure and occupation of one Nicholas Water and also the maner or lordship of Hurley wyth all and singler thap-purtenances in Hurley in the countye of Berks aforsayde, wyth the viewe of frankpledge and lawday and all goodes and catells wayffed and strages wythin the sayde towne of Hurley, one watermylle wyth all other landz tenements rents and heredytaments lyeng and beyng in Hurley aforsayde late beyng parcell or apperteynyng unto the sayde late house or priory of Hurley wyth all and singler thap-purtenances (one greates woode lyeng togyder in Hurley aforsayde called Hurley Woode lyeng next to the woode called the Thyket late perteynyng to the sayde late prior onely except); all whiche maner landz and tenements in Esthamsted and Hurley aforsayde and other the premysses in the sayde lettres patents conteyned and expressed late were

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parcell and perteynyng unto the sayde late house or pryory of our blessed Lady of Hurley aforsayd; to have and to holde the sayde scyte soyle circuyte and procyncte of the sayde late house or pryory of Hurley and also all the sayde maners landz and tenementz in Esthamsted and Kyngham aforsayde and the sayde rectories and parsonages of Hurley, Waltham and Stretley aforsayde wyth bothe the sayde patronages and advousons of the vicarages of Hurley and Waltham before rehersed wyth all and singler thappurtenances and also the sayde maner or lordship of Hurley and all and singuler other the premysses in Hurley aforsayde (except before except) wyth the sayde viewe of frank plege goodes and catalls wayffed and strayes wythin the sayde towne of Hurley to the sayde Wyllyam Boston abbot of the monastery of Saynte Peter of Westminster and his successours for ever, of oure sayde sovereign lorde the kyng and his heyres in chieff by the servyce of the xth. parte of a knyghts fee and the yerly rent of xiiij^{li}. at the feasts of Sayncte Michell tharchaungell and Thannunciation of oure blessed Lady Seynt Mary by even porcions for all maner of servyces and demaundes; as by the same lettres patents emongs other thyngs apperethe more at large: be yt therfore enacted ordeyned and establysshed by the kyng oure sovereign lorde wyth thassent of his lordes bothe spirituall and temporall and of the comons in this present parlyament assembled and by thaucthoryte of the same, that our sayde sovereign lorde shall have holde and enjoye the sayde scytes^a circuytes and procynctes of the sayde maners of Hyde and Nete and all other manours landes tenements medowes pastures rents revercions and other the premysses in the sayde dede of the forsayde abbote and covent conteyned and expressed to hym his heires and assignes for ever, accordyng unto the trewe meanyng purport tenoure and effecte of the same: and that the sayde dede may stonde and be good and effectuell in the lawe to every purpose and intent. And also that the sayde Wyllyam Boston abbot of the sayde monastery of Seynt Peter aforsayde shall have holde and enjoye to hym and his successours all and singler the sayde scyte soyle circuyte and procyncte of the sayde late house or pryory of Hurley wyth all the houses buyldyngs corts gardeyns orchardes pondes fisshyngs in and aboute the same and all the sayde maners londs and tenements in Esthamsted Hurley and Kyngham aforsayd wyth the sayde rectories and parsonages of Hurley Waltham and Stretley and all other the premysses in the sayde lettres patents conteyned and specefyed to the sayde abbot and his successours for ever; to holde of oure sayde sovereign lorde and his heyres as is before rehersed accordyng to the effecte and purporte of the sayde lettres patents; and that the sayde lettres patents shalbe good fyrm and effectuell in the lawe accordyng unto the trewe menyng and intent of the same.

Savyng to all and every person and persons bodyes polytyke and corporate theyr heyres and successours and to the heyres and successours of every of them, other then the sayde abbot and his successours, all suche right title use interest accions lawfull entrees termes rents comyns and profyfts whyche so every they or any of them have or hathe, or at any tyme hereafter shall have in or to the premysses or any parte or parcell therof in the sayde dede of the abbot and covent aforsayde conteyned and expressed; and also savyng to all and every person and persons bodyes polytyke and corporate theyre heyres and successours and to the heyres and successours of every of them, other then oure sayde sovereign lorde the kyng his heires and successours and every of them, all suche ryght title use interest accions lawfull entres termes rents comens and profetts whyche they or eny of them have or hathe, or at any tyme hereafter shall have in or to the sayde scyte circuyte soyle and procyncte of the sayde late house or pryory of Hurley and other the premysses in the sayde lettres patents of oure sayde sovereign lorde the kyng conteyned and expressed, this present acte or any clause article or sentence therin conteyned or expressed to the contrary therof in eny wyse notwithstandyng.

And where the prior of the sayde monastery of Westminster hath hertofore used to sue and to be sued by the

name of the pryor of the sayde monastery, aswell in accions personall as reall, wythout namyng the abbot of the sayde monastery in any of the same accions, and also hathe exercysed used and done dyvers other acts and thyngs as a body polytique corporate by hymself served from the sayde abbot for tyme beyng, by reason and occasion wherof dyvers stryffs dyscordes contraversies and enormyties hathe in tyme paste dayly growen and chaunced betwyxt thabbot and pryour of the sayde monastery for the tyme beyng and theire brethern of the same monastery, to the highe displeasure of Almyghty God greate unquyetnes and sclaunder of the sayde monastery lett of good relygeon distruction of vertue decaye of trewe perfeccion mayntenance of vyce and hynderaunce of dyvyne servyce in the same: Wherfore the kyngs highnes tendryng most effectuously the honoure of God the restoryng and mayntenance of good relygeon accordyng to the puretye and fyrst institution of the same, his most gracyous wyll and pleasure ys that yt be enacted ordeyned and establysshed by thaucthoryte of this present parlyament his highnes the lords spirituall and temporall and the comens assembled in the same, that the sayde incorporation of the sayde priour and his successours be clerely fromhensforth frustrate adnychilate voyde and of none effecte, and that the sayde pryor and his successours be fromhensforth dysabled to sue or to be sued wythout his abbot or sovereign, in lyke wyse maner and fourme as any other monke beyng professed in the same monastery is or shalbe; and that all lands tenements rents possessions revenues profyfts advousons patronages presentacions donacions and all other heredytaments commoditytes and emoluments whyche the sayd priour and his predecessours have hertofore claymed or had used and enjoyed as a body polytyke, shall by thaucthoryte aforsayde be fromhensforth demed and adjudged in the sayde abbot and his successours for ever, in as ample and large maner fourme qualyte and condicion as the same before were or now be in the sayd pryour of the sayde monastery or any of his predecessours; and that the sayde abbot and his successours shall and maye fromhensforth have holde possede and enjoye the same premysses wyth all suche and lyke benefyfts advantages and profetts as the sayde nowe pryor or eny of his predecessours priours of the sayde monastery have heretofore had used or enjoyed, or of right ought to have or myght have had used or enyoied.

And be yt further enacted by thaucthoryte aforsayde, that aswell all such offyces houses mancyons possessions profyfts and commoditytes, of and wythin the sayde monastery and elsewhere, whyche heretofore have bene used exercysed and occupied by and at the wyll or pleasure of the pryor monke bayly celler or other offyicer wythin the sayde monastery or elsewhere, as apperteyneth to the sayde offyicers or to any of them, or to thuse mayntenance sustentacion or profytt of them or any of them, shall fromhensforth be demed and adjudged in the sayde abbot and his successours abbotts of the sayde monastery and be always at the rule order admynstracion and dysposicion of the sayde abbot and his successours abbotts of the same monastery; and that no monke or religeous person of the sayde monastery, other then the abbot there for tyme beyng, have fromhensforth any office rule distribution or mynstracion of any mony goodes or other thyngs to be done performed or made wythin the sayde monastery or elsewhere, by reason of any foundation or other ordenance or composicion heretofore had made or ordeyned to be performed executed and done by any offyicer or religeous person or persons wythin the sayde monastery, but onely by the sayde abbot and his successours, and at the wyll and pleasure of the abbot of the same monastery for the tyme beyng, accordyng to Saynt Benetts rule; any statute ordenance foundation convencion composicion use custome bonde othe agreement or other thyng heretofore had made graunted used or allowed to the contrary notwithstandyng.

Provyded alwey that the abbot of the sayde monastery for tyme beyng and his successours, or suche as he or they shall apoynte wythin the same monastery, shall at all

^a Soyles O.

tymes hereafter do fulfill performe and kepe or cause to be done performed and kept all maner of suche almeses to pore people masses diriges sermons lectours scolers stipendes lights lampes torches tapers payments for offeryngs and forreyn annyversaryes fyndyng of bedemen and bedewomen and all other suche thyngs accordyng to the foundacions provisions uses composicions or agreements heretofore had made provyded or used for and concernyng the same ; any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary therof notwythstondyng.

* Provyded alwaye, that this acte or any thyng therin conteyned be not prejudycyall or hurtfull to Rycharde Andrewes Esquyre styward of the londes of the sayde pryory of Hurley, of or for his sayde offyce and fees and wages for the same, nor for any other lease or leases that the sayde Richard hath of the graunt or dymyse of the late pryor or pryores of the sayde pryory, but that the sayde Rycharde may have and enjoye the same accordyngly, this acte notwythstondyng, in suche maner and fourme as thoughe this acte had never byn had ne made.

Provyded alwey that this acte or any thyng therin conteyned or expressed shall not be hurtfull or prejudycyall to Thomas Warde esquyre, nor to Rycharde Warde gentylman, nor to eyther of them, nor to theyre deputye or deputies, for or concernyng the offyces of the woodwardshyp and baylyfwyke of the liberties of Hurley and receyvorshyp of the rents and revenuez belongyng to the house or monastery of Hurley, to the same Thomas and Rycharde graunted and geven for terme of theyr lyves under the covent seale of the pryour and convent of Hurley severally graunted, nor to any the fees wages casualtyes or other yerly proffets to the same offyces or any of them belongyng or appertaynyng, thys acte or any thyng therein conteyned or expressed to the contrary in eny wyse notwythstondyng, and as thoughe this acte had never bene had ne made.

NUM. XVI.

From the Particular for a Grant in Reversion to Leonard Chamberlayne.

[Augmentation Office.]

HURLEY in comitatu Berkesiræ parcella terrarum et possessionum nuper monasterij sancti Petri Westmonasterij in comitatu Middelsexiæ.

valet in

Firma scitus nuper prioratus ibidem ac dominij et rectoriæ ibidem cum liij^s. iiij^d. pro decimis apud Knollehyll et xxxiiij^s. iiij^d. pro firma diversarum terrarum in Kyngesame in comitatu Oxoniæ dimiss^r Radul-

pho Nuttinge per indenturam per annum

iiij^{xx}. v^{li}. v^d.

Rectoria de Walthame dimissa Johanni Goughe per indenturam per annum

x^{li}. xv^s. viij^d.

Firma manerij de Esthampstede in comitatu Berkesiræ per annum

cj^s. viij^d. ob.

Firma rectoriæ de Sheteley per annum

x^{li}.

Pencione ecclesiæ de Esthampstede per annum

iiij^s.

cxj^{li}. xxj^d. ob.

Concordat cum valore possessionum nuper monasterij Westmonasterij et examinatur per me

THOMAM MILDEMAÏE auditorem.

The sum of all the premysses

over and besyde the woods cxj^{li}. xxj^d. ob.

Inde pro decima xj^{li}. ij^s. iiij^d.

Et remanet clare lxxxxix^{li}. xix^s. vj^d. ob.

Wyche ys gyvyn to Charles Howarde and to hys heys malez of hys body.

Memorandum the kyng must dyscharge the sayd Charles of all incumbrances except leazez and except the tenth byfor reservyd.

RYCHARD RYCHE.

Memorandum that I Leonarde Chamberlein esquire doo require to purchas of the kings highnes by vertue of his gracies comission of sale the revercion of the premisses beyng of the clere yerlie value above menconed according to the rate made of the same. In witnes wherof I the said Leonarde have subscribed this cedula and setto my seall the daie and yere specified in the said rate.

LEONARD CHAMBARLEYN.

vij^{mo}. Die Januarij anno xxxv^{to}. H. viijth. pro Leonardo Chamberleyn. The clere yerely value of all such possessyons of the late house of Hurley gyven to Charles Howarde and to his heires males of his bodye over and besides the tenth iiij^{xx}. xix^{li}. xix^s. vj^d. ob. the reversion therof by the kynges warraunte is sold to the saide Leonarde, which reversion, rated at iiij. yeres purches, doth amounte to the some of cccc^{li}. to be paide all in hande.

Memorandum the kyng must dyscharge the saide Leonarde of all incombraunces except leasses and the rent byfore reservyd.

RYCHARD RYCHE.

JOHN WILLIAMS.

WALTER HENDLE.

COMPUT^r MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 28 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

HURLEY PRIORATUS.

Com' Berk'		£.	s.	d.
Hurley	Diversa Premissa	42	11	1
-	Le Hall-Place	6	13	4
Esthampsted	Redd' Assis', &c.	5	1	7½
Warfeld	Rectoria	10	10	0
Stretley	Rectoria	10	0	0

* The following provisos are annexed to the original act in two separate schedules.

		£.	s.	d.
Com' Berk'				
Waltham	Rectoria	11	2	4
Hurley	Rectoria	10	0	0
Knolhill	X ^{me} .	2	13	4
Shepeham et Harfeld	X ^{me} .	5	4	0
Compton Magna	Pençō pro Terr'	2	13	4
Kingham	Ten'	1	13	4
Argaston	X ^{me} .	0	11	0
Civit' London'				
London	Redd'	0	13	4
Com' Berk'				
Hurley	Terr' dñic'	21	10	0
-	Commun' Fin'	0	5	3
Hendeley	Redd' Assis'	0	9	0
Goring	X ^{me} . Molend'	0	6	0

Priory of Malvern Major, or Great Malvern,

IN

WORCESTERSHIRE:

A Cell to the Abbey of St. Peter Westminster.



with trees, in the midst of which some monks who aspired to greater perfection, retired from the priory of Worcester, and became hermits. The enthusiasm spread so fast, that their number soon increased to three hundred, when forming themselves into a society, they agreed to live according to the order of St. Benedict, and elected Alwin one of their company to be superior. Thus was this monastery founded about the year 1083, with the consent and approbation of St. Wolstan bishop of Worcester.^a It was dedicated to the Virgin Mary.^b

ANNER says, here, in the great wild forest, was an hermitage, or some kind of religious house for seculars, before the Conquest, with some endowment by the gift of King Edward the Confessor.

Dr. Nash, speaking of Malvern, in his Collections for the History of Worcestershire, vol. ii. p. 121, says:

“ Before the Conquest it was a wilderness thick set

“ In the Register of Godfrey Giffard who was elected bishop of Worcester A. D. 1268, is an account of the foundation of this Priory in the following words: ‘ Quidam eremita nomine Aldwynus vitam suam duxit in loco ubi nunc situatur Prioratus Majoris Malvernise tempore sancti Edwardi regis. Præterea venit comes Glouc. Hudde nomine, et ad petitionem illius eremitæ concessit sibi locum ubi dictus Prioratus situatur una cum bosco ibidem usque Baldyate unde idem eremita collegit sibi monachos, et constituit etiam subpriorem Andream nomine, ad regulandum secundum ordinem beati Benedicti inter eos. Præterea idem eremita subjecit dictum Prioratum quatinus in ipso fuit absque conniventia diocesani et fundatoris Westm. qui pro tempore illo fuit. Præterea post multum temporis curriculum dominus Silvester quondam episcopus Wigorn. præfecit fratrem Thomam de Wychis monachum ibidem in priorem, et confirmavit eundem sic creatum. Walterus vero de Cantelupe quondam Wigorn. episcopus confirmavit priorem Malvern. Johannem de Cleynes, mortuo illo, præterea confirmavit Tho. de Bredone, quo mortuo præterea confirmavit Willielmum de Wykewane: Godefridus nunc Wigorn. episc. fratrem W. de Ledebury.’^c

“ The greatest benefactor was Henry I. who gave them

^a Gul. Malmesb. de Gestis Pontif. Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 474. In the Annal. Wigorn. Alwin is expressly called the founder of Malvern monastery A. D. 1085.

^b Gervase of Cant. in his MS. Chronicle quoted by Tanner, speaks

of it as dedicated to St. Michael also. The church is likewise called St. Michael Malvern in an original charter which will be again mentioned presently. Cart. Antiq. Mus. Brit. L. F. C. xviii. 11.

^c Reg. Godefr. Giffard, fol. 157 a.



Drawn and Engraved by John Cuney.

Westwerk of the Cathedral of St. Lawrence, Autun, France.

Quat and Fuleford in Staffordshire, Hathfield in Herefordshire, and other lands.^a

"Gislebert, abbat of Westminster, with consent of his convent, assigned to them several manors and estates, whereupon this monastery was looked upon as a cell, or at least subordinate to Westminster abbey.^b

"Gilbert de Clare, earl of Gloucester, lord of the forest, contributed largely to the revenues of this House. Osborn and Richard Fitzpontz, or de Pontibus, were likewise considerable benefactors."^c

In the Taxation of Pope Nicholas the Fourth, A. D. 1291, are enumerated the possessions, as well temporal as spiritual, which the priory possessed at that period.^d

Among the additions made to the account of this priory in the second volume of the former edition of Dugdale, is an extract from the Pleas taken before the king at York in Michaelmas term 11 Edw. II. rot. 28, wherein the prior says, that sometime before the Conquest there was a congregation of hermits at Malvern; that soon after, the abbat of Westminster, with consent of Urso d'Abitot, placed there a prior and monks, and gave them the manors of Newland, Wortesfeld, and Poiwyk; Osbert Fitzpontz gave

them the manor of Longeneye; Guy Fitz-Holgod gave them two hides of land; and Roger de Chaundos the town of Hatfeld; which donations Henry the First confirmed, and gave them likewise ten pounds worth of land, with its appurtenances, in Badenhale, Malverne, Northwod, and Fulford, to hold free from all services.^e

"Wolstan prior of Worcester, with consent of his convent, gave to the church of Great Malvern sundry lands in Powick, Braunceford, and Leigh.^f

"The church of Powyke was appropriated to the priory of Great Malvern by Walter de Maydeston, about the year 1314, and the vicarage instituted in the year following.^g William Lynn, bishop of Worcester, in the year 1368, confirmed to the priory the church of St. Thomas the Martyr of Malvern, the church of Powick, and the church of Longeney.^h

"The church of Upton Snodsbury was appropriated to the priory of Great Malvern by Henry Wakefield about the year 1392.ⁱ

"The prior and convent were likewise lords of Knightwick; which manor they assigned over to Godfrey Giffard, bishop of Worcester, with consent of King Edward, son of Henry.^k They had before this the manor of Canterbauh-

^a See the charters in the Appendix to the present Account, Numm. II. III. In the former edition of the Monasticon the second charter of K. Henry I. was inserted, by mistake, as a charter of K. Henry II.

^b Tann. Notit. Mon.

^c Compare Nash's Collections for the Hist. of Worcestershire, vol. ii. p. 121. Richard Fitzpontz's grant of the church and tithes of Leigh will be found in the Append. Num. IV.

Madox, Formul. Anglic. Pref. p. xxii. noticing some singular demises, says, "Thus Herbert abbat of Westminster" [made so A. D. 1221] "granted to the monks of Malvern 'manerium de Powica ad firmam, pro xxiiii. libris per annum. Hæc pecunia per iii. terminos reddenda est, scilicet &c. Et tamdiu teneant, quamdiu obediens fuerint et subjecti nostræ matri ecclesiæ, et de hac obedientiâ fideliter servierint; et illas consuetudines habeat abbas in eodem manerio quas habet in omnibus aliis maneriis quæ similiter sunt ad firmam.'" Ex orig. cyrogr. in archiv. S. Petri Westm.

^d See Num. IX.

^e See the Append. of Instrum. Num. I. paragr. "Plac. coram rege apud Ebor. term. Mic. 12 Edw. II. rot. 28." Tanner, however, in the Notitia Monastica, doubts Erso d'Abitot having had any thing to do with the foundation.

^f Nash, ut supr. p. 121, from Reg. Giff. fol. 100 b.

^g Ibid. p. 122. Reg. Maydeston, fol. 21 b.

^h Ibid. Reg. Silv. Gyg. foll. 201 b, 202, alias numerat. fol. 138 b, 139.

ⁱ Ibid. Lib. Alb. fol. 363 b.

^k Ibid. Reg. Giff. fol. 195. See also Thomas, Antiq. Priorat. Majoris Malverne, Chart. orig. pp. 143, 146, 151. This conveyance, Dr. Nash says, was made by order of King Edward, in order to terminate a dispute which had long and violently subsisted between Richard Ware, abbat of Westminster, and Godfrey Giffard, concerning the subordination of the priory of Malvern: the litigation was, at length, settled thus, that the bishop should have Knightwick, and that the priory should be subordinate to Westminster. The dispute seems to have begun in the reign of Henry II. when both the abbat of Westminster and bishop of Worcester claimed the jurisdiction of the priory, the right of appointing priors, of visiting, and receiving procurations: the monks wishing to be exempt from the power of their diocesan, and subject to Westminster, persuaded the abbat to institute one Walter, whom they had chosen for prior: at this the bishop, being offended, suspended the Prior, and recovered his jurisdiction about the year 1165. Anno 1279, William de Ledeburg was elected prior, approved by the abbat of Westminster, and instituted by the bishop: he, being a man of an irregular course of life, was admonished by the bishop, but not reforming his morals, a regular institution was held, and he was deprived, being charged with many atrocious crimes, "Invenit Priorem illegitimum, dilapidatorem, irregularem, fornicationis, adulterii, et incestus criminibus, non minus quam cum viginti et duabus mulieribus notorie defamatum." William de Wykewan was elected in his room, which the abbat of Westminster resented, and the old dispute was revived with great violence, both the bishop and the abbat appearing to be men of high spirit, and very tenacious of their rights: however, they were both appeased at the expence of the priory of Great Malvern, the bishop having Knightwick given to him and his successors, and the jurisdiction of Malvern, together with the profits dependent thereon, being given to the abbat of Westminster. Nash, Collect. Hist. of Worc. ut supr. note l.

The greater part of the Instruments printed in the Appendix to Thomas's "Antiquitates Prioratus Majoris Malverne," 8°. Lond. 1725, relate to the above dispute. The titles of the charters are here given. Those marked with an asterisk will be found in the Appendix to the present Account.

Chartæ originales illustrantes Antiquitates Prioratus Majoris Malverne, ex Registro Godfridi Giffard.

1. Presentatio Willelmi de Ledebury electi in priorem, 4 non. Mart. m.cc.lxxix. pag. 1.

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2. Litera absolutionis Prioris Majoris Malverne pro contumacia contracta, p. 2.

3. Memorandum de visitatione Episcopi crastino beati Mathei apostoli, A. D. m.cc.lxxxij. p. 4.

4. Litera domino Abbati Westmonasteriensis directa, A. D. m.cc.lxxxij. p. 4.

5. Responsio Abbatis Westmonasteriensis, p. 6.

6. Litera deprecatoria ad dominum Wellensem et Bathon. episcopum, 16 kal. Nov. anno supradicto, p. 7.

7. Citatio Abbatis Westmonasteriensis, 15 kal. Nov. anno supradicto, p. 9.

8. Altera citatio contra Abbatem Westmonasteriensem, p. 11.

9. Response, p. 12.

10. Litera regia pro Abbate Westmonasteriensis, ibid.

11. Absolutio monachorum a sententia excommunicationis quam incurrant ob contemptum jurisdictionis domini episcopi, A. D. m.cc.lxxxij. p. 14.

12. Pronunciatio excommunicationis in quosdam monachos Majoris Malverne, p. 18.

13. Pronunciatio sententiæ excommunicationis latæ in fratrem Willelmum de Were monachum Malverne, p. 20.

14. Sententia excommunicationis contra invasores bonorum Prioratus Majoris Malverne, p. 21.

15. Commissio absolvendi fratres Petrum de Wychio et Johannem de Alyncestre monachos Majoris Malverne, p. 23.

16. Memorandum de visitatione episcopi et ejectione custodis sui, p. 24.

17. Custodia Majoris Malverne per episcopum Wygornensem commissa Henrico de Wynton, p. 25.

18. Acta de Theokesbury, p. 27.

19. Secunda citatio contra Abbatem Westmonasteriensem, p. 28.

20. Excommunicatio contra falso vendicantes jurisdictionem in prioratu Majoris Malverne, p. 29.

21. Litera episcopi directa Johanni archiepiscopo Cantuariensi pro monachis incarceratis, p. 31.

22. Petitiones episcopi ad curiam regis faciendæ contra Malverne, p. 33.

23. Litera domino Antonio Beke directa, p. 36.

24. Litera directa domino Bathoniensi et Wellensi, p. 37.

25. Interdictum Malverne, p. 38.

26. Absolutio Alani de Cante, clerici excommunicati, p. 43.

27. Litera regia pro restitutione Willelmi de Ledebury, p. 44.

28. Sequestum ecclesiæ Majoris Malverne, p. 45.

29. Interdictum locorum abbatis Westmonasteriensis, ibid.

30. Penitentia absolutorum, p. 48.

31. Interdictum contra abbatem Westmonasteriensem conceptum per magistrum de Wychio, p. 50.

32. Litera directa domino Bathon. et Wellensi episcopo, p. 54.

33. Litera regis thesaurariis et baronibus de scaccario pro prioratu Malverne, p. 57.

34. Litera regis vicecomiti Wygorn. pro prioratu Malverne, p. 59.

35. Litera regia pro liberatione fratris Willelmi de Wickewane, p. 61.

36. Breve secundum, p. 61.

37. Breve tertium, p. 62.

38. Litera archiepiscopi Cantuariensis super visitatione sua in diocesi Wygorniensi, A. D. 1282, p. 63.

39. Visitatio archiepiscopi Cantuariensis apud Wygorniam, p. 64.

40. Visitatio Johannis archiepiscopi in diocesi Wygorniensi, p. 66.

41. Litera deprecatoria pro liberatione fratris Willelmi de Wikewane, ibid.

42. Litera episcopi Procuratoribus suis in Curia Romana, p. 69.

43. Litera altera, p. 70.

44. Petitiones episcopi in Curia Romana, p. 71.

45. Denuntiatio excommunicationis latæ in monachos Majoris Malverne, p. 75.

han, and the parish church of Laugh Mayn, in the diocese of St. David, together with a prebend in the said church, the manor of Foleford, in the diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, and the parish church of Pichetote [Pichcot] in Lincoln diocese; all which had been taken from them, so that they could hardly support their number of monks, which was twenty-six, together with the thirty poor people whom they constantly maintained."^a

The names of certain contributors to the building of the church and house of Great Malvern will presently be noticed, in Dr. Nash's words, from the Habington Collections for Worcestershire, in the account of the rich windows with which the church was formerly decorated.

The Placita de Quo Waranto of the 15th Edw. I. show the privileges which were claimed by the prior of Great Malvern at that time in certain lands in Gloucestershire.^b

The endowment of this monastery, as it stood at the time of the dissolution of religious houses, may be ascertained from the abstracts of the Valor Ecclesiasticus of the

26th, and the Ministers' Accompts of the 34th Hen. VIII. both of which will be found at the close of the Appendix to the present Account.

PRIORS of GREAT MALVERN.

ALWYN, or ALWINUS, *t.* Will. Conq. about A. D. 1083.^c

WALCHER, called WALCHERUS LOTHARINGUS; Willis says he occurs in 1125.^d He died Oct. 1, 1135.^e

ROGER occurs in 1151,^f and again in the 5th Hen. II. A. D. 1159.^g

WALTER, A. D. 1165.^h Willis mentions ROGER MALLEBURGH, A. D. 1177.ⁱ Another WALTER succeeded, A. D. 1191.^k THOMAS DE WICKE occurs A. D. 1217.^l

WILLIAM NORMAN, A. D. 1222.^m

THOMAS died A. D. 1242.ⁿ

JOHN DE WORCESTER, or DE WIGORNIA, was pre-

46. Inhibitio curiæ Cantuariensis pro Malvernia Majori, vij. kal. Mart. A. D. 1282, p. 76.

47. Revocatio tuitionis in causa de Malverna ad examen domini Cantuariensis archiepiscopi, vj. id. Mart. 1282, p. 80.

48. Litera regia super negotio Malverne apud Montgomery reformando, p. 82.

49. Litera directa archiepiscopo Cantuariensi super processu Malvern, x. kal. Apr. 1282, p. 83.

50. Sententia Archiepiscopi lata contra monachos Malvernæ, et quosdam canonicos sancti Oswaldi Gloucestr. p. 87.

51. Bulla contra Malvernenses, p. 89.

52. Alia fere similis, p. 91.

53. Procuratorium episcopi Wygorniensis, xj. kal. Maii, A. D. 1283, p. 92.

54. Aliud procuratorium, p. 93.

55. Aliud procuratorium, p. 94.

56. Litera archiepiscopo Cantuariensi excusans absentiam, p. 95.

57. Memoranda super possessione Jurisdictionis Wygorn. episcopi, habitæ apud Majorem Malverne, p. 96.

58. Litera directa magistris W. Pikerel et R. de Vyenne, p. 100.

59. Confirmatio sententiæ latæ in Malvern per Wygorniensem episcopum, deinde per archiepiscopum, ij. kal. Maii, A. D. 1283, p. 101.

60. Litera episcopi domino Regi directa. *Gallicæ*, p. 103.

61. Litera archiepiscopi Cantuariensis super ratihabitatione sententiæ latæ per dominum Wygorniensem episcopum contra Malverne, p. 104.

62. Pronunciatio excommunicationis latæ contra monachos Malverne, p. 107.

63. Citatio contra communicantes cum excommunicatis Malverne, p. 109.

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65. Litera episcopi super visitatione Malverne, p. 113.

66. Litera directa Hugoni cardinali pro liberatione Prioris Majoris Malverne, vj. id. Jun. 1283, p. 114.

67. Commissio in solidum Prioris sanctæ Fredeswydæ Oxon. iij. id. Jun. 1283, p. 116.

68. Commissio prioris de Serteseya non in solidum, ij. id. Jun. anno ut supr. p. 117.

69. Alia commissio super eodem negotio, p. 118.

70. Archiepiscopus contra Malverne, p. 119.

71. Archiepiscopus contra Malverne, p. 123.

72. Litera regia contra captionem concepta, p. 126.

73. Litera domino regi directa, p. 127.

74. Litera deprecatoria directa episcopo Londinensi, p. 129.

75. Certificatio episcopi Sarum super executione facta contra Malverne, p. 130.

76. Executio contra Malverne auctoritate judicis delegati, x. kal. Aug. 1283, p. 131.

77. Modus subtrahendi decimas excommunicatis Malverne, p. 134.

78. Absolutio Willelmi de Penbroke, p. 135.

79. Litera regis, ut excommunicati de Malverne licite emant victualia, p. 136.

80. Litera directa domino regi pro Malverne, p. 137.

81. Certificatio officialis Wygorniensis super executione facta contra Malverne, auctoritate judicis delegati, p. 139.

82. Interdictum judicum delegatorum contra Malverne; v. id. Septemb. 1283, p. 141.

83. Ratificatio prioris et conventus Malverne, super compositione prædicta, p. 142.

84. Inductio episcopi Wygorniensis in manerium de Knythwike per regem, p. 143.

85. Exemptio Majoris Malverne per episcopum Wygorniensem, p. 144.

86. Carta de Knythwike, 11 Edw. I. p. 146.

87. Inductio episcopi per Priorem et Conventum, 11 Edw. I. p. 147.

88. Relaxatio sententiæ latæ in Malverne per episcopum Wygorniensem, A. D. 1283, p. 148.

89. Eadem in specie, p. 149.

90. Inspeximus regis, p. 150.

91. Inrotulatio de Knythwike, p. 151.

92. Litera regia pro seisinâ de Knythwike, p. 153.

93. Litera archiepiscopi Cantuariensis pro causa Malverne, p. 155.

94. Responsio ad archiepiscopum super negotio de Malverne, p. 157.

95. Bulla pro observatione Compositionis supradictæ, p. 158.

96. Venatio chaciæ Malverne prestanda annuo . . . episcopo Wygornienensi, p. 159.

97. De eadem prestatione annua, *Gallicæ*, p. 163.

Ex Libro albo seu magno Registro prioratus Wygorn.

98. Confirmatio appropriationis ecclesiæ de Poywyke priori et conventui Magnæ Malvernæ, A. D. 1314, p. 164.

99. Confirmatio appropriationis ecclesiæ de Langeley priori et conventui Majoris Malverne prædictis, A. D. 1314, p. 169.

100. Obligatio unius marcæ annuæ Prioris et conventus Magnæ Malverne, A. D. 1314, p. 171.

101. Carta Priori et Conventui Majoris Malverne confecta sub communi sigillo Prioris et Conventus Wygorn. de diversis particulis terrarum et tenementorum in Poywike, Brannesford, et Leye, p. 172.

102. Carta Johannis Swallewey pro officio custodis boscorum nostrorum infra Chaciam Malvern, 37 Hen. VI. p. 176.

Ex Registro Maydeston.

103. Procuratorium factum Ricardo de Frome de recipiendo investituram dictæ ecclesiæ nomine dictorum Religiosorum, A. D. 1314, p. 178.

104. Investitura dictæ ecclesiæ de Poywike facta religiosis Majoris Malvern, A. D. 1314, p. 179.

105. Inductio eorumdem religiosorum in corporalem possessionem dictæ ecclesiæ de Poywike, A. D. 1314, p. 180.

106. Carta regis Henrici primi, ex Monasterio Anglicano, p. 182.

107. Alia carta regis Henrici primi, p. 185.

108. De fundatione Malvernensis cœnobii, ex Mon. Ang. vol. ii. p. 876.^a

109. Ex Lelandi Coll. vol. i. p. 62.

110. De annua pensione prioris de Malverne, A. D. 1298, p. 192.

111. De pensione sede vacante, p. 195.

^a Nash, ut supr. from Lib. Alb. fol. 65. Maydeston, fol. 16 b.

^b See the Append. Num. VIII.

^c See Thomas, Antiq. Priorat. Majoris Malverne, p. xciii.

^d List of Priors in Cole's MSS. vol. x. p. 118, from a manuscript note of Willis in a copy of Habington's Survey of Worcester Cath.

^e William of Malmesbury, de Regibus, edit. 1596, li. iii. fol. 65, narrating some circumstances mentioned by this prior, calls him "Walkerius prior Malvernæ, cujus verbis qui non credit injuriam Religionis facit." His coffin-stone, with the following inscription lengthwise, was found in 1711, in digging in a garden adjoining the church wall on the south side of the nave, and about twelve feet from the south aisle or chapel of St. Ursula:

"Philosophus dignus, bonus astrologus, Lotharingus,
Vir pius ac humilis monachus, prior hujus ovilis,
Hac jacet in cista Geometricus ac Abacista,
Doctor Walcherus, flet plebs, dolet undique clerus.
Huic lux prima mori dedit Octobris seniori;
Vivat ut in celis exoret quisque fidelis. m.c.xxxv."

See MS. Cole, vol. x. fol. 123. Nash, Hist. Worc. vol. ii. p. 133.

^f MS. Cole, ut supr. from Willis.

^g See Thomas, Antiq. Malv. ut supr.

^h Ibid. Gif. fol. 108 a.

ⁱ Willis, ut supr.

^k Thomas, Antiq. Malv. p. xciv. Chart. Orig. pp. 96, 97.

^l Willis, ut supr. ^m Ibid.

ⁿ Thomas, ut supr. p. xciv.

sented to the priorate on the eve of St. John Baptist, A. D. 1242.^a He resigned on the Monday after the feast of St. Luke, A. D. 1259.^b

THOMAS DE BRUDONE succeeded in 1259.^c Willis says, he resigned in 1266.^d

WILLIAM DE LEDBURY, who was elected A. D. 1279,^e was afterwards deposed, as has been already stated, for the great irregularities of his life.^f

WILLIAM DE WYKEWAN appears to have been elected prior in 1283, "durante lite."^g

WILLIAM DE LEDBURY, however, was afterwards restored.^h

RICHARD DE ESTONE, the next prior, who succeeded in 1287,ⁱ on Ledbury's final deposition, died on the 3d of the nones of March, A. D. 1300.^k

HUGH occurs prior A. D. 1314.^l Willis calls him HUGH DE WYKE, and says he resigned in 1340.^m

THOMAS DE LEGH succeeded on Hugh's resignation. He died in 1349.ⁿ

JOHN DE PAINSWICK was elected June 27th, 1349. He died in 1361.^o

SIMON BYSLEY, or BYSCHELEY, was elected Sept. 4th, 1361.^p

RICHARD ROLLE, or POLLE, was elected May 17th, 1397.^q

JOHN MALVERNE occurs A. D. 1435.^r

J. BENNET occurs A. D. 1449.^s

RICHARD MATHERN, or MATHON, is stated to have resigned in 1457.^t

RICHARD DENE, elected in the month of July, 1457,^u occurs as still prior in 1462.^v

RICHARD BONE.^w

RICHARD FREWEN occurs A. D. 1480 and 1483.^x

MACULINUS LEDBURY, 11 Feb. 1503.^y

THOMAS KEGWORTH elected Jan. 5, 1506; occurs again in 1516.^z

THOMAS DEREHAM occurs in 1533, and again in 29 Hen. VIII. A. D. 1538.^{aa}

RICHARD WHYTHORNE, or WHITBORN, *alias* BEDYL, the last prior, had a pension, A. D. 1541, of 66*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* :^{ab} which was vacated before 1553.^{ac}

Bishop Latimer's letter to Lord Cromwell in favour of the prior of Great Malvern, immediately before the Dissolution, will be found in the Appendix of Instruments. It is valuable as a specimen of English composition: and doubly valuable as it regards the good management of Great Malvern Priory at a time when few monasteries found friends to produce such testimony in their favour.

In the 36th Henry VIII. the scite of the priory of Great Malverne was granted, together with certain lands

and tenements there and in Upton and Hanley, to William Pynnok and his heirs: who in the following year alienated the same to John Knottysford, Esq.^{ad}

Although Great Malvern was a cell to Westminster, the prior and convent appear to have acted in the management of their estates, &c. as an independent corporation.^{ae}

The revenues at the time of the Dissolution were valued, according to Dugdale, at 308*l.* 1*s.* 5½*d.*: according to Speed, at 375*l.* 0*s.* 6½*d.* Tanner's MS. Valor and Stevens's Supplement, vol. i. p. 30, give 307*l.* 1*s.* 4½*d.* as the Summa clara.

NO CHARTULARY or LEIGER-BOOK of Great Malverne priory is now known to be extant.

Among Dr. Ducarel's Excerpts from the archiepiscopal Registers at Lambeth, MS. Donat. Mus. Brit. 6062, foll. 173, 387, 388, we have the following memoranda of Instruments in the Register of Archbishop John de Pecheham:

1. Mandatum archiepiscopi [episcopo] Wygornien. ad denunciand. Priorem, suppriorum, et precentorem, sacristam, celerar. camerar. et fratrem Thomam dict. Ope canon. sancti Oswaldi Gloverniæ: item Priorem, suppriorum, precentorem, sacristam, celerar. et camerar. monasterii Majoris Malvernæ Wygorn. dioc. pro contumacia in Visitatione Domini excommunicatos. Dat. apud Cyrencestre, 10 kal. Apr. A. D. 1282, fol. 84 a.

2. Littera archiepiscopi episcopo Wygorn. contra prædictos. Dat. apud Lameth, 5 id. Maii A. D. 1283, fol. 85 a.

3. Littera archiepiscopi contra Priorem de Malverne Major. et quosdam monachos prædicti prioratus, fol. 86 a.

4. Litteræ archiepiscopi Abbati Westmonasterii et episcopo Wygorn. de seditione in prioratu de Malverne Majori, fol. 192 a.

5. Ejusdem litteræ de exemptione dicti prioratus, fol. 194 a.

6. Littera archiepiscopi domino Hugoni S. Laurencii in Lucina cardinali, de seditione in priorat. Majoris Malverne, scriptum 7 kal. Martii A. D. 1283, foll. 20 a, 85 a, 153 a.

7. Compositio de priorat. Majoris Malverne, fol. 88 a.

Bishop Tanner gives the following references to public Records relating to this priory in his Notitia Monastica:

"Plac. in com. Glocestr. 32 Hen. III. rot. 18 d, pro terris in Langenei.

"Pat. 2 Edw. I. m. 8 et 9 d, de ten. in Wileby et Sutton: Plac. in Com. Glocestr. 15 Edw. I. quo war. rot.

^a Nash, Collect. for Hist. Worc. vol. ii. p. 124, from Lib. Alb. Episc. fol. 103 a. The Annales Wigorn. Angl. Sac. tom. i. p. 491, say, "Anno mcccxl. Mortuo Thoma priore Malvernæ Majoris, episcopus vacante prioratu habuit inde custodiam, et facta examinatione super electione J. succedentis coram abbate et conventu Winchecumbæ confirmavit eum; et per officialem episcopi installatus, facta episcopo canonica obedientia, abbate Westmonasterii se opponente."

^b Nash, ut supr.

^c Lib. Alb. fol. 55 a. Nash, ii. p. 136, has printed the instrument of his presentation.

^d MS. Note, ut supr.

^e Thomas, Antiq. Maj. Malv. p. xciv. Giff. fol. 169 a.

^f Compare Thomas, ut supr. pp. x. xi.

^g Ibid. pp. xii. xiii. A. D. mcccxxxiii. "Episcopus Godefridus visitavit monachos Majoris Malvernæ; qui accusaverunt priorem suum crimine pessimo. Unde postea contigit, quod v. cal. Octobris cum episcopus sederet ad mensam apud Kemeseye, iv. monachi de eodem domo prostraverunt se ante episcopum iterato conquerentes de priore, qui in crastino rediit, et priorem deposuit: ille depositus fugam inivit et scandalo addidit apostasiam." Annal. Wigorn. Angl. Sac. tom. i. p. 506. Eodem anno "xiv. cal. Julii vicecomes Wigorn. cepit W. de Ledebury et complices suos per præceptum Regis; qui per multum tempus sententia majoris excommunicationis fuerant innodati, quia idem W. apud Majorem Malverniam nomen Prioris contra justitiam usurpavit." Ibid. p. 507. "A. D. mcccxxxv. iij. non. Julii Johannes archiepiscopus apud Malverniam Majorem visitavit; et conventum ibidem absolvit a sententia excommunicationis." Ibid. p. 508.

^h Compare ibid. pp. xxiii. lxxiv.

ⁱ Angl. Sac. tom. i. p. 609. ^j Thomas, p. xciv.

^k Ibid. pp. xciv. 178. Ex Reg. Maydeston, fol. 16 b.

^l Willis, ut supr. ^m Ibid.

ⁿ Ibid. ^o Ibid. ^p Ibid.

^q Thomas, ut supr. Reg. 22. Bouch. fol. 10 b.

^r MS. Cole, vol. x. p. 118.

^s Willis, ut supr.

^t Ibid.

^u Thomas, p. xciv. Reg. 22. Carp. vol. i. fol. 177 b.

^v Thomas, pp. xciv. 21, in fenestris coloratis ecclesiæ de Malverne.

^w Willis, ut supr.

^x Thomas, p. xciv. R. 26. Sylv. fol. 33 a.

^y Willis, ut supr.

^z Ibid. See also MS. Cole, vol. xxvii. fol. 98 b.

^{aa} See the List of Pensions in the Append. of Instruments, Num. XI.

^{ab} The following is the return on Mr. Sharpe's Roll of 2 & 3 Phil. and Mary:

"MALVERNE MAJOR nuper MONASTERIUM. Feod. Thomæ Rotteseye auditoris omnium possessionum ejusdem nuper monasterii per annum xl. Johannis Russell capitalis seneschalli omnium possessionem monasterii prædicti per annum liij. iiij. Annuit. Rogeri Ligon per annum xx. Edwardi Portor per annum liij. iiij. Willielmi Cokesey per annum xiiij. iiiij. Rolandi Burhill per annum xxvj. viij. Johannis Lilley per annum xxvj. viij. Ricardi Lechemore per annum xx. Ricardi Ligon per annum xl. Ricardi Alen per annum xx. Gilberti Alford per annum xx. Thomæ Sherle per annum xl. Anthonii Kingeston militis per annum iiij. Penc. Ricardi Suckeley per annum viij. Willielmi Humbersley per annum vj. xiiij. iiiij. Willielmi Bennett per annum vj. xiiij. iiiij. Ricardi Pole per annum vj. Thomæ Powike per annum vj. Reginaldi Wauerston per annum vj. Christoferi Aldewyne alias More per annum x."

^c "Wigorn. Rex xxvj. die Augusti concessit Willielmo Pynnok domum et scitum nuper prioratus Majoris Malverne et al. terr. et ten. in Magna Malverne, Upton, et Hanley habend. ei et hæredibus suis imperpetuum." Orig. 36 Hen. VIII. ro. 104.

^d "Wigorn. De homagio Johannis Knottysford arm. pro scitu nuper prioratus de Magna Malverne et mesuag. &c. in Magna Malverne per licent. inde fact." Orig. 37 Hen. VIII. p. 1, ro. 78.

^e Tann. Notit. Mon.

12, de libertat. in maner. de Langeneie, &c. Pat. 33 Edw. I. p. 1, m. . p. 2, m. .

"Pat. 2 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 12, pro terris in Bilefeld et Peterschirch. Pat. 8 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 21, pro eccl. de Powik approprianda. Pat. 11 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 2, de terris in Hulhampton; p. 2, m. 3, et m. 37. Cart. 14 Edw. II. n. 12, pro assartis in foresta, una virgata terræ in Baldeche, &c. Pat. 15 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 25, de terris in Powyk et Bramford.

"Fin. 10 Edw. III. m. 6 et 10, de molendino in Wyke episc. Escaet. Wigorn. 10 Edw. III. n. 63, de ponte apud Wike juxta Wigorn. reparanda per priorem. Norm. 20 Edw. III. m. 18, pro eccl. de Upton, Upmodesbury, et Est Lech appropriandis. Pat. 27 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 1, pro ten. in Hereford. Pat. 34 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 15, pro ten. in Baldenhale. Pat. 38 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 30. Pat. 43 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 16 et 31. Pat. 50 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 15.

"Pat. 16 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 7. Pat. 21 Ric. II. p. 2, m. .

"Pat. 25 Hen. VI. p. 2, m. 30 vel 31."

In the Abbreviatio Rotulorum Originalium, tom. i. we have,

Extractæ grossorum finium 33 Edw. I. "Salop. Hugo Prior de Magna Malverne finem fecit cum rege per unam marcam pro uno molendino et una acra terræ in Quarte quæ pro eo quod Ricardus quondam Prior ejusdem loci ea sibi et domui suæ post publicationem adquisivit capta fuerunt in manu regis rehabend." In ced. ro. 14.

"Wigorn. Prior de Magna Malverne finem fecit cum rege per quadraginta solidos pro duobus molendinis in Wyk quæ de G. nuper episcopo Wygorn. sine licentia regis adquisivit, &c. retinend." In ced. ro. 14.

Orig. 2 Edw. II. "Hereford. Prior de Magna Malverne finem fecit cum rege per viginti solidos pro licentia ingrediendi laicum tenementum in Wylefeld et Petreschirch." In ced. ro. 10.

Orig. 8 Edw. II. "Wygorn. Prior de Magna Malverne finem fecit cum rege per viginti libras pro licentia appropriandi ecclesiam de Poywyk et eam in proprios usus tenendi," &c. ro. 8.

Orig. 15 Edw. II. Extr. gross. fin. "Wygorn. Prior de Magna Malverne finem fecit cum rege per unam marcam pro licentia recipiendi de Priore beatæ Mariæ Wygorn. quædam ten. in Powyk, Branesford, et Leye, habend." &c. ro. 20.

In the same work, tom. ii.

Orig. 9 Edw. III. "Mon. R. Hugo prior de Magna Malvern quod cum ipse, &c. apud Glouc. recuperasset seisinam suam versus Johannem le Botiller de Launltwyte de viginti solidatis redditus cum pertin. in Forthampton per recogn." &c. ro. 42.

The Cotton manuscript Faustina A. III. contains the following Instruments relating to Great Malvern:

1. Privilegium Adriani Papæ IV. de cella sanctæ Mariæ Malvernæ, fol. 199 b.

2. Carta Godefridi Wygorn. episcopi quod in cella Majoris Malvernæ nullam habeat jurisdictionem, A. D. 1283, fol. 276.

* 3. Compositio inter Westm. et Malvern. fol. 276 b.

* 4. Rex Edwardus confirmat formam Pacis factam inter dominum G. Wygorn. episcopum et Westm. super cell. Malvern. fol. 277 b.

5. Ratificatio ejusdem, &c. fol. 278.

6. Assensus Prioris et Conventus super ordinationem domini Edwardi regis, fol. 279.

* 7. Resignatio Prioris et Conventus Malvern. super eccles. sancti Andree de Perssora, ibid.

8. Litera Visitationis Cellæ nostræ Malvernæ, A. D. 1511, t. Joh. Islip abbatis Westmon. fol. 354 b.

Among the Donation and other additional Manuscripts preserved in the British Museum we have, 2251, art. 6. A confirmation by K. Philip and Q. Mary of a purchase made

by Henry Fayrefeld of the manor of Woodfelde in the co. of Worcester, part of the lands of the dissolved monastery of Malverne, June 19th, an. 3 and 4. See Aysc. Cat. of MSS. vol. i. p. 278.

Nash, in his Collections for a History of Worcestershire, in an Appendix to the Account of Great Malvern, vol. ii. p. 135 et seqq. has printed the following Instruments:

1. Cirographum inter episcopum et comitem Gloucestræ de theloneo de Feyrforde et agistatione facienda in foresta de Malverne. From. Lib. Alb. Episcopatus Wig. fol. 52.

2. Presentatio Thomæ de Brudone ad prioratum Majoris Malvernæ, A. D. 1259. Ibid. fol. 55 a.

3. Concessio Abbatis Westmonast. et conventus super obedientia prioris Majoris Malvernæ præstand. episcopo Wigorn. Ibid. fol. 102 b.

4. Confirmatio electionis prioris Majoris Malverne et præstatio suæ obedientiæ facta episcopo Wigorn. A. D. 1242. Ibid.

5. Presentatio electi in Priorem Majoris Malvernæ facta episcopo Wygorn. Ibid.

6. Presentatio prioris Majoris Malvernæ facta episcopo Wyg. per abbatem Westmonasteriensem, A. D. 1242. Ibid. fol. 103 a.

7. Resignatio prioratus Majoris Malvernæ per J. priorem, A. D. 1259. Ibid.

8. Carta Joh. comitis Moreton J. Wygorn. episcopo concessa quod possit assartare ccc. acras terræ ad opus ecclesiæ B. M. Wigorn. A. D. 1196. Ibid. fol. 128 b.

9. Carta Elizabethæ comitissæ Glouc. et Moreton de eadem, 8 Ric. I. Ibid. fol. 129.

10. Carta custodiæ bosci de Bishopeswode infra chaciæ de Malverne, 42 Edw. III. Ex Reg. Wittlesey, fol. 32 a.

11. Donatio custodiæ boscorum de Wennelonde seu alibi infra chaceam Malverne facta J. Gower. 42 Edw. III. Carp. v. 1. fol. 207, 208.

12. Testimoniale super exhibitione appropriationum ecclesiarum de Malvern Majore, Powyke, et Longnye, &c. Reg. Sylv. Gygl. fol. 201 b. 202, alias numerat. 138 b, 139.

13. Litera reverendi in Christo et Domini domini Willelmi Cant. archiepiscopi et duorum London. et Hereforden. episcoporum, pro appropriatione ecclesiæ de Upton Sodesbury, 4 Oct. 1392. Lib. Alb. fol. 363 b.

14. Littera magistri Silvestri super subjectione Majoris Malvernæ. R. i. Dec. et. Cap. fol. 40 b.

Nash, vol. ii. p. 269, gives the Instrument of appropriation of Powicke church to Great Malvern, dated 5 id. Feb. 1314: and, ibid. p. 440, the "Confirmatio appropriationis ecclesiæ de Upton Snodesbury, A. D. 1398." The latter from Lib. Alb. fol. 392 b.

Except the CONVENTUAL CHURCH, a Gateway is all that now remains of the once sumptuous priory of Great Malvern.

The CHURCH was purchased of John Knottesford, already mentioned, by the parish.* This magnificent structure is in length a hundred and seventy-one feet, by sixty-three in breadth. The height of the nave is also sixty-three feet; and that of the tower, which springs from its centre, a hundred and twenty-four feet.^b

The body of this church is really of early Norman architecture: the whole, however was re-edified in the time of King Henry the Seventh by Sir Reginald Bray, whose skill and taste were so much employed in the construction of King Henry the Seventh's chapel at Westminster, and in the completion of that of St. George in Windsor Castle.

Dr. Nash has given the following account of the painted windows and other decorations with which this church was formerly adorned, partly taken from Mr. Habington's manuscripts:

"The upper part of the great window was divided into twelve compartments, in which were painted the twelve

* The old parish church was dedicated to St. Thomas the Apostle, and stood not far from the present church, at the north-west corner of the church-yard. It was in length ninety-feet, in breadth

thirty-six, and had one small chapel to the south. See Thomas, p. xci.

^b Chambers's Hist. of Malvern, 8^o. Worc. 1817, p. 53.

apostles: in the lower part were sixteen divisions, in which were described several transactions of our Saviour's life; such as his riding on an ass, celebrating the Passover with his disciples, washing their feet, his agony, his being betrayed by Judas, brought bound before Pilate, sent to Herod, condemned, clothed with purple, scourged, bearing his cross, nailed to the cross, his death, his body taken down from the cross, his burial, the stone of the sepulchre sealed, the women bringing spices, his resurrection, his appearance to Mary Magdalen, his appearance at the sea of Tiberias, to his disciples at Emaus, his ascension, descent of the Holy Ghost.

"In the upper part of the choir are six windows: in the first from the east, on the north side of the church, are certain images of saints, with this inscription:

'Orate pro anima domini Johannis Malverne, qui istam fenestram fieri fecit.'^a

In the second are likewise representations of saints, and two monks praying, with this inscription:

'Orate pro animabus Johannis West, et Thome Lye, monachis hujus loci.'

There are likewise two figures of knights with their shields; on one of them, three Catherine wheels Sable; on the other, a fesse indented Argent, with this broken inscription

'Thome Carter et Ricardi Oseven, et Agnete uxoris ejus, et Thome . . . filii eorundem cujus munera in ista ecclesia'

In the third window are the arms of Westminster-abbey, and two others: Az. two keys in saltire, one Or., the other Arg. Az. on a chief indented Gu. two gerbes Or.

"On the south side of the choir, in the first window from the east, were represented the three Magi offering their gifts; above, the arms of Henry VII. and his son Prince Arthur.

"In the lower part of the second window still remain Peter, Andrew, James, and John; the arms of Lord Beauchamp of Powick, and on the left side in a shield Argent a cross Gules. The saints in the upper part much broken and confused.

"The third window is very much broken, having only the arms of Lord Berkley and Lord Stafford.

"In the north side of the nave are six windows, with six compartments in each. In the first on the west side is represented Christ crucified, with St. John supporting the fainting Virgin, and the centurion confessing Jesus to be the Christ; below, the three Marys, supported by St. Philip, St. Simon, and St. Jude; at the bottom two benefactors, and under them these words:

'Vos qui inspicitis animabus rememoretis P. Dene, nec non fratris Maculini.'^b

In the upper part of the second window were three angels and three saints, Lawrence, George, and Christopher; at bottom three benefactors and their wives kneeling, and on their mantles a shield with the arms of Crofte, party per pale a fesse indented Az. and Arg. in the first quarter a lion passant guardant Or.

"In the upper part of the third window were three angels and three saints, namely Leodgarius, Elphegus, and a third; at bottom two benefactors praying, with the arms of Lyttelton and Stafford.

"In the fourth were likewise three angels and three saints, Wannard, Martin, and Nicholas; at bottom two benefactors, with the arms of Besford and Bracie; the latter of whom owned Madresfield in this neighbourhood.

"In the fifth window were six saints; Paul, John the Evangelist, John the Baptist; at bottom Mark, Giles, and Leonard, with their names; and benefactors kneeling.

"The sixth and last window represents in the upper part St. Andrew, St. James, and St. Peter; at bottom Ursula, Margaret, and Catherine, and three benefactors with their wives praying, with their names, Richard Holker and his wife; Richard Toillewak and his wife; and Richard Frewen and his wife.

"In the south side are likewise six windows of the same size and shape, in which are painted many histories of the Old and New Testament; in the first, second, third, and fourth compartments of the first window are several histories from the creation to the expulsion of Adam out of Paradise; in the fifth is John Alcock bishop of Worcester, sitting in a pontifical chair; before him these words:

'Pontificem dominum presento Johannem;'

behind him his arms in a shield, Argent a fess Sable between three cocks' heads erased, their combs and gills Gules, with this inscription:

'Orate pro bono statu religiosi viri Johannis Alcock episcopi Wigorn. cancellarii Angliæ.'

"In the four first compartments of the second window were the history of Noah and the Tower of Babel; in the fifth compartment, benefactors praying.

"In the four first compartments of the third window were the history of Abraham, Lot, Isaac, Jacob, and Esau; at bottom, benefactors praying.

"In the four first compartments of the fourth window was the history of Joseph. The fifth window contained the history of Moses and the Israelites in Egypt and the Wilderness; and at bottom, benefactors as before.

"Of the sixth window nothing remained in Dr. Thomas's time but Aaron in his priest's dress, and Moses with his glorified face.

"In the great west window were fourteen compartments, representing the Resurrection, and Christ coming to judge the world; the Virgin Mary and saints in the seven lower compartments: benefactors to this window were, as appears by their arms, Richard III. and Anne his wife, daughter and coheir of Richard earl of Warwick and Salisbury.

"In the eastern window of the north aisle were three compartments: in the first was the Virgin Mary; in the second a priest saying mass; in the third St. John; under the Virgin two persons praying, having their arms there painted, S. a cross G. between 4 maids' heads, and quarterly 1 and 4 A. a sun Or. 2 and 3. S. 3 cranes A. imp. V. on a saltire ingrailed A. between 4 cross crolets fitche Or. a fleur de lis, with this inscription:

'Orate pro animabus Ricardi Knight militis et Nycholai Devenyshe armigeri.'

Under the priest these words:

'Orate pro animabus domini Johannis prioris et Agnetis Leach;'

under St. John,

'Orate pro animabus Willielmi Harnis et Roberti Hille.'

"On the north side of the choir are three windows, each divided into four compartments: in the first towards the east were four doctors of the western church; at the feet of each the figure of William Braci, and in the upper part his arms G. a fess O. in chief A. 2 spur rowels: also quartering cheque O. and Az. and again A. frette S. and again V. a bend O. between 2 cottizes G. also impaling and quartering Az. a cross indented O. and A. and Az. a cross A. In the lower division of this window were certain benefactors praying, and under them this inscription:

'Orate pro animabus Johannis Braci, Willielmi et Thome, filiorum ejus.'

in the second, a man and his wife, with this inscription:

'Orate pro animabus Willielmi Braci et Isabelle uxoris ejus.'

in the third,

'Orate pro animabus Willielmi Braci et Johanne uxoris ejus.'

in the fourth, a knight kneeling, with the arms of Warren, and these words,

'Orate Willielmi de Braci et Agnetis uxoris ejus.'

"In the upper part of the second window several

^a Prior in 1435. See p. 443.

^b The former was prior in 1462, and the latter in 1503.

coats of arms cheque O. and Az. on a bend G. 3 lions passant guardant O. A. 3 crescents S. Below G. 2 wings conjoined O. G. on a bend A. with a martlet for difference; imp. A. 3 crescents S. and S. a spread eagle A. in a border ingrailed Az. Also the first of these coats quartering the three preceding. Below were several figures of benefactors, with these inscriptions:

'Orate pro animabus Henrici Clyfford senescalli de Longeney, et Elizabethæ uxoris ejus, et Jacobi Clyfford arm. filii eorum et animabus parentum ac benefactorum eorumdem.'

"The third window was adorned with the twelve prophets and twelve apostles.

"In the eastern window of the south aisle were painted the arms of Beauchamp, and of Isabella sister and heir of Richard Despencer earl of Gloucester, owner of Malvern Chase.

"In the next window were several coats of arms; A. on a bend S. 3 spur rowels O. O. a chevron erm. between 3 bulls' heads S. paly of 4 A. and G. on a bend S. 3 spur rowels Or. In the fourth compartment a man with ten sons, and his wife with ten daughters, and this inscription:

'Orate pro animabus Walteri Corbet et Johanne uxoris ejus.'

Below, against the wall, lies a man armed, holding in his right hand an axe, and in his left a round shield, supposed to represent John Corbet.

"In the second window were at top two coats of arms; 1. Barry of 6 O. and Az. in chief, 3 pales and a scutcheon of pretence A. the same with an impalement broken, helmeted and mantled. 2. Az. a cross O. 3. G. a bend A. with an annulet for difference, imp. the last. 4. A. 2 bends vaire erm. G. and V. imp. A. on a cross S. a leopard's head O. and in the dexter quarter frette G. underneath the figures of St. Lawrence, St. Nicholas, St. Stephen, and St. Giles: and under these was a man and his wife praying,

'Willielmus Walwein et Jana uxor ejus:'

also,

'Christe nos adjuva,'

and

'Per Lawrentii Nicholaeque'

Also,

'Deus sit nobis propitius Stephani Egidiiue precibus:'

and lower,

'Omnes vos qui ituri estis istam per fenestellam pro animabus orate nostris ut det Deus'

"In the third and last window were four representations of saints, and some shields of arms, of which remains only quarterly, 1. Per fess indented Az. and A. in the dexter quarter a lion rampant O. 2. G. 3 lions rampant A. 3. per pale G. and Az. 3 lions rampant A. 4. broke, except in chief G. 3 stags' heads O.^a

"In the south side of the nave of the church was a door which led to the cloisters: near this in a little window were Braci's arms, and above it a monk kneeling, with various figures of an unclean spirit; in the lower part a devil vomiting out an infant, which is received by other devils, and an angel praying for it. From hence to the west end are five little windows, of three compartments each; in the first an angel, an archangel, and a cherubim; in the second St. George, St. Sebastian, and St. Vincent; in the third St. Margaret and St. Wulstan; in the fourth St. Giles and St. Leonard; and under each of these is written,

'Orate pro anima Maculini, supprioris hujus loci;'

in the fifth St. Katherine, St. Mary Magdalen, and St. Margaret, with these words:

'Orate pro anima Ricardi Freuen prioris hujus loci.'

"In the north aisle were painted in five windows various histories from the New Testament; twelve stories in each window: in the first the espousals of Joachim and Anne, an angel saying to Anne,

'Cum veneris ad partem auream virum tuum obvium habebis;'

the angel appearing to Joachim; the rest broke; in the second the angel appearing to the Virgin Mary, Mary saluting Elizabeth, Christ's birth, presentation in the temple, the Magi inquiring for him, and offering their gifts, and returning into their own country, the angel appearing to Joseph, Joseph and Mary flying into Egypt, murder of the Innocents, Christ baptized by John. In the third, Christ turning water into wine, healing a paralytic, casting out a devil, tempted by the devil, placed on a pinnacle of the Temple, carried to an high mountain, shewed the glories of the world, the pool of Bethesda; the rest are broken. In the fourth window, Christ walking upon the sea, casting out a devil, making clay, and opening the eyes of the blind, curing a fever, and the woman with the issue of blood; the rest broken. In the fifth window nothing remains but the crucifixion.

"From this aisle you go to Jesus chapel, in which are two windows: in the large one to the north are twelve compartments, six above and six below. In the upper are represented the Trinity crowning the Virgin, a chorus of angels and saints praising God on various instruments, Christ received into heaven, Michael fighting with the Devil, our Saviour bringing Adam and Eve out of hell; the rest broken: below were the figures of Henry VII. armed, and crowned with an imperial crown; on his upper garment the arms of France and England; behind him Elizabeth his queen, with the same arms on her garment; behind her Arthur prince of Wales likewise armed; behind him Sir Reginald Bray, bearing in a shield Argent a chevron between three eagles' legs erased Sable; behind him John Savage, Esq. and Thomas Lovell, Esq. all kneeling, bearing palm branches lifted up to heaven, with this inscription:

'Orate pro bono statu nobilissimi et excellentissimi regis Henrici septimi et Elizabethæ regine ac domini Arthuri principis filii eorumdem, necnon predilectissime consortis sue, et suorum trium militum.'

This beautiful window was perfect in the year 1720, but soon after a violent storm blew it down, and being very much broken, an ignorant glazier misplaced the pieces that were left.

"The last window to be described is the west window of this chapel, in the upper part of which were two coats of arms, one erm. O. and Az. the other erm. A. and Az. and under them the Trinity, with the elevation of the host, and underneath the baptism of adults and infants; under this the Trinity repeated, and the pope with his cardinals, and these words,

'Parata sunt vobis loca in cælo;'

in the middle compartment was the last supper, and in the third the town and church of Malverne, with the chapel of St. Michael, situated on the side of the hill; in the southern angle of the window an archer in the forest shooting a stag; underneath a prior and his monks; on one side of the prior his relations, on the other his monks kneeling, with this inscription:

'Orate pro animabus domini Ricardi Bone prioris hujus loci et Maculini Simonis, Nicholai, Agnetis, Willielmi, Mariane parentem eorumdem.'

The floor and walls of the choir were paved and decorated with square bricks, painted with the arms of England, the abbey of Westminster, Mortimer earl of March, Bohun earl of Hereford, Clare and Despencer earls of Gloucester, Beauchamp earl of Warwick and baron of Powick: some of these quarries are dated 1453, others 36 H. VI. anno r. H. VI. xxxvi. some few have the arms of Skull of Wichenford, and others those of Stafford of Grafton.^b

The state of decay into which this magnificent pile had gradually fallen, occasioned a subscription to be commenced for its repair in the year 1802, which finally amounted to 976*l.* 3*s.*: the sum remaining to make it a thousand pounds, viz. 23*l.* 17*s.* being made up by a parish rate.^b

Between this time and 1812 two thousand pounds were

^a These arms are transcribed from Habington's MSS.

^b Chambers's Hist. of Malvern, pp. 57, 60.

expended chiefly in restoring the roof and whitewashing the walls.*

In 1815, the Rev. Henry Card having been inducted to the vicarage, a new fund was set on foot for completing the repairs, the arduous task of superintending which was undertaken by that gentleman himself. The sum expended up to 1818 amounted to 167*l.* 6*s.*; of which 125*l.* 6*s.* appear to have been raised by the individual zeal and influence of the vicar. A window, executed by Mr. G. Rogers of Worcester, has recently been put up in what is called the

Vicar's chapel at the end of the north aisle of the church, containing the armorial bearings of the principal persons by whom Mr. Card was aided.

No SEAL of Great Malvern priory has, as yet, fallen under the inspection of the Editors of the new *Monasticon*.

AUCOT, or AVECOTE, in Warwickshire, which will presently be described, and BROCKBURY, in the parish of Colwall, in Herefordshire, were CELLS to this monastery.

Cartae ad Malvernense Coenobium in agro Wigornensi spectantes: Cellam Westmonasterii.

NUM. I.

[Lelandi Collectan. tom. i. p. 62.]

PRIORATUS ordinis S. Benedicti de Malverne Majori Cella est Westmonasterii.

Capella S. Johannis Baptistæ vicina prioratui, ubi S. Werstanus martyrium pertulit.

Quidam Aldwine heremita, cum suis fratribus, incœpit edificare domum de Malverne xvij. anno Gulielmi Conquestoris. Gulielmus Conquestor et Henricus ejus filius adjecerunt possessiones.

Henricus^b de Clare comes de Glocestria, Osbernus Pontium, et Richardus Pontium benefactores hujus domus.

Avicot in comitatu Warwici Cella, ubi sunt quatuor monachi.

De Fundatione Malvernensis Cœnobii.

[Plac. coram Rege Apud Ebor. term. Mic. 12 Edw. II. rot. 28.]

PRIOR dicit, quod Prioratus Majoris Malv. aliquo tempore ante Conquestum fuit quoddam heremitorium, de fundatione cujusdam Ursonis D'abytot fundatum: et postmodum quidam abbas Westmonasterii, prædecessor abbatis nunc, de assensu ipsius Ursonis, constituit ibidem quendam priorem et monachos, et contulit eis et successoribus suis maneria de Nova Terra, Wortefeld, et Poiwyk. Et similiter quidam Osburtus filius Pontii contulit eis manerium de Longeneye, Guido filius Holgodi duas hidas terræ, et Rogerus de Chaundos villam de Hatfeld; habenda et tenenda sibi et successoribus suis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam: quas quidem donationes dominus Henricus rex primus (scil. regis Willielmi Conquestoris filius) ratificavit, concessit, et confirmavit; et etiam dedit eisdem priori et conventui decem libratas terræ cum pertinentiis in Badenhale, Malverne, Northwod, et Fulford, habenda et tenenda sibi et successoribus suis in formâ prædictâ, quietâ ab omni onere et servicio seculari, pro animâ ipsius H. regis, et animabus progenitorum et hæredum suorum.

De Episcopis Wigornensibus.

[W. Malm. de Vitâ Pontificum, foll. 159 a, et 160 b.]

WLSTANUS in sanctitate nostro sæculo nominatissimus, de quo de se amplior porrexerit sermo, nullum quæso tædeat, &c.

— Aldwinus erat quidam ab eo factus monachus sicque in vastissimo illo saltu quod Malvernum vocatur ere-

miticam vitam cum Guidone socio exercebat. Guidoni post longos agones compendiosius ad gloriam visum, ut Jerosolymam iret, ubi labore itinerario vel Domini sepulcrum videret, vel feliciter manu Sarracenorum mortem anticiparet. Aldwinus eidem sententiæ inductus consilium tamen cum patre Wlstano quæsivit. Dissuasit pontifex, et ardentem refrigeravit, dicens: Noli sodes Aldwine quoquam ire, sed in loco mane: crede mihi, mirareris si scires quod scio; quantum in loco illo per te Deus operaturus est. Discessit hoc audito monachus, firmoque jam durabat in proposito, leviabatque spe prophetiæ omne genus erumnæ. Nec multo post vaticinium properavit impleri: veniebantque ad Alwinum alter post unum, tertius post alterum, et ita usque ad tricenarium numerum; affluebatque eis imprimis victualium copia, vicinis beatos se judicantibus, qui aliquid Dei famulis impertirentur. Quod verò eis deerat, fide supplebant, dum parvi facerent, si carerent carnali cibo, qui spirituali pinguescebant gaudio.

NUM. II.

Carta Regis Henrici Primi.

[Pat. 50 Edw. III. par. 1, m. 15, per Inspex.]

H. REX Angliæ archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, vicecomitibus, et baronibus, et omnibus fidelibus suis, Francis, et Anglis, et Wallensibus, totius Angliæ et Walliæ, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Deo et ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Malverna et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus unam virgatam terræ de Baldehala, et omnia quæ super terram sunt, pro animæ meæ et parentum meorum salute, sicut pater meus Willielmus rex eam eis dedit et concessit pro remedio animæ suæ. Et illi quatuor solidi qui inde de redditu accipiebantur antequam monachi eam habebant, ponantur in tallia mea, et ipsi inde sint quieti, sicut pater meus eis concessit. Et concedo eis et dono illas duas solidatas terræ, id est, Achiseiam quæ pertinet ad Scottesdunam, unde Wido filius Helgoti solebat reddere duos solidos per annum de firma. Et concedo eam eis quietam de illis duobus solidis et de omnibus aliis serviciis, pro salute animæ meæ. Et concedo eis duas hidas terræ omnino quietas de geldis omnibus et omnibus aliis querelis et scotis, quarum una est in Wirecestrescire, et altera in Staffordescire apud Quatam. Et concedo eis illas terras de Wrdesfelda et de Limberga illa nova essarta, sicut Gislbertus abbas Westmonasterii communi concessu capituli ecclesiæ concessit et dedit, et sicut Hugo et Warnerus monachi illa perambulaverunt, et ipsis monachis ex parte abbatis sui liberaverunt.

* Chambers's Hist. of Malvern, p. 66.

^b sc. Gilbertus.

Et concedo eis ecclesiam de castello Ricardi filii Pontii in Cantarabohan, et duas carucatas de terra illa, et omnes decimas Ricardi de omnibus redditibus suis de illa terra. Et ecclesiam de Lecten de unam hidam et virgata[m] terræ in eadem villa, et omnem decimam Ricardi de eadem villa et decimam de domino Ricardo de terra de Estradel quæ vocatur Becchen, sicut prædictus Ricardus et Matildis conjux sua et Simon filius suus dederunt et concesserunt eis pro redemptione animæ suæ. Et concedo eis terram de Hatfelda quam escambiaverunt Rogero de Candos pro terra sua de Strada, concessu meo, ita ut eam de me in capite teneant in elemosinam, ita solutam et quietam ab omni seculari servicio sicut tenebant aliam, excepto hoc solo quod inde reddent Gelda mea quæ non solebant reddere de terra sua de Strada.

Et concedo eis terram de Lamdespidic, cum omnibus quæ ei pertinent, et terram quandam in Chelem, et ecclesiam de Bereschi, cum omnibus decimis et aliis quæ pertinent, et ecclesiam de Marteconot, cum decimis et omnibus aliis quæ pertinent sicut Milo Glovecestr. eas eis dedit et concessit. Et concedo eis piscariam desuper Savernam quæ pertinet terræ Lungenedie, cum hominibus et terra eorum qui eam custodiunt sicut Osbertus filius Poncii eis eam dedit et concessit. Et concedo eis illam virgata[m] terræ in Martuna, quam Landricus de Clifford reddidit Gisliberto abbati Westmonasterii, quam Gisleb. dedit monachis de Malverna, sicut ipse Gislebertus abbas consensu communis capituli eam eis dedit et concessit. Et concedo eis ecclesiam sancti Germani de Lanrieragh, sicut Rotbertus filius Willielmi dedit et concessit, et sicut Rotbertus comes Gloucestræ, de cujus feodo ecclesia illa est, concessit. Et volo et firmiter præcipio ut ipsi ea omnia sicut prædicta sunt ita bene teneant, et in pace et quiete et honorifice, sicut domini superius enumerati eas eis concesserunt et dederunt. Testibus Ricardo episcopo Herefordensi, et Bernardo episcopo de Sancto Davide, et Simone episcopo Wygornia, et Willielmo camerario de Tancardi villa, et Briencio filio comitis, et Willielmo de Albineio Pincerna, et Milone Gloucestræ, et Adam de Port, et Pagano filio Johannis, et Gaufrido filio Pagani, et Rogero de Candos, et Waltero de Bello-campo, apud Herefordiam.

NUM. III.

Alia Carta Regis Henrici I.

HENRICUS Dei gratia rex Anglorum et dux Normanorum, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, vicecomitibus, omnibusque baronibus et ministris suis, Francis et Anglis, totius Angliæ salutem. Sciatis communiter, me non tantum modernitatis, verum etiam antecessorum meorum et posteritatis meæ utilitati providentem. In nomine sanctæ et individue Trinitatis, ob honorem et amorem gloriosæ Virginis Mariæ genetricis Dei, ecclesiam Malvernæ ipsius nomine dedicatam, et monachorum habitationi perpetuo deputatam, cum omnibus ad illam pertinentibus, pro redemptione animæ meæ, pro animabus patris et matris et fratris mei, et pro successorum meorum salute, in regie potestatis meæ mantenimento et defensione suscepisse. In primis itaque locum ipsum in quo præfata ecclesia constructa est, cum terris et possessionibus ab antecessoribus meis regibus, bonæ videlicet memoriæ rege Eduuardo et Willielmo patre meo, vel etiam à meipso sibi collatis, sicut in omnipotentis Dei et beatæ Virginis obsequio, pro remissione peccatorum meorum, pro pace regni et stabilitate indesinenter occupatum manere desidero, ita enim ab omni seculari servicio cunctis temporibus liberum et quietum clamo et firmiter esse præcipio. Assarta denique quæ à fratribus ejusdem monasterii vel eorum sumptu in foresta Malvernæ licentia patris mei vel mea facta sunt, cum una virgata terræ in Baldeh, de feudo in Hanley quam rex Edwardus dedit, sicut pater meus rex W. concessit libera esse præcipio; et de iiij. sol. qui de prædicta virgata ab scaccarium reddebantur antequam monachi eam haberent, ipsos inperpetuum quietos esse concedo. Novam quoque terram cum Windeff et Limberg sitam inter Porwicam et Bald. sicut Walterus de Gloucestr. et alii barones mei ex parte mea et Gisleb. abbas Westmonaster. et conventus per Hugonem et Warnerium monachos suos ex parte sua præ-

nominatis fratribus liberaverunt et dederunt, ab omni seculari servicio liberam esse concedo et confirmo.

Huic etiam regali munificentie augmentum dono, villam scilicet de Langen sitam in Gloucestersire, cum ecclesia et cunctis pertinentiis suis, quam Osbertus filius Poncii prædictis fratribus apud Wintoniam, in præsentia mea dedit, sed ut eam futuris temporibus honorabilius possiderent, in manu mea illam sicut quam non parentum successione, sed patris mei gratuito dono habuerat, ab omni sui vel hæredum suorum reclamacione solutam et quietam reddidit, et ego eam præfato monasterio et ejusdem loci fratribus manu propria dedi, et in perpetuam elemosinam regia auctoritate confirmavi, ut ipsam de cætero cum omni libertate et quietudine secularis servicii de me et successoribus meis in capite teneant. Hoc autem determinatè observandum constituo, ut nec abbas Westmonasterii, nec quilibet alia persona secularis vel ecclesiastica, de hoc beneficio nostro jus vel potestatem habeat aliud statuendi, vel illud ad alium locum transferendi. Dono insuper eis duas hidas terræ quas Wido filius Holgodi in manu mea reddidit, quarum una est in Wyrecestersire, et altera in Staffordesire, nomine Quata, quietas omnino de omnibus geldis et omnibus aliis querelis et scotis, prædicto modo de me et successoribus meis in capite tenend.

Concedo quoque eis et confirmo villam de Fuleford sitam in Staffordesire, quietam et liberam ab omni seculari servicio, sicut unquam eam tempore patris et fratris mei melius tenuerunt. Dono etiam eis terram de Northw. ad sartand. inter Hanekebroc et Lindrugesithe ab Heneduncia in Sabrinam, quietè et liberè inperpetuum possidendam; et ex altera parte Sabrinæ dono eis duas solidatas terræ, id est Hakiesheia, cum quadam parte silvæ quæ pertinuit ad Stottesd. per terminos illos quos Fulco vicecomes perambulare fecit, qui eos inde per præceptum meum seisivit; et de illis duobus solidis et de omnibus aliis serviciis eam liberam esse concedo. Dono quoque eis et confirmo villam de Hathfeld sitam in Herefortesire, cum suis pertinentiis, quam concessu meo excambiaverunt Rogero de Chandos pro terra quam prius dederam illis in valle de Strade, in liberam elemosinam de me et successoribus meis in capite tenendam. Volo igitur et firmiter præcipio quatinus prænominati fratres terras omnes præscriptas cum suis pertinentiis, sicut dominicam elemosinam meam puram et liberam, bene et in pace et honorifice, cum libertatibus quæ sake, sockne, tol, et team, et infangenetheof nominantur, perpetualiter teneant, quia eas ab omni regia consuetudine et ab omni collectione census quæ geld, vel denegeld, seu scot Anglicè vocatur, ab omnibus placitis et querelis, et sciris et hundredis, et auxiliis vicecomitum, et ab omnibus rebus et occasionibus, et ab omni castelli seu quocumque opere servili, vel etiam servicio seculari, quietas inperpetuum clamo, et liberas esse concedo. Et ne aliquis super hoc eis vim vel violentiam vel injuriam aliquam inferat, vel inferre præsumat, potestate regia defendo. Contestor itaque omnes hæredes meos et reges omnes qui post me in Anglia regnaturi sunt, per tremendum iudicium Dei, ut hanc meam et illorum elemosinam manteneant et defendant ut Deus regnum ipsorum gubernet, et adaugeat, pacificet, et defendat, et ipsi post temporale regnum habere mereantur eternum. Quicumque autem eam infregerint vel infringere temptaverint seu dimiuerint nisi factum suum digna satisfactione correxerint, in præsentem, fame et clade pereant, et cum Juda traditore Domini partem habeant in futuro. Ego H. Dei gratia Anglorum rex hanc donationis meæ cartam signo sanctæ crucis confirmavi. Facta est autem anno Verbi Incarnati mxxvij. indictione v. Wintoniæ. Signum ✠ regis Henr. Signum ✠ reginæ Adeleciæ. Signum ✠ Rogeri episcopi Saresb. Signum ✠ Bernardi episcopi de Sancto David. Signum ✠ Gaufridi cancellarii. Signum ✠ Willielmi de Tancarvilla. Signum ✠ Pagani filii Johannis. Signum ✠ Milonis de Gloucestræ. Nos autem donationes, &c.

NUM. IV.

Carta Ricardi filii Poncii de Ecclesia de Lecha, cum Decimis.

[Ex autogr. Mus. Brit. Cart. antiq. L. F. C. xviii. 11.]

SCIANT omnes, præsentēs et futuri quod ego Ricardus

filius Puncii, pro anima mea et uxoris meæ Mathildis, et liberorum meorum, et pro animabus patris et matris meæ, atque omnium parentum meorum, concessi, et in perpetuam elemosinam libere et quiete dedi Deo et sanctæ Mariæ et sancto Michaeli Malvernæ et monachis ibidem Deo servantibus Ecclesiam de Lecha cum quinque virgatis terræ, liberis et quietis et absolutis ab omni servitio, et cum tota decimatione de dominio meo et de curia mea ejusdem villæ, et cum omnibus pertinentibus ad jam dictam Ecclesiam de Lechi. Concessi etiam prædictis monachis et clericis eorum ad deservendum ecclesiæ eorum de Lechi constitutis plenariam communiam totius villæ et terræ meæ, in aquis, in viis et semitis, et pastura, et in omnibus aliis rebus, et in dominica pastura mea, scilicet bobus ipsorum cum meis, et aliis averiis eorum cum aliis averiis meis, quiete et absque omni vexatione in perpetuam elemosinam habendam. Testes sunt Simon et Osbernus fratres mei, Will. Bras, Ric. de la Wastine, et alii.

NUM. V.

Compositio inter Westm. et Malvern.

[MS. Cotton. Faust. A. III. fol. 276 b.]

UNIVERSIS Christi fidelibus præsens scriptum inspecturis Thomas de Wychio Prior Majoris Malvernæ et ejusdem loci conventus salutem in Domino. Vestra noverit universitas quod cum ex concessione venerabilis patris nostri Willielmi Dei gratia Abbatis et fratrum nostrorum Westm. liceat nobis de nostra vel eorum congregatione, vacante Prioratu nostro, nobis Priorem eligere, ne liberalitas sua eis sit captiosa concedimus et profiteamur nos eis esse subjectos in hunc modum, videlicet quod electum nostrum Abbati nostro et fratribus nostris præsentabimus apud Westm. eorum assensum requirentes, et electionem ejus dum tamen ydoneus fuerit ab eis approbata idem electus noster faciet ibidem abbati nostro obedientiam de parendo ei secundum regulam beati Benedicti, hoc salvo quod per Abbatem maliciose non amovebitur. Abbas autem noster Westm. visitabit imperpetuum domum nostram singulis annis semel t^m. cum xx. equis de suis et eum honorifice admitteremus ut decet, et moram ibidem faciet per duos dies et duas noctes sumptibus nostris; et ingredietur capitulum nostrum ut abbas, et libere corriget corrigenda tam in persona Prioris nostri quam monachorum secundum regulam sancti Benedicti dummodo maliciose sine ratione nihil attemptet. Ita etiam quod non licebit ei monachum amovere de Malverniam vel alium de Westm. illuc mittere sine assensu nostro. Volumus etiam ut Monachi domus nostræ apud Westm. secundum consuetudinem antiquam faciant professionem suam abbati; et facta professione sua libere Malverniam revertentur. Præterea idem abbas noster recipiet hospitium suum in manerio de Poywik secundum consuetudinem antiquam singulis annis semel cum hoc tamen moderamine quod in equitaturis numerum viginti equorum de suis non excedet, nec maliciose in gravamen domus nostræ extraneos secum adducet: sequelam etiam Hundredi et visum liberorum plegiorum, et omnes alias consuetudines quas hactenus Abbates et Monachi Westm. de manerio de Poywik habere consueverunt, ita de cætero habeant, non obstante carta alicujus abbatis Westm. super sequela ejusdem Hundredi optenta, dummodo super aliis articulis in eadem carta contentis nullum nobis præjudicium generetur. Ut autem hæc omnia perpetuæ stabilitatis effectum optineant, præsentis scripto ea confirmamus et sigillorum nostrorum munimine roboramus, hiis testibus, &c.

NUM. VI.

Rex Edwardus confirmat Formam Pacis factam inter dominum G. Wygorn. Episcopum et Westm. super Cella Malvern.

[Ibid. fol. 277 b.]

EDWARDUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, et dux Aquitanniæ, omnibus ad quos præsentis litteræ pervenerint salutem. Inspeximus litteras patentes quas venerabilis pater Godefridus Wygorn. episcopus fecit dilectis nobis in Christo abbati et conventui ecclesiæ sancti Petri Westmon. et priori et conventui cellæ Majoris Malvernæ de

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forma pacis super quibusdam contentiōibus et discordiis inter eos habitis per amicabilem Compositionem initæ et firmatæ in hæc verba: 'Universis Christi fidelibus,' &c. sicut patet in secundo folio precedenti [vid. Num. V.]. Et quia Forma Pacis prædictæ coram nobis et consilio nostro nobis mediantibus de assensu et voluntate partium prædictarum ordinata fuit, inita, et firmata ut perpetua rei gestæ memoria plenius et certius habeatur, Formam et Compositionem prædictam, sic initam et firmatam, tenore præsentium testificamus et etiam pro nobis et hæredibus nostris quantum in nobis est concedimus et confirmamus sicut litteræ patentes prædictæ rationabiliter testantur. In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Hereford xv. die Novembris anno regni nostri xj^o.

NUM. VII.

Resignatio Prioris et Conventus Malvern. super Ecclesia Sancti Andree de Perssora.

[Ibid. fol. 279.]

UNIVERSIS Christi fidelibus præsens scriptum inspecturis Thomas de Wychio prior Majoris Malvernæ et ejusdem loci conventus salutem in Domino. Vestra noverit universitas quod spontanea voluntate, unanimiter, et imperpetuum concedimus et dimittimus venerabili patri Willielmo Dei gratia abbati nostro Westm. et fratribus nostris ejusdem loci totum jus quod habuimus in advocacione ecclesiæ sancti Andree de Perssora, et in ipsa ecclesia et in omnibus capellis et rebus aliis ad eam pertinentibus, necnon et in dominicis decimis ejusdem abbatis nostri, et in omnibus aliis decimis, tam majoribus quam minutis, tam in manerio de Perssor. quam in adjacentibus villis. Item volumus quod idem abbas noster et fratres nostri Westmon. habeant similiter grangiam nostram et viam ad eam cum toto redditu quæ in eadem villa de Perssore tempore istius concessionis habuimus. Et ne liceat nobis in posterum aliquo ingenio vel arte quicquam juris in prædictis ecclesia vel aliis rebus vindicare, omnibus instrumentis quæ de omnibus supramemoratis habuimus vel habemus imperpetuum renunciamus. Ut igitur hæc nostra concessio irrefragabiliter perpetua firmitate nitatur, præsentis scripti testimonio et sigilli capituli nostri munimine eam duximus roborandam. Hiis testibus domino S. episcopo Wygorn. &c.

NUM. VIII.

Placita de Quo Waranto com. Glouc. 15 Edw. I.

[Ex orig. in Domo Capitulari Westmonast. asservato.]

PRIOR Majoris Malvernæ summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamat habere visum franci plegii, weif, et fines pro licentia concordandi in manerio suo de Langeneye, et placitare placita vetiti namii in eodem manerio; et quo waranto clamat habere catalla felonum et fugitivorum, et de eisdem annum, et vastum, et eschapium de prisiona infra manerium prædictum quæ ad ipsum dominum regem et coronam suam pertineat; et quo waranto clamat quod ipse et homines sui sint quieti ab omnibus misericordiis, finibus com. theolonio, auxilio vicecom. sectis comitatum et hundredorum, et de omni scotto, et geldo, et danegeldo, et aliis hujusmodi præstationibus regalibus sine licentia et voluntate ipsius domini regis vel prædecessorum suorum regum Angliæ, &c.

Et prior venit et dicit quod prioratus suus est Cella Westm. et quod est Prior perpetuus, et placitat alios et respond. aliis. Et quod clamat omnes libertates prædictas per cartam regis Henrici, patris domini regis nunc, concessam Abbati et Conventui et Cellis suis Westm. quam profert et quæ testatur quod idem dominus Henricus rex concessit pro se et hæredibus suis imperpetuum Deo et Ecclesiæ sancti Petri Westmon. et Abbati Westmon. et monachis ibidem Deo servantibus, et successoribus suis omnes terras et donationes terrarum, hominum, elemosinarum, rerum, reddituum, possessionum, et cellarum, cum soka, saka, toll et theam, infangenthef et outfangenthef, wesegelttheft, hamp-sokne, et eschapiro de prisiona, et murthero, &c. Concessit etiam idem rex quod prædicta ecclesia Westmon. et præ-

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dicti abbas et monachi cum Cellis suis sint quieti de omnibus misericordiis. Et quod ipsi et omnes homines sui de ten. quæ de ipso Abbate et Cellis suis tenent liberi sint ab omni scotto et geldo, et omnibus auxiliis Regum, Vicecomitum, et ministrorum suorum, et misericordia, et fine com. et hidagio, et caruagio, et danegeldo, et horngeldo, et wappentach, et talliagio, lestagio, et stallagio, &c. shiris et hundredis, placitis et querelis, assisis usis, &c. et de thethingpeni, et de omnibus operibus, &c. Et quod idem abbas et monachi et homines sui qui de ipsis tenent liberi sint et quieti ab omni thelonio. Concessit etiam idem rex dictis Abbati et monachis et successoribus suis quod habeant visum franci plegii in omnibus terris suis et ten. cum placito vetiti namii et cum finibus pro licentia concordandi. Et si aliquis hominum suorum qui non sint com. et baron. pro delicto suo vitam vel membrum debeat amittere, ubicumque justitia fieri debeat de eo, ipsa catalla sint prædictorum abbatis et monachorum. Et quod habeant animalia quæ dicuntur weif inventa in feodo illorum. Et si aliquis tenent. prædictorum Abbatis et Monachorum vel Cellarum feodum suum quod tenent de prædicto Abbate vel Cellis prædictis forisfecit, liceat ipsis prædictis ponere se in seisinam de ipso feodo suo, et ipsum feodum cum pertinentiis suis possidere, non obstante eo quod nos consuevimus feoda fugitivorum dampnatorum per unum annum et unum diem possidere. Et si aliquis tenentium vel hominum suorum, exceptis com. et baron. sit amerciatu coram rege vel justiciariis suis, vicecomitibus, constabulariis, forestariis, ballivis, vel aliis ministris, pro quacunque causa, vel delicto, vel forisfacto, dicti abbas et monachi omnes mercias et amerciamenta, et fines pro licentia concordandi, et eorum distractiones absque aliqua contradictione habeant. Concessit etiam idem dominus rex pro se et hæredibus suis quod si prædicti Abbas et monachi, &c. aliqua prædictarum libertatum usi non fuerint de cætero nichilominus ea utantur. Dat. per manum Regis apud Westmon. xx^{mo}. die Martii anno regni sui quinquagesimo, unde dicit quod tali waranto clamat habere prædictas libertates, &c. Quæsitum fuit ab eo si habeat furcas, tumberellum, et pilorium; dicit quod habet furcas et tumberellum apud Langeneye. Dicit etiam quod tota villa de Langeney est de feodo suo exceptis sex tenentibus abbatis de Persore in eadem villa. Et petitum est si prædicti sex tenentes veniunt ad visum prædicti prioris: dicit quod a tempore quo non extat memoria semper solebant venire ad turnum suum, quousque jam tribus annis elapsis, quod quædam contentio fuit inter prædictos Abbatem et Priorem, ita quod prædictus abbas nitebatur attraxisse prædictos sex homines ad visum suum de Haukesbury quæ quidem villa distat per decem leucas, ita quod post contentionem illam non venerunt ad visum prædicti prioris neque abbatis. Et offert domino Regi unam marcam pro redintegrandam seisinam suam, prout illam prius habuit per cartam prædictam et recipitur, &c. Et quo ad alias libertates quia ostendit cartas prædictas suffic. ac etiam vicecomes testatur seisinam suam bene fore continuatam. Ideo ad præsens inde sine die salvo, &c. ro. 12.

NUM. IX.

Taxatio Ecclesiastica P. Nicholai IV. A.D. 1291.

PRIORAT' MAJORIS MALVERN.

	£.	s.	d.
Heref. Portio in ecclesia de Dunre . . .	0	13	4
Portio in Weston . . .	0	3	4
Portio in Hampton . . .	0	10	0
Portio in capella de Hatfeld Parva . . .	0	0	10
Portio in ecclesia de Lenhales . . .	0	6	8
Pensio in ecclesia de Almaly . . .	1	0	0
Portio in ecclesia de Tedesterne la Mare . . .	0	10	0
Portio in ecclesia de Todethorne Wafre . . .	1	0	0
Portio in ecclesia de Cotinton . . .	0	5	0
Portio in Magna Coure . . .	1	0	0
Ecclesia de Bayton deputata pitanc. monachorum . . .	4	0	0
Portio in ecclesia de Stanford . . .	0	6	0

	£.	s.	d.
Ecclesia de Stowe cum capella de Knytheton deputata ad pitanc. monachorum . . .	6	0	0
Prior habet apud Hulhampton unum mesuagium et quatuor bovat. terr. cum prato et traduntur ad firmam annuatim pro De redd. assis. ibidem . . .	2	6	3
Habet apud Boules de redd. ass. . .	1	0	5
Habet apud Paterchurch unam caruc. terræ pretij . . .	1	10	0
De redd. ass. ibidem . . .	2	2	0
De feno sex plaustrat. pret. omn. . .	0	12	0
De gardino . . .	0	2	0
De columbar. . .	0	5	0
De placitis et perquisitis . . .	1	0	0
Habet apud Hatfeld Magnam duas caruc. quæ valent per annum . . .	1	10	0
De redd. assis. ibidem . . .	2	0	3½
De molend. . .	1	10	0
De prato quatuor plaustrat. pret. omn. . .	0	8	0
De curtil. . .	0	5	0
De vend. bosci . . .	0	5	0
Habet apud Sutton Stormy de redd. ass. . .	0	6	8
Et in Parva Sutton . . .	0	10	0
Et in Folebrok de redd. . .	0	8	0
Habet apud Thedesterne de la Mare de redd. ass. . .	0	13	0
Habet apud Bodeham de redd. ass. . .	1	4	0
De placitis et perquisitis . . .	0	7	0
Apud Hatfeld habet apud la Ferne de ann. redd. . .	0	10	0
Habet apud Meden de ann. redd. . .	2	10	7
Wigorn. Portio in ecclesia de Sulkeleye . . .	0	8	0
Portio in ecclesia de Mathine . . .	0	5	0
Portio in ecclesia de Poywyk in dec. . .	2	0	0
Portio in ecclesia de Upton . . .	0	8	0
Habet apud Garleford tres caruc. terræ et valet caruca per annum 6s. 8d.—Habet apud Novam Terram duas carucas terræ et valet caruca per annum 8s.—Et habet de reddit. assis. ibidem 18s. . .	2	14	0
Habet apud Malvern. quatuor caruc. terræ et val. caruc. per annum decem solidos et habet ibidem duo molendina unum aquaticum et aliud ad ventum et val. molendina per annum tres solidos et quatuor denarios . . .	7	15	4
Glouc. Habet apud Longeneye tres caruc. terræ et val. caruc. viginti solidos et de redd. assis. quinque libr. et tresdecim solid. et unum columbarium quod valet duodecim denar. et unum molendinum quod valet tres solid. et unam piscariam quæ valet tresdecim solidos et quatuor denar. . .	9	10	4

NUM. X.

Bishop Latimer's Letter to Lord Cromwell.

[From the original MS. Cotton. Brit. Mus. Cleop. E. iv. fol. 264.]

RIGHT honorable, salutem in Salvatore. Ande syre, I have to thanke your good lordshype for many thyngs. Ande now a laitt ffor your synguler goodnesse showyd (as I undyrstande) to Master Lucy, a right good gentilman, ande also towards Master Acton a nother of the same sortt; butt of thys my dewtye moor att moor leysure: and yett thus much now I wyll say: ande natt say it alone, butt

with many, that your lordshype, won man, have promotyd many moo honeste men, synyste God promotyd you, than hath many men doon befoore youre tyme though in licke authorite with you. Tamquam non tibi natus soli sed multorum commodo, efficiat qui omnia facit, et in eundem finem diutissime vivat dominatio tua, ut sic inter nobiles nobilissimus evadas, quia quidem nihil esse possit nobilius quam bonos viros evehere, malos autem reprimere. Id quod tibi hactenus usu venit plus omnibus facere.

But now syre a nother thyng, that by your favour I myght be a motionare unto you, at the request of an honeste man, the Prior of Grett Malverne, in my dioc. referring the successe of the hool matter to your ownly approvyd wysdooom and benynging goodnesse in every casse, ffor I knoo that I doo play the fflowll, butt yett with my foolysshnesse I sumwhatt qwiect an unqwiet man, and mytygatt hys heuynesse, which I am bold to doo with you, ffor that I kno by experience your goodnesse, that you wyll bere with fowlls in there freylnesse. Thys man both heryth and feryth (as he saythe) the suppressione of hys Howsse, wich though he wyll be conformable in all poyntts to the kyngs hynesse plesewre and yours ons knoyn, as both I advertysed hym, ande also hys bowndon dewtye ys to be, yett neuerthelesse yf he thought hys interpyresse shuld natt be mystake nor turne to ony displesewr he wold be an humble sewtere to your lordshype, and by the same to the kyngs good grace for the upstandynge of hys forsayd howsse, and contynuaunce of the same to many good purpasse, natt in Monkrye, he maynyth natt soo, God forbyd, butt ony other ways, as shuld be thought ande seyme good to the kyng's majesty, as to mayntayne tochyng prechyng, studye, with prayng, ande (to the which he ys much gyvyne) good howskepyng; for to the vertu of hospitalyte he hathe byn grettly inclynyed from hys begynnynge, ande ys very much commendyd in thes partees for the same: so that if ccccc. marks to the kyng's hynesse, with cc. marks to yourselffe for your good wyll might occasione the promotione of hys intentt, att leste way for the tyme of hys lyffe he doubtyth natt to make hys frends for the same, yf so lytull cold bringe soo much to passe. The man ys old, a good howskepere, fedyth many, and that dayly, for the contreth ys poore and full of penurye: and, alas my good Lord shall we nat see ij. or iij. in every shyre changyd to such remyde?

Thus too, thys honeste man is importunyte hath browght me be younde my dewtye, savyng for the confydence and truste that I have always in your benignytye. As he hathe knolege from you, soo he wyll prepare for you, ever obedyentt to your aduertyessmentt. Syr Wyl-liam Kyngston can make reportt of the man.

God prospere you, to the utterynge of all hoolow hartts. Blessyd be God, of Englonde that workyth all, hows instrument you be. I herde you say wons, aftur you hade sene that furyows inventyon of Cardynall Pooll, that you wold make hym to ette hys owne hartt, which you have now I trow browght to passe, for he muste nedes now ette hys owne hartt and bene as hartlesse as he ys gracelesse.

13 Decemb.
Hartl.

H. L.
Wigor.

NUM. XI.

[From a Book of Pensions in the Augmentation Office.]

MOCH MALVNE in the Countie of Worcet. surrendryd and dyssolvyd.

PENCOONS assignyd to the late prio^r. & monks y^r. by Rob^t. Sowthewell Esquyer and other the kyng's comysions appoyntyd to take surrender of the religious house wⁱn the countie of Worcet. to be payd unto the seyd late prior and monks at the ffeasts of thanunciacon of o^r. Blessyd Lady the Virgyn and Seynt Michael tharchangell yerely duryng they^r naturall lyffe by equall porcons the ffyrst payment to begyn at the ffeast of thannunciacon of o^r. Lady next ensuyng thys day viz^t. the xijth. day of January in the xxxjth. yere of the reign of sovaign lord Kyng Henry the viijth. viz. to

Richarde Whythorne prio ^r	lxvj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Roger Ffrome supprio ^r	xiiij ^{li} . vj ^s . viij ^d .
Richard Succley sexton	vij ^{li} .
Richard Webley	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Willm Umbersley	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Maculyn Malvne	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Willm Bennett	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Richard Pole	vj ^{li} .
Thoms Powyck	vj ^{li} .
Reynold Werstane	vj ^{li} .
Hugh Lychefyld	vj ^{li} . vj ^s . viij ^d .
Xpofer Aldewyn als More scoler in Oxford	x ^{li} .
S ^m	cxlix ^{li} .

P^r nos ROBERTU' SOWTHWELL.
Ri' GWENT.
JOHANNE' LONDON.
JOHN SCUDAMORE.
ROB^t BURGOYN.
JOHN AP RICE.

VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Return, 26 Hen. VIII. First Fruits Office.)

PRIORATUS SIVE MONASTERIUM MAJORIS MALVERNIE IN COM' WYGORN'.

Dominus THOMAS DYRHAM Prior ibidem.

Com' Wigorn'		£.	s.	d.
Malvern Major	Dominium sive Manerium	69	19	8½
Powyck	Molend'	5	4	8
Esynghope	Redd' Assis' et ad Vol'	0	18	2
Newlond	Redd' Assis', &c.	9	14	11
Powycke	Redd' Assis', &c.	44	7	0½
Wordesfeld	Maner'	4	5	8½
Upton Snoddisbury	Redd' Assis'	0	12	8

		£.	s.	d.
Com' Wigorn'				
Powycke Messor et Pyxam et Civ' Wigorn'	Redd' &c.	50	7	4
Clyfton super Sabrinam	Redd' Assis'	0	3	7
Severnestoke	Redd' Assis'	0	5	0
Lulsey	Maner'	8	13	4
Longdon, Chadisley, et Murton	Redd' Assis'	0	13	9
Com' Glouc'				
Longney	Dominium sive Manerium	67	14	3
Est Letche	Redd' ad Vol'	0	13	4
Com' Salop'				
Dowllys et Northwood	Redd' Assis', &c.	11	8	9
Meaton	Redd' Assis', &c.	2	12	7
Quatte	Redd' Assis', &c.	3	0	9
Com' Staff'				
Fulford	Redd' Assis', &c.	3	14	4
Com' Heref'				
Hylhampton	Redd' Assis', &c.	2	10	11½
Mawrden	Redd' Assis', &c.	1	6	8
Bydfyld	Redd' Assis', &c.	0	10	0
Sutton et Bayton	Redd' ad Vol'	1	2	4
Colowe	Redd' Assis'	0	4	0
Hatfyld	Redd' Assis', &c.	5	8	6
Tederston	Redd' Assis'	0	4	0
Hereford Civit'	Redd'	1	8	0
Peterchurch	Redd' Assis', &c.	2	0	10
Com' Brecknock'				
Lanspetyd Nanbrayne	Redd' Assis', &c.	2	1	4

Spiritualia.

Com' Wigorn'				
Malvern Major	Rector' cum Capella de Newlond	13	0	2
Powick	Rector cum Capella de Wordisfeld	8	13	4
Stanford	Pensio	0	5	0
Upton Snodisbur'	Rector'	18	6	4
Homecastell	Porc' x ^m	2	0	0
Lulsey, Suckeley, et Mathom	X ^{me}	0	12	8
Com' Glouc'				
Longney	Rector'	12	6	8
Fordehampton	Portio	1	0	0
Hadnocke	Pensio	0	2	0
Estletche	Pensio	1	6	8
Com' Wilts'				
Stortt	X ^{me}	2	0	0
Com' Warw'				
Avecotte	Pensio	3	0	0
Com' Salop'				
Dowllys	Portio	0	13	4
Com' Heref'				
Bayton	Pensio	0	13	4
Hampton Wayfur	X ^{me}	0	10	0
Bromsberowe	X ^{me}	0	4	0
Hanley Parva	Portio	0	14	0
Cowerne	Portio	0	13	4
Tederston Dalamer	Portio	0	3	4
Tederston Wafer	Portio	0	2	6
Colwall	Portio	0	5	0
Rotherans Dynder	Portio	0	7	0
Peterchurch	Rectoria	1	0	0
Com' Brecknock'				
Mathirkenok et Lanspetyd	Rector' cum Capell' de Landilo et Nantbrayne	73	2	4
Stowe	Rector' cum Capell' de Knyzhton annex'	8	13	4

Summa tam Temporal' quam Spiritual' Prioratus predict' . . . 375 0 6½

COMPUT MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 34 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

MONASTER' DE MAJORE MALVERNE.

Com' Wigorn'			£.	s.	d.
Malverne	Scitus cum Terr' dominical'		39	17	2
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		0	8	1
Malverne Major' Dominium	Redd' Assis'		4	0	2
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad Vol'		0	7	8
- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Ten'		49	1	6½
- - - - -	Firmæ Diversæ		1	10	4
- - - - -	Maner' de Garleford		9	13	4
- - - - -	Exit' Nund'				null
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'				null
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		3	15	7
Newland Maner'	Redd' Assis'		1	12	3
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'		5	17	5
- - - - -	Newland Grange		3	2	0
- - - - -	Rectoria		3	0	0
Powike Domin'	Redd' Assis'		5	7	2½
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad Vol'		0	4	9
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'		21	14	11½
- - - - -	Firmæ diversæ		13	13	4
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		0	7	6
Pixham in Powike Maner'	Redd' Assis'		1	16	6
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad Vol'		0	0	4
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'		9	10	8
- - - - -	Firmæ diversæ		5	10	0
- - - - -	Firma Maner'		13	6	8
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		0	3	0
Wigorn' Civitas	Redd' Assis'		0	8	4
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad Vol'		0	8	0
- - - - -	Firmæ diversæ		1	8	0
- - - - -	Firma Mol'		1	0	0
Dowles Domin'	Redd' Assis'		0	16	9
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'		10	18	9½
- - - - -	Bosc'		1	0	0
Woodefelde Domin'	Redd' Assis'		0	15	8
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'		1	1	6
- - - - -	Firm' Copic'		0	10	0
- - - - -	Firma Maner'		2	17	6
- - - - -	Rectoria sive Capella		1	0	0
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		0	4	2
Com' Staff'					
Fulford Domin'	Redd' Assis'		0	10	0
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad Vol'		3	4	0
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		0	2	0
Com' Glouc'					
Longney Domin'	Redd' Assis'		2	16	6
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'		52	17	4½
- - - - -	Firma Maner'		8	0	0
- - - - -	Rector'		12	6	8
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		2	9	4½
Com' Wigorn'					
Lolsey Maner'	Firma Maner'		8	18	4
- - - - -	Firma Eccl' sive Capellæ voc' Home				
- - - - -	Chapell		2	0	0
- - - - -	Decim' Garbar'.		0	6	8

Com' Wigorn'					£.	s.	d.	
Sutton Parva, Seimerstoke, Estnore, Longdon, Chadley, Mourton, Suklye, Mathon, Bard, et Dedunham					Redd' Assis'	1	10	3
- - - - -					Redd' cust' Ten'	0	5	6
- - - - -					Firm'	0	14	8
- - - - -					Penc' et Porc'	0	7	8
- - - - -					x ^m in Mathon et Estington cum al' .	0	13	6
Ballivat' Foren' in Com' Hereff', Salopp', Wi- gorn', et Wiltes'					Redd' Assis'	1	0	5
- - - - -					Redd' Ten' ad Vol'	0	4	4
- - - - -					Redd' custum'	0	3	11
- - - - -					Firmæ diversæ	4	14	1
- - - - -					Rector' de Knighton et Stowe . .	8	13	4
- - - - -					x ^m Garb' in Much Cowerne	0	13	4
- - - - -					x ^m Garb' de Codyngton	0	5	0
- - - - -					x ^m Terr' voc' Balls Ground in Ted- stone Delamere	0	3	4
- - - - -					x ^m in Hampton Wafer	0	10	0
- - - - -					x ^m in Parva Hale et Nicolsen . . .	0	11	0
- - - - -					x ^m Garb' in Cadley	0	4	0
- - - - -					x ^m Garb' in Starts	2	0	0
- - - - -					Pençō in Quatt	1	0	0
- - - - -					Pençō in Tedston Wafer	0	2	0
Estlech, Marton, et al'					Redd' Assis' in Cots Land	0	5	6
- - - - -					Firm' in Estlech	0	17	0
- - - - -					x ^m Garb' de Bromesbarowe	0	4	0
Com' Hereff'								
Hylhamton et Horden					Redd' Ten' ad Vol'	1	1	3½
- - - - -					Redd' cust' Ten'	1	2	8
- - - - -					Scit' Maner' de Hilhampton	1	13	4

Abecote or Aucot Priory,

IN

WARWICKSHIRE :

A Cell to the Priory of Malvern Major.



F Aucot Priory, the materials for the history of which are extremely scanty, we cannot do better than speak in Sir William Dugdale's own words.^a

" This place, being originally a member of Sekindon, and with Shuttenton obtained from the Earl of Leicester, by William Burdet, was in anno 1151, scil. 5 Hen. II. granted therewith to the Monks of Great Malvern, in com. Wigorn. upon condition that they should send

two of their convent to serve in the church here from the feast of St. Michael till that time twelvemonth ; and, the next year following, to add unto them two more : and moreover, that afterwards, so soon as the building of the monastery here could be completed, according to the capacity thereof, more monks to be received therein, by the advice of the abbat of Westminster, and other religious persons of these parts ; and the Prior to be constituted always by the Prior of Malverne before specified. Unto which agreement so made betwixt the said William Burdet and Roger then prior of Malverne, in the presence of the before-mentioned abbat of Westminster, as also the abbats of St. Albans and Malmesbury, Robert earl of Leicester, amongst others, was a witness.^b

" The occasion whereupon this little monastery was

^a Hist. Warwicksh. edit. 1656, p. 815.

^b Ex vet. membr. penes S. Archer eq. aur. See the Append. of Instrum. Num. I.

founded is said to be this; viz. that the said William Burdet, being both a valiant and devout man, made a journey to the Holy Land, for subduing of the infidels in those parts; and that his steward, whilst he was thus absent, solicited the chastity of his lady, who resisted those his uncivil attempts with much scorn: whereupon he grew so full of envy towards her, that so soon as he had advertisement of his master's arrival again in England, he went to meet him; and to shadow his own foul crime, complained to him of her looseness with others: which false accusation so enraged her husband, that when he came home, and that she approached to receive him with joyful embraces, he forthwith mortally stabbed her; and that to expiate the same unhappy act, after he understood the truth, he built this monastery. Of this story though I have nothing but tradition, yet that he was the founder hereof is most certain, from what I have before expressed; and doubtless that monument, situate in an arch of the wall, on the north side of the church here at Aucote, is for him; which is only a plain free-stone, covering the coffin wherein his body resteth, curiously embossed with the sculpture of a large cross.

"The benefactors that this priory had, were but few, that I find; viz. Robert de Bramcote, who gave a meadow called Bramcote-meadow:^a and William Burdet, grandchild to the founder, who having conferred thereunto the rent of xij^d. issuing out of a certain tenement in Aucote, for the maintenance of a lamp to burn before the altar of our Lady in the church here, of S. Blase,^b when he lay upon his death-bed added the grant of half a yard land and a water-mill lying in Radclive in com. Leic.^c so that all the revenues belonging thereto, were by the Survey^d made in 26 Hen. VIII. valued at no more than 34*l*. 8*s*. 0*d*.: out of which lx^s. being yearly paid to the priory of Malverne (whereunto it was a cell) xx^s. to Sir Humphrey Ferrers knight, then high steward thereof, and other reprints,

which in the whole amounted to 6*l*. 2*s*. 10*d*. left the clear value but 28*l*. 6*s*. 2*d*. In so much as it being exposed to dissolution by the statute of 27 Hen. VIII. and so coming to the crown, was granted out in 34 Hen. VIII. (together with Shuttenton) unto Thomas Lord Audley lord chancellor of England,^e and by him to Joane Robinson widow,^f who died seised thereof in 1 Eliz. leaving William her son and heir.^g Which William had issue Thomas, who mortgaged it with Draiton-Basset in com. Staff. to one William Paramour a Londoner.^h After which it was not long ere that Robert Dudley earl of Leicester, coveting that fair lordship, obtained Paramour's title, and so justling out Robinson, past this with Shuttenton unto Queen Elizabeth in exchange for other lands: so that, ever since, it hath been in the crown."ⁱ

Dr. Thomas, in the second edition of Dugdale's Warwickshire, vol. ii. p. 1130, gives the names of three of the

PRIORS of AUCOTE.

WILLIAM DE WICKWANE, A. D. 1282.^a

WILLIAM DE BEAULIS, monk of Great Malvern, made prior 4 kal. Nov. 1305.¹

RICHARD DE MALVERN, prior of Aucote, was admitted to the cure of the church of Shuttington, appropriated to the Cell of Aucote, at the presentation of the prior of Malvern, vacant by the death of *William de Bello-loco*, the last prior of the same cell.^m

Another prior, WILLIAM SUTTON, occurs 26 Hen. VIII.ⁿ

William Hamper, esq. of Birmingham, is in possession of an inspeximus charter from W. prior of Coventry and his convent relating to this monastery.^o

Cartae ad Aucotense Coenobium in agro Warwicensi (Cellam Malverne-Magna) spectantes.

NUM. I.

Conventio inter Priorem Malverniae et Willielmum Burdet, de Coenobio instituendo.

[Ex vetusto exemplari penes Simonem Archer de Tanworth in com. Warr. eq. aurat. an. 1650.]

Hæc est conventio inter Rogerum priorem Malverniae et Willielmum Burdet. Willielmus Burdet concedit liberè et quietè Deo et sanctæ Mariæ de Malvernia ac monachis ibidem Deo regulariter servientibus totam terram quam habuit in Avecota cum molendino, et Schetinton^p cum

omnibus pertinentiis suis, sicut carta illius testatur. Et hæc conventio diffinita est in præsentia Laurentii abbatis Westmonasterii, Roberti abbatis sancti Albani, et Gregorii abbatis Malmesberiae, et multorum aliorum, anno ab incarnatione Domini millesimo centesimo quinquagesimo nono. A primo festo sancti Michaelis ejusdem anni usque ad annum revolutum erunt ibidem duo monachi ad serviendum in ecclesia, et anno sequenti eodem termino addentur alii duo monachi ad serviendum Deo;^q deinde loco edificato et instaurato, juxta facultatem loci, consilio abbatis Westmonasterii et virorum religiosorum illius provinciae adjicientur ibi monachi perpetuò Deo servituri: priorem

The manor appears to have been in the 19th year of this reign vested in Thomas Fortescu, and then alienated by him, as the following process in the Office of the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer will show:

"*Avecote*. De Thoma Fortescu occasionato ad ostendendum quare manerium de Avecote alias Alvecote in comitatu Warvici in manibus Regine seisis non debet ratione alienationis." Pasch. Rec. 19 Eliz. rot. 9.

^a Reg. Giff. fol. 174 b.

¹ Reg. Langt. fol. 16 a.

^m Northb. fol. 37 b.

ⁿ See the Append. of Instrum.

^o See the Append. Num. III.

^p Schetintuna. Madox. Formul. Anglic. p. 245.

^q alii duo monachi cum illis ad servitium Dei. ibid.

^r demum. ibid.

^a Ex autogr. penes Fr. Burdet bar.

^b Ex autogr. penes Fr. Nethersole eq. aur.

^c Plac. 14 Edw. III. term. . . . rot. 3.

^d MS. penes S. A. eq. aur. fol. 59 b.

^e Pat. 34 Hen. VIII. p. 3.

^f Orig. 35 Hen. VIII. p. 5. Warr. "Rex. lic. dedit Thomæ Audeley honorabilis ordinis Garterii mil. domino Audeley de Walden et domino cancellario Angliæ quod ipse Priorat. de Abecote alias Alvecote in com. Warr. dare potuisset Johanne Robynson viduæ tenend. eadem et hered. suis." ro. lxij.

^g Esc. 2 Eliz.

^h Esc. 5 Eliz.

ⁱ From a particular for a lease temp. Eliz. in the Augmentation Office, it should seem that the Queen demised the scite of the priory and other premises to Lettice countess of Leicester.

autem loci illius constituet prior Malvernæ, consilio abbatis Westmonast.^a Abbati verò Westmonasterii vel priori Malvernæ non licebit aliquid de substantia illius loci auferre, quo locus ipse gravetur. Hæc conventio fidei pollicitatione ab utraque parte coram prædictis personis confirmata est. Hiis testibus Roberto comite Lecestræ, W. de Bell, Hugone Barre, Lauren. priore Coventr. Ricardo Dalmari, Galfrido le Abbe,^b Radulfo fratre abbatis Westmonasterii, Roberto de Craft, W. Canon, Ricardo de Pilplinton, W. fil. Warr.^c Petro de Wicha.

NUM. II.

[Ex Rot. Tax. Eccl. P. Nicolai IV. A. D. 1291.]

	£.	s.	d.
PRIOR de Avecote habet apud Avecote in decanatu Coventriæ duas carucas terræ et valet caruca per annum	1	0	0
Et habet ibidem unum molendinum quod valet per annum	0	14	0
Et habet ibidem unum columbare quod valet per annum	0	1	6
Et habet ibidem de proficuo stauri per annum	1	12	0
Et habet ibidem de redditu assis' per annum	2	8	0
Et habet ibidem de placitis et perquisitis per annum	0	6	8
Et habet ibidem 12 acras prati quæ valent per annum	1	4	0
Et habet ibidem de piscaria per annum	0	3	0
Summa	8	9	2
Inde decima	0	16	11

NUM. III.

Confirmatio Capituli Coventrensis.

[Ex autogr. penes Gul. Hamper arm. de Birmingham in com. Warw. A. D. 1820.]

UNIVERSIS Christi fidelibus præsens scriptum visuris vel audituris, frater Willielmus prior Coventrensis et ejusdem loci conventus salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra cartas venerabilium patrum Hugonis et Galfridi episcoporum Coventr. sub hiis verbis inspexisse. ‘Omnibus sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis ad quos litteræ præsentis pervenerint Hugo miseratione divine Coventrensis episcopus salutem in vero salutari. Ad universitatis vestræ volumus pervenire notitiam quod nos attendentes paupertatem et religionem dilectorum filiorum nostrorum monachorum de Avecota concessimus et confirmamus eis ecclesiam de Shutintona cum terris et pratis et pascuis et omnibus aliis ad prædictam pertinentibus inperpetuum possidendam, et in usus proprios convertendam auctoritate pontificali sub anathemate prohibentes, nec aliis hanc donationem nostram minuere vel a præfatis monachis de Avecota aliquo modo alienare presumat. Volumus nichilominus et firmiter statuimus ut monachi ejusdem loci fructus omnes et obventiones percipiant et inperpetuum possideant. Ita tamen quod per capellanum idoneum episcopo vel officialibus præsentatum ipsi ecclesiæ honeste faciant deservire, cui vel de ipsa ecclesia vel aliunde honestam sustentationem invenient. Ut autem hæc nostra concessio perpetuæ firmitatis robur optineat eam sigilli nostri munimine sub multorum testimonio roboravimus, salvo nobis et successoribus jure pontificali et parochiali.’ ‘Gaufridus Dei gratia Coventrensis ecclesiæ humili minister, omnibus ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit salutem. Noverit universitas vestra nos attendentes religionem et honestatem dilectorum filiorum nostrorum Prioris et monachorum de Avecote, necnon et eorum paupertatem paterna pietate considerantes, dedisse eis et concessisse, et præsentī carta nostra confirmasse eccle-

siam de Sutington cum pertinentiis suis in proprios usus suos habendam et possidendam, salvo nobis et successoribus nostris jure episcopali et parochiali. Ut autem hæc nostra concessio futuris temporibus robur firmitatis obtineat eam sigilli nostri appositione roboravimus. Hiis testibus, magistro Simone de Derb. magistro Willielmo London, magistro Adam de Kelinton, magistro Waltero Malet, Thoma de Beverlaco.’ Nos igitur dictas Concessionem et Confirmationes ratas habentes et gratas eas auctoritate Ecclesiæ nostræ Cathedralis confirmamus, et signi capituli nostri munimine roboramus. Valete.

NUM. IV.

Particular for Grant to Lord Audley, 34 Hen. VIII. in the Augmentation Office.

PARCELLA terrarum et possessionum nuper prioratus Majoris Malverne in comitatu Wigornæ sursumredditi et libere resignati.
Cella nuper priorat. sive domus de Avecote alias Alvecote in comitatu Warrewici cum omnibus terris et possessionibus ejusdem quæ quidem cella nuper prioratui Majoris Malverne prædictæ spectabat et pertinebat.
valet in
Firma cellæ prioratus sive domus de Avecote alias dicta Alvecote cum domibus edificijs et structuris eidem spectantibus sive quovismodo pertinentibus in comitatu Warwici cum omnibus et singulis suis pertinentijs. Ac etiam rectoriæ de Shittington cum omnibus decimis, terris glebis, terris, tenementis, redditibus, reversionibus, servicijs, proficuis, commoditatibus et emolumentis quibuscunque eidem rectoriæ spectantibus seu aliquo modo pertinentibus in dicto comitatu Warwici. Ac etiam omnium et singulorum mesuagiorum, terrarum, tenementorum, molendinorum, pratorum, lesurarum, pasturarum, boscorum, reddituum, revencionum et serviciorum ac omnium cæterorum hereditamentorum, regalitatum, commoditatum et proficuum cum eorum pertinentijs jacentium et existentium in Shyttyngton, Reyton, et Avecote, in comitatu Warwici, ac in Mersham in comitatu Derbiæ, et in Braunston in comitatu Leicestriæ. Necnon omnium et singulorum maneriorum, mesuagiorum, terrarum, tenementorum, reddituum, revencionum, serviciorum, lesurarum, pratorum, pasturarum, boscorum, aquarum, communiarum, molendinorum, ac omnium et singulorum cæterorum hereditamentorum, regalitatum, commoditatum et proficuum cum eorum pertinentijs scituatorum jacentium et existentium in prædictis comitatibus Warwici, Derbiæ, et Leicestriæ, ac alibi ubicunque infra regnum Angliæ prioratui sive domui de Avecote prædicta spectantibus seu quovismodo pertinentibus Georgio Robynson civi et mercero London. pro termino iijj^{xx}.ix. annorum ad firmam dimiss. per indenturam sub sigillo conventuali nuper prioratus Majoris Malverne datam xvj^{mo}. die Junij. anno domini m.dxxxvij. et anno regni regis Henrici viij^{vi}. xxx^{mo}. posteaque allocat. per decretum cancellarij et consilij curiæ augmentationum revencionum coronæ regiæ factam termino sancti Hillarij viz^t. viij^o. die Februarij anno xxxj^{mo}. regis prædicti et exemplificatum per literas patentes ejusdem domini regis sub sigillo

^a Madox's copy adds, "nec inde amovebitur sine justâ et rationabili causa, nec absque consilio abbatis Westmonasterii." Formul. Anglic. p. 245.

^b Labbe. ibid.
^c fil. Warini. ibid.

ejusdem curiæ datas apud Westmonasterium xx^{mo}. die Februarij anno regni prædicti domini regis xxxj^{mo}. Supportand. omnimodis reparationibus omnium et singulorum præmissorum sumptibus suis proprijs durante termino prædicto. Et ulterius durante eodem termino solvendo annuatim domino regi pro annuali decima sive decima parte præmissorum lvj^s. vj^d. q̄ Ac reddendo inde annuatim durante dicto termino ultra omnia onera supradicta prout in eadem indentura plenius liquet . . . xxv^u. viij^s. viij^d. ultra lvj^s. vj^d. q̄ p annua decima domino regi persolvenda per firmanum infranominatum Inde in

Repris, viz. in Denarijs annuatim solutis cuidam capellano missam in ecclesia parochiali de Shittington in comitatu Warwici celebranti ac sacramenta et sacramentalia ac alia di-

vina servicia ministranti inhabitantibus et parochianis de Shittington prædicta ad vj^u. per annum exeuntibus et solvendis de firma xxv^u. viij^s. viij^d. prædicta virtute et vigore decreti cancellarij et consilij curiæ augmentationum revencionum coronæ domini regis inde confecti termino Sanctæ Trinitatis viz. x^{mo}. die Julii anno xxxij^{do}. regis Henrici viijⁱ. exemplificati per literas patentes dicti domini regis sub sigillo ejusdem curiæ datas apud Westmonasterium xix^o. die Novembris anno xxxij^{do}. prout in eisdem literis patentibus plenius continetur vj^u. Et valet clare per annum xxij^u. vj^s. j^d. Per me ROB'TUM BURGON.

Anno regni regis Henrici octavi xxxiiij. pro excamb. inter dominum regem ex una parte et dominum Audeley ex altera parte } The celle of Alvecote xxij^u. v^s. ij^d. RICHARD RYCHE.

VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Transcript of Return, 26 Hen. VIII. First Fruits Office.)

PRIORATUS DE AVECOTE CELLA ANNEXA PRIORAT' DE MALVERN' MAJOR' IN COM' WIGORN'.

D'n's WILL'm's SUTTON Prior ib'm.

Redd'us R'c'or' ap'p'at'.

Id'm r' comp'm de lxxij^s. de firma om'u' decim' granor' et feni et aliar' decimar' quar'cu'q' p'tin' rector' de Shyttyngton in com' Warr' p' annum.

S'm^a. lxxij^s.

Terr' et Ten'ta p'tin' eid'm Priorat'.

Et de vj^s. de redd'u terr' et ten'tor' in Mersh'm in com' Derb' p' annum.

Et de viij^u. xix^s. de redd'u terr' et ten'tor' in Whyttington in com' Warr' p' annum.

Et de x^s. de redd'u terr' et ten'tor' in Le Hale in eod'm com' p' annum.

Et de x^s. de redd'u terr' et ten'tor' in Ryton in eod'm com' p' annum.

Et de xl^s. de redd'u uni^s. molendini aquatici in villa de AVECOTT in eod'm com' p' annum.

Et de v^s. de redd'u terr' et ten'tor' in Braunston in com' Leicestr' p' annum.

S'm^a. xij^u. x^s.

Terr' D'nical' Res'vat'.

Et de xvij^u. vj^s. de redd'u om'u' terr' d'nicaliu' non dimiss' set res'vat' in man' p'oris ad usum hospicij sic estimat' p' discrec' com'issionar' p' annum.

S'm^a. xvij^u. vj^s.

S'm^a. to^u. on'is xxxiiij^u. viij^s.

De quibz

Soluc' Penc' P'curac' et Sinodal'.

Id'm computat in pencione an^um. solut' p'ori de Malvern' in com' Wigorn' ad quod monasterium p'dicta cella est annexa et unita p' annum lx^s.

Et allo^r. eid'm p' p'curac' et sinodal' solut' arch'no Coventr' p' eccl'ia de Shyttyngton p' annum ix^s. vj^d.

S'm^a. lxix^s. vj^d.

Vad' Officiar'.

Et allo^r. eid'm p' feod' Humfr'i Ferrers militis capitalis sen^u. ejusd'm p'rat^s. p' annum xx^s.

Et allo^r. eid'm p' feod' Joh'is Wystowe receptor' et auditor' ib'm p' annum xx^s.

Et allo^r. eid'm p' feod' Humfr'i Jeffrey ballivi omnium terr' et ten'tor' p'tin' p'orat' p' annum xiiij^s. iiij^d.

S'm^a. liij^s. iiij^d.

S'm^a. om'iu' alloc' p'dict' vj^u. ij^s. x^d.

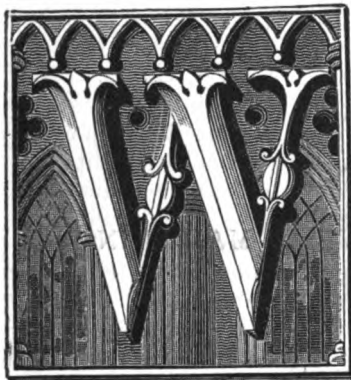
Et sic valet clar' ultra alloc' p'dict' p' annu' xxvij^u. v^s. ij^d. x^{ma}. p's inde lvj^s. vj^d. q'

Priory of Sudbury,

IN

SUFFOLK:

A Cell to the Abbey of Westminster.



charter of confirmation.^b Roger bishop of Salisbury, who attests the charter, died in 1139. Wulfic, at the time of his donation, became a monk of Westminster.

King Henry the Second confirmed to this Cell two parts of the tithe of Thorp.^c

Pope Adrian the Fourth, in the second of his bulls dated in 1157, and granted to the abbey of Westminster, confirms this place as "Cellulam Sancti Bartholomei de Suthber. cum omni obedientia et subiectione, et cum ecclesia Sancti Gregorii ejusdem villæ, et omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis."^d

According to the Ecclesiastical Taxation of Pope Nicholas the Fourth, A. D. 1291, this small priory had then the following property in the deanery of Sudbury:

"Paroch. sancti Petri in Sudbury. Prior sancti Bartholomei de redd. 4s. 2d.

"Aketon. Prior sancti Bartholomei de reddit. 3s.

"Paroch. sancti Gregorii in Sudbury. Prior sancti Bartholomei de terr. redd. et fœtu animalium 3l. 3s. 4d."

It does not appear that this priory had any other temporalities in the county of Suffolk than those above enumerated, nor any spiritualities but a portion in the church of Thorp rated at twenty shillings.

Among the ancient Deeds relating to this priory which remain in the archives of the dean and chapter of Westminster are several concerning the following places, where

^a Tann. Notit. Mon.

^b See Num. I. In the cabinet of the British Museum there is a penny of Henry the First struck at Norwich, on which Wulfic's name occurs: *Obv.* The king's head, full faced, with a crown and sceptre fleury; *RE.* *Rev.* A single tressure of four curves, in each of which is an annulet, and one in the centre crosswise. *Inscr.* pVLFRIC. ON. NOR. Wulfic also occurs upon a coin of William II. *pILLEM. REX. AN.* Snelling, Pl. I. no. 11. *Rev.* pVL-

the priory had formerly possessions: viz. Chelveton, Clare, Kedington, Melford, Thorp, and Wrating.^e A Terrier, or account of the number of acres which the priory had, is also in the same repository.

The Inquisition referred to in the Patent Roll 35 Edw. III.^f whereby licence was given to Richard Roke, senior, to convey to the abbat and convent of Westminster certain lands in aid of their poor Cell of St. Bartholomew, near Sudbury, is preserved among the Inquisitions at the Tower of the 33d year of Edw. III.

Tanner, referring to records relating to this house, says,

"*Vide duas compositiones super quibusdam terris globalibus, necnon super decimis majoribus et minoribus inter magistrum Warinum de Fouldon rectorem eccl. S. Gregorii Sudbur. et relig. vv. abbatem et conventum Westmon. ac fratrem SIM. DE HENLEGH Priorem S. Bartholomei extra Sudbury ratificatas per episcopum et priorem et capitulum Norwic. A.D. 1323. MS. in Registro principali dom. episc. Norwic.*

"Plus viginti Cartas originales de terris, tenementis, et redditibus concessis huic Prioratui, penes rr. vv. Decanum et Capitulum Westmonast.

"*Rec. in scacc. 41 Edw. III. Hill. rot. 5. Rec. in scacc. 44 Edw. III. Hill. rot. 9.*"

To these may be added,

Pat. 4 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 10 et 11. *Ratificatio excambii de terris in Sudbury cum custode S. Gregorii ibidem pro mesuagiis et shopis in parochia Sancti Michaelis de Cornhill London.*

The General Ecclesiastical Valor, 26 Hen. VIII. does not particularize the estates which belonged to this priory; the only mention of it there being under the head of the Monastery of Westminster, where it is noticed thus:

"*Suff. Valet in prioratu sancti Bartholomei juxta Sudbury ex recognitione domini abbatis monasterii predicti x^{li}.*

The Ministers Account of Westminster monastery, 32 Hen. VIII. calls Sudbury a Prebend, a mistake which arose from its being attached to the eleventh prebend of the

FRIC. ON. CAI. supposed Canterbury. No moneyer of this name is at present known upon the coins either of Henry II. or Henry III.

^c Num. II.

^d MS. Cotton. Faustina A. III. fol. 165.

^e Widmore's MS. Account of the Archives of the Dean and Chapter of Westminster.

^f See Num. III.

church of Westminster.* The following entry is all that relates to it there:

"Com. Suff. Prebend. de Sudburye.

"Computus Willielmi Butte junioris firmarij domini regis ibidem per tempus prædictum.

"Firma.

"Idem reddit Computum de ix^{li}. de firma ejusdem prebendæ ibidem in com. prædict. sic dimiss. præfato Willielmo Butte per indenturam pro termino annorum, red-

dendo inde ut supra solvend. ad festa Annunciationis Beatæ Mariæ Virginis et Sancti Michaelis Archangeli per æquales portiones. Summa ix^{li}."

In the 34th Hen. VIII. the possessions of this cell were made part of the endowment of the dean and chapter of Westminster.^b

No SEAL of Sudbury priory has hitherto fallen in the way of the Editors of Dugdale's Monasticon.

Gough says, this priory, of which Kirby has given a print, was pulled down in 1779.^c

Cartae ad Sudburpense Coenobium in agro Suffolciensi spectantes: Cellam de Westmonasterio.

NUM. I.

Carta Regis Henrici I. de Ecclesia S. Bartholomei de Suthbere.

[MS. Cotton. Faustina A. III. fol. 79.]

HENRICUS rex Angliæ Herberto episcopo Norwic. et Haymoni dapifero et burgensibus de Suthbery, omnibusque ministris suis et fidelibus, Francis et Anglis, de Suthfolk salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Deo et sancto Petro et monasterio Westmon. pro redemptione animæ meæ ecclesiam sancti Bartholomei de Suthberia quam Wlfricus monetarius meus ad usum monachorum inibi servientium eis dederat pro fraternitate et monachatu suo quem ibidem susceperat. Unde volo et firmiter præcipio ut bene, et quiete, et honorifice, et libere, et absque omni calumpnia et inquietudine, cum terris et decimis, cum saca et soca, et toll et theam, et latrone, et cum omnibus rebus et consuetudinibus, et legibus, verum etiam nunc melius, et plenius, et liberius quam ullo antea tempore habuerant deinceps teneant eam sicut dirationatum fuit in curia mea coram baronibus meis. Iccirco defendo et prohibeo super x. libras forisfacturæ ne aliquis eis ulla unquam occasione injuriam seu torturam faciat, neque eos in aliquo aliquando molestare sive disturbare presumat. Et si quis amodo fidel. pro salute animæ suæ, aut in terris aut in decimis, vel in elemosinis, sive quocunque alio beneficio eis subvenire voluerit, hæc omnimoda benevolentia et libertate concedo. Testibus R. archiepiscopo, R. episcopo London. R. episcopo Sarum, R. Canc. Nigill. de Alb. et aliis multis apud Westm.

NUM. II.

Carta Henrici II. Regis de Suthbery et duabus partibus Decimæ de Thorp.

[Ibid. fol. 79 b.]

HENRICUS rex Angliæ, et dux Normanniæ et Aquitanniæ, et comes Andegaviæ Willielmo episcopo Norwicen. et omnibus baronibus suis de Suthfolk salutem. Sciatis quod concedo et confirmo Deo et sancto Bartholomeo et

monachis de Suthberia duas partes decimæ de Torp quam Ivo de suo dominio illic cum corpore suo libere dedit. Et præcipio quod eam libere et juste et quiete teneant sicut rex Henricus avus meus eis per cartam suam confirmavit ne inde aliquis eis injuriam vel torturam faciat. T. cancellario et comite Reginaldo apud Winton.

NUM. III.

[Pat. 35 E. III. p. 2, m. 29.]

REX omnibus ad quos, &c. salutem. Sciatis quod cum nos nuper per literas nostras patentes de gratia nostra speciali concessissemus et licentiam dedissemus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris quantum in nobis fuit dilectis nobis in Christo abbati et conventui Westmonasterii, quod ipsi terras tenementa et redditus ad valorem decem marcarum per annum tam de feodo suo proprio quam alieno, exceptis terris tenementis et redditibus quæ de nobis tenentur in capite adquirere possunt. Habendum et tenendum sibi et successoribus suis in perpetuum in revelationem pauperis cellæ suæ sancti Bartholomei juxta Sudbury, statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis edito non obstante, prout in literis nostris prædictis plenius continetur. Nos volentes dictam concessionem nostram effectui debito mancipari, concessimus et licentiam dedimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, Ricardo Roke de villa Westmonasterii seniori, quod ipse sexaginta et sexdecim acras terræ et dimidiam, et tres acras prati et dimidiam, cum pertinentiis in Sudbury et Holegate, quæ de nobis non tenentur, et quæ valent per annum in omnibus exitibus juxta verum valorem eorundem, ultra servicia inde debita et consueta, viginti et octo solidos, sicut per inquisitionem inde per dilectum nobis Rogerum de Wolfreton, escaetorem nostrum in comitatu Suffolchiæ, de mandato nostro factam, et in cancellaria nostra retornatam est compertum, dare possit et assignare præfatis abbati et conventui; habendum et tenendum sibi et successoribus suis in revelationem cellæ prædicti imperpetuum, &c. T. rege apud Westm. primo die Maii.

* See Num. IV.

^b Tann. Notit. Mon.

^c Camden's Britannia, edit. Gough, 1789, vol. ii. p. 83. See also

Excursions in the County of Suffolk, Lond. 1819, vol. i. p. 74. The print published by Joshua Kirby, engraved by J. Wood, 1748, was a north-west view, and was inscribed to Denny Cole, gent.

NUM. IV.

Westminster Monastery.

[From a Rental temp. Hen. VIII. but without the date of the year, remaining in the Augmentation Office.]

Monasterium Westmonaster.

Undecima Prebenda valet in

FIRMA nuper prioratus sancti Bartholomei juxta Suddeburge cum omnibus terris, tenementis, pratis, pascuis, pasturis, redditibus, aut servitijs

eidem nuper prioratui pertinentibus sive spectantibus dimissa Willielmo Butte per indenturam pro termino annorum reddendo inde per annum . . . x^{li}.

Inde

Reprise.

Stipendium capellani celebrantis ibidem ex conventionem indenturæ per annum xxⁱ.

Et valet clare per annum ix^{li}.

Benedictine Priory of St. Neot,

IN

HUNTINGDONSHIRE.



from Mr. Gorham some facts and references additional to those contained in his History.

Of St. Neot himself it will be requisite to say something. Considerable obscurity hangs over his birth-place and parentage. His biographers make contradictory statements on these points; and some of their assertions are not to be reconciled with decided historical facts.

The father of St. Neot is variously stated to have been king of the East Angles, king of the West Angles, and of Kent, and tetrarch of Kent.

Respecting the name of his progenitor, also, there is a disagreement. Two Narratives conceal it. The other authorities state that St. Neot was the son of a king named Fidulf, Eldulf, Edulph, or Adulph, which Mr. Gorham considers merely as orthographical varieties for Ethelwulph. St. Neot, if the son of Ethelwulph, must consequently have been the brother of Alfred the Great.^a

To reconcile this position with historical facts, Mr. Gorham justly says, is no easy, if it be a possible, task. The early chronicles of English history inform us that Ethelwulph had four sons, Ethelbald, Ethelbert, Ethelred, and Alfred, who successively inherited the crowns of West

Saxony and of Kent. He had also a son (born before these, and of a different mother) named Athelstan, upon whom he bestowed the principedom of Kent, whilst he himself retained the kingdom of West Saxony. Every ancient record (with the exception of the Lives of St. Neot) is silent as to any other descendant of Ethelwulph. Whitaker, however, the historian of Manchester, (in a Life of St. Neot) attempts to solve this difficulty by hazarding a conjecture that Neot is to be identified with Athelstan.^b

The reputed royal birth of St. Neot must certainly be considered as a very doubtful matter, supported by no other direct testimony than that of the monks who wrote his Life in the eleventh century. Some other writers, however (though silent respecting the alleged descent from Ethelwulph), state that Neot was the near relative of Alfred the Great.

"Upon the whole," Mr. Gorham says, "it appears probable, that Neot was descended from a collateral branch of the royal house of West Saxony; and that his zealous biographers (either misled by the circumstance of his intimacy with his relative Alfred, or ensnared by the desire of enhancing the honor of the saint,) hastily pronounced him to be one of the sons of Ethelwulph, or the brother of Alfred."^c

St. Neot appears to have been born between the early and the middle part of the ninth century. He assumed the habit of a monk at Glastonbury about A. D. 850, and afterwards became sacristan of the abbey. His learning and devotion are said to have attracted immense multitudes, who flocked from all parts to Glastonbury to receive the benefit of his instruction. Hence he determined to retire from this public station, and to lead the life of an anchorite in some less frequented spot. The place he selected for his residence was a lone valley in Cornwall, ten miles from the convent of St. Petroc; the neighbouring village to which was then called Ham-stoke, afterwards Neot-stoke, and

^a See the Hist. and Antiq. of Eynesbury and St. Neots, 8^o. Lond. 1820, pp. 20, 21.

^b Ibid. pp. 22, 23.

^c Ibid. p. 26.

subsequently St. Neots. In this retirement he passed seven years. He then visited Rome, to receive the pope's blessing and to obtain his counsel respecting some scruples as to the expediency of changing his eremetical life. The Roman pontiff, however, dissuaded him from solitary devotion: when St. Neot, having again sought his retired valley, founded a Monastery or College of Priests, and gathered together some religious brethren, over whom he was constituted abbat.^a All the different testimonies agree that St. Neot lived and died at Ham-stoke. The most probable date of his death, after a very careful examination of authorities, Mr. Gorham fixes in 877. His decease occurred on the 31st of July. He was buried with due honour in the Church which he himself had built, upon the site of the more ancient Chapel dedicated to Saint Guerir. After seven years had elapsed, a larger Edifice was constructed by the religious brethren of Neot-stoke (as it was then called), and the body was removed to the north side of the altar.^b Mr. Gorham conjectures the new building of Neot-stoke to have been erected about the year 884.

About a century later the remains of St. Neot were removed into Huntingdonshire. The particulars of the removal will be presently detailed. The patron saint having deserted Neotstoke, the lands with which the College of Priests had been endowed fell a prey to the rapacity of power; for, at the Norman invasion, the earl of Moretaine seized on this ecclesiastical property, leaving the priests no more than a single acre.^c From that period the Cornish convent, or college, is no more heard of: it was, probably, entirely suppressed in the reign of the Conqueror. Not a vestige of this Saxon institution remains, nor is it known in what part of the parish of Neot-stoke the edifice stood.^d

We now come to the history of the priory of St. NEOT in *Huntingdonshire*, anciently called Eynulfesbury, or Henulfesbiri. Tanner says, "If credit may be given to the Ely historian, St. Neot first placed monks here, who being dispersed by the Danes, were afterwards restored."^e Mr. Gorham gives a different account, and treats the assertion of a monastery having been founded here by St. Neot himself as manifestly incorrect.

"In the reign of Edgar," he says, "a shameful description of robbery had obtained among ecclesiastical bodies: the stealing of relics, upon a pretended divine revelation. In those days it was no uncommon practice for powerful abbies to despoil the weaker monasteries, or to rob defenceless villages of their sainted remains, in order to increase the celebrity of their own foundations. That the body of Neot was stolen out of Cornwall, and brought into Huntingdonshire, by one of these pious frauds, is evident even from the varnished accounts of the Bodleian biographer^f (who acknowledges the violence of the act) and of Thomas a monk of Ely (who incidentally gives a clue to the names of the parties). This narrative presents us with a melancholy picture of the superstition and demoralization of the times; in which a king, a bishop, an abbat, and a nobleman, are found conspiring in a theft intrinsically con-

temptible, but of no mean value as a source of ecclesiastical revenue.

"About the year 974,^g Earl Alric, a powerful nobleman in Huntingdonshire, and his countess Ethelfleda,^h founded and endowed a priory at Eynesbury, subordinate to the recently established Monastery at Ely. It is possible that a religious house previously existed at Eynesbury, dedicated to Ernulph; but this is uncertain. The interest of Brithnod the first abbat of Ely, and the influence of Ethelwolde bishop of Winchester having been obtained, the sanction of King Edgar immediately followed.ⁱ A patron saint, however, was wanting, to give popularity to the new monastery: by what circumstance the choice was directed to St. Neot it would be fruitless to conjecture."^k

The warden of St. Neot's shrine is stated, himself, to have decamped with his trust from Neot-stoke in Cornwall on St. Andrew's day, and to have reached Eynesbury eight days after, where it was received into the residence of Earl Alric.

"No sooner," says Mr. Gorham, "were the remains of Neot safely deposited at Eynesbury, than Earl Alric raised over them a Chapel, and converted the palace of Earl Elfrid^l into a monastery, which was dedicated to the saint. The site of these religious edifices was on the east bank of the Ouse, on the north side of the present town of St. Neots. In honor of the Saint the name of the place was changed to Neotsbury. At the dedication of the Conventual Chapel, Ethelwolde bishop of Winchester, Æscwin bishop of Lincoln, Brithnod abbat of Ely, Earl Ægelwin, Ædric Pope, Ædelm Polga, and many others were present. Before the whole congregation, Earl Alric and his lady Ethelfleda intreated abbat Brithnod and Bishop Ethelwolde, that they would take the Convent under their protection, and furnish it with monks. In compliance with the petition of the founders, some brethren were sent from Ely and others from Thorney. A Benedictine monastery was thus established. It was further agreed that the Monastery should be for ever subject to the church of Ely; and that the Priors should always be sent from Ely, unless a person should be found at Neotsbury fit for the office and approved by the brethren of the mother abbey. The endowment by Earl Alric consisted of eighteen hides of land, two of which were in Eynesbury, six in Waresley, and nine in Gamlingay. The deeds by which these lands were conveyed were written in Anglo-Saxon: one was given to Bishop Ethelwolde, and was deposited in the church [of Ely?], where it still remained towards the close of the twelfth century; another was given to Bishop Æscwin; the third was retained by the founders at Neotsbury."^m

"Ailwyn, alderman or duke of the East Angles, was the patron of this Priory. At the dedication of Ramsey Abbey, in 992, Duke Ailwyn, the abbats of Ely, of Peterborough, of Thorney, and the chief and potent men of Huntingdonshire, together with the celebrated and venerable matron Ethelfleda who had founded and endowed the monastery of Eynesbury,ⁿ were assembled. The duke

^a See the Hist. and Antiq. of Eynesbury and St. Neots, 8^o. Lond. 1820, p. 27—30.

^b Ibid. p. 45.

^c The inhabitants of this institution, according to the Domesday Survey, were termed CLERICI SANCTI NEOTI, and they possessed, as they had previously done in the time of King Edward the Confessor, two hides of land. "CLERICI S. NEOTI ten. NEOTESTOV et tenebant tempore regis Edwardi. Ibi sunt II. hidæ quæ nunquam geldaverunt. Ibi sunt IIII. bord. Val. v. solid. Totam hanc terram præter unam acram terræ quam presbyteri habent abstulit Comes [i.e. de Moritonia] ab ecclesia. Odo tenet de eo, et val. v. sol. Prius valeb. xxⁱⁱ. sol." Domesd. *Cornvalge*. tom. i. fol. 121 a. Bishop Tanner says this college of priests was called "Nyott, olim Neotstoke, or Neotstow, or St. Guerir, in the deanery of West." Notit. Mon. Asser speaks of a visit which King Alfred paid to the church of St. Guerir. "Ad quandam ecclesiam in qua S. Gueryr requiescit et nunc etiam S. Neotus ibidem pausat." De rebus gestis Ælfredi, edit. Wise, sub. an. 883.

^d Whitaker's assertion, that some remains of this monastery are to be seen in the present vicarage-house, is without a shadow of probability. Gorham, ut suprà. p. 46, note v.

^e Notit. Mon. *Hunt.* iv.

^f Life of Neot, MS. Bodley 535. Compare Gorham, Hist. ut suprà. App. III.

^g The precise year, Mr. Gorham says, is uncertain. It was in the time of abbat Brithnod, and therefore between 970 and 981. The body having been removed in the reign of Edgar (Leland, de Script. cap. VOL. III.

cxiii.) the event could not have occurred later than 975. It appears also that some of the monks of St. Neots were brought from Thorney, which abbey was founded in 972: this, consequently, is the earliest date which can be assigned to the foundation of the priory of St. Neot. The period, therefore, is limited to 972—975.

^h The names of the first Founders are variously given. The Bodleian biographer speaks of them as "a certain very powerful and rich person, and his venerable wife." Life of Neot, MS. Bodl. 535. Thomas de Ely calls them, simply, "Leofric a man devoted to God and his wife Leofleda." Hist. Cænob. Elien. li. ii. cap. xxviii. He mentions also that Ægelnof was his brother: cap. xxix. Leland designates them as "Ethelric, a great nobleman in Huntingdonshire, and Ethelfleda, a lady scarcely to be equalled." De Script. cap. cxiii. "The memorable hero, the celebrated almoner, and the devoted worshipper of God, Ethelric," and "the renowned matron Ethelfleda." Itin. vol. iv. App. p. 22, quoting a MS. on the translation of St. Ivo. "Earl Alric," Collect. tom. i. p. 68. The valuation of St. Neot's priory, 1534, denominates them "Earl Aylric and Elfreda his wife." Nothing appears to be known of them from other sources.

ⁱ Life of Neot, MS. Bodl. 535. The name of the king is suppressed.

^k Gorham, Hist. of Eynesb. and St. Neots, p. 47—50.

^l Leland, Collect. tom. iii. p. 10.

^m The particulars of this dedication rest on the authority of Thomas de Ely, Hist. Cænob. Elien. li. ii. cap. 28.

ⁿ Huic dedicationi [sc. ecclesiæ Ramesiensis] intererat, cum

and the above-mentioned abbats, after having demanded of all persons present whether they had any claim upon their respective abbeys, or on the monastery of Eynesbury, bound themselves by a solemn vow to protect these Houses with all their power.^a

"Only a few years, however, elapsed, before the newly founded monastery was disquieted by apprehensions of Danish violence. In anticipation of the possibility of such a disaster, the remains of Neot were removed to a part of the country less exposed to barbarian ravages. This precautionary translation was effected by a lady of Eynesbury named Lewina,^b a person of great property, and sister of Osketul abbat of Croyland. This event may be placed (with the highest probability) in the year 1003; when the Danes under Sweyn landed to revenge the massacre of their countrymen by Ethelred. The general panic occasioned by the Danish atrocities induced Lewina to convey 'the sacred mould of the confessor Neot' in a shrine adapted to the purpose, to her villa at Whittlesea; from which place she instantly dispatched a messenger to Croyland, beseeching her brother Osketul to come with a respectable retinue of monks, and to receive the relics into his abbey as a more secure sanctuary. The abbat immediately repaired to Whittlesea with some of the brethren. They returned to Croyland in a solemn procession, bearing away the relics through the marshes (at that time almost impenetrable) while the air was filled with the chants and sacred melodies of the holy brethren. On reaching the abbey, the remains were deposited, with much devotion, on the north side of the altar of St. Mary. After the state of the country had become more settled, these relics were restored to the monastery of Neotsbury.^c The monks of Croyland, nevertheless, continued to boast the empty honour of still possessing these remains in their abbey:^d probably some trifling relic, which they had retained, gave colour to this claim. It is certain, however, that Neot was one of the principal saints who received superstitious veneration at Croyland. Ingulph abbat of Croyland, towards the close of the eleventh century, mentions the fire which burned before the altar of St. Neot; and Malmesbury, near the middle of the twelfth century, speaks of Neot uniting his shield to that of Guthlac for the protection of the natives.^e

"The alarm which occasioned the temporary dismissal of the patron saint from his monastery, was not a vain anticipation; for the edifice was afterwards burnt by the Danes.^f It is probable that the convent escaped the immediate danger apprehended by Lewina in 1003; for it does not appear that they then marched into this part of England. It can scarcely be doubted that the destruction of the priory of Neotsbury by these savage invaders oc-

curred in 1010. In that year the Danes are traced from Buckingham, by the Ouse, to Bedford and Tempsford, within five miles of Neotsbury, burning every thing in their way;^g they then returned to their ships at Ipswich, shaping their march (in all probability) to Cambridge, where they had recently gained a victory; this course would necessarily bring them into contact with the ill-fated monastery of St. Neot, which was, doubtless, at that time given to the flames.

"The convent either was not entirely destroyed in 1010, or was rebuilt, for it still continued to support some monks, and was subject to the church of Ely, at the Norman Conquest. At that period it was seized by Gilbert earl of Owe. The Ely monks were then violently expelled; partly (it may be presumed) in revenge for the resistance which the mother abbey had recently (in 1069) offered to the Conqueror, and partly to make room for some foreign monks. Three of the Ely brethren remained in the convent at Neotsbury, with unconquerable obstinacy; neither stripes nor hunger could force them from their favourite retreat. The enraged earl at length sent them into Normandy, and charged the abbat of Bec to keep them in perpetual confinement beyond the channel."^h

Richard Fitz-Gilbert de Clare (son of the above-mentioned earl of Owe) and Rohais his wife, sent to the abbey of Bec for a colony of French monks, to replenish the vacant convent at Neotsbury, which was, henceforth, to become a Cell to the Norman house. Anselm, who had just been promoted to the abbacy, sent over several brethren from his monastery. This event occurred in the year 1078 or 1079.ⁱ A letter written by the Norman abbat on this occasion commends the French monks to his liberality.^j

The precise Order of monks established in this cell by Anselm does not appear to be clearly understood. Leland (on his visit to this monastery in the reign of Henry VIII.) was informed that Anselm introduced from France *White* monks, of a different profession, however, from the Cistercians.^k Bishop Tanner suggests that they were Tironensians;^l but Stevens asserts that the earliest house of that denomination was not founded till thirty years later.^m Whatever was the precise Order, the monks placed in Neotsbury by abbat Anselm were reformed Benedictines with a white habit; which was afterwards, however, changed for the black dress, for this priory (like the mother abbey) became a regular Benedictine House.ⁿ

One entry only relating to the monastery of Neot in Huntingdonshire occurs in the Domesday Survey. St. Neot is said to hold three carucates of land in demesne at Einulvesberie.^o

The earliest benefaction, subsequent to this period,

cætu nobilium, inclyta matrona Ethelfleda, orationibus, jejuniis, aliisque pietatis actibus venerabilis; quæ etiam cenobium Enulphesbyriæ honorifice condidit et magnifice ditavit." Lel. Itin. vol. iv. App. p. 22.

^a Compare Hist. Rames. capp. liv. lvii. Gale, Script. xx. tom. i. pp. 422, 423.

^b *Leniova*; Ordericus Vitalis, in Du Chesne Hist. Norm. Scrip. p. 542, edit. Paris, 1619. *Lewina*; Lel. Itin. vol. iv. App. p. 7.

^c "Fama equidem prædicat reliquias inde [sc. a fano Neoti] Crulandiam traductas, et pace confirmata, postliminii jure suo Fano red-ditas." Leland, de Script. cap. cxiii.

^d In times, says Mr. Gorham, in which it was not unusual to seize on relics by violence, it was also common for Abbays to refuse to restore remains temporarily committed to their protection. So common were such pitiful thefts, that the monks of Croyland boasted of never having restored the remains of Neot, entrusted to their charge in a moment of danger; preferring rather to impute to themselves a dishonesty of which they were not in fact guilty, than to forego the advantage of claiming a possession which tended to enhance their celebrity among the superstitious. In 1078-9 the shrine was inspected at Neotsbury by Anselm, who shortly after (when archbishop of Canterbury) officially attested the fact of the body being there. Nevertheless, a century later, the abbat of Croyland insisted that this honor belonged to his House. Some of the monks were sufficiently sincere to profess their doubts as to the fact: these scruples were soon removed by the Abbat, 'who by the light of wax candles, broke open the chest with awe; when he found the skull, the collar bones, the shoulder blades, some bones of the thorax, with those of the legs and thighs.' In 1213 these pretended relics of Neot were removed by the abbat Henry Longchamp, and were 'placed by an altar erected to his honor.' Joh. de Tinmouth Sanctilogium, MS. Cotton. Tib. E. i. See Gorham's App. V. 38. p. 272. As a proof of the futility of these claims, in 1295 Oliver bishop of Lincoln issued a second Attestation,

reciting the testimonial of Archbishop Anselm; this document states, that the original instrument of Anselm was even then in existence; that the parchment and writing were uninjured; though the seal was partly destroyed by time. Archives Linc. Cath. Memoranda Oliveri Sutton, foll. 122 b, 123 a. Compare Gorham's App. VI. See also his History, pp. 65, 166.

^e "Accessit et novus hospes, sed vetus apud Dominum patronus, sanctus Neotus, qui, quondam beatissimi Erkenwaldi discipulus, apud Einulphesberi maxima semper veneratione habitus est; sed illinc, pro Danorum incursum, sublatus, et Croland delatus, modo juncto cum Guthlaco umbone indigenas protegit, advenarum etiam vocibus exorabilis." Malmesb. de Gest. Pont. lib. iv. in Saville Angl. Script. p. 292, edit. Francof. 1601.

^f Chron. Sax. edit. Gibs. pp. 140, 141.

^g Ibid.

^h Tho. de Ely, Hist. Cænob. Elien. lib. ii. cap. xxviii. xcix. MS. Bodl. Laud. 647. See the Append. of Instruments, Num. II.

ⁱ "This date," Mr. Gorham says, p. 62, "may be fixed with certainty, from the following considerations. It could not be earlier; for the French monks were sent over by Anselm (Lel. Collect. tom. iii. p. 10), who was not made abbat of Bec till 26 Aug. 1078. Nor was it later; for in the first year of his abbacy, Anselm visited the convents already subjected to Bec (Eadmer, Vit. Anselmi, lib. i.), and Neotsbury was among the priories which he inspected. Archives Linc. Cath." See Gorham, App. No. VI.

^j Ibid. p. 62.

^k "In quo (sc. cænobio) fuerunt ad multos annos *Monachi nigri*, donec Anselmus archi. Cant. introduxit Gallos *monachos albos*." "Ab Anselmo ex Gallia *monachi albi* evocati, qui alius professionis sunt quam Bernardini." Lel. Collect. tom. iii. p. 10.

^l Notit. Monast. edit. Naam. Pref. p. x. Note m.

^m Contin. of Dugd. vol. ii. p. 256.

ⁿ Gorham, p. 65.

^o See Num. V.

recorded in the Cotton Chartulary, is probably that of Simon first earl of Huntingdon.^a The next which occurs in 1100 is that of Matilda de St. Liz (daughter of Earl Simon, and wife of Robert fifth son of Richard Fitz-Gilbert de Clare), who gave to the convent one third of her manor of Cratefield in Suffolk.^b This gift was bestowed with the stipulation that the brethren of St. Neots "should receive into their house two priests with the monkish habit to be perpetually maintained by this endowment."^c

The great endowment, however, was that of Rohais wife of Richard Fitz-Gilbert de Clare, A. D. 1113. She gave to the monks the whole of her manor of St. Neots.^d Rohais was consequently reputed the second foundress. This donation was confirmed in 1250 by Richard de Clare earl of Gloucester and Hertford.^e

From the various Deeds contained in the Chartularies of this priory it appears that the monks of St. Neot had possessions in *Bedfordshire*, at Barford, Beeston, Begory, Bidenho, Blesworth, Blunham, Bushmead, Caldecot, Chalvesterne, Charlton, Colesden, Colmworth, Crandon, Dulow, Eaton-Socon, Eaton-Ford, Edworth, Girtford, Kimerwick, Mogerhanger, Roxton, Salston, Sandy, Staplow, Tamsford, Thorncote, Turvey, and Wyboston: in *Cambridgeshire*, at Bourne, Caxton, Croxton, Gamlingay, Granchester, Madingley, and Wells (supposed Upwell): in *Essex*, at Wimbiash: in *Hertfordshire*, at Westmill: in *Huntingdonshire*, at Abbotsley, Buckworth, Caldecot, Everton, Eynesbury, Hail-Weston, Midlow, Monks-Hardwick, Offord D'Arcey, Paxton, Puttock's Hardwick, St. Neots, Testworth, Waresley, Weald, and Winttingham: in *Norfolk*, at Beecham-Well, Burton-Bendish, and Marchford: in *Northamptonshire*, at Barnwell St. Andrews, Brampton-Dingley, Clapton, and Hemington: in *Oxfordshire*, at Cotesford: in *Rutlandshire*, at Wing: in *Suffolk*, at Cratefield, Heveningham, and Ubbeston: in *Wiltshire*, at Boscombe and Cheldreton.^f

King Henry I. about A. D. 1137, granted to the prior and convent the privilege of a market on Thursdays. He also granted them three chartered fairs: to be held, first, on Ascension-day, its eve, and the following day; second, on the day of the imprisonment of St. Peter, its eve, and the following day; third, on the festival of St. Neot, its eve, and the succeeding day.^g

Several valuable Fisheries at Wells (supposed to be Upwell), in Cambridgeshire, were given to the monks of St. Neots by the foundress Rohais in the time of Henry I. They possessed also a fishery at Marchford, in Norfolk. Two fisheries in the Ouse, between St. Neots and Eaton, were given to the convent in the reign of Henry II. or Richard I. by Hugh de Beauchamp; and another fishery in the Ouse, in the parish of Eaton, in the time of John, by William de Sudbury.^h

Hugh de Beauchamp gave the monks liberty to take fuel from his woods in Eaton-Socon for the kitchen of their convent.ⁱ

Of the churches belonging to this priory, in *Bedfordshire*, Edworth was given to the monks by Roger Barnard between 1175 and 1181; Melchburn by Richard de Clare in the time of Henry the First or Stephen;^k Tamsford in 1129 by Robert de Carun; and Turvey by William le Heyr in the reign of Richard the First. In *Huntingdonshire*, Everton was given by Gilbert de Clare, earl of Pembroke, between 1137 and 1148; Eynesbury by Simon de St. Liz, first earl of Huntingdon,^l and St. Neots, about

1179, the rectory being appropriated to the monastery about the year 1183.^m A chapel in the hamlet of Winttingham in St. Neots, founded by William de Brito about 1218, also belonged to the priory; with another chapel in Weald in the parish of Eynesbury. In *Norfolk*, the churches of Barton-Bendish and Beecham-well were given by Roger de Clare, earl of Hertford, before 1172. In *Northamptonshire*, Brampton-Dingley belonged to the monks at an early period; and Hemington in that county was appropriated to them about the year 1170. In *Oxfordshire*, the church of Cotesford (if it was not one of the Codfords in Wiltshire) was given by Roger Barnard between 1175 and 1181. In *Rutlandshire*, Wing belonged to the convent at the beginning of the thirteenth century. In *Suffolk*, the advowson of Cratfield was bestowed on the monastery by William de Albeni Brito, between 1154 and 1167; and Heveningham by Walter baron of Dunmow, before 1198, together with the church of Ubbeston. In *Warwickshire*, Pillerton belonged to the monks, the presentation to which, after the beginning of the thirteenth century, was jointly in the prior and convent and Thomas Basset. In *Wiltshire*, East Boscombe and West Cheldreton churches were given to the monastery between 1175 and 1181 by Roger Burnard. The church of Auca, county unknown, was given to this priory by Gilbert de Montfichet about A. D. 1170.ⁿ Auca, Mr. Gorham has since discovered, should be Aieta, now Ayot St. Peters, near Welwyn, in Hertfordshire.

Like the other alien priories, that of St. Neot became the property of the English crown on the breaking out of the French wars, and was restored to the abbey of Bec on the return of peace. A writ of restoration occurs as early as the time of Henry III. A. D. 1244.^o Mr. Gorham thinks it was probably seized by Edward I. in 1285. It appears to have been again retained by King Edward II., and restored by Edward III. in 1327.^p In 1337 it was again seized, and the estates restored in 1361.^q In 1370 we find it once more in the king's hands. The possessions were restored for the last time by King Henry the Fourth in 1399.^r

At length, in 1409, this convent was relieved from the jurisdiction of the foreign Abbey of Bec, and received the privilege of denization by letters patent from King Henry the Fourth.^s The priory was then in the patronage of Humphrey earl of Stafford, afterwards duke of Buckingham.^t The reasons for rendering it independent of the French house are stated to have been, that divine services had been much neglected, and that the establishment was in danger of being finally subverted on account of the maladministration and unworthy conduct of some preceding alien priors, and of the immense debts which they had incurred. It was therefore decreed, by an order in council, that Edward Salisbury, a native of England (who had been presented to the priorate in 1405), should preside over this house as indigenous, and no longer subject to the control of the Abbey of Bec; that his successors should be chosen only from natives of the realm; and that none but English monks should, from that time, be received into the convent.^u

In 1414 the prior and convent petitioned King Henry the Fifth to confirm the letters patent of Henry the Fourth for their denization, and to cause them to be "enacted and enrolled in due form in the Roll of Parliament, for the honour of God, and as a work of charity:" which petition, having been received in both houses, obtained the royal assent.^v

^a See Num. VII.

^b See the Append. Num. VIII.

^c Gorham, p. 68.

^d Compare Num. XI.

^e Gorham, pp. 68, 69. The earl of Gloucester's confirmation occurs in the Cottonian Register Faustina A. iv. fol. 27 b. See also Mr. Gorham's App. xvi. 33. Compare the App. to the present Account, Num. XI.

^f Gorham, pp. 70, 71.

^g Ibid. p. 71. Compare the Instruments, Numm. IX. X.

^h Gorham, pp. 71, 72.

ⁱ See the Cottonian Register, fol. 81.

^k In 1176 the right of advowson was disputed by the brethren of St. John of Jerusalem, to whom the prior and convent gave it up, retaining only the chapel of Knotting.

^l It was appropriated in 1194. After a litigation, in 1204 this advowson was ceded to Saher de Quincy.

^m See the Cottonian Register, fol. 37 a.

ⁿ Compare Gorham, p. 72—78. See also the various Charters in the Appendix, Num. XII.—XXX.

^o See the App. of Instrum. Num. XXXII.

^p See Mr. Gorham's App. of Instruments, No. vii. p. 276.

^q Ibid. No. viii. p. 277.

^r See Gorham's App. No. ix. p. 278.

^s Num. XXXVIII.

^t Mr. Gorham says the patronage of the priory of St. Neot belonged to the family of De Clare: it descended through the earls of Gloucester and Hertford to the last earl, Gilbert de Clare, in 1313. Matilda countess of Gloucester (widow of the last earl) was patroness in 1317. Ralph earl of Stafford, having married Margaret daughter and coheir of the said earl Gilbert de Clare, became the next patron. The patronage was in the Staffords in 1372 and 1414: it probably continued in that family till the Dissolution. Hist. St. Neots, pp. 78, 79.

^u Compare Gorham, p. 84.

^v Ibid. p. 85. See the Append. of Instruments, Num. XXXIX.

Of the

PRIORS of ST. NEOT

appertaining to the first foundation, not a single name is recorded.

MARTIN DE VECTI, DE BEC, or COOK, is considered by Mr. Gorham as the first prior of the convent, upon its second foundation by the countess Rohais de Clare. In 1182, he was removed by King Henry the First to Peterborough, into which abbey he was received by the monks with great honour upon St. Peter's day.^a He visited Rome in 1146.^b He died Jan. 3d, 1156, and was buried in the chapter-house at Peterborough.^c

HERBERT occurs prior in 1159, and again in 1173.^d

GALFRID, or GEOFFREY, in 1199, and again in 1204.^e

WILLIAM from 1206 to 1210.^f

ROGER from 1218 to 1223.^g Another

WILLIAM occurs in 1224.^h

REGINALD, having been presented with the pastoral staff by the abbat and convent of Bec, was instituted to the priorate Feb. 15th, 1226.ⁱ He occurs in the Cotton Chartulary, fol. 48 a, A. D. 1237;^k but probably the date of the deed is incorrect, as

HUGH DE FAGERNUM, or FAGERTON, occurs in 1235.^l He also occurs in the Cottonian Chartulary, in 1243.^m Upon his resignation,

HENRY DE MESSEVILLE was made prior in 1248.ⁿ

WILLIAM DE BONESBOR' was made prior in 1258, on Messeville's resignation. He was appointed by the nomination of Richard earl of Gloucester, then patron of the house, with the approbation of the parent abbey of Bec.^o Upon his death,

ELYAS DE PONTE-EPISCOPI, otherwise ELIAS DE BISHOP'S-BRIDGE, a monk of Bec, succeeded by the same patronage in 1262.^p Upon his resignation,

HENRY, a monk of St. Neots, was instituted to the priorate Oct. 1st, 1264;^q on the 4th of December in which year he was summoned to the parliament convened by Simon de Montefort.

WALTER DE BERNAY was afterwards prior.^r He was succeeded in 1275, by

THOMAS DE BENSENAL.^s

JOHN, also called JOHN DE BOSCO-REYNOLDI, was

prior in 1285.^t He was removed, in 1292, from the priory of St. Neots to that of Cowyk near Exeter, a Cell also subject to the abbey of Bec.

JOHN DE SICCA VALLE, a monk of the French abbey, succeeded July 19th, 1292.^u

WILLIAM DE BEC, *alias* LETTERON, a monk of Bec, received the vacant office June 30th, 1302, on the recommendation of Gilbert, last earl of Gloucester, to the abbat of Bec.^v Upon his resignation,

GALFRID, also a monk from the foreign house, was presented to the priorate, on the nomination of Matilda countess of Gloucester, July 3d, 1317.^w

CLEMENT was prior about 1327.^x

PETER DE FALCO, monk of Bec, was presented by the bishop of Lincoln, and instituted April 5th, 1341.^y

WILLIAM DE BELLOMONTE, or BRAUMONT, a monk of Bec, was instituted Aug. 10th, 1349.^z

GALFRID DE BRANVILLE, another monk of Bec, was instituted April 30th, 1352.^{aa}

PETER DE VILLARIBUS was instituted to the priorate Nov. 29th, 1353.^{ab}

CHRISTIAN DE TROARNO was instituted May 29th, 1364.^{ac}

ROBERT DE GLANVILLE, a monk of Bec, succeeded to the custody of the priory, then seized by the Crown, on Aug. 10th, 1372. The nomination was made by William de Saint Vedast, prior of Okeburn and proctor-general for the abbat of Bec.^{ad}

WILLIAM DE SAINT VEDAST, prior of Okeburn, had the custody of the priory of St. Neot, still in the king's hands, and was admitted by the bishop of Lincoln, Dec. 29th, 1377.^{ae} The temporalities of the priory were again restored to him in 1399.^{af}

EDWARD SALISBURY was instituted Nov. 27, 1405.^{ag} He was the first prior who was a native of England.^{ah}

WILLIAM occurs in 1422.^{ai}

JOHN ETON in 1447, 26 Hen. VI.^{aj}

HENRY, from 1459 to 1461.^{ak}

WILLIAM EYNESBURY, from 1464 to 1486.^{al}

THOMAS RAWNDS in 1490.^{am} The present beautiful parochial church of St. Neots appears to have been built in his time, and is said to have been finished during the last year of his priorate, in 1507. On his resignation, he received an annual pension of 10*l.* from his successor (and probably his relative)^{an}

JOHN RAWNDS, or RAUNDYS, who was instituted

^a Compare Chron. Sax. edit. Gibs. p. 237.

^b Gorham, p. 93. See also Gunton, Hist. Peterb. p. 276—282.

^c See his epitaph in Gough, Sep. Mon. vol. i. p. 31.

^d See Gorham, p. 93. He occurs in an instrument dated A. D. 1173, in the Cottonian Register Faust. A. iv. fol. 38. And again, fol. 93, "anno quo rex Angl. Henricus secundus duxit exercitum apud Tolosam: Herberto apud sanctum Neotum existente Priore." H., probably the same abbat, occurs foll. 40 b, 41 b, 139.

^e Gorham, ut supr. See the Chartulary just quoted, foll. 50 b, 89. He is mentioned in other instruments in the same Register, foll. 48 b, 51, 73 b, 85 b.

^f See the Cottonian Register, foll. 51, 51 b, and 49 b.

^g Gorham, ut supr. See the Cottonian Register Faust. A. iv. foll. 50, 59, 139, 141 b.

^h See the same Register, fol. 51. The prior of St. Neots died in 1226. Chron. Dunstap. edit. Hearne, tom. i. p. 153.

ⁱ "15 Feb. pont. 16. Regin. monachus admissus ad prioratum sancti Neoti ad pres. abb. et conv. de Becco; dors." MS. Harl. 6950, p. 89. Rot. Hug. de Well. episc. Linc.

^j He is mentioned also in other parts of the manuscript, foll. 51 b, 52, 61, 61 b, 63.

^k Fin. 19 Hen. III. quoted by Le Neve in Dugd. Warw. edit. Thomas, 1730, p. 615.

^l MS. Cotton. Faust. A. iv. foll. 52, 72, 123, 140.

^m Gorham, ut supr. p. 94.

ⁿ Ibid. from the Institution Rolls and Registers, Lincoln Cathedral.

^o Ibid.

^p Ibid.

^q Gorham, p. 95.

^r Institution Rolls and Registers, ut supr.

^s At least John is mentioned as prior, 14 Edw. . . in the Cottonian Chartulary, fol. 27 b.

^t Institution Rolls and Registers, Linc. Cathedral.

^u Ibid.

^v Ibid.

^w Gorham, p. 95, from the Cottonian Register Faust. A. iv.

^x Ibid. Instit. Rolls and Registers, Linc. Cathedral.

^y Ibid.

^z Ibid.

^{aa} Ibid.

^{ab} Ibid.

^{ac} Ibid.

^{ad} Ibid.

^{ae} See Pat. 1 Hen. IV. p. 2, m. 13. Gorham, App. No. IX. p. 278.

^{af} Gorham, p. 97, from the Institution Registers, ut supr.

^{ag} Gorham, p. 97.

^{ah} Ibid. from the Cottonian Register Faust. A. iv.

^{ai} See the Cottonian Register, fol. 3.

^{aj} Gorham, ut supr. from the Archives of Bene't college, Cambridge (Receipts, given by the Priors of St. Neots to the Master and Fellows of Bene't for a portion of tithes in Granchester), quoted in MS. Cole, Brit. Mus. vol. xxvi. p. 197.

^{ak} Ibid. and MS. Cotton. Faust. A. iv. foll. 2 b, 3.

^{al} Archives of Bene't College, ut supr.

^{am} Gorham, p. 97. In a note to the Editors of the Monasticon, Mr. Gorham says, "This prior appears to have suffered great abuses to exist in the convent. The bishop of Lincoln visited this priory in person on the 26th July, 1507, and issued fourteen injunctions for the correction of these disorders. 1. The brethren to conform strictly to the rule of St. Benedict. 2. Not to wander beyond the precincts of the priory into the town of St. Neots, without special leave and a guardian. 3. After the evening services not to drink or play, but retire quietly to the dormitory. 4. The gates of the cloister to be shut after the night service. 5. The monks to sleep in the dormitory, in separate cells and beds. 6. After dinner to retire to the cloister for meditation. 7. No deeds to be sealed without the bishop's leave. 8. All deeds to be read to the monks in full chapter. 9. The Prior to be obeyed cheerfully. 10. The monks to dress uniformly with respect to inner and outer garments, hosen, and shoes. 11. Once in the year the state of the house to be made known to the monks. 12. The prior to make two inventories of jewels, &c. 13. The convent to be repaired. 14. These injunctions to be fixed in the dormitory, under peril of excommunication."

"The prior confessed his faults in his chapter-house, before the bishop, and was enjoined to repeat the Psalter and seven penitential Psalms before the ensuing Michaelmas. He was probably dismissed for his irregularities, for in the following year his resignation appears, and he was allowed a pension of 10*l.* as is above noticed, from his successor. Archives of the Bishop of Lincoln."

Nov. 24, 1508. In the year 1512, while he still continued to preside over the convent, he was instituted to the vicarage of the new parochial church of St. Neots.^a On the 26th of July, 1534, he signed, with eleven monks, the acknowledgment of the king's supremacy; the original instrument of which is preserved in the Chapter-House at Westminster. He resigned his priory to the king Dec. 21, 1539,^b and died in 1540.^c

From the returns made upon official valuations it appears that the annual income of the monastery of St. Neot in 1291, as Mr. Gorham has stated it, was 198*l.* 16*s.* 5*d.*; in 1534 it was estimated at 256*l.* 1*s.* 3½*d.*; and in 1540 the Ministers' Accompts stated it at 256*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.* In 1544 the property of the late convent was valued at 233*l.* 15*s.* 8½*d.*^d

The number of monks supported by this establishment was originally fifteen beside the prior. Before 1339 it had been reduced to twelve brethren; which was probably the usual number till the Dissolution. Eleven, as has been already stated, signed the acknowledgment of the supremacy in 1534. Seven only had pensions in 1539.

On the 18th of February, 1542, the site of this priory, its demesne-farm and lands at Monks-Hardwick (together with certain lands at Eaton and Colmworth), were granted by King Henry VIII. to Sir Richard Williams, *alias* Cromwell, knt. of Hinchinbroke, a great favourite of the king, who reaped a rich harvest from the spoils of abbey lands. This grant^e was made in consideration of the manors of Brampton, Hemingford Grey, &c. transferred to the king by a deed of exchange.^f The particulars may be seen by the extract in the margin.^g The site of the priory contained forty-nine acres; the demesne-farm three hundred and sixty-four acres; and the monastery-lands at Monks-Hardwick six hundred and seventy-two acres.^h

^a Gorham, p. 97.

^b See the Append. of Instrum. Num. XL.

^c Gorham, *ut* *supr.* See the Pension List on the Suppression in the Append. just referred to.

The following is the return in the Roll of 2 and 3 Phil. and Mar. "SANCTI NEOTIS nuper Monasterium. Feod. Oliveri Leader seneschalli unum poss. dicti nuper monasterii per annum liiij^{s.} iij^{d.} Annui. Willielmi Thodey sen. ac Thomæ, Ric. et Willielmi Thoday fil. suorum xxvj^{s.} viij^{d.} Oliveri Leader et Johannis Wrothe per annum xl^{s.} Roberti Hayes per annum xxvj^{s.} viij^{d.} Philippi Clampe per annum xl^{s.} Penc. Roberti Nicholas per annum cvj^{s.} viij^{d.} Johannis Wyseman per annum cvj^{s.} viij^{d.} Willielmi Carnabye per annum vj^{s.} xij^{d.} Willielmi Tybie per annum vj^{s.} xij^{d.} Roberti Hatley per annum vj^{s.}"

^d Gorham, p. 69.

^e Pat. 33 Hen. VIII. p. 6, m. 37.

^f Deed of Exchange in the Augmentation Office, 18 Feb. 33 Hen. VIII.

^g "Indenture made betwene the most excellent pryncce of famous memory oure naturall souereyne and lege Lord Henry y^e eyght . . . and Syr Rychard Will^{ms} othe'wyse called S^r Rychard Cromwell knyght one of the gentyllmen of his gracies p'uye chamber." "And further o' sayd souereign lorde is pleasid and contented to bargayne and sell . . . to y^e sayde Syr Richard all y^e his scite circuyte compas and precincte of the late monasterye of SEYNT NEOTS comely callid SEYNT NEDYS in y^e countye of Huntynghon nowe dissolued And also all and singler messuags houses buyldyngs curtylagis gardens seruices tithes oblac'ons obven'ons quarres marshes pooles waters fysshynys warrens profyts comodys and all other his hereditaments whatsoever they be scituat lyeinge or beyng w^t in y^e same scite circuyte compas or precincte of y^e same late monasterye of SEYNT NEOTS or that heretofore hath bene reputed esteemed or taken as perte or percell of y^e same scite circuyte or compas And also all the singler those his messuags lands tenements medowis fedynys pasture woods vnderwoods rents reuerions seruices tithes oblac'ons obven'ons quarres marshes pooles waters fysshynys warrens profyts comodys and all other his hereditaments comonly called the demeane lands of the sayde late monasterye of SEYNT NEOTS otherwyse called SEYNT NEEDS lying or beinge in the townes felds parishis or hameletts of SEYNT NEDS WYNTERHAME and HARDEWYKE in y^e sayde countye of Hunt' and in the towne felds parishis or hameletts of ETON and COLMORTH in y^e county of Be'dds or of eyther of them and now or late in y^e tenure or occupac'on of y^e forenamed Syr Richard or of his assignes by reson and force of a certain lease made to the sayde Syr Richard by the late p'ior and convent of the same late monastery whose date is the 26 day of June in y^e 28 yere of y^e reyn of o' sayde souereign lorde [1536] which sayde scite messuags lands tenements and other y^e premisses late were y^e demeane lands of y^e sayde late monasterye of SEYNT NEOTS and late were and remayned in th'ands occupac'on and manurance of y^e late abbot and convent of y^e same late monasterye of SEYNT NEOTS." Deed of Exchange, *ut* *supr.*

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The following is the account of the descent of the priory lands at St. Neots, as given in another part of his work, by Mr. Gorham:

"In 1597 Francis Cromwell, esq. of Hardwick, died seized of the site of the late monastery of St. Neots (called 'the Fermerie'), and 80 acres of pasture at Great and Little Wintringham ('the Birches'), held of the crown by military service.¹ Henry Cromwell, esq. his son, succeeded him in his estates. Edmund Anderson, esq. died 1638 seized of the site of the priory, and the farm of Hardwick, held of the king by military service. Sir Stephen Anderson, bart. of Eyeworth, Beds. held this estate in the time of Charles II.; but the family becoming extinct in 1773, the property (consisting of 1263 acres) devolved to Charles Anderson-Pelham, esq. afterwards Lord Yarborough. From him it was purchased, in 1793, by O. Rowley, esq.; whose family residence at Priory Hill (built in 1796) commands a pleasing view over the town of St. Neots and along the vale of the Ouse. Monks-Hardwick passed, by sale in 1812, to the devisees of Dr. Moss, bishop of Oxford, and, by marriage, to John King, esq. The site of the priory was transferred to the earl of Sandwich: the priory farm (the antient demesne of the convent) is still the possession of O. Rowley, esq."^k

The only REGISTERS of St. Neot's priory at present known to be extant are,

1. A Chartulary preserved among the Cottonian manuscripts in the British Museum, marked Faustina A. iv. a quarto volume of a hundred and fifty-one leaves of vellum, written in a small hand of the thirteenth century. A few deeds have been inserted in a different hand to the middle of the fifteenth century.¹

2. A Register belonging to the office of sacristan, formerly belonging to Thomas Astle, esq., now in the library

The following particulars of the exchange with Sir Richard Cromwell, *alias* Williams, is taken from the Exchequer Repertories: it relates to one or two other monasteries beside St. Neots.

"Hunt. Glamorgan, Hertf. Norf. Lond. Devon.—Rex xxix die Maii in consideratione maneriorum de Brompton et Hemyngford Grey in com. Hunt. concessit Ricardo Crumwell *alias* Ricardo Williams maneria de Upwode, Raveley, Magna Moignes, et Walton, cum pertinentiis in dicto com. Hunt. ac manerium de Nethe *alias* Cadockston in com. Glamorgan, ac etiam manerium de Norton juxta Baldok in com. Hertf. ac mesuag. &c. in Uppewoode, Raveley, Hecke, Mongrove, Wy-stowe, Sawtre, et Walton, in dicto com. Hunt. ac in Langatok in dicto com. Glamorgan, ac in Norton juxta Baldok in dicto com. Hunt. ac etiam scitum, &c. monasterii SANCTI NEOTI ac mesuag. &c. in Sancto Neoto, Winterringham, et Hardwykk, in dicto com. Hunt. ac in Eton Colmorthin dicto com. Bed. ac etiam scitum, &c. priorat. de Huntingdon ac mesuag. &c. in Huntynghon, Hertford, Hinchinbrok, et Magna Stuykley, in dicto com. Hunt. ac etiam scitum, &c. priorat. fratrum minorum de Yermouth Magna in com. Norf. ac etiam scitum, &c. prioratus sanctæ Helenæ infra civitatem London. necnon ecclesiam vocatam 'The Nonnes Church' de Seynt Helyns, ac mesuag. &c. in St. Helyns, ac etiam terr. &c. in Thornecombe nuper monasterio de Forde in com. Devon. habend. ei hered. suis imperpetuum." Orig. 33 Hen. VIII. p. 3, ro. xxi.

¹ Gorham, p. 88.

¹ Inquis. at St. Ive's, 40 Eliz. Cole's Escheats, MS. Harl. Brit. Mus. 759.

¹ Gorham, *ut* *supr.* pp. 186, 187.

¹ The Cottonian manuscript Faustina A. iv. contains, first, a miscellaneous collection of Instruments, chiefly consisting of pleas: "Chartæ aliquot, continentes Processus et Placita de terris ad monasterium S. Neoti in com. Huntingdoniensi pertinentibus; cujus fundator erat Ricardus Clare comes Gloverniæ, de cujus prole illic ad finem agitur.

These are,

1. An instrument in old English concerning a pension of ij^{s.} from the church of Edworthe, 6 Edw. IV. fol. 2 b.
2. Form of a bond to the prior and convent from John Smyth of Brampton in the sum of 100*s.* 26 Hen. VI. (Latin) fol. 3.
3. Placita de Bramton juxta Dyngle, term. Hill. 16 Edw. IV. *ibid.* See also fol. 7 b.
4. Placita de Wymbysh, term. Hill. 12 Hen. IV. fol. 4.
5. Cartæ de ecclesia de Heveningham, foll. 6 b, 7.
6. Record. coram baronibus de scaccario in rotulo placitorum de termino Paschæ anno primo R. Edwardi III. post Conquestum, fol. 8.
7. De prole Ricardi comitis Gloverniæ, *ut* *supr.* fol. 13.

The second series of instruments, comprizing a Register of the monastery, is entitled in the catalogue, "Registrum Chartarum regum, pontificum, episcoporum, baronum, judicum, &c. de privilegiis, libertatibus, beneficiis ecclesiasticis, terris, prædiis, bonis, aliisque, ad Mo-

of the Marquis of Buckingham at Stow: a quarto volume, containing ninety-two pages of vellum, entitled "Registrum

nasterium S. Neoti pertinentibus:" beginning at fol. 20 b of the manuscript.

These are,

1. Memorandum de taxatione bonorum prioris et conventus S. Neoti, A. D. m.c.c.lxvij. fol. 20 b.
2. Carta prioris et conventus S. Neoti Johanni filio Johannis Hooton concessa de corrodio, A. D. 1278, fol. 21.
3. Carta Hugonis prioris et conventus Ricardo aurifabro de tenemento, fol. 21 b.
4. Carta eorundem J. de Sand concessa de masagio, *ibid.*
- *† 5. De piscaturis de Welles, fol. 21 b; repeated in fol. 23.
6. Notulæ quædam de cartis S. Neoti in hoc volumine contentis, fol. 22.
7. Scriptum J. prioris et conventus de annua pensione xxx. solid. Eliæ fil. Rogeri de Ubbeston concessa, A. D. 1290, fol. 22 b.
8. Taxatio prioratus S. Neoti, A. D. 1291, fol. 22 b.
9. Breve regis, 17 Edw. I. de advocacione ecclesiæ de Hordewik, fol. 23.
10. Breve regis, 17 Edw. I. de annuo redditu xl^s. percipiendi de x. virgat. terræ in Brikelesworth, *ibid.*
11. Formula excommunicationis illorum qui Angliæ libertates tam ecclesiasticas quam communes violaverint, A. D. 1253, fol. 23 b.
12. Carta Magna Henrici III. regis de libertatibus Angliæ, *ibid.*
13. Carta Henrici III. regis de foresta, fol. 25 b.
14. Carta ejusdem regis Johanni comiti Cestriæ et Huntingd. concessa, de Honore de Hunte. 18 Hen. III. fol. 26 b.
15. Carta quæ "Inspeximus" vocatur abbati et monachis de Becco concessa, 37 Hen. III. *ibid.*
16. Carta Henrici III. regis de confirmatione cartarum de libertatibus et de foresta, 37 Hen. III. fol. 27 b.
- † 17. Carta Ricardi de Clare comitis Gloverniæ et Hertfordiæ, Deo et beatæ Mariæ de Becco sanctoque Neoto et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus de feodo suo in manerio et parochia sancti Neoti, A. D. 1250, fol. 27 b.
18. Placita coram J. de Vallibus et sociis suis justiciariis itinerantibus apud Hunte. in crastino sancti Michaelis anno r. r. E. xiiij^a. *ibid.*

At folio 29 is a Table of the Charters which were formerly contained in the more ancient part of this Register: various leaves of which appear to have been mutilated. Many of these instruments relate to single acres, or other very small portions of land. The contents of such charters only as seem most important are here abridged. Those marked with an asterisk will be found at length in the Appendix. Those marked † will be found in Mr. Gorham's Appendix. Of others, the names of the places to which they refer are alone inserted.

19. Carta Galfridi filii Willielmi le Moyn de libertate capiendi glebas ad emendationem stagni et sedis molendinorum suorum de Parva Paxton, A. D. 1260, fol. 35 b.
20. Taxatio bonorum prioratus sancti Neoti, 1 Ric. II. *ibid.*

Then follow,

21. Carta Hugonis Dei gratia Lincolniensis episcopi de confirmatione, fol. 37.
- † 22. Carta Nicholai de Sigillo archid. Hunte. de ecclesia parochiali S. Neoti, *ibid.*
23. Carta Roberti Lincolniensis episcopi de capella de Walt. fol. 37 b.
24. Cartæ ejusdem episcopi de xij. acris terræ; de una virgata terræ in Wintringham; de terris in Wald de feodo suo; et de terra in Ailmareshaya; et de ij. virgatis terræ in Chaldechote, foll. 37 b. 38.
25. Carta Theobaldi Cant. archiepiscopi de una hida terræ in Wintringham, fol. 38.
26. Concordia inter abbatem de Salterea et priorem sancti Neoti de molendinis apud Paxtune, A. D. 1273, fol. 38.
27. Carta Alexandri Lincolniensis episcopi de ecclesia de Evertona, fol. 38 b.
28. Cartæ duæ T. Cantuar. archiep. de eadem ecclesia, *ibid.* 39.
29. Carta Roberti Lincolniensis episcopi de ecclesia de Evertona, fol. 39.
30. Carta ejusdem de ecclesia de Tamiseford, fol. 39.
31. Carta W. Lincolniensis episcopi de ecclesiis de Evertona, de Torneya, de Henesburia, et de Temeseford, fol. 39 b.
32. Concordia de ecclesia de Tameseford, *ibid.*
33. Carta Theobaldi Cantuar. archiepiscopi de eadem ecclesia, *ibid.*
34. Carta Willielmi Lincoln. episcopi de ecclesia de Snottings, fol. 40.
- † 35. Carta Hugonis Lincoln. episcopi de medietate ecclesiæ de Torueya, *ibid.*
36. Judicium domini papæ de quibusdam decimis in Turweia, *ibid.*
37. Carta Eustachii prioris et conventus de Newham de ecclesia de Torveya, fol. 40 b.
38. Carta Adæ decani de Tichemers, *ibid.*
39. Carta Ricardi Cantuar. archiep. de ecclesiis de Bramton et Hennington, *ibid.*
40. Carta Hugonis Linc. episcopi de ecclesia de Wenge, *ibid.*
41. Carta ejusdem de pensione ecclesiæ de Clopton, fol. 41.
42. Carta G. Linc. episcopi de ecclesia de Bramton, *ibid.*
43. Carta A. Linc. episcopi de ecclesia de Bernewell, *ibid.*
44. Carta G. Linc. episcopi de ecclesia de Hennington, *ibid.*
45. Carta H. Linc. episcopi de ecclesiis de Cloptona, de Henningtona, et de Bramchand, fol. 41 b.

46. Carta T. Cantuar. archiep. de confirmatione ecclesiæ S. Trinitatis Hunte. *ibid.*

47. Carta N. archid. Hunt. de eadem ecclesia, *ibid.*
48. Carta Henrici archid. Hunt. de eadem, fol. 42.
49. Carta W. prioris et conventus de Hunte. de ecclesia S. Trinitatis, *ibid.*
50. Carta Johannis prioris de Hunte. de eadem, *ibid.*
51. Concordia finalis inter priorem et conventum S. Neoti et priorem et conventum de Stokes super controversia de ecclesiis de Well et de Bertona, *ibid.*
52. Carta H. Lincol. episcopi de ecclesia S. Trinitatis Hunt. fol. 42 b.
53. Compositio de ecclesia de Eynesbur. *ibid.*
54. Cartæ de ecclesia de Grantenden, fol. 43.
55. Carta Willielmi Linc. episcopi de ecclesia de Eynesbury, *ibid.*
56. Carta A. decani et capituli S. Pauli Lond. de ecclesia de Wim-bisse, fol. 43 b.
57. Carta Gaufr. Eliensis episc. de decimatione dominicorum de Grantsæta, *ibid.*
58. Carta Eliæ archid. Hunt. de decimationibus de Kingsfeld juxta Offordeslaw, *ibid.*
59. Carta Willielmi Lond. episcopi de sex marcis in ecclesia de Wim-bisse, fol. 44.
60. Carta Joh. Norwic. episcopi de ecclesiis de Gratefeld, de Obeston, de B'ton, et de Well. fol. 44.
61. Carta ejusdem episcopi de ecclesia de Hevelingham, *ibid.*
62. Carta ejusdem de pensione ecclesiæ de Bichewelle, *ibid.*
- *† 63. Carta ejusdem de ecclesia de Bertonne Benedict. in propriis usus, fol. 44 b.
64. Carta ejusdem de eadem ecclesia, *ibid.*
65. Carta Huberti Cantuar. archiep. de ecclesia de Hevelingham, *ibid.*
66. Carta R. Wigorn. episcopi judicis domini papæ de eadem ecclesia, *ibid.*
67. Carta Willielmi Norwic. episc. de ecclesiis de Obestona, de Cratefeld, et de Cathegrave, fol. 45.
68. Carta ejusdem de eisdem ecclesiis, *ibid.*
69. Carta ejusdem de ecclesia Omnium Sanctorum de Wellis, *ibid.*

Cartæ Regum Angliæ et Scotiæ, et Cyrographa.

- *† 70. Carta *primi* Henrici regis de manerio Einulfiberie, A. D. 1113, fol. 45 b.
- * 71. Carta ejusdem de libertatibus, *ibid.*
72. Carta ejusdem de eisdem, *ibid.*
- * 73. Carta ejusdem de feria, *ibid.*
- * 74. Carta ejusdem de ecclesia de Bernewell, fol. 46.
75. Carta ejusdem de xxij. solidatis terræ in villa de Vimbis, *ibid.*
76. Confirmatio ejusdem de i. virgata terræ in manerio de Ever-ton, et duobus partibus decimæ Rogeri filii Ricardi, *ibid.*
77. Breve ejusdem ad forestarios suos, *ibid.*
78. Breve ejusdem de vexatione, *ibid.*
79. Carta *Henrici II.* regis de libertatibus, *ibid.*
80. Carta ejusdem de eisdem, *ibid.*
81. Carta ejusdem de ecclesia S. Trinitatis de Huntingdon, fol. 46 b.
82. Carta ejusdem de feria S. Neoti, *ibid.*
83. Carta ejusdem de i. hida terræ in Wintringham, *ibid.*
84. Carta ejusdem de libertatibus, *ibid.*
- † 85. Carta ejusdem de mercato S. Neoti, *ibid.*
86. Carta ejusdem de eodem, *ibid.*
87. Carta ejusdem de eodem, fol. 47.
88. Carta ejusdem de eodem, *ibid.*
89. Carta ejusdem de una virgata terræ in Delwic, et altera virgata terræ in Ailmareshay, *ibid.*
90. Carta Henrici regis de libertatibus, *ibid.*
91. Carta *M. Regis Scotiæ* de viginti solidis in molendinis de Huntingdon, fol. 47 b.
92. Carta M. regis Scotiæ de xl^s. de molendinis de Parva Paxtona, *ibid.*
93. Confirmatio ejusdem de donatione Lancelini, *ibid.*
94. Confirmatio ejusdem de donationibus patris sui, *ibid.*
95. Confirmatio *W. Regis Scotiæ* de xl^s. in molendinis de Paxton, *ibid.*
96. Carta Simonis comitis de molend. de Paxton, fol. 48.
97. Carta H. comitis fil. regis Scotiæ de xx. sol. de molendino in Hontendon, *ibid.*
98. Confirmatio W. regis Scotiæ de donatione Lancelini hominis sui, *ibid.*
99. Compositio inter Robertum de Diva et fratres hospital. Jerusalem ex una parte et Reginaldum priorem et conventum sancti Neoti ex altera, A. D. 1230, *ibid.*
100. Carta Henrici II. regis de libertatibus, fol. 48 b.
101. Cyrographum inter Alanum dispensatorem domini regis et priorem sancti Neoti de terris, 32 Hen. II. *ibid.*
102. Cyrographum inter Matild. de Augo et Gaufr. priorem S. Neoti de j. mesagio in villa S. Neoti et de dim. virgata terræ in Herdewic, *ibid.*
103. Cyrographum inter Hugonem filium Heyvey et Odonem Bur-nard de stagno molendini de Straford, fol. 49.

Cartarum Sacristariæ Sancti Neoti factum ad festum Annunciationis Sanctæ Mariæ, anno Incarnationis Domini

104. Cyrographum inter priorem et conventum de sancto Neoto et priorem et conventum Huntingdon de advocacione ecclesiæ sanctæ Trinitatis de Huntendon, ibid.
105. Cyrographum inter priorem et conventum sancti Neoti et Johannem de Karum et Nicholaum clericum, de dimid. hida terræ in Taunkeford, 29 Hen. II. fol. 49 b.
106. Cyrographum inter priorem et conventum sancti Neoti et abbatem de Torn. et Turstinum de Munfort de advocacione ecclesiæ de Weng, ibid.
107. Cyrographum inter priorem de sancto Neoto et abbatem de Burg de advocacione ecclesiæ de Hennington, et de Clopton, fol. 50.
108. Cyrographum inter Amabilem quæ fuit uxor Roberti de Verli et Robertum Trussebut, ibid.
109. Cyrographum inter priorem de sancto Neoto et Robertum Engaine de advocacione ecclesiæ de Weresle, 1 Joh. fol. 50 b.
110. Cyrographum inter Petrum filium Willielmi de Cove et priorem et conventum de sancto Neoto de xii. acris terræ cum pertinentiis in Hubeston, 8 Joh. fol. 51, 51 b.
111. Cyrographum inter Willielmum de Breteule et priorem et conventum de sancto Neoto de dim. virgata terræ in Tamiseford, 4 Joh. fol. 51.
112. Cyrographum inter Willielmum fil. Aielle et Hugonem de Alno de iij. acris terræ in Turveya, 6 Ric. I. ibid.
113. Cyrographum inter priorem de sancto Neoto et Willielmum de Engaigne de uno marcato redditus in Weresaleg, 8 Hen. III. fol. 51 b.
114. Cyrographum inter Sainclam quæ fuit uxor Mauricii de la Haye et Reginaldum priorem S. Neoti, de tertia parte triginta duarum acrarum bosci cum pertinentiis in Bichamsted, 8 Joh. fol. 51 b.
115. Cyrographum inter priorem de sancto Neoto et telarios regis de Huntendon, 4 Hen. III. fol. 52.
116. Cyrographum inter Johannem filium Edithæ et Edmundum de Thitesworde de dimid. virgata terræ cum pertinentiis in Thetesworde, 3 Hen. III. ibid.
117. Cyrographum de duodecim acris marisci in Mercheforde, 28 Hen. III. fol. 52 b.
118. Scriptum Hugonis Elien. episcopi de dampnis prioris sancti Neoti in gurgibus suis apud Merch, fol. 53.
119. *Carta de Bedeford*, foll. 54, 56 b.
120. *Carta Burnardensium*, foll. 56 b, 57.
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de Biestun, ibid.
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- *† de ecclesiis de Boscumba, Cheldreton, Godsford, et Eddewrtha, fol. 57.
de Buston, fol. 57 b.
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121. *Carta de Sancto Neoto*, foll. 58, 67.
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de cultura apud Herdewic quæ dicitur Foxoles, ibid.
- † de capella de Wintringham, fol. 59.
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de diversis tenementis et terris in villa et in parochia de S. Neoto concessis inter annos M.cc.x. et M.cc.xxix. foll. 60, 65.
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- *† de capella de Waldo, fol. 67.
122. *Carta de Huntingdunesir*, foll. 67, 72 b.
- sc. de nemore vocat. le Ho, fol. 67.
† de piscaria in Usa, ibid.
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- *† de ecclesia S. Mariæ de Enesbir, fol. 67 b.
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de terra in Touleslund, foll. 70, 70 b.
de bosco de Ageden, foll. 70 b, 71.
de terra in novo essarto juxta Stanstrete, fol. 71.
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de Buckeswrth, ibid. 72.
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de ecclesia sancti Clementis de Huntingdon, ibid.
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de corrodio Hugoni fil. Galfr. de Aubodel concess. f. Hugonis prioris S. Neoti, fol. 72 b.
de una placea in Forda juxta Eton, ibid.

123. *Carta de Evertone et de Tetteworth*, foll. 73, 75.

- sc. *† de ecclesia de Evertone, foll. 73, 73 b.
de terris, &c. in Evertone, foll. 73, 73 b, 74, 75.
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124. *Carta de Kaxton et de Brunn*, foll. 75, 77.

- sc. de terris in Kakestun, Chachestun, seu Caxton, foll. 75, 75 b, 76, 76 b.
† de Madeldene, fol. 76.
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125. *Carta de Bertunedihc, &c.* foll. 77 b, 80 b.

- sc. *† de ecclesia de Bertona, fol. 77 b.
*† de ecclesia de Welles, ibid.
de tenemento Herlewini presbyteri, ibid.
de tenemento in Croueleia, ibid.
de servitio in Bertona, fol. 78.
de ecclesia de Oweston, ibid.
*† de ecclesiis de Oweston et Hevelinghama, ibid.
de terris in villa de Obestona, ibid. 78 b.
de ecclesia de Hevelingham, foll. 78 b, 79.
*† de ecclesia de Cratesfeld, fol. 79.
de terris in Cratesfeld, fol. 79 b.
*† Matildis de sancto Lucio de tertia parte manerii de Cratesfeld, A. D. 1100, ibid.
de ecclesia et terris in Cratesfeld, ibid.
de terris in villa de Wimbis, fol. 80.
de ecclesia de Wimbisse, ibid. 80 b.

126. *Carta Lucie Sorel de molendino de Southmyll*, fol. 80 b.

127. *De decanatu de Undell in particulis taxationis, A. D. M.cc.xci.* ibid.

In this part of the manuscript certain leaves containing no fewer than fifty-six charters, had been cut away before the volume came into Sir Robert Cotton's collection. Of these, fifty-two, according to the Table, were

Carta de Turveya :

the remaining four, a portion of the last of which remains, were,

128. *Carta de Bellocampensibus.*

- sc. Hugonis de Bello campo de prato juxta pontem sancti Neoti.
ejusdem de duobus hominibus in Dilewic cum virgat. terræ.
Confirmatio ejusdem de pluribus terris et donis hominum suorum.
de bosco ad coquinam suam in venio.
de terris in Alboldesl. fol. 81.
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de terris in Wibaudeston, fol. 81 b.
de Tamiseford, fol. 81 b.
de bosco del Ho, ibid.
de tribus hospital. in villa de Eton, fol. 82.
† de piscaria in aqua de Usa, ibid. 82 b.
conventio inter Johannem de Bellocampo et priorem et conventum de sancto Neoto, A. D. M.cc.xxiii. foll. 82 b, 83.
Philippæ uxoris Hugonis de Bello campo de terris in Tornecot, fol. 83.

129. *Carta de Tamiseford*, foll. 83, 88.

- sc. de donationibus Rob. de Carun, A. D. M.cc.xxix. fol. 83.
*† de ecclesia de Tamiseforda, fol. 83 b.
de terris in villa de Tamiseforda, ibid. 84, 84 b, 85, 85 b, 86, 86 b, 87, 87 b.
Conventio inter Galfr. priorem et monachos sancti Neoti et Nich. clericum de Tamiseforda, fol. 85 b.

130. *Carta de Quency et de Cherlton*, foll. 88, 89 b.

- sc. Rob. comitis Legecestræ de terris in Cherltona et Tamodestona, foll. 88, 88 b.
Conventio inter priorem et conventum domus sancti Nigassii de Mellento ex una parte, et priorem et conventum sancti Neoti ex altera, A. D. M.cc.xxv. fol. 88 b.
Margaretæ Quency comitissæ Wint. de jure et clamio in terris et rebus monachorum sancti Nigassii de Mellento in parochia de Blunham, fol. 89.
Seheri de Quency, de decimationibus in Grantese, ibid.
ejusdem de decimat. in villa de Suho, ibid.
† de decimis in villa de Eynesbir, ibid.
de causa inter Galfr. priorem et monachos de S. Neoto et Seherium de Quency et Rad. priorem et canonicos de Neweham super ecclesia de Eynesbir, A. D. M.cc.iiij. ibid.

m°.cc°. octogesimo sexto, tempore fratris Willielmi le Caron de Becco tunc sacristæ."* The Deeds refer exclusively to

gifts for the service of the conventual church.

131. *Carta de Grantesele et Croxton, et de Granteden*, foll. 89 b, 90.

sc. de decimis in Grantesele, fol. 89 b.
de decimis in Croxton, fol. 90.
de terra in campis de Grantenden, ibid.

132. *Carta de Werslei et de Westmeln*, foll. 90, 91 b.

sc. *† de decimis in Werslai, foll. 90, 90 b.
de terris in eadem villa, fol. 90 b.
de una marcata redditus, ibid.
de terris in villa de Westmeln, foll. 91, 91 b, 92.

Here another hiatus occurs of twenty-three charters, according to the table, relating to Westmeln, the church and vill of Hemington, tithes in Bernwell, the church of Bertunn Benedic, the church and vill of Wenge, the mill at Newentun, &c. Then follows,

133. *Carta Roaydis relictæ Ric. filii comitis Gilberti de piscariis de Well*, fol. 92.

which is again followed by a few charters in a hand more modern than the rest: these are,

- † 134. *Carta Petri de Monteforti de terris in villa de Wenge, cum advocacione ecclesiæ ejusdem*, A. D. 1245, fol. 92.

135. *Carta Radulfi fil. Joh. Fabri de terris in Tetteworthe*, fol. 92 b.

136. *Memorandum quod prior et monachi sancti Neoti quieti sunt de tolreto apud Lenn*, ibid.

137. *Placita apud Westm. de Bertona*, 30 Edw. III. ibid. 93.

138. *De decimis extra parochiam de Hemyngton*, fol. 93 b.

139. *Carta de tempore Hugonis de Fagernum prioris*, fol. 94—131 b.

sc. de terris in Akeden, fol. 94.
de Barneton, foll. 94, 94 b.
de redd. in Gamelgey, fol. 94.
de Parva Paxtona, fol. 94 b.
de Turveya, fol. 94 b.
de terris in Caldecote ad usus refectorii assignatis in die commemorationis obitus Galfridi de Bretvill militis, A. D. m°.cc°.xxxij. fol. 95.
de Wybaldestona, ibid.
de piscaria in Parva Paxtona, ibid. 95 b.
de feodis Johannis de Bello campo, fol. 95 b.
de terris in villa de Buston, fol. 96.
de Tateworth, foll. 96 b, 97.
de Evertona, foll. 96 b, 97, 98, 98 b, 116, 120 b.
de Gameleg, foll. 98 b, 99, 99 b, 100, 100 b, 101, 105, 105 b, 106, 106 b, 107, 107 b, 108, 108 b, 114, 117, 120, 141 b.
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de terra in Neutonhide, fol. 100.
de ecclesia de Torveya, fol. 101 b.
de Duvelho, fol. 102, 104 b.
de Forda, fol. 102.
de tenemento quod fuit Osberti vic. de sancto Neoto, ibid.
Ric. aurifabri de ij. caponibus, A. D. 1233, fol. 102 b.
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de terr. in Turum, fol. 109.
de Wibaudeston, fol. 109, 109 b.
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de ecclesia de Bramton, ibid.
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W. fil. Rob. de Pickheul de terra quæ vocatur Longelond, fol. 115 b.
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W. de Baieus de iij. solid. annui redditus, fol. 116 b.
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Carta Ric. Burnart, ibid.
de pensione in ecclesia de Chnoting, fol. 117.
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140. *Carta quædam miscellanæ:*

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* The following is the abstract of the titles of the different Deeds contained in this volume as taken by Mr. Gorham, arranged under the different places to which they respectively appertain. Those marked † are printed at length in Mr. Gorham's Appendix, No. xviii. A. B. C. D. E. F.

1. *De Villa Sancti Neoti.*

1. C. Willielmi prioris et conventus de sancto Neoto ad Osbertum Sley.

The following original charters to this monastery are preserved in the British Museum.

1. Cart. antiq. Cotton. xii. 39. Bulla Cœlestini papæ de ecclesiis de Esneberia et Torveia.^a

2. Cart. antiq. Harl. 43 A. 21. Confirmatio Alexandri papæ de ecclesiis de Berton, Bascumbe, &c. cum molendino de Newenton et terris in Buckeswrdæ.^b

3. Cart. antiq. Harl. 83 A. 36. Carta Rogeri prioris S. Neothi Gilberto capellano filio Aluredi de Evertona de terris in Everton, t. Hen. III.

4. Cart. antiq. Harl. 83 A. 35. Carta Reginaldi prioris S. Neothi, Gilberto capellano filio Aluredi de Evertona concessa, de terris in Evertona, A. D. 1226—1243.

2. C. Hugonis P. de S. N. ad Robertum de Gamelegye.

3. C. Rogeri P. de S. N. ad Willielmum Fullonem.

4. C. Hugonis P. de S. N.

5. C. Hugonis de Bellocampo.

6. C. Roberti Cissoris de Forda.

7. C. Willielmi Fullonis de S. Neoto.

8. C. Adæ de Bolnihurst.

9. C. Osberti Hog.

10. C. Agnetis quondam uxoris Osberti Hog.

11. C. Willielmi de Albeni.

12. C. Willielmi de Evertona.

† 13. C. Johannis de Sondeia.

14. C. Isoldis la Brut.

15—24. C. Willielmi de Albeni.

25. C. Arnaldi de Anno.

26. C. Albeni Pain.

27. C. Willielmi Delamore.

28. C. Albeni filii Pagani.

29. C. Eliæ Gillemore.

† 30. C. Willielmi Aurifabri de sancto Neoto.

31. C. Amiciæ sororis Oseberti vicecomitis.

† 32. C. Ricardi de Bedeforda.

33. C. Willielmi Jurdan de Forda.

34. C. prioris Rogeri et conventus de S. N. ad Petrum Curlin.

II. De Forda.

35. C. Hug. de Bellocampo.

36. C. Heliæ Gillemore.

37. C. Ricardi Aurifabri de sancto Neoto.

† 38. C. Willielmi Dauna.

39. C. ejusdem.

40, 41. C. Ricardi Mathu de Forda.

42. C. Johannis de S. N. ad Willielmum Braciatorem.

III. De Etona.

43. C. Willielmi de Albeni.

44. C. Willielmi Hungeferi.

45. C. Willielmi de Etona.

46. C. Willielmi de Albeni.

IV. De Develho.

† 47. C. Rogeri prioris de sancto Neoto ad Johannem de Noville.

48. C. Johannis de Noville.

49. C. Radulphi fil. Rogeri.

50. C. Stephani de Neutona.

V. De Stapelho.

51. C. Galfridi de Teil.

52. C. altera ejusdem.

VI. De Colmorde.

53. C. Odonis le Chanu.

54. C. Simonis le Chanu.

55. C. Sabinæ filiæ Odonis le Chanu.

VII. De Wiboldistone.

56. C. Hugonis de Bellocampo.

57, 58. C. Hugonis de Veteri Ponte.

VIII. De Chalvesterne.

59. C. Radulphi filii Gileberti de Chalvesterne.

60—62. C. Rogeri filii Bernardi de Chalvesterne.

63. C. Walteri filii Aufridi de Chalvesterne.

IX. De Colesdene.

64. C. Radulphi filii Gileberti.

65. Carta Amabiliæ de Rokesdona.

66. C. Willielmi de Colesden.

67. Carta Amabiliæ de Rokesdona.

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Bishop Tanner has preserved some other references, concerning this monastery, in public records :

“ Fin. Suff. 7 Joh. n. 56, de terris in Ubbeston, Suff. Plac. apud Westm. 13 Joh. Mich. rot. 2 et 10, de advoc. eccl. de Pilardinton. 14 Joh. Trin. rot. 3.

“ Cart. 19 Hen. III. m. 15, de Langelond, &c.

“ Pat. 3 Edw. I. m. 24, dorso, de ten. in Paxton Parva. Plac. in com. Huntingd. 14 Edw. I. rot. 14, pro terris in Offord Danys : Pat. 34 Edw. I. m. 17.

“ Pat. 5 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 15. Pat. 6 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 6, de c. sol. reddit. in villa S. Neoti et Hardwike.

“ Rec. in Scacc. 4 Edw. III. Mich. rot. 16. Pat. 6 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 13, vel 14. Pat. 47 Edw. III. p. 1,

X. De Rokesdona.

68. C. Jordani de Wiledene.

69. C. Sabinæ filiæ Henrici.

70. C. Gimerii sacristæ de sancto Neoto, ad Ansel. de Midletona.

XI. De Temeseforda.

71. C. Willielmi prioris et conventus de sancto Neoto, ad Thomam filium Walteri.

72. C. Willielmi filii Nicholai de Themesforda ad Willielmum de Albeni.

73—75. C. Willielmi filii Nicholai de Themesforda.

76. C. H. . . . Prioris de S. N. ad Willielmum de Herdwik.

XII. De Caldecote.

77. C. Gaufridi P. de S. N. ad Ricardum fil. Pagani.

78. C. Radulphi filii Derienæ de Caldecote.

79. C. Stephani Launcelyn.

80. C. Gaufridi de Britewill.

81. C. Heliwisæ et Albredæ filiarum Ricardi filii Pagani.

XIII. De Herdwik.

82. Conventio inter Ricardum de Gloucestre sacristam de sancto Neoto, et Willielmum Ordbar de Herdwik.

XIV. De Westonemade.

83. C. Willielmi de Bures.

84. C. Hug. de Bellocampo.

XV. De Bichamstede.

85. Carta Willielmi Quarel, de messuagio in Bichamstede.

XVI. De Bedeforde.

86. Carta magistri Rogeri de Kemistone de xij^d. annui redditus.

XVII. De Huntindona.

87. Carta Roberti Hardi.

88. C. Ferri filii Thomæ.

XVIII. De Cratefeud.

89. Carta Willielmi de Albeni, de ij^a. annui redditus percipiendis de tenemento Willielmi filii Arnaldi.

XIX. Dymeslee.

90. Carta Matildæ de Lovetot, de ij^a. annui redditus percipiendis de terra sua quam tenuit Willielmus Bunda.

XX. De Evertona.

91. Carta Walteri de sancto Brevello ad Sacristam, de donatione illius messuagii cum toto crofto in Evertona q' jacet inter messuagium Gunnildæ Chanterel et messuagium Ead. filii Godefridi.

XXI. De Parva Paxtona.

92. Carta Alani filii Hugonis de donatione in Paxtona.

XXII. De Stoni Stratforde.

93. Carta Willielmi filii Hamonis de donatione in Stratforde.

XXIII. De Bukesworde.

† 94. Carta Feliciæ quondam uxoris Hamonis de Bukesworde.

XXIV. De Alboldeslee.

95. Carta Hugonis Cuneyn de donat. in Alboldeslee.

^a See Num. XXIII.

^b Num. XXI.

m. 2, vel 3, pro advoc. eccl. de Brampton (salva pensione c. sol.). Bundel. benef. alienig. 48 Edw. III. de eccl. de Cratfield, Ubston, et Berton dioc. Norvic. in proprios usus. Claus. 49 Edw. III. m. 31, de terris in Winttingham.

"Pat. 10 Hen. IV. p. 2, m. 23, pro indigenatione.^a

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"Pat. 16 Hen. VI. p. 2, m. 23."

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Plac. 10 Joh. Mich. rot. 12.

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Esch. 25 Edw. I. n. 51 ; 32 Edw. III. p. 2, n. 38 ; 46 Edw. III. n. 62.

Inq. ad quod damnum 4 Edw. II. m. 44.

Leland, in his *Commentarii de Scriptoribus Britannicis*, cap. cxiii. speaks of the LIBRARY of St. Neots monastery : "Vidi ego, excussa hujus monasterii Bibliotheca, duos non elegantes de Vita Neoti libellos, sed suppresso in utroque codice autoris nomine. Unus in liturgia ejusdem templi in usu erat : alter partim prosa, partim etiam carmine scriptus, affectatam nescio quam eloquentiam potius quam historię fidem integram exhibuit."

In another of his works,^c Leland gives some extracts from a "Chronicon Fani Neoti incerto autore;" chiefly agreeing with Asser's *Annals*. This MS. is now in the library of Trinity college Cambridge, under the class-mark R. 7. 28. from which it was published, in 1691, by Gale.^d The manuscript itself, Mr. Gorham says, is not older than the thirteenth century.^e

Among the RELICS formerly kept at this monastery, Leland saw the cloak and comb of St. Neot.^f

An Impression from the most ancient SEAL now extant of St. Neots priory is appendant to the Harleian charter 83 A. 35, already mentioned, of the time of prior Reginald, who was instituted in 1226. The obverse, of an oval form, represents a female figure, probably that of Rohais de St.

Liz, delivering a crozier to a monk. All that now remains of the legend is ✠ SIG MARIE N . . . TIS. On the back is a small counter-seal, round ; a head in the area looking to the right, circumscribed ✠ REGINALD' : DE : SÇO : NEOTO.

Mr. Gorham has engraved a later conventual seal of this priory, attached to an instrument in the chapter-house at Westminster. Its device, within an oval ribband containing the inscription, consists of the Virgin crowned and seated under a trefoiled canopy, holding in her left arm the infant Jesus ; her right presenting a prior's staff to a figure in a kneeling posture. Supposed by Mr. Gorham to represent the delegation of the pastoral charge to a monk, who, from his diminutive stature, may perhaps have been intended for Neot, the first abbat of the Cornish house, and the tutelary Saint and patron of the Huntingdonshire convent. The area behind the figures is diapered. The inscription, SIGILLVM : PRIORIS ECCLESIE : SÇI : NEOTI. Mr. Gorham fills the deficient part with the words *et Conventus*.^g

A small Seal, annexed to a discharge in 1383 for a portion of tithes in Granchester received by the prior of St. Neots from the Master of Bene't college Cambridge, and preserved among the archives of that society, was seen by Mr. Cole in 1747. The design was a man's head filleted with a wreath. In the area,^p Mr. Gorham supposes this to have been the private seal of the Prior, William de St. Vedast, or of his deputy, John Shyrebourne, by whom the receipt is signed.^h

No REMAINS of the priory of St. Neot at present exist. The columns of the south-west gate, with the pointed arch forming the entrance to the porter's lodge, its last vestiges were taken down in 1814.

Mr. Gorham says, there is reason to conclude that, about 1589, the ruins of this convent were used as a stone-quarry for building the adjoining bridge over the Ouse.

The buildings mentioned in an indenture of the 26th June, 1536, were the Church, Cloister, Dormitory, Fraternity, and Buttery.

Cartae ad S. Neoti Prioratum in comitatu Huntingdoniæ (primo Cellam Abbatiae de Becco, in Normannia, deinde vero factus indigenam), spectantes.

NUM. I.

[Lelandi Collectan. tom. iii. p. 10.]

SANCTUS Neotus monachus Glessoburgensis, translatus à Neotestoke in Cornubia, olim monasterio nunc verò parochiali ecclesia, ad Arnulphesbiry, in provincia Huntingdunensi, in quo oppido palatium erat Elfridi comitis, quod postea versum est in usum cœnobii, in quo fuerunt ad

multos annos monachi nigri, donec Anselmus archiepiscopus Cantuariensis introduxit Gallos, monachos albos.

[Ibid.]

BARRIUS, Neoti servus, ibidem sepultus.

Monasterium sancti Neoti à Danis spoliatum, et incensum, quod reparavit domina Rosa tempore Henrici

^a See Num. XXXVIII.

^b See Num. XXXIX.

^c Collect. edit. 1715, tom. ii. p. 214—219.

^d Rer. Anglic. Script. tom. i. p. 141—175.

^e Hist. St. Neots, pp. 101, 102.

^f See the passage in the Append. Num. I.

^g Hist. St. Neots, pp. 80, 81.

^h This seal, it appears, is not now to be found among the Benet archives. A. D. 1819. Ibid. p. 81.

primi; quo tempore forsā ab Anselmo primū ex Gallia in Angliā monachi albi evocati, qui alius professionis sunt quam Barnardini.

Ex Libro de Vita Sancti Neoti.

[Ibid. p. 11.]

NEOTUS filius Adulphi regis Cantiorum, et frater Aluredi regis, qui Academiam Oxoniensem fundavit instigante fratre.

Neotescensis in Cornubia à Neoto sic dicta, nunc linguā vulgari Newstoke.

S. Neotus Aluredo fratri^a apparuit, promittens illi victoriam de Danis.

Sunt tamen (si recte memini) qui hoc divo Cuthberto tribuunt.

Vidi tunicam interiorem sancti Neoti ex panno villosa, more Hibernico, pecten sancti Neoti ex ossiculo duos digitos lato, insertis piscium denticulis instar maxillæ lupi fluvialilis.

De Vita Sancti Neoti.

[MS. Bodl. 535. Gorh. Hist. St. Neots, p. 261.]

SANCTUS igitur Neotus fecundæ Britanniae, quæ nunc Angliā dicitur, Eois traditur parentibus cretus; qui usque adeo quippe carnali viguere stemmate, quod etiam Orientalium-Britonum regno regali succederent sorte Horum Deus diligentem assignans ex summo devotionem, in nullo fore dissimilem eis attulit hæredem In ætate namque puerili adhuc positus, puerorum lascivias mundanis cum omnibus neniis spernens penitus, comptis moribus crescebat et actibus. Adhuc quoque adolescentulus, cunctis parentum expositis rebus, mundum, nondum vir ætate, viriliter tamen cum omnibus pompis suis abegit

Erat in illis temporibus famosum in Britannia Anglica partibus cœnobium, urbs Glæstingæ nominatum Hunc igitur locum Dñi omnipotentis adolescens toto mentis enisu amplexatus est, tanquam munitissimum asyllum contra calidi hostis multimodum jaculum Specialiter autem frequenti erat incumbens orationi; illius non immemor verbi Dñi, 'Orate ne intretis in tentationem,' et apostoli, 'sine,' inquit, 'intermissione orate.' Sæpenumero quoque adeo furtivis intempestæ noctis silentio vigilabat supplicationibus, ut quis esset mutatis penitus dissimularet vestibis Mox autem imminebant crepuscula lucis; assuetis resumptis induviis regularibus tota die inserviebat obsequiis

Quum^b in Christo mandatis omnibus indeficiens Dei servus anhelaret Neotus, superno admonitus oraculo, ut virtutum novalia alio excoleret Domino Deo, Occidentalium partes gentis Anglorum Britannicorum (natio enim illa a Romanis affertur Cornu-Gallia vocabulata) perlustrare disposuit Mox, ubi quod percipiebat comperit, viz. aptum solitudinis recessum, arduam virtutis austerioremque vitam ducere constituit. A sancti autem Petroci monasterio hæc distat heremus x. fere lapidibus; tracto vero ab ipso beato viro homine, Neotestoce a^c loci incolis est appellatus. Qui locus nemorosis undique vallatur arboribus, perspicuisque emanat fluminibus, maris quoque superstat affinitate contiguus Solitarie igitur, in Dei omnipotentis servitio, uno integro lustro annisque duobus, paucis admodum notus permanens, pii laboris desiderio, amore exignitus divino, Romæ principum apostolorum Petri et Pauli visitare proposuit limina. Quod exoptato percurrens animo, cum honore maximo a Dño susceptus est apostolico Dein benedictione fretus apostolicâ præelectum capiens locum Cœnobium cœpit edificare fratrum

Eadem itaque tempestate, Dei famuli Neoti famam rex Anglorum concipiens Hæluredus toto se corpore pronus ante eum advolvens more sub antiquo benedictionem sibi dari expostulavit Domini autem miles Neotus, ut etiam sibi consanguinitate proximum carnis honorifice suscipiens, multa eum in divinis edocuit, atque deinde ex suis pravis actionibus correxit Ex hoc deinceps tempore sæpius dari idem rex Dei alumnum requirebat Neotum Quadam siquidem die rex præfatus de more familiariter cum adeo paucis ad Dei hominem accessit. Quem Dei famulus Neo-

tus, inter alia plurima, acriter iterum de suis nequissimis actionibus increpuit, etiam ignis pœnas apposuit, potentes potenter tormenta pati demonstravit, et præter hæc omnia fere quæ ei affutura erant præsago spiritu protulit. 'Tanta,' inquit, 'rex ab adversantibus infortunia pateris; atqui tam multa adhuc patieris. Namque regno, quo tumes, quo immoderatam debacchando tyrannidem exerceas, privaberis; a gentibus exteris Christum ignorantibus invaderis; vix solus ab adversariis evadens, profugus latitabis divinitus, sicque peccato cogente aliquot diebus manebis Pro tui igitur regni salute ac statu, sanioribus usus consiliis, legatos Romam cum muneribus reverendissimo papæ Marino dirige; hunc obnixius deprecare, quatenus Anglorum scholis Romæ libertatem dignetur concedere. Ego enim universæ carnis viam ingrediens, Dño meo Jesu Christo mihi hoc revelante, meque de hoc seculo vocante, in proximo concedam naturæ. Cum vero divina quod disposuit prudentia super te adimpleverit Gubernantis omnia auxilium protinus invoca, et tibi optatum præstabit subsidium' Quibus rex auditis, vehementer ex intimis pavefactus medullis, oratione pariter et benedictione petita, largis diutius perfusus lachrymis, abiit tristis. Apparatis tamen ex famuli omnipotentis Dei jussu magnifice legatis, Romam (quemadmodum edoctus fuerat) misit; quod petiit ex voto absque ulla intercapedine a venerabili papa impetravit

Non multo post igitur vir Dei Neotus, corporis attacktus languore, et hoc perindies ingravescente postquam se Dominici corporis ac sanguinis participatione munivit (pacem propriis commendans oviculis, ac multis quibus animæ salus assequitur in communi exhortamine prolatis), suo in omnipotentis Dei misericordia contradito spiritu, inter ipsa psalmodiarum et oraminum verba, alacris sanctam cœlo animam reddidit Venerabile vero corpus ejus in sua, cum omni diligentia, tumultatum est ecclesia.

Jam vero Phœbo signorum tecta remenso,

Cursu biseno, revoluta septies anno,

Protinus in fabrica majori condita templa

a religiosissimis amplificata sunt mortalibus. Unde res expetebat opportuna, servi Dei corpusculum alias in eadem ecclesia transferendum; quod devotissime excubiis, orationibus, ac jejuniis est inde levatum; et eximie ad aquilonarem ejusdem ecclesiæ altaris partem, idoneo satis loco, constitit reconditum

De Translatione S Neoti, circa A.D. 1003.

[Ingulphi Historia Croyl. Gale, Rer. Angl. Script. Vet. tom. i. p. 55.]

IN tempore domini Osketuli abbatis Croylandiæ, cum Dani totam terram inquietarent, indigenæ de villis et vicis ad civitates et castella, et plurimi ad paludes et lacuum loca invia, refugientes, Danorum transitum et discursum pro anima præcavebant. Accidit ergo quandam magnam dominam villæ, quæ Elnophesbyry vocatur, Lefwinam nomine, sororem scilicet ex parentum propagine domini Osketuli abbatis Croylandiæ, ad Witlesey tunc villam suam venire, et secum sacras reliquias, scilicet sacratissimam glebam sancti Neoti confessoris, de Elnophesbyry, quia minus honorifice jacuerant, ac Danorum depredationi patuerant, in scrinio ad hoc aptato deferre. Quæ dirigens celerem nuncium ad fratrem suum dominum abbatem Osketulum, supplice postulabat supplicatione, quatenus cum congruo fratrum suorum comitatu Witleseiam placeret accedere, et dictas reliquias sancti Neoti confessoris secum in suum monasterium cum digna reverentia deportare. Ille gaudens et exultans, assumptis secum quibusdam fratribus, Witlesiam adiit, et dictas sanctas reliquias, cum debita honorificentia et psalmodiarum melodia, ad Croylandiam transtulit; ac juxta Sanctæ Dei genitricis Mariæ altare cum devotione debita collocavit.

NUM. II.

De Eynolvesberi.

[Ex Registro Eliensis Cœnobii in Bibl. Bodleiana, lib. ii. fol. 9 a.]

RESTAT igitur enarrandum de Henulvesbiry quem sanctus Neotus primū monachili ordine instituit, sed ini-

^a nepoti.

^b unquam. MS.

^c adloci. MS.

qua Danorum pervasione jacuit diu miserabiliter desolatus. Post plurimorum autem temporum curricula venerabilis pater Ædeluoldus^a locum eundem sicut cætera per Angliam loca veneranda relevare, et ad pristinum decorem divini obsequii reformare studuit, monachos adducens de Ely, denuo adhuc regulariter sub priore collocavit. Cum enim ad præfatæ basilicæ dedicationem consisteret vir Deo devotus Leofricus et uxor ejus Leofleda nomine, consilium habuerunt cum eo et cum abbate Brithnodo, rogantes eos obnixè ut monachos illic constituerent; at illi votum eorum multipliciter amplectentes, quosdam de Ely, quosdam verò illic de Torneia destinaverunt. Deinde, coram omnibus episcopum atque abbatem humiliter postulabant, quatinus pro Dei amore, et sanctæ religionis reverentia, eis, tanquam suis providere atque consulere, ut vitam religiosam dignè observarent, et esset locus ipsi abbati et cunctis successoribus suis, ecclesiæ de Ely semper subjectus sed et prior illic jugiter de ecclesia de Ely haberetur, nisi ex ipsis talis posset inveniri, et hoc assensu atque consilio fratrum de Ely qui ipso officio dignus existeret. Ad victum vero eorum et vestimentum decem et octo hydas continuè statuerunt necessitati illorum utiliter providentes; duas videlicet in prædicta villa de Henulvesburi, et vj. apud Woveresle, et novem apud Gamageia, unde testes fuerunt Æscuvinus episcopus qui ecclesiam tunc dedicavit, Ægeluvinus alderman, Ædricus Pape, Ædelmus Polga, et cæteri qui ad dedicationem illam fuerant congregati; atque hoc tribus scriptis Anglicè constat esse firmatum, unum habuit episcopus Ædeluoldus, quod in ecclesia pro testimonio hactenus servatur; aliud Æscuvinus episcopus, tertium ipsimet sibi retinuerunt. Locus autem ille ad Ely diu pertinuit, donec Anglia subjugatur à Normannis; sed ecclesia gemens in suis oppressionibus, illud, cum multis et magnis injustè sibi ablati calumpniatur, et continuè ad Deum cum Psalmista querimoniam facit adversus eos, qui dixerunt: 'Venite et disperdamus eam de gente, et non memoretur in ea nomen Israel ultra;' nam postea Normannis Angliam obtinentibus, unus illorum Gilebertus de Clara eundem locum sibi vendicavit, fratresque de Ely, uti in proprio illic degentes, fugavit. Tres vero non fame, non verbere depellere valens, apud Beccum in custodiam ultra mare delegavit, ac monachos inde adducens ibi locavit, expulsis violentè indigenis, ut in sequentibus dicetur.

NUM. III.

Quam violenter Locus de Enolvesbyri abstractus sit Elyensi Ecclesiæ.

[Ibid. fol. 32 b.]

INTER hæc namque tempestivæ commotionis incendia jus et debitum virginis Dei Ædheldredæ diripiunt omnes transeuntes viam, quæstumque pietatis estimant, gaudent, et manu plaudunt, quotquot prævalent inferre læsionem bonis illis multiplicant, ex quibus extitit unus ille Gilebertus de Clara, genere ac dignitate carnis præclarus, sed tota anima atque virtute sanctæ Ædheldredæ dominatrici Elyensis ecclesiæ in cunctis adversarius, cui locum de Enolvesbiry subripiens sibi vendicare præsumpsit, indeque nostros, violenter ejectos, recedere compulit, nonnullos verò jugi inedia maceratos et diu afflictione gravatos de loco nequivit pellere, tamen sic domare illorum constantiam postremò cogitans, jubet eos pertrahi foras, et ultra mare apud Beccum perpetuè custodiæ mancipandos transmisit; sicque monachis nostris à loco depulsis atque proscriptis, monachos inde adducens apud Enolvesbiry, contra rationis ordinem, et injustè pro nostris locavit, quem, illi licet indebitè usque ad hunc diem pro voto optinent, et nos super hujusmodi infestationis molestia judiciali disceptatione frustramur.

NUM. IV.

De Sancto Neoto.

[Hist. aurea Johan. Tinemuthensis MS. in Bibl. Bodleiana, lib. xviii. cap. 63.]

— ANNO Domini dccccxj. tandem populi frequentiam ac favorem declinare affectans, divino præmonitus ora-

culo, inter Cornubiæ confinia, remota quæsit solitudinis loca, unius clientis nomine Bari, quem sui fecerat secreti conscius contentus comitatu. Sicque, ipso ducente quo præmonente, ad locum sibi à Deo præparatum devenit. Distat enim heremus illa à sancti Petroci in Cornubia monasterio, milliaribus fere decem; et, tracto ab ipso viro Dei nomine, ab incolis locus ille Neotstoke appellatur. Erat autem locus ille nemorosus fluviis perspicuus, et mari affinis. Transactis autem in illo loco feliciter annis vij. Romam profectus, à papa Martino honorificè susceptus, utroque alterius recreato solamine, postulata cum benedictione assecutus, domum rediit, et monasterium construxit, et monachos congregavit, &c.

Anno Christi mxxvij. venerabilis quædam matrona, nomine Lewina, Enolvesbiry, quæ nunc villa S. Neoti dicitur, domina, ubi quondam ejusdem sancti corporis glebam sive reliquias discipulus ejus Barri, divinitus admonitus, detulerat ad monasterium Croylandiæ, cui frater suus Osketellus præfuit barbarorum metuens hostilitatem, amore fraterno compulsa, reliquias sancti Neoti adduxit: sed scriptum in eodem monasterio palam ostenditur, unde, postea, dubitantibus de hoc quibusdam fratribus abbatiæ, cum devotione accensis cereis, loculum cum timore frangens, invenit testam capitis, et ossa de collo et de scapulis, et de thorace, et insuper nonnulla ossa tibiarum et coarum; has enim secum domina præfata reliquias attulit, in priori loco ossibus quibusdam cum cineribus dimissis. Translata postea fuerunt ossa illa ab abbate Henrico, et juxta altare, in honore ejus constructum collocata anno Domini mcccij. Diebus tamen nostris, in monasterio S. Neoti, à fratribus monasterii Beccensis occupato, scrinium satis pretiosum adventantibus ostenditur.

NUM. V.

Prædia ad Ecclesiam Sancti Neoti spectantia, tempore Willielmi Regis Conquestoris.

[Ex Libro Censuali vocato *Domesday Book*, in domo Capitulari Westmon. asservato.]

Huntingdunescire, tom. i. fol. 207.

TERRA ROTHAI'S UXORIS RICARDI FIL. GISLEBERTI. TOLESUND. HUND.

Maner. In EINVLVESBERIE habebat Robertus filius Wimarch xv. hid. ad geld. Terra xxvij. car. Ibi nunc Rohais uxor Ricardi habet in dominio vij. car.

Ibidem habet SANCTUS NEOTUS de ea iij. car. in dominio. et in ipsa villa xix. vill. et v. bord. habentes vij. car. Ibi i. molinum xxiii. solidorum. et i. piscariam quæ appreciatur cum manerio. et lxxv. et dim. acr. prati. Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat xxiiii. lib. modo xxi. lib. præter victum monachorum quæ appreciatur iiii. lib.

De eadem terra tenet Willielmus Brito ii. hid. et i. virg. de ea et habet in dominio dimid. car. et iij. vill. et iiii. bord. cum i. car. Valet xxx. solid.

NUM. VI.

Carta Simonis Comitissæ de Ecclesia de Eynesbury.

[Ex Reg. Cart. Abbatiæ S. Neoti in Bibl. Cotton. sub effigie Faustine A. iv. fol. 67 b.]

SIMON comes omnibus baronibus suis de Huntingdone-syra salutem. Sciatis quod ego dedi Deo et ecclesiæ sancti Neoti et monachis in ea Deo servientibus, pro animabus patris et matris meæ, in perpetuam elemosynam, ecclesiam sanctæ Mariæ de Enesbir' cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus: Matilda comitissa, uxore mea, volente et concedente, et Walefrido presbytero, qui tunc fuit persona illius ecclesiæ, nobis consimiliter annuente. Testibus, &c.

NUM. VII.

Carta Roberti Waste, de duabus Partibus Decimæ de Wereslai.

[Ibid. fol. 90.]

Ego Rob. Waste concessi Deo et sanctæ Mariæ Becci,

^a Episc. Wintoniensis.

et sancto Neoto confessori, et ecclesiæ ejus de Ernulfesberia, et monachis qui inibi Deo deserviunt, duas partes totius decimæ meæ de Wereslai, in omni videlicet substantia mea, in segetibus, in animalibus unde decima dari debet, et hoc feci præcipuè pro animâ Soeni de Essessa, et pro salute domini mei Roberti, filii prædicti Soeni, qui mihi hanc terram dedit: et pro salute Gunnor uxoris suæ, et pro salute meâ et uxoris meæ, et Willielmi filii Gerei patris sui, et pro anima patris mei et matris meæ et fratris mei et omnium amicorum et antecessorum meorum. Hoc autem concessi apud Ernulfesberiam in capitulo in presentia Martini prioris ipsius loci et totius conventus: ubi etiam recepi tunc et uxor mea mecum societatem et beneficium loci, et ecclesiæ Becci, cui pertinet Cella illa, pro me et pro prædictis dominis et amicis meis, cujus rei posui cum uxore mea donum super majus altare per unum candelabrum ipsius ecclesiæ. Test. &c.

NUM. VIII.

Cartha Mathildæ de S. Liz.

[Ibid. fol. 79 b.]

MATILDIS de sancto Lizio, filia Roberti filii Ricardi, omnibus sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis et fidelibus salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra et omnes ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit, me dedisse et præsentî carta confirmasse Deo et ecclesiæ sancti Neoti et monachis Becci ibidem Deo servientibus totam tertiam partem totius manerii mei de Cratesfeld quod est liberum maritagium meum, sicut tunc fuit in manu mea quando hæc carta facta fuit, &c. Præfati autem monachi, ad petitionem meam, receperunt duos presbiteros ad habitum monachilem in domo sua in perpetuum, de prædicta elemosina victuros, pro salute animæ meæ, et animæ patris mei cujus corpus ibi requiescit; et animabus omnium antecessorum et successorum meorum. Quare volo, &c. Facta est autem hæc elemosina anno ab incarnatione Domini m.c.

NUM. IX.

Carta Henrici I. Regis de Mercato Sancti Neoti.

[Ibid. fol. 47.]

HENRICUS rex, &c. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse in perpetuam elemosynam Deo et ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ Becci, et priori et monachis sancti Neoti qui manent in villa quæ vocatur Ernulfesburia, ut in eadem villa Ernulfesburia habeat singulis septimanis unum mercatum ad diem Jovis. Et volo, &c. Et prohibeo ne quis eos inde injuste vexet vel disturbet. Testibus, &c.

NUM. X.

Carta ejusdem Regis de Feria apud Sanctum Neotum.

[Ibid. fol. 45 b.]

HENRICUS rex Angl. Sciatis me concessisse priori et monachis sancti Neoti de Einolfesberia ut habeant Feriam iij. diebus, videlicet in vigilia et in die festi sancti Neoti, cum talibus consuetudinibus quales habeo in meis feriis: et homines illuc venientes rediunt cum omnibus rebus suis firmam pacem meam habeant ne aliquis eis injuriam vel contumeliam faciat. Testibus, &c.

NUM. XI.

[Ibid. fol. 45 b. Vide Pat. 16 H. VI. p. 2, m. 23.]

ANNO ab incarnatione Domini m.c. tertio decimo, Henrico regnante Dei gratia rege Anglorum, Rohesia uxor Ricardi filii comitis Gisleberti, dedit Deo et sanctæ Mariæ Becci, sanctoque Neoto, Einulfesberia et monachis ibidem Deo famulantibus totum insimul idem manerium Einulfesberia, et quicquid ad illud pertinet, sicut ipsa tenebat, pro salute regis Henrici, uxorisque ejus Matildis, atque filiorum suorum, et

pro anima Willielmi regis patris sui, et Matildis matris suæ fratrumque suorum et pro anima Ricardi mariti sui, et salute animæ suæ filiorumque et filiarum, atque omnium parentum suorum. Hoc donum concessit Gislebertus filius suus, uxorque ejus Aeliz, et filii sui, rogatu et petitione ejusdem Rohesie matris suæ, fratrumque suorum, Rogeri scilicet, Walteri, Roberti, sororumque suarum, necnon parentum et amicorum suorum. Testibus, &c.

NUM. XII.

De Ecclesia de Tamiseford.

[Ex eodem Registro, fol. 83.]

MILLESIMO c°.xxix. ab incarnatione Domini anno, xvij. kal. Maii, secunda feria Paschæ, regnante Henrico rege, Rob. de Carun pro salute animæ suæ et omnium parentum et amicorum suorum dedit Deo et Sanctæ Mariæ Becc. et Sancto Neoto in elemosinam finaliter habendam unam insulam in manerio suo de Tamiseford, illam scilicet quæ vocatur Gosecroft, et insuper eodem die dedit sancto Neoto crucem et v. ymagines de dispensatione passionis Domini nostri Jhesu Christi. Et quando Anselmus sacerdos nepos Roberti de Carun monachatum suscepit, sicut petit, et in capitulo Conventus concessit ei, tunc per dictum Robertum de Carun concedit cum eo finaliter ecclesiam de Tamiseford quam tenuit, et omnes res ad illam pertinentes in terris, in decimis, et in omnibus rebus; scilicet illam dimidiam virgatam terræ quam tenuit Robertus Envoise solutam et quietam ab omni consuetudine præter Denegeld, et illam dimidiam virgatam terræ quam tenuit Thurgar, solutam et quietam ab omni consuetudine, et illam croftam quam tenuit Willielmus filius Alwoldi sacerdotis quietam, et tres acras quietas. Quod si Anselmus extra monachatum obierit, ipse Robertus pro anima Anselmi sacerdotis, et pro sua, et parentum suorum, ecclesiam Tamiseford et omnia prædicta concedit in subjectione ecclesiæ sancti Neoti cum uxore sua Adeliz et filio suo Willielmo per candelabrum deauratum: Anselmo sacerdote tali modo h. acedende.^d Testes hujus rei, &c.

NUM. XIII.

Carta Widonis filii Tezonis, de Ecclesia de Evertonâ, Cænobiî S. Neoti concessâ.

[Ibid. fol. 73 b.]

SCIANT præsentis et futuri quod ego Wido filius Tezonis, concessi Deo et ecclesiæ S. Neoti et monachis in eo servientibus pro animabus patris et matris meæ, quorum corpora ibi requiescunt, et pro salute meâ, et uxoris meæ, et hæredum meorum et omnium amicorum meorum in perpetuam elemosinam, ecclesiam de Evertonâ, cum omnibus terris, quæ eidem ecclesiæ adjacebant, die quo Rogerus filius Ricardi vitam finivit. Præterea concessi eis illam virgatam terræ quam Gaufridus de Wanford eidem ecclesiæ dedit; et aliam virgatam, quam Rogerus frater meus dedit illis in escambio, pro quadam virgatâ quam habebant apud Ailrichesheie. Concessi etiam eis virgatam illam, quam idem Rogerus dederat eis pro animâ Walteri filii Ricardi. Testibus, &c.

NUM. XIV.

Carta alia de Ecclesia de Evertona.

[Ibid. fol. 73.]

GILBERTUS filius G. comes de Penbroc, A. episcopo Lincol. et Henrico archid. Huntendon cunctisque fidelibus sanctæ ecclesiæ salutem. Sciatis me dedisse ecclesiam de Everton in elemosinam, Deo et sancto Neoto et monachis meis, perpetualiter possidendam, cum omnibus rebus eidem ecclesiæ pertinentibus tam in terris quam in decimis et pratis et cæteris redditibus. Hanc donationem confirmavit dominus noster Teh. archiep. Cantuariæ et primas totius Angliæ, in conventu Londoniensi, coram hiis testibus, &c.

^a f. et in die subsequenti, ut in Carta Regis Hen. II.^b sc. et redientes.

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^c sc. nec.^d sic in orig.

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NUM. XV.

Carta de Ecclesia de Crattesfeld.

[Ibid. fol. 79 a.]

WILLIELMUS de Albeneio, filius Matildis de Seint-Liz, universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis salutem. Notum sit vobis quod ego, consilio prudentum hominum et militum meorum, concessi et hac mea carta confirmavi monachis Becci apud sanctum Neotum Deo famulantibus ecclesiam de Crattesfeld, cum omnibus eidem ecclesiæ pertinentibus, in puram et liberam elemosinam. Præterea concessi, et hac mea carta confirmavi præfatis monachis masagium quod tenuit Robertus Cobet cum viginti duabus acris terræ circa prædictum masagium jacentibus in villa de Crattesfeld, et quatuor acras juxta ecclesiam quas mater mea eis ante dederat et concesserat. Quare volo et firmiter præcipio quatinus præfati monachi hæc omnia prædicta quiete, integre, et honorifice in perpetuam et liberam elemosinam teneant et possideant. Hujus donationis sunt testes, &c.

NUM. XVI.

Carta de Capella de Waldo.

[Ibid. fol. 67.]

SCIANT præsentis et futuri quod ego Alanus dapifer dominus Waldi dedi et concessi et præsentis carta mea confirmavi Deo et ecclesiæ sancti Neoti et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus Capellam de Waldo cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Dedi etiam præfatis monachis ix. acras de terra mea, ij. acras in Brerhull, j. acram in Denefurlong, j. acram in Barlicroft, j. acram in Breche, j. acram in Gorebredelond, dimidiam acram in Love, j. acram in Havelkelden, j. acram et dimid. ad viam molendini, et omnes decimationes terræ meæ de Waldo. Hæc omnia jam dictis monachis pro salute mea et meorum, et pro animabus antecessorum meorum perpetuo tenenda in liberam, puram, et quietam elemosinam confirmavi. Ipsi vero monachi iij. diebus in ebdomada in eadem capella divinum officium facient celebrare. Hiis testibus, &c.

NUM. XVII.

Carta Rogeri de Clarâ Comitis Hertfordiæ, de Ecclesia de Bertonâ.

[Ibid. fol. 77 b.]

SCIANT præsentis et futuri, quod ego Rogerus de Clarâ comes Hereford, concessu filii mei Richardi, et consilio baronum meorum, dedi et concessi ecclesiam de Bertonâ, quæ est de feudo meo, cum omnibus pertinentiis ejusdem ecclesiæ, monachis Becci apud S. Neotum Deo famulantibus, in perpetuam et liberam elemosinam; quare volo et firmiter præcipio quatinus prædicti monachi ecclesiam de Bertonâ prænominatam teneant, et in eternum possideant, bene, et pacifice, et honorifice, integre, libere, cum oblationibus, decimis, terris, communitatibus, et consuetudinibus, et obventionibus, et cum omnibus aliis ejusdem ecclesiæ pertinentiis, quietam ab omni seculari servicio, et exactione sicuti dominicam elemosinam meam. Hoc autem feci pro salute meâ et uxoris meæ et hæredum meorum, et antecessorum meorum, qui monasterium S. Neoti fundaverunt, et suis beneficiis ædificaverunt. Ut autem hoc donum tam præsentibus quam futuris in perpetuum ratum habeatur, scripto meo signavi et sigilli mei impressione munivi. Hujus donationis testes, &c.

NUM. XVIII.

Carta Johannis Norwicensis Episcopi de appropriatione Ecclesiæ de Bertonâ.

[Ibid. foll. 44, 44 b.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit, Johannes Dei gratia Norwic. episcopus salutem

in Domino. Religiosorum utilitatibus ut liberior et quietius divinis valeant obsequiis insistere in quantum possumus justitia mediante ex commissio nobis officio tenemur intendere. Ea propter ad universorum volumus pervenire notitiam nos pietatis intuitu et sanctæ religionis favore canonice concessisse et præsentis carta nostra confirmasse dilectis nostris in charissimo Christo monachis de sancto Neoto ecclesiam sancti Andreæ in Bertunne Binnedic, ex donatione nobilis viri Rogeri comitis de Clare illius ecclesiæ patroni, in usus proprios cum omnibus ad eandem Ecclesiam pertinentibus perpetuo possidendis, salva pensione Alexandri de Brauncestre illius ecclesiæ personæ quamdiu vixerit, salvis etiam honore et obedientia et reverentia, et debitis consuetudinibus sanctæ Norwic. ecclesiæ, et honesta et sufficienti vicarii sustentatione qui in memorata ecclesia ministrabit. Testibus, &c.

NUM. XIX.

Carta de Ecclesia de Welles, hodie Beecham - Well.

[Ibid. fol. 77 b.]

ROGERUS de Clara comes Herfordiæ omnibus suis hominibus, tam Francis quam Anglis, tam clericis quam laicis, salutem. Sciatis quod ego dedi ecclesiam de Welles cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in decimis, in elemosinis, in pratis et pascuis et omnibus eidem ecclesiæ pertinentibus, Deo et Sanctæ Mariæ et monachis Sancti Neoti pro animabus antecessorum meorum, et pro salute mea et hæredum meorum, in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam. Quare volo ut prædicti monachi habeant et possideant præfatam Ecclesiam plenarie et integre quietam ab omni servicio et omni exactione et consuetudine, et tam libere teneant sicuti unquam aliquis liberior aliquam elemosinam tenuit. Hiis testibus, &c.

NUM. XX.

De Appropriatione Ecclesiæ de Hemingtona.

[Ibid. fol. 40 b.]

UNIVERSIS sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis Adam decanus de Tichmers salutem in Domino. Universitati vestræ notificetur, me, ex suscepto mandato G. Lincoln. ecclesiæ electi, in capitulo apud Vnde H. priorem et monachos sancti Neoti in ecclesiam de Hemingtona introduxisse, et ipsius auctoritate eos in plenariam misisse possessionem. Ita quod Rogerus presbyter de Hemingtona in vita sua illam nomine monachorum possidebit; cum omnibus quæ ad illam pertinent, reddendo annuatim ecclesiæ sancti Neoti de vicaria ij. sol. ad vincula sancti Petri; post decessum vero ipsius, in subjectionem et dispositionem monachorum prædictorum quietâ præfata redibit ecclesia. Hiis testibus, &c.

NUM. XXI.

Bulla Alexandri III. Papæ.

[Ex autogr. Curt. Harl. antiq. Mus. Brit. 43 A. 21.]

ALEXANDER episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilectis filiis priori et fratribus sancti Neoti salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Justis petentium desideriis dignum est nos facilem præbere consensum, et vota quæ a rationis tramite non discordant effectu prosequente complere. Ea propter dilecti in Domino fili, vestris justis postulationibus grato concurrentes assensu, ecclesias de Berton, et de Bascumbe, et de Cheldretona, et de Cotesford, cum suis pertinentiis, cum assensu episcopi rationabiliter vobis collatas, et unum molendinum in Neuwenton ex dono W. filii Roberti, et tres virgatas terræ in Bukeswrda, sicut ea juste et pacifice possidetis, vobis, et per vos ecclesiæ vestræ, auctoritate apostolica confirmamus, et præsentis scripti patrocinio communimus. Statuentes ut nulli omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostræ confirmationis infringere vel ei ausu temerario contraire. Si quis autem hoc attemptare præsumpserit, indignationem omnipotentis Dei et beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum ejus se noverit incursurum. Dat. Tusculan. iij. kal. Sept.

NUM. XXII.

Carta Rogeri Burnard.

[Registr. S. Neoti ut supr. fol. 57.]

ROGERUS Burnard omnibus amicis, hominibus, et fidelibus suis salutem. Notum sit vobis me concessisse, et carta mea confirmasse monachis de sancto Neoto ecclesiam de Boscumbe, et ecclesiam de Cheldretona, et ecclesiam de Godsford, et ecclesiam de Eddewrtha, cum omnibus ad easdem ecclesias pertinentibus, in perpetuam et liberam elemosinam, pro animabus patris et matris meæ, quorum corpora ibi requiescunt, et pro salute mea et hæredum meorum. Quare volo et firmiter præcipio quod prædicti monachi præfatas ecclesias habeant et teneant liberè, et quietè, et honorificè. Hiis testibus, &c.

NUM. XXIII.

Bulla Cælestini III. Papæ.

[Ex autogr. Cart. antiq. Cotton. Mus. Brit. XII. 39.]

CÆLESTINUS episcopus, servus servorum Dei, venerabili fratri Lincolnensi episcopo salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Sacrosancta Romana ecclesia devotos et humiles filios ex assuetæ pietatis officio propensius diligere consuevit; et ne pravorum hominum illicitis gravaminibus molestetur, eos protectionis suæ munimine, tanquam pia mater solita est confovere. Unde quia singulis ad nos clamantibus apostolicum tenemur præsidium impertiri, intuitu pietatis et misericordiæ, priori et conventui sancti Neoti, ecclesiam de Esneberia,* et ecclesiam de Torueia, de quibus jam annuam pensionem acceperunt, præsentī pagina confirmamus. Siquidem prædicti prior et conventus in transitu viarum et strata celeberrima constituti, omnibus transeuntibus cibum et potum petentibus pro Dei misericordia largiuntur, et redditus prædictarum ecclesiarum proprio usui hospitum se expendere profitentur.

Ea propter fraternitati vestræ per apostolica scripta præcipiendo mandamus, quatinus pro reverentia beatorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli et nostra, prænominatis priori et conventui prædictas ecclesias, sicut eas justè et rationabiliter possideant, et præsentis scripti testimonio sunt communiti, appellatione remota, et nullis literis obstantibus, in pace possidere permittatis, et à decanis, ab archidiaconis, et ab omnibus hominum officialium insolentis, auctoritate beati Petri et nostra præmunis defensetis; et si quis hujusmodi confirmationi et prædictis priori et conventui in hoc præsumpserit contradicere, auctoritate nostra excommunicatum publicè denunciatis. Datum Romæ apud sanctum Petrum xiiij. kalend. Decembris pontificatus nostri anno quarto.

NUM. XXIV.

Carta Walteri filii Roberti, de Ecclesiis de Obestonâ et Heuelinghamâ.

[Registr. S. Neoti, ut supr. fol. 77 b.]

NOTUM sit præsentibus et futuris, quod ego Walterus filius Roberti dedi ecclesiam de Obestona et ecclesiam de Heuelinghamia Deo et ecclesiæ S. Neoti, et monachis Beccensibus, in ea Deo famulantibus, in perpetuam et puram elemosinam, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, pro animâ Roberti filii Ricardi patris mei, cujus corpus ibi requiescit, et pro salute meâ et Matildis uxoris meæ, et hæredum meorum. Hanc donationem confirmo, et donationem similiter, quam fecit Matildis soror mea de ecclesiâ de Cratefeld cartâ meâ.

NUM. XXV.

Carta Tedbaldi de Chalered, seu Eschalers.

[Ibid. fol. 76.]

SCIANT præsentēs et futuri quod ego Tedbaldus de Chalered, pro salute animæ meæ, et uxoris meæ, et hære-

dum meorum, et patris mei, et omnium antecessorum meorum, dedi Deo et monachis S. Neoti, et super altare obtuli in perpetuam elemosinam tenendam liberam et quietam ab omnibus secularibus serviciis et consuetudinibus, totam terram meam, quam habui ex utraque parte Madeldene, quæ jacebat inter terras domini mei Stephani et terram Gaufridi militis, a vado quod est in Ermingestret usque ad orientale capud de Swanelle. Et præterea dedi eisdem monachis in concambio illam culturam meam quæ erat in Swanneshull pro quadam cultura quam ipsi habebant apud Serlingeswelle in qua quia tres rodæ amplius fuerant quam in mea cultura ad supplementum concambii dedi eis tres rodas inter Suanesse et inter viam quæ ducit Canteburg cum una acra quam eis seperatim dederam. Et quoniam ego sigillum non habui, petitione meâ dominus meus Stephanus hanc donationem meam, sub suo sigillo confirmavit. Hujus rei testes, &c.

NUM. XXVI.

Carta Rogeri filii Rogeri, &c.

[Ibid. fol. 78.]

SCIANT præsentēs et futuri, quod ego Rogerus filius Rogeri, filii Fulconis, dedi, et præsentī carta mea confirmavi Deo et ecclesiæ sancti Neoti, et monachis ibidem Deo servantibus servitium quod mihi debet Willielmus de Hauvilla de terra illa quam tenet de feodo meo in Bertona, quam Fulco avus meus dedit Willielmo de Auvilla patri præfati Willielmi in francum maritagium cum Avicia amita mea, scil. duodecim denarios annui redditus, &c. Hiis testibus, &c.

NUM. XXVII.

Carta Johannis Norwicensis Episcopi.

[Ibid. fol. 43 a.]

UNIVERSIS Christi fidelibus ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit, Johannes Dei gratia Norwicensis episcopus salutem in Domino. Licet universis nobis subjectis, in hiis quæ ad nos pertinent sua jura conservare et protegere debeamus; propensius tamen et attentius justas possessiones eorum qui arctioris vitæ viam elegerint, ex officii nostri debito tueri et defendere tenemur; ut injuria temeritatis exclusa, vacare divinis liberius possint obsequiis. Eapropter omnibus notum esse volumus, nos confirmasse dilectis filiis monachis Beccensibus, apud sanctum Neotum Deo servantibus, omnes possessiones, et beneficia ecclesiastica quæ in episcopatu Norwicensi canonicè sunt adepti. Hæc autem propriis duximus exprimenda vocabulis. Scilicet, ecclesiam de Cratefeld ex concessione Willielmi de Abenni, et Matildis matris ejus; ecclesiam de Oveston ex donatione Walteri filii Roberti, ecclesias de Bertona et de Welle, ex donatione comitis de Clara, et tenementum Herlewini presbiteri de Bertona, ex donatione ejusdem comitis Rogeri; salvis in prædictis ecclesiis vicariis debitis, et salvo jure sanctæ Norwicensis ecclesiæ per omnia. Hæc itaque et cætera quæ in episcopatu Norwicensi canonicè sunt adepti, vel annuente Domino justis modis potuerint adipisci, ipsis firma constare, et confirmata fore volumus. Et ut hæc nostra confirmatio perpetuam optineat firmitatem, eam præsentī scripto, et sigilli nostri appositione corroboravimus. Testibus, &c.

NUM. XXVIII.

Carta alia Johannis Norwicensis Episcopi.

[Ibid.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit, Johannes Dei gratia Norwicensis episcopus salutem in Domino. Noverint universi nos canonicè concessisse, et hac præsentī carta nostra confirmasse monachis de Becco apud sanctum Neotum Deo servantibus ecclesiam de Bevelingham cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, ex donatione nobilis viri Walteri filii Roberti. Concedimus etiam et confirmamus canonicè eisdem monachis religiosis, annuam pensionem xx. solidorum de eadem ecclesia perpetuò per-

* Eynesbury.

cipiendam. Præterea ecclesiam de Birtona-Binnedic cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, ex donatione comitis Rogeri de Clara; et annuam pensionem xl. solidorum de eadem perpetuò percipiendam; duas quoque partes decimarum de dominio Ricardi filii Symonis in Buctone, ex ipsius Ricardi donatione. Hiis testibus, &c.

NUM. XXIX.

Carta Hugonis Lincolnensis Episcopi.

[Ibid. fol. 36 a.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit, Hugo Dei gratia Lincolnensis episcopus salutem in Domino. Ne ea quæ locis religiosis conferuntur beneficia, maligna pravorum machinatione possint retractari, aut per temporum vetustatem oblivione sepeliri, solers antiquorum cavit prudentia ad posterorum cognitionem prædicto modo collata beneficia, per scripturæ subsidium longeva perpetuare memoria. Nos igitur veterum pia vestigia sequentes, dilectis nobis in Christo filiis priori de S. Neoto, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus donationes, et concessionem sibi rationabiliter factas episcopali auctoritate duximus confirmare, et attestazione præsentis scripti communire, quas propriis vocabulis censuimus subsequenter exprimere, videlicet, ecclesiam sanctæ Mariæ parochialem de villa sancti Neoti, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et ecclesiam sanctæ Mariæ de Evertone, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et concessionem ecclesiæ de Auca, cum pertinentiis suis præfatis monachis rationabiliter factam à nobilibus viris Gileberto de Munfichet, et Ricardo hærede ipsius, sicut ex inspectione cartarum ipsorum nobis innotuit. Supradictas itaque donationes, et concessionem eis rationabiliter factas, ratas habemus et præsentis scripti testimonio, ac sigilli nostri patrocínio confirmamus. Hiis testibus, &c.

NUM. XXX.

Carta Petri de Monteforti Antecessorum donationes confirmans.

[Ibid. fol. 92.]

SCIANT præsentis et futuri, quod ego Petrus de Monteforti, filius Turstini de Monteforti, dedi sancto Neoto omnes terras in villâ de Wenge, cum advocacione ecclesiæ ejusdem villæ, quæ antecessores mei dederunt prædictæ ecclesiæ S. Neoti, &c. Data apud Preston anno gratiæ mcccxliv. die decollationis S. Johannis Baptistæ.

NUM. XXXI.

De Piscaturis de Welles.

[Ibid. fol. 23.]

ECCLESIA sancti Neoti habet apud Welles tertiam partem illius aquæ quæ vocatur Batelbechia, et piscaturarum ejus; et omnium lacuum, sc. parvarum aquarum, quæ pertinent ad ipsam, similiter tertiam partem. Habet et illam aquam totam quæ dicitur Algareshe, et omnes parvas aquas quæ pertinent ad illam. Habet et medietatem illius aquæ quæ vocatur Menwere; et omnium aquarum quæ ad illam pertinent, similiter medietatem. Habet quoque quartam partem illius aquæ quæ dicitur Willac; et illarum aquarum quæ ad illam pertinent similiter quartam partem: quæ Willac pertinet ad Wisebechiam. De Euerdwic quartam noctem, et quicquid ad eam pertinet. De Hadchete medietatem, et quæ illi pertinent. De Fordwere Fullebig'del et Vtmestebeche quartam partem, et quæ illi pertinent. De Vfewardbeche octavam partem, et medietatem Wadesgate. De Twileswere octavam partem, et quæ illi pertinent. Has piscaturas habet ecclesia sancti Neoti de antiquitate, et etiam ex dono Rohais uxoris Ricardi filii comitis Gilleberti. Habet etiam ex dono Regin. filii Godlemon de Welles quartam partem de Newere super Asmere. Ex dono Osberti filii Roberti octavam partem de Depewere, et octavam partem de Therewere.

NUM. XXXII.

Mandatum Henrici III. Regis de Restoratione Prioratus.

[Rot. Claus. 29 Hen. III. m. 13, dors.]

REX vicecomiti Cantebr. et Hunt. salutem. Monstravit nobis prior de sancto Neoto quod tu (occasione præcepti nostri, quod nuper tibi fecimus de terris abbatum et priorum et aliorum religiosorum de partibus transmarinis cedentium, vel decedentium, in manum nostram capiendis) ipsum priorem de prioratu suo disseisivisti, et in manum nostram cepisti; similiter et terras quorundam aliorum virorum religiosorum de partibus transmarinis, ea occasione in manum nostram cepisti: quod quidem ex dicto mandato nostro elicere non potuisti. Et quia fines ejusdem mandati nostri excessisti, tibi præcipimus quod eidem priori de prædicto prioratu suo cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et omnibus aliis de partibus transmarinis, quos de terris suis contra formam prædicti mandati nostri in aliquo disseisivisti, talem seisinam habere facias qualem inde habuerunt ante suspensionem ejusdem mandati nostri; et si quid de bonis eorum ea occasione cepisti, per pacem quam tecum fecerunt, vel alio modo, id eis sine dilatione reddi facias. Et tu nihilominus, sicut corpus tuum diligis, sis coram nobis in crastino clausi Paschæ, ubicumque tunc fuerimus in Anglia; ad ostendendum quo waranto ipsum prioratum cepisti in manum nostram, et terras quorundam aliorum; et ad audiendum inde iudicium tuum: et habeas ibi hoc breve.

Teste rege apud Westmonasterium xj^{mo}. die Aprilis anno regni nostri xxix^{mo}.

NUM. XXXIII.

Placita dom. Regis de Quo Waranto coram Joh. de Methingham et Thoma de Belhous Justiciar. ad hoc assign. per Breve ejusdem domini Regis in crast. Sancti Michaelis anno r. r. Edw. filii Regis Henrici xiiij. in Com. Huntingdon.

[Ex orig. in Domo Capitulari Westmonast. asservato.]

PRIOR de sancto Neoto summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamat habere visum franciplegii, mercatum, et feriam in villa sancti Neoti, et visum franciplegii in Crandon, et catalla hominum suorum dampnatorum, et amerciamenta hominum suorum pro quacunque causa fuerint amerciati: et quo waranto clamat pro se et hominibus suis esse quietus de sectis shirarum et hundredorum, murdro, et aliis regalibus præstationibus quæ ad ipsum regem et coronam suam pertinent sine licentia et voluntate, &c.

Et prior venit et dicit quod tota villa sancti Neoti, et villa de Crandon, sunt de feodo suo; et clamat habere prædictum visum de omnibus commorantibus in prædictis villis, et tenet visum suum bis per annum et sine serviente regis et nichil dat domino regi pro prædicto visu. Requisitus si habeat furcas, tumberellum, et pillorium dicit quod habeat illa judicialia in villa sancti Neoti. Et quæsitus de quibus articulis inquit in visu suo, et quot habet decennarios dicit quod inquit de articulis de quibus vicecomes inquit in turnu suo. Et dicit quod dominus Henricus rex secundus concessit Abbati et monachis de Becco quod habeant et teneant omnes possessiones et elemosinas suas liberas, solutas, et quietas, cum soka, saka, tol, et theam, et infangenthef, et utfangenthef, cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus suis, de shiris et hundredis, placitis et querelis, murdro, et de wappentak. Et quod habeant catalla hominum suorum fugitivorum, utlagatorum, et amerciamentarum omnium hominum suorum pro quacunque causa amerciatorum. Dat. per manum regis apud Westm. iij^{to}. die Maii anno regni sui tricesimo septimo. Quam quidem Cartam profert, et quæ hoc idem testatur. Et dicit quod ipse et omnes prædecessores sui, priores de sancto Neoto, a tempore quo non extat memoria hucusque, semper habuerunt et tenuerunt prædictum visum. Dicit etiam quod est monachus de Becco, et quod Prioratus suus spectat ad abbatiam de Becco, unde dicit quod per prædictam cartam, et similiter per longam seisinam suam clamat habere prædictum visum, et per prædictam cartam clamat habere

prædicta amerciamenta, catalla, et prædictas quietancias. Et quo ad mercatum in villa sancti Neoti dicit quod Henricus rex primus concessit monachis sancti Neoti unum mercatum in villa quæ antiquitus vocabatur Ernulphiberia, et quæ modo vocatur villa sancti Neoti per diem Jovis per cartam ipsius Henrici quam profert et quæ hoc testatur. Et quo ad feriam dicit quod habet feriam per tres vices per annum, videlicet vigilia, die, et in crastino Ascensionis Domini, et similiter in vigilia, die, et in crastino sancti Petri ad vincula. Et dicit quod ipse et omnes prædecessores sui, a tempore quo non extat memoria, hucusque semper habuerunt et tenuerunt prædictam feriam, et hoc modo prædicto. Et super hoc profert cartam Henrici regis primi in qua continentur hæc verba: 'Præcipio quod faciatis monachos sancti Neoti habere de illis qui ad mercatum suum, et ad feriam suam venerint, theolonium et stallagium, et omnes alias rectas consuetudines suas quas habeo in meis dominicis mercatis.' Dicit in super quod habuit alias cartas regias quæ amissæ fuerunt et deperditæ infra jam viginti annis elapsis quando campanar. ecclesiæ suæ corruit, unde dicit quod tali waranto clamat habere prædictas libertates. Et ideo quo ad mercatum sine die ad præsens salvo, &c.

Et Gilbertus de Thornton qui sequitur pro domino rege petit quod Cartæ domini regis per ipsum regem et consilium suum judicentur ad cujusmodi libertates se possint extendere. Et similiter si præcipiat ad scaccarium catalla et amerciamenta prædicta. Et super hoc datus est ei dies in Scaccario in crastino sancti Andreæ, &c. Ad quem diem venit prædictus prior per attornatum suum, et quia iudicium nondum factum est data est ei dies in octab. Purificationis Beatæ Mariæ in scaccario, &c. Postea a die Pasch. in unum mensem, quem diem habuit per communem proclamationem, venit prædictus Prior per attornatum suum. Et quia iudicium nondum factum est datus est ei dies hic a die sancti Michaelis in xv. dies, &c. Ad quem diem venit prædictus Prior per attornatum suum. Et datus est ei dies a die Pasch. in xv. dies, &c. Ad quem diem venit prædictus Prior per attornatum suum et datus est ei dies hic a die sancti Michaelis in xv. dies, &c. Deinde datus est dies a die Pasch. in xv. dies, &c. Deinde datus est ei dies hic in octab. sancti Mich.

NUM. XXXIV.

Tazatio Ecclesiastica auctoritate P. Nicholai IV. facta circa A. D. 1291.

[Pp. 15 b, 18, 34 b, 35 b, 36 b, 37, 39 b, 48, 48 b, 51, 51 b, 67, 73, 88, 92, 101, 101 b, 104, 118 b, 127, 147, 266 b, 267, 268 b, 269 b.]

Dioc. Lond.

	£.	s.	d.
Bona prioris de sancto Neoto in Wymbiss de redd.	1	8	0
Pens. prioris sancti Neoti in ecclesia de Wymbiss	4	0	0

Dioc. Linc.

Porcio prioris de sancto Neoto in ecclesia de Turveya	8	13	4
Porcio prioris de sancto Neoto in ecclesia de Eynsbure	0	6	8
Ecclesia sancti Neoti	21	6	8
Ecclesia de Eynesbur. s. porcio rectoris	10	0	0
Porcio prioris sancti Neoti in eadem	6	13	4
Porcio prioris de sancto Neoto in ecclesia de Wylle	1	6	8
Pensio prioris de sancto Neoto in ecclesia de Clopton	1	0	0
Pensio ejusdem in ecclesia de Bernewelle Omnium Sanctorum	3	0	0
Porcio prioris de sancto Neoto in ecclesia de Pokebroc	1	0	0
Prior de sancto Neoto habet in Eton de redd.	1	16	8

^a al. Bereford.

	£.	s.	d.
Idem habet in terris, redd. pratis, in Bereford	1	10	0
Idem habet in Bedeford ^a de redd.	0	7	0
Idem habet in Turveye in terris, pratis, redd. cur.	3	10	9
Decanat. de Alkemundebur.			
Prior sancti Neoti habet in Bukewrth in redd.	0	5	0
Sacrista sancti Neoti habet in Hunt. de redd.	0	2	0
Prior sancti Neoti habet in sancto Neoto manerium et valet cum suis hamelettis	64	7	6
Precentor ejusdem domus habet ibidem in redd.	0	16	0
Elemosinar. ejusdem domus habet ibidem de redd.	0	8	6½
Refector. ejusdem domus habet ibidem de redd.	0	5	6
Prior ejusdem domus habet in Wersle de redd.	0	14	4
Idem habet in Offord Dacy in terris	0	10	0
Idem habet in Overton in terris, redd. curiæ, et fruct. animalium	3	15	0
Prior de sancto Neoto habet in Haylweston in mol. et redd.	0	6	0
Idem habet in Magna Stotton in redd.	0	5	0
Idem habet in Middeho in redd.	0	1	0
Temporalia prioris sancti Neoti	14	17	1
Temporalia contangen. archidiaconatus Lincoln, Stowe, &c.			
Prior sancti Neoti habet in decanatu de Roleland	7	0	0

Dioc. Norwyc.

Porcio Prioris sancti Neoti in ecclesia de Bycham Welle Omnium Sanctorum	0	4	0
Porcio ejusdem in ecclesia de Berton sancti Andr.	13	6	8
Bona prioris sancti Neothi in parochia sancti Stephani [Norw.]	0	1	0
Prior sancti Neoti de redd. in Berton	2	1	6
Prior sancti Neoti de redd. in Upwell et Utwell	1	0	0
Bona prioris sancti Neoti	0	1	0
In Norwico	0	15	6
In Bertone de redd.			
In Heveningham, porcio sancti Neoti	1	0	0
Cratfeude (sc. ecclesia)	14	0	0
Prior sancti Neoti de redd. in Cratfeld	0	2	0

Dioc. Exon.

Ecclesia sancti Rufoti ^b	10	0	0
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Dioc. Elien.

Prior sancti Neoti percipit in Croxton in dec.	1	13	4
Porcio prioris sancti Neoti in ecclesia de Grantsete	2	0	0
Decanat. de Brunne			
Prior sancti Neoti percipit in decimis in parochia de Croxton	0	2	3
Bona prioris sancti Neothi in Habinton	0	2	0
In Brunne	5	3	0
In Caxton	4	3	4
In Gamelingeye	2	2	4
In Barveton	0	6	8

^b al. Neote.
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NUM. XXXV.

Extenta Terrarum Prioratus Sancti Neoti, 18 Edw. II.

[Monastic Records, vol. i. MS. Donat. Brit. Mus. 6164, p. 216.]

EXTENTA terrarum et ten. ad prioratum de sancto Neoto in com. Hunt. spectan. fact. coram Johanne de Crek milite et magistro Thoma de Garton custodibus domorum religiosorum alienigen. in com. Cant. et Hunt. per dominum regem assignat. apud sanctum Neotum vicesimo nono Novembris anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis Edwardi decimo octavo secundum verum valorem eorundem terrarum et ten. per Philippum de Dovere, Willielmum Denlay, Johannem le Dunton, et al. juratos: Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod fructus et herbagium cum ij. columbar. quæ sunt in eodem prioratu valent per annum x^s. Et sunt ibidem in dominico v^s. et lvij. acræ terræ arrabilis minor' numero et valet quælibet acra per annum iiij^d. Summa ix^{li}. vj^s. viij^d. Item sunt ibidem xx. acræ prati falcabilis, et valet quælibet acra per annum xx^d. Summa xxij^s. iiij^d. et xx. acr. pasturæ seperabilis et valet quælibet acra per annum vj^d. Summa x^s. Item sunt ibidem iij. molend. aquatic. quæ valent per annum, salvis serviciis dominorum feodi xxxvj^s. Item ibidem de redditu assis. liberorum tenentium per annum x^{li}. v^s. vj^d. Et etiam de redd. eorundem 1 libr. piperis prec. viij^d. Dicunt etiam quod nundin. et mercat. ibidem valent per annum lx^s. Et placit. et perquisit. curiæ cum visu franci plegii valent per annum xl^s. Item dicunt quod sunt ibidem liij. bondi quorum quilibet eorum tenet dimid. virgat. terræ et debet inde per annum de certo redditu vocat. Seefare x^d. Summa xlv^s. Præterea quilibet dictorum bondorum qualibet septimana a festo sancti Michaelis usque Gulam Augusti, exceptis tribus septimanis et tribus diebus fac. iij. opera, quæ tria opera valent j^d. Summa ix^{li}. et similiter quilibet eorundem bondorum a Gula Augusti per quatuor septimanas proximo sequentes fac. per septim. iiij. opera ac uno homine et valet quodlibet opus j^d. Summa lxxij^s. et per alias quatuor proximo sequentes fac. quilibet eorundem per septim. similiter iiij. opera, et valent quodlibet opus ob. Summa xxxvj^s. Item sunt ibidem x. bondi vocati Tenacre men quorum quilibet eorum reddit per annum pro Seefare iij^d. Summa ij^s. vj^d. et quilibet eorundem decem bondorum a festo sancti Michaelis usque Gulam Augusti exceptis tribus septimanis et tribus diebus ut supra fac. per septim. iij. opera et valent ut prius j^d. Summa xxxij^s. iiij^d. et a Gula Augusti per iij. septim. proximo sequentes fac. quilibet eorundem dictorum bondorum per septim. iij. opera, et valet quodlibet opus j^d. Summa vij^s. vj^d. et per quinque septimanas proximo sequentes quilibet eorundem decem bondorum fac. per septim. similiter iij. opera, et valet quodlibet opus ob. Summa vj^s. iiij^d. Item sunt ibidem xxiiij. cotar. quorum quilibet cotarius qualibet septimana per annum exceptis tribus septimanis principalibus fac. j. opus tantum per diem Lunæ si non fuerit festivus, et valet quodlibet opus omni tempore anni ob. Summa valoris operum prædictorum cotar. per annum si nullus fuerit dies Lunæ festivus xlix^s. qm̄ cum dies Lunæ fuerit festivus quieti erunt illa sept. ab omni opere. Præterea debetur quilibet prædictorum cotar. per annum j. gallinum et ij. gallinas, precii galli ob. et precii gallinæ j^d. Summa x^s. Et sunt etiam ibidem de certo redditu omni cust. per annum ch. C. ova gallinarum, et valet centena iij^d. Summa ij^s. ix^d.

Summa totius Extent. supradictæ ljj^{li}. vj^d.

Item dicunt quod prædictus Prior habet in grangia sua de Herdwyk herbagium, fructus, et unam columbar. quæ valent per annum iij^s. iiij^d. Et sunt ibidem in dominico d^c. acr. terræ arabilis minor' numero. et valet quælibet acra per annum iij^s. Summa vij^{li}. x^s. Et sunt etiam ibidem in dominico quatuor acr. pasturæ seperabilis et valet quælibet acra per annum iiij^d. Summa xvj^d.

Summa totius Extent. manerii de Herdwyk vij^{li}. xiiij^s. viij^d.

Item dicunt quod habet in Ufford unum toftum nudum

et xxx. acr. terræ arrabilis et valet quælibet acra per annum iiij^d. Summa x^s.Summa totius Extent. de Ufford x^s.

Item dicunt quod dictus prior habet in Haylweston de reddit. assis. per annum ij^s. et non plus quia erat ibidem j. molendinum ventriticum tax. ad iiij^s. per annum quod nunc est destructum. Et habet etiam dictus prior in Wereslee de reddit. assis. xiiij^s. iiij^d. Et etiam in Middelhoe de redd. assis. xij^d. Et etiam de redd. assis. in Cukworth v^s. Et habet etiam in Stokton de redd. assis. per annum v^s.

Summa totius Extent. de Hailweston xxvj^s. iiij^d.

Item dicunt quod situs manerii prædicti prioris vocat. Cranedon per medietatem, est in com. Bedef. una cum omnibus terr. et ten. r'tor. qm̄. xliij. acr. terræ quæ sunt de dote ecclesiæ de Overton ut patebit inferius, ac etiam major pars totius redd. assis. et alia medietas ejusdem manerii est in com. Hunt. ac^a quam vero sp'tant xxvj^s. viij^d. de certo redditu liberorum tenentium per annum. Et sunt etiam ibidem iij. bondi quorum quilibet reddit per annum de certo redditu ij^s. vj^d. Summa vij^s. vj^d. Item est ibidem quartus bondus qui reddit per annum de certo redditu iij^s. vj^d. Et quilibet dictorum iiij. bond. faciet per annum xij. opera ad cibum domini et valet quodlibet opus ultra cibum j^d. Summa xij^d.

Summa totius Extent. de Cranedon xxxviij^s. viij^d.

Item dicunt quod prior et conventus de Sancto Neoto habent ecclesiam parochialem de sancto Neoto in proprios usus, ad quam quidem ecclesiam spectant vj^{xx}. acræ terræ arrabilis de quibus dicta ecclesia est dotata, et valet quælibet acra per annum iiij^d. Summa xl^s. Et dicunt quod prædicti Prior et conventus percipiunt integre omnes garbas decimales infra limites dictæ parochiæ existen. et valent per annum, salvis reprisis autumpnalibus, xx. mar. et non plus. Et quod sunt in dicta parochia quædam terræ steriles et incultæ et quædam terræ per frequentes pluvias et inundationem aquarum emersæ.

Summa valoris Ecclesiæ de sancto Neoto xv^{li}. vj^s. viij^d.

Item dicunt quod prædicti prior et conventus habent quemdam porcionem garbarum decimal. infra lymites parochiæ de Eynesbiry et valet per annum, salvis reprisis autumpnalibus x. marc. de quibus Prior et Conventus de Newenham percipiunt quolibet anno xiiij^s. iiij^d. nomine perpetuæ annuæ pensionis. Summa porcionis prædictæ per verum valorem vj^{li}. Item dicunt quod prædicti religiosi habent ecclesiam parochialem de Everton in proprios usus, ad quam vero spectant xliij. acr. terræ arrabilis, de quibus dicta ecclesia est dotata, et valet quælibet acra per annum ij^s. Summa vij^s. ij^d. Et dicunt quod garbæ decimales ibidem quas dicti religiosi percipiunt infra lymites ejusdem parochiæ valent per annum, salvis reprisis autumpnalibus, c^s. et non plus, eo quod major^b terræ totius parochiæ est sterilis et inculta et pro magna parte emersa.

Summa totius vero valoris Ecclesiæ de Everton ciiij^s. ij^d.

Item dicunt quod Precentor dicti prioratus habet in prædicta villa de sancto Neoto de quodam certu redditu xvj^s. quæ intitulantur ad libros inveniend. et reparand. Item Elemosinarius ejusdem prioratus habet etiam ibidem de certo redditu vij^s. vj^d. ob. intitulat. ad distribuend. pauperibus in pecunia numerata in diebus anniversar. ejusdem donatorum. Item Refectuaris habet ibidem de redd. assis. v^s. vj^d. intitulat. ad pietanc. monachorum. Summa totius particular. intitul. ad elemosinas et reparaciones prædictas xxx^s. ob.

Summa totius Extentæ ten. temporalium, salvis serviciis dominorum feod. lxij^{li}. x^s. ij^d.Summa veri valoris spiritualium xxviij^{li}. iiij^s. x^d. ob.

* sc. ad.

^b f. major pars.

In cujus rei testimonium prædicti jurati sigilla sua præsentem extant. apposuerunt. Dat. apud sanctum Neotum die et anno supradictis.

Summa totalis de claro tam temporalium quam spiritualium $\text{iii}^{\text{ij}}^{\text{s}}$. et x^{ii} . $\text{xii}^{\text{ij}}^{\text{s}}$. ob.

NUM. XXXVI.

Extenta Manerii de Swanneslee, 18 Edw. II.

[Ibid. p. 221.]

EXTENTA terrarum et ten. ac manerium prioris de sancto Neoto de Swanneslee in com. Cantabr. spectan. facta coram Johanne de Crek et magistro Thoma de Garton custod. domorum religiosorum alienigen. in com. Cantabr. et Hunt. in manu domini regis existen. apud Caxton secundo die Decembr. anno r. r. Edw. fil. regis Edwardi decimo octavo per Galfridum de Colne et al. juratos: qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod dictus prior de sancto Neoto habet apud Swanneslee in Caxtone quoddam capitale messuagium, et valet per annum xij^{d} . Item habet in Caxtone et in Brunne cc. et xl. acras terræ arabilis minori numero ad prædictum manerium spectantes et valet quælibet acra per annum ij^{d} . Summa lx^{s} . Dicunt etiam quod dictus prior habet ibidem de redditu assis. liberorem ten. per annum xiiij^{s} . Item habet dictus prior ibidem vij. custum. quorum opera et consuetud. valent per annum xiiij^{s} . Dicunt etiam quod dictus prior habet in Gamelegeye c. acras terræ minori numero, et valet quælibet acra per annum ij^{d} . Summa xvj^{s} . viiij^{d} . Et habet ibidem de redditu assis. liberorum tenentium ij^{s} . Et de prædicta terra de Gamelegeye resolvitur per annum capit. Domini feod. per annum videlicet tenentibus terras quæ fuerunt Willielmi Avenel et Willielmi de sancto Georgio v^{s} . Et sic est summa totius extente, salvis serviciis dominorum feod. ciii^{s} . viiij^{d} . Item prædicti jurati dicunt quod dictus prior habet in Croxton in prædicto com. Cant. quandam porcionem decimarum garbarum quæ valet per annum $\text{xxxiiij}^{\text{s}}$. iiij^{d} . et intitulantur ad pietanc. commonachorum dicti prioris. Item dicunt quod dictus prior habet in Gransete quandam porcionem decimarum garb. quæ valet per annum xx^{s} . Dicunt etiam quod dictus prior percipit per annum de hospitale de Shenegaye ij^{s} .

Summa valoris spiritualium prædictorum lv^{s} . iiij^{d} . Et sic est summa de claro totius extente. dictorum tenementorum temporal. cum vero valore spiritualium prædictorum vij^{ii} . xix^{s} .

NUM. XXXVII.

Ex Inquisitione capta apud Sanctum Neotum xiiij^{mo} . die Aprilis anno regni Regis Edwardi III. xliij^{mo} . virtute Brevis Domini Regis.

[Ibid. pp. 420, 421.]

PRIOR de sancto Neoto alienigena tenet in villa Sancti Neoti prioratum ibidem, in quo sunt quædam edificia quæ nichil val. per annum ultra repris. Sed dicunt quod fructus et herbagium infra dictum prioratum val. per annum xl^{d} . Item dicunt quod idem prior tenet ecclesiam parochialem de Sancto Neoto in proprios usus, quæ valet per annum xx^{ii} . præter minimas decimas perpetuo vicario ibidem debitas. Item, dicunt quod idem prior tenet in dominico suo ibidem vijc. xx. acr. terræ arabilis, quarum $\text{iiijc. lxxx. val. per annum xij^{ii} . prec. acr. vj^{d} . et $\text{ijc. xl. acr. prædictarum vijc. xx. acr. terræ jacent ad warectum et in communi, et nichil val. per annum. Item, dicunt quod idem prior tenet ibidem $\text{xl. acr. prati, quæ val. per annum iiij^{ii} . prec. acræ ij^{s} . Item, dicunt quod idem tenet ibidem $\text{xl. acr. pasturæ, quæ val. per annum xiiij^{s} . iiij^{d} . prec. acræ iiij^{d} . Item, dicunt quod idem prior tenet ibidem tria molendina aquatica, quæ nichil valent per annum, eo quod per magna fluvia vastantur et destruuntur. Item, dicunt quod idem tenet in eadem villa unum molendinum equinum, de novo reparatum, quæ valet per annum v. marc. vj^{s} . viiij^{d} . quamdiu prædicta $\text{ijj. molendina aquatica non reparantur. Item, dicunt quod idem tenet ibidem de redditu assis. in manibus liberorum tenentium xx^{ii} . ij^{s} . iiij^{d} . Item, dicunt quod idem$$$$$

prior habet de firma mercati ibidem x^{cem} . [*sc. libræ.*] Placita et perquisita curiæ ibidem val. per annum iiij^{ii} . vj^{s} . viiij^{d} . Item, dicunt quod idem habet unam percellam terræ ibidem vocat. Almeslond, quæ val. per annum xxvj^{s} . viiij^{d} . Et dicunt quod separalis piscaria ibidem valet per annum xl^{d} . Item, dicunt quod idem Prior habet apud Monkesherdwyk et Wyntryngham in eodem comitatu, in eadem parochia de Sancto Neoto, unum messuagium vocatum Monkesgraunge; quod quidem messuagium nichil valet per annum ultra reprisas. Et dicunt quod fructus et herbagium ibidem val. per annum xviiij^{d} . Item, dicunt quod idem prior tenet ibidem vijc. xx. acras terræ; quarum $\text{iiijc. lxxx. acr. terræ val. per annum viiij^{ii} . pret. acr. iiij^{d} . et $\text{ijc. xl. acr. terræ prædictarum vijc. xx. acr. terræ nichil valent per annum, quia jacent ad warectum et in communi. Item, dicunt quod idem prior habet ibidem $\text{iiij. acr. prati quæ val. per annum viiij^{s} . pret. acr. ij^{s} . Et dicunt quod nulla pastura separalis est ibidem. Item, dicunt quod opera nativorum val. per annum xx^{ii} . ij^{s} . viiij^{d} . et nihil debent solvere pro redditu præter opera prædicta. Item, dicunt quod idem habet apud Albotesle $\text{xl. acr. terræ dimissas ad firmam pro xx^{s} . Item, dicunt quod tenet in Sudbury in eodem com. pro decimis ibidem annuatim lx^{s} . Item, dicunt quod prior tenet in Uffordenys unam parcellam terræ quæ val. per annum x^{s} . unde idem prior solvet quolibet anno ad sustentand. quamdam lampadem in ecclesia villæ prædictæ xl^{d} . Et dicunt per sacramentum suum quod nulla alia proficua sunt in eodem comitatu dicto prioratui spectantia quæ extendi possunt. In cujus rei testimonium huic inquisitioni prædicti jurati sigilla sua apposuerunt.$$$$

NUM. XXXVIII.

Litteræ Henrici IV. Regis pro Priore et Conventu de Sancto Neoto de denizatione, A. D. 1409.

[Pat. 10 Hen. IV. p. 2, m. 23. Gorh. p. 280.]

REX omnibus, &c. salutem. Sciatis quod cum dilecti nobis in Christo Edwardus prior prioratus de sancto Neoto ac conventus ejusdem loci (qui est de patronatu comitis Stafford et fundatione antecessorum suorum, qui quidem prioratus alienig. et cella abbatie de Beckherlewyn in Norman. de potestate Franc. existit, de quo quidem prioratu antiquum apportum ad xxx. solidos se extendit quam summam idem prior et conventus annuatim tantummodo ad scaccarium nostrum solvere tenentur prout in eodem scaccario de recordo plenius apparet) nobis monstraverint, qualiter prædicti prior et conventus ut alienig. et non indig. existant teneantur et reputentur. Ac etiam quod prior prioratus prædicti est perpetuus, ac prioratus suus prædictus conventualis, ipsique et prædecessores sui priores loci prædicti a tempore cujus contrarii memoria non existit perpetui, ac prioratus prædictus conventualis, existunt: qui quidem prioratus, per malam et indebitam gubernationem priorum alienig. ibidem prædecessorum prædicti nunc prioris, ac etiam ratione magnarum summarum in quibus prædictus prior per prædecessores suos priores alienig. loci prædicti tam erga nos quam erga diversos alios homines est incursus, in periculo finalis destructionis et perpetuæ exhereditionis existit, ac divina servitia, ibidem per nobiles fundatores et patronos loci prædicti ab antiquo ordinata et stabilita, subtracta et diminuta existunt, ut accepimus: nos (ob reverentiam Dei et sancti Neoti in cujus honore prioratus prædictus fundabatur, et ad finem quod unus prior et unus conventus monachorum Anglicorum ad divina, devotius pro nobis et progenitoribus nostris ac etiam patrono suo et antecessoribus suis patronis et fundatoribus prioratus prædicti, facienda ibidem fieri possit, ac etiam pro eo quod prædictus Edwardus nunc prior prioratus prædicti est ligeus noster natus infra regnum nostrum Angliæ) de gratia nostra speciali et de assensu concilii nostri ac pro ccc. marcis ad opus nostrum ad receptam scaccarii nostri solutis concessimus, pro nobis et hæredibus nostris quantum in nobis est, quod prædicti nunc prior et conventus et successores sui de cætero indigenæ existent ac reputentur teneantur et tractentur tanquam indigenæ nati et indigenæ fundati infra regnum nostrum Angliæ; et quod prædicti prior et conventus et successores sui ex nunc libere habeant et teneant priora-

tum suum prædictum cum ecclesiis et aliis possessionibus juribus et pertinentiis quibuscumque, absque aliqua firma sive apporto annuatim ad scaccarium nostrum vel hæredum nostrorum pro custodia ejusdem reddendo; quodque prioratus prædictus, ac maneria domina terræ tenementa redditus et servitia letæ curiæ feoda advocaciones ecclesiarum vicariarum capellarum et cantuariarum wardæ maritagia releviæ escaetæ sectæ curiæ visus franciplegii libertates franchises ac aliæ possessiones et res tam spirituales quam temporales prioratui prædicto pertinentia sive spectantia, de cætero non capiantur aut seisiuntur in manus nostras seu in manus hæredum vel successorum nostrorum regum Angliæ, ratione alicujus scismatis sive guerræ motæ vel movendæ inter nos hæredes vel successores nostros et illos de Franc. aut alios alienig. quoscumque aliqua de causa pro qua dicta prioratus maneria &c. . . . seu alia supradicta tam spiritualia quam temporalia ad alienig. religiosos spectantia in manus nostras vel hæredum nostrorum seu successorum suorum prædictorum capi vel seisiiri possent vel deberent; et quod nulla impositiones contributiones onera quotæ fines firmæ subsidia taxæ tallagia sive auxilia præfatis priori et conventui vel successoribus suis tanquam alienig. in posterum quoquo modo imponantur, licet aliqua impositiones, &c. . . . aliquibus aliis religiosis alienig. per nos vel hæredes nostros occasione quacumque imponi contigerit in futurum; sed quod iidem prior et conventus et successores sui habeantur teneantur et tractentur tanquam indigenæ et Anglici, et ejusdem conditionis existant sicut sunt vere Anglici infra regnum nostrum Angliæ nati, in perpetuum; quodque prædicti prior et conventus et successores sui de apporto prædicto, ac de quibuscumque aliis firmis finibus subsidiis et aliis oneribus et impositionibus taxis quotis tallagiis auxiliis et demandis quæ de ipsis tanquam alienig. occasione guerræ scismatis seu alterius causæ cujuscumque alienig. tangentis mota vel movenda imposita vel imponenda reservata vel reservanda, futuris temporibus exigi poterunt, erga nos et hæredes nostros reges Angliæ quieti sint exonerati et absoluti in perpetuum; et quod prædicti prior et conventus et successores sui de cætero habeant et teneant prioratum suum prædictum cum advocacionibus ac aliis possessionibus juribus et pertinentiis suis quibuscumque quocumque nomine censeantur, quietum et exoneratum de quacumque firma sive apporto nobis vel hæredibus nostris annuatim ad scôm nostrum vel hæredum nostrorum pro custodia prioratus prædicti aut pro aliquibus prædicto prioratu pertinentibus sive spectantibus reddendo seu solvendo, absque perturbatione molestatione gravamine impeditioe contradictione vel impedimento nostri vel hæredum nostrorum aut ministrorum nostrorum vel hæredum nostrorum quorumcunque; et quod nullus ad essend. prior prioratus prædicti sit electus nec prior ibidem existat, si ipse verus Anglicus ac natus infra regnum nostrum Angliæ non existat, quoquo modo in perpetuum, aliquibus statutis ordinationibus fundatione sive fundationibus in contrarium factis aut aliqua alia causa quacumque non obstantibus. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste rege apud Westm. xiiij^{to}. die Maij.

Per breve de privato sigillo.

NUM. XXXIX.

Petitio Prioratus et Conventus S. Neoti ad Henr. V. Regem pro Confirmatione, A. D. 1414.

[Rot. Parl. 2 Hen. V. p. 2, m. 9.]

ITEM fait assavoir, q̄ de part les priour et covent de Saint Neote, fuit une petition baillee a ñre souverain s̄r le roi, en cest parlement, dont le tenure cy ensuit:

‘A roy, ñre s̄r tres souverain, supplient vos oratours, Edward, priour del priorie de Saint Neote, et le covent de mesme lieu, quell est del patronage le count de Stafford, et la fundation de ses auncestres, q̄ come mesme le priorie, et toutz les possessions a ycell regardantz, furent possessions aliens, come celle a l’abbecie de Beekherlewyn en Normandie, et nemy denizeins, tanq̄ ñre tres gracious pier, Henri nadgairs roi d’Engleterre, le xiiij^o. jour de May, l’an de son regne disme, p ses lettres patentz, de sa grace especiale et

de l’assent de son conseil, et pur trois centz marcz paiez a l’oeps de ñre dit pier, graunta pur luy, et ses heirs, entre autres, q̄ les ditz priour et covent, et lours successours, delors soient denizeins, et come denizeins neez, et denizeins founduz dedeinz le roialme d’Engleterre, soient reputez, tenuz, et tretez, et q̄ les ditz priour et covent, et lour successours, delors eient et teignent fraunchement lour dit priorie, ovesq̄ lour esglises, et autres possessions, droitures, et appartenantz q̄conques, saunz ascune ferme ou apport a l’Eschequer ñre dit pier, ou ses heirs, pur la garde d’icelles rendre; et q̄ ils, et lour successours, soient quitz, deschargez, et assoultz, pur toutz jours, envers ñre dit pier, et ses heirs rois d’Engleterre de touz maners apports, fermes, fyns, subsidies, et autres charges et impositions, taxes, quotes, tallages, aides, et demandes, queux de eux come aliens, p cause de guerre, scisme, ou autre cause q̄conq̄ touchant aliens moevez ou a moevers, imposez ou a imposerz, reservez ou a reserverz, en temps a venirz purront estre demandez. Et auxi, q̄ les ditz priour et covent, et lour successours, delors eient et teignent lour dit priorie, ovesq̄ les advoesons, et autres lour possessions, droitures, et appartenantz q̄conques, quite et deschargee de q̄conq̄ ferme ou apport, a rendre ou a paier a ñre dit pier, ou ses heirs, annuelment, pur la garde du dit priorie, ou par ascuns a mesme le priorie regardantz, ou appartenantz; et q̄ null soit priour illoeqs, ne eslit priour de mesme le priorie, s’il ne soit verroie Engleis, et nee dedeinz le roialme d’Engleterre, come p les ditz lettres patentz piert pluis pleinement. Plese a ñre roiale mageste, p auctorite de cest present parlement, accepter, ratifier, approuver, graunter, et confermer les ditz lettres patentz, et toute la contenue d’icelles, a voz ditz suppliantz, et lour successours, selonc l’effect et le purport de mesmes les lettres patentz, et q̄ eles purront estre enactez et enrollez, en due fourme, en le rolle du dit parlement, pur Dieu et en oepe du charite.’

La quele petition, et lettres patentz, des queux mesme la petition fait mencion, overtement lieux en mesme le parlement, le roi, de l’assent des seign̄s espirituelx et temporelx, et a la requeste des communes assemblez en ycell parlement, granta la dite petition, selonc le purport et l’effect d’icell, et des queux lettres patentz le tenure auxi cy ensuit.

‘Henricus, Dei gratia, rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et dominus Hiberniæ, omnibus ad quos præsentēs literæ pervenerint, salutem. Sciatis, quod cum dilecti nobis in Christo, Edwardus, prior prioratus de sancto Neoto, ac conventus ejusdem loci, &c.’

NUM. XL.

Pensions granted to the Prior and Monks of St. Neots, on the Surrender of their Monastery, December 21, 1539.

[From a Book of Pensions in the Augmentation Office.]

SEYNT NEOTTS IN HUNT’SHYRE.

HERAFTER ensūth the names of the late pryor & chanons ther w^t. ther pencyons to them assyned by the kyngs cōmys-syōns to be payed to them yerly duryng ther lyves att ij. tmes of the yere that is to sey att the fest^e of the Annuncyation of o^r. Lady & Seynt Mychell tharchangell by even porcions the fyrst paym^t therof to begyn att the fest of the Annuncyation of o^r. Lady next ensuyng the date herof wyche late p^orye was surrendred vnto the kyngs use the xxjth. daye of December in the xxxjth. yere of the raign of o^r. souaigh lord Kynge Henry the viijth.

Johēs Rawns late pryor ther	xli ^{li} .
Ricūs Starton al’ Andrewe	vij ^{li} .
Ricūs Carnaby	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iij ^d .
Robtūs Hatley	vj ^{li} .
Wills Tybye	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iij ^d .
Wills London	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iij ^d .
Johēs Wysman	v ^{li} . vj ^s . viij ^d .
Robtūs Nycholls	v ^{li} . vj ^s . viij ^d .

PHYLIP PARYS.
JO. TREGONWELL.
JO. HUGHES.

VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Return, 26 Hen. VIII. First Fruits Office.)

MONASTERIUM SIVE PRIORATUS SANCTI NEOTI IN COM' HUNT'.

Ubi JOHANNES RAUNDES est modo Prior et Incumbens.

Temporalia.		£.	s.	d.
Com' Hunt'				
Villa Sancti Neoti	Reddit' Assis ibm per annum . . .	18	4	1½
- - - - -	Reddit' ad Voluntatem Dñi ibm per annum	32	19	11½
Wynttingham, Weld, Caldecote, Forda, Tamysforth, Turvey, et Colmorth	Reddit' Tenencium ibm per annum .	2	12	10½
Wintringham	Reddit'	9	12	0
- - - - -	Reddit' diſs' Shop' Mes' et Tene-mentor'	9	6	4
- - - - -	Firm' iij. Molior' Aquat' Cum uno Molend' equino ibm per annum .	24	0	0
- - - - -	Reddit' Molend' ibm	0	3	8
- - - - -	Firma Cōis Pistrini	1	6	8
- - - - -	Firma Tolneti M'cat' et Nundinar' .	9	6	8
Infra Decan' Sancti Neoti	Reddit' diſs' al' Teñt'	5	4	5
Com' Bedd'				
Eton	Reddit' Assis'	0	9	11
Wibolston	Reddit' Assis'	0	7	0
Forda	Reddit' Assis'	0	16	7
Deuilhoo	Reddit' Assis'	0	9	0
Begery	Reddit' Assis'	0	13	4
Salteston	Reddit' Assis'	0	1	10
Busshmed	Reddit' Assis'	0	4	0
Everton	Reddit' Assis'	2	2	1
Tetworth	Reddit' Assis'	0	7	10
Thornecote	Reddit' Assis'	0	4	0
Bayston	Reddit' Assis'	0	2	6
Girteford	Reddit' Assis'	0	0	5
Sonday	Reddit' Assis'	0	2	1
Kym'vyke	Reddit' Assis'	0	3	2
Bedenhoo	Reddit' Assis'	0	2	8
Temysford Pcell' Mafij de Crendon	Reddit' Tenenc' custum'	6	6	3
Crendon	Firm' Terr' Dñic' Mafij	2	0	0
Charleton	Reddit' et Firm' Mafij	13	15	11
Barford	Firma Mafij	2	0	0
Thurvey	Firma Mafij	5	0	0
Wibolston, Forda, Eton, Deuilhoo, Colmorth, Everton, Crandon, Tymesforth, Caldecote, et Colesden	Minut' Reddit'	1	6	7½
Com' Hunt'				
Haleweston, Midlowe, Paxton Magna cum Paxton Parva, Bukworth, Abbotisley, Wersley, Offord Dacy, et Villa Hunt'	Reddit' Tenencium per annum prout in Valore d'ci Monaster' plenius annotant' et declar'	2	17	0
Com' Cantabr'				
Caxton	Reddit' et Firm'	1	4	4
Burne	Reddit' et Firm'	1	1	4
Gamlyngay	Reddit' et Firm'	2	3	4
Com' Northt'				
Barnewell	Reddit' et Firm' diſs' Tenent' per annum	2	0	0

		£	s.	d.
Com' Rutland'				
Wyng	Reddit' et Firm' Terr' et Tenementor'	4	5	4
	per annum			
Com' Norff'				
Marcheforde	Firm' Piscar' Aque per annum	0	16	8
Com' Suff'				
Upston	Firm' Manij cum Terr' Dñic' per annum	2	0	0
Cratefelde	Reddit' per annum	0	1	6
Com' Essex'				
Wymbisshe	Reddit' Assis' diſs' Teñt' per annum	1	8	5
Com' Hertf'				
Westmyll	Reddit' et Firm' Tenenc' per annum	1	3	4
Grangia de Hardwyke	Terr' Dñic' eidm Priori. In Terr' Arrab' qual't Acra vjd. cont' in numo iij ^{cl} x. Acr'	9	0	0
- - - - -	Prat' xxx. Acr' qual't Acr' iij ^s .	4	10	0
- - - - -	Pastur' inclus' xc. Acr' precio cuiuslt Acr' xij ^d .	4	10	0
- - - - -	Pastur' jacent' ad larg' cxi. Acr' qual't Acr' iij ^d .	2	6	8
- - - - -	Firm' Domus Columbar' jacen' infra precinctum Prioratus predci	0	10	0
Placita et Pquis' Cur' Teñt' infra Dñia et Maner'				
Prioratui ibm ptinent' una cum finibz Terræ				
Coibz Annis	Pquis' Cur'	2	13	4

Spiritualia.

Com' Hunt'				
Sancti Neoti	Rector' appropriat'	17	8	4
Everton	Rector' appropriat'	8	0	0
Com' Northt'				
Hemyngton	Rector' appropriat'	2	0	0
Com' Bedd'				
Turvey	Rector' appropriat'	4	13	4
Com' Suff'				
Upston	Rector' appropriat'	1	6	8
Cratfelde	Rector' appropriat'	2	13	4
Com' Bedd'				
Temesford	Penc' Annual' de Rector'	4	0	0
Com' Northt'				
Clopton	Penc' Annual' de Rector'	1	5	8
Brampton Dyngley	Penc' Annual' de Rector'	1	6	8
Com' Cant'				
Croxton	Penc' Annual' de Rector'	1	13	4
Com' Norff'				
Barton Bendiche	Penc' Annual' de Rector'	5	0	0
Com' Suff'				
Hemyngham	Penc' Annual' de Rector'	0	18	4
Com' Essex'				
Wymbisshe	Penc' Annual' de Rector'	4	0	0
Com' Hunt'				
Eynsbury	Porcio Decimarum de Rector'	3	6	8
Welde et Caldecote	Decim' Garbar'	3	0	0
Grancestr'	De Maġro Collegij Corpis Xpi Cant' pro Porcion' Decimarum	1	6	8
Com' Bedd'				
Sudbury	Decim' cert' Claus' cum Bosc'	1	13	4

Summa totalis tam Temporalium quam Spiritualium predict' . . . 256 1 3½

Inde Repris'		£.	s.	d.
Wiltmo Gascoigne Militi Capital' Senesc' Mo-				
naster'	In Feod'	1	6	8
Thomæ Fitezhugh Subsenesc' ibm	In Feod'	1	6	8
Henrico Comber Audit' ejusdem Monasterij	In Feod'	1	6	8
Thomæ Tony Ballo m̄rcat' Villæ S̄ci Neoti	In Feod'	0	6	8
Robto Hatley Ballo ejusdem Villæ	In Feod'	1	6	8
Johñi Wilson Ballo sive Collect' reddit' in Com̄				
Hunt', Northt', et Rutland	In Feod'	1	6	8
Johi Clerke Ballo sive Collect' reddit' in Com̄				
Bedd' et Cant'	In Feod'	1	6	8
Wiltmo Trewelove Ballo sive Collect' reddit' in				
Com̄ Suff', Norff', et Essex	In Feod'	0	6	8
In Reddit' resolut' Dño Regi vocat' Pypesilver	Reddit' resolut'	0	1	0
Eidem Dño Regi ad Hundr̄m s' de Barford p				
annum	Reddit' resolut'	0	1	0
Archño Huntingdon p pcurac' et sinodal' Eccliāg				
S̄ci Neoti et Everton	Procurac' et Sinodal'	0	16	0
Archño Bedd' p pcurac' et sinod' medietat' Ec-				
chiæ de Turvey	Procurac' et Sinodal'	0	5	3
Priori de Newenham pro annua Pençōne exeunt'				
de Ecchia de Eynesbury in Com̄ Huntingdon	Penc'	0	13	4
Elemos' distribut' Pauperibus ij. temporibus anni				
videlt diebus iij ^{or} . tempu' ante Fest' Natal'				
Dñi, et primam sept' Quadrageſ ad orand' p				
aīabus Aylrici Comit̄is primi fundatoris d̄ci				
Monaster' et Elfelde Ux' ejus, necnon p anima				
Dñæ Rohays fundatric' ibm; ac etiam Ric̄di				
de Clare, et aliorum Benefactorum ejusdem				
Monasterij p annum	Elemos'	4	0	0
Summa totalis Repris'		14	9	11
Et reman' clare		241	11	4½
Inde pro X ^{ma} . 24l. 6s. 1½d.				

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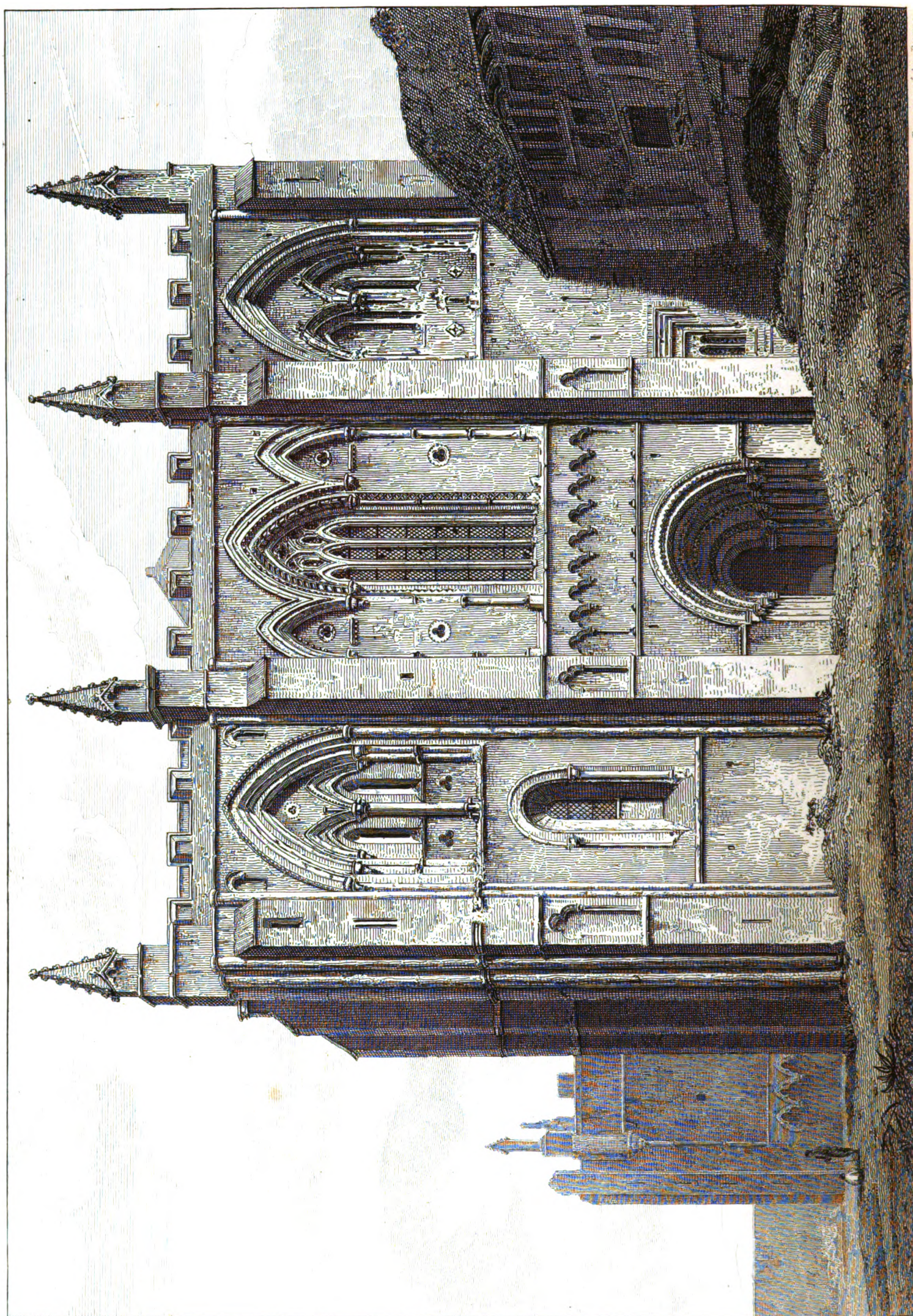
(Abstract of Roll, 32 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

TERRÆ ET POSSESSIONES NUPER MONASTERII SANCTI NEOTI IN COM. HUNT.

Com̄pus THOMÆ TUNNEY et ROB'TI HATLEY Rec' et Coll' Redd' et Firmar' ibm p Tempus pred̄cm.

Com' Hunt'		£.	s.	d.
Le Market Strete infra Villam S̄ci Neoti	Redd' Assis' liber' Tenen'	6	11	7
Saint Mary Strete	Redd' liber' Tenen'	1	11	9
Cambrige Strete	Redd' liber' et custum' Tenen'	3	5	6
Huntingdon Strete	Redd' liber' et custum' Tenen'	3	3	9½
High Strete	Redd' Assis' liber' et custum' Tenen'	4	5	2½
Officium Sacristæ	Redd' Assis' et custum' Tenen'	1	19	9
Infra Villam S̄ci Neoti	Redd' Assis' et liber' et custum' Tenen'	25	5	3
Bargrave	Redd' Assis' liber' et custum' Tenen'	7	1	0
Hardewike-felde	Redd' Terr' ad volunt'	1	11	8
S̄ci Neoti Villa	Redd' Terr' ad volunt'	5	1	0
- - - - -	Firma Shoparum	7	5	4
Wintringham infra Pochiam S̄ci Neoti	Firma Terr'	9	19	4

Com' Hunt'		£.	s.	d.
Welde et Caldecote	Firma Terr' et Tentor'	1	2	4½
Forda	Redd' Assis' lib' Ten'	1	6	10
Eton	Redd' Assis' liber' Ten'	0	14	0½
Wiboldston	Redd' Assis' liber' et custum' Tenen'	0	7	11
Devilhoo	Redd' Assis' liber' et custum' Tenen'	0	10	6
Staplo	Redd' Assis' liber' et custum' Tenen'	0	0	9
Collysden	Redd' Assis' liber' et custum' Tenen'	0	0	8
- - - - -	Firma Terr' cum al Firmis	76	16	8
Manium Sci Neoti	Redd' Mobil'	0	2	0
Crandon	Firma Manij	2	0	0
- - - - -	Redd' Assis' liber' custum' Tenen' et ad volun'	6	8	10
Everton	Redd' Terr' et Tentor'	2	11	3½
Tetworth	Redd' Assis' liber' Tenen'	0	6	1
- - - - -	Redd' custum' Tenen'	2	8	10
Mogeranger	Redd' Assis' liber' et custum' Tenen' et ad volun'	7	4	2
Charleton	Redd' Assis' liber' et custum' Tenen' et ad vol'	6	6	4
Sondae	Redd' Assis' liber' Tenen' et ad vol'	0	3	9
Beeston	Redd' Assis' liber' Tenen'	0	2	6
Thornecote	Redd' Assis' liber' Tenen' et ad vol'	0	6	8
Barford	Redd' custum'	2	0	0
Begorey	Redd' custum'	0	13	4
Busshem[ede]	Redd' custum'	0	4	0
Caxton	Redd' custum'	1	11	0
Burne	Redd' custum'	1	1	5
Halyweston	Redd' custum'	0	3	8
Middelhowe	Redd' custum'	0	1	0
Paxton Magna et Parva	Redd' custum'	0	6	0
Challeston	Redd' custum'	0	1	5
Buckeworth	Redd' custum'	0	7	10
Werisley	Redd' custum'	0	6	10
Abbotesley	Redd' custum'	0	18	0
Barnewell	Redd' custum'	2	0	0
Offord Dacye	Redd' custum'	0	13	4
Winge	Redd' custum'	4	5	3
Marche	Redd' custum'	2	6	8
Ubston	Redd' custum'	2	0	0
Westmyll	Redd' custum'	1	3	4
Wimbishe	Redd' custum'	1	9	2½
Hemyngton'	Rectoria	2	0	0
Everton et Tetworth	Rectoria	8	0	0
Cratefield	Rectoria	4	0	0
Ubston	Rectoria	1	6	8
Thurvey	Rectoria	5	0	0
Harrold	Pençoes et Porc' (hoc anno)		nult	
Temysford	Rectoria	4	0	0
Clopton	Rectoria	1	5	8
Brampton Dingleye	Rectoria	1	6	8
Croxton	Rectoria	1	13	4
Barton Bendishe	Rectoria	5	0	0
He'nyngthame	Rectoria	0	13	4
Wymbishe	Rectoria	4	0	0
Eynesburye	Rectoria	3	6	8
Grancestre	X ^m	1	6	8
Welde et Calcote	X ^m	3	0	0
Colmorthie . . . . .	. . . . .	1	1	1
Villa Hunt' . . . . .	. . . . .	0	1	0
Cratefeld . . . . .	. . . . .	0	1	6
Sudbury in Pochia de Eton	Receptæ Forinsecæ	1	19	5
	Perquis' Cur' (hoc anno)		nult	
Summa totalis Offis et Recept' p̄dict'		256	15	8



Selby Abbey,

IN

YORKSHIRE.



ING William the Conqueror is stated by Simeon of Durham to have founded Selby Abbey as early as the year 1069.^a The Charter of foundation will be found in the Appendix of Instruments.^b The abbey was dedicated to St. Mary and St. German. The year after the foundation, King William repairing hither with his Queen to settle the endowment, she is said to have been delivered

here of her youngest son, afterwards King Henry the First.^c

It is remarkable that no notice whatever of Selby or its monastery occurs in the Domesday Survey.

The privileges granted to this monastery by our kings were considerable.

King William the Conqueror, in the charter already referred to, freed the monks from all exactions, granting them a court, sak, sok, toll, theam, and infangenthef, with all such customs as had been enjoyed by the church of St. Peter at York.

King William Rufus gave the patronage of this abbey to Thomas, the first of that name, archbishop of York, and to his successors, along with the church of St. Oswald at Gloucester, in lieu of the jurisdiction which that archbishop claimed over Lindsey in Lincolnshire. But not long after, the archbishop regranted this church of St. German's, and made the monks free from all custom, "excepta Christianitatis causâ."^d And these monks, says Burton, upon vacancies, had licence from the crown to elect abbats.

King Henry I. confirmed all that his father, William the First, had granted; and also, in the time of Osbert the high-sheriff of Yorkshire, confirmed the grant of Crull made by Geoffrey de Wirce, to be free from danegeld; and King Stephen and King John confirmed the same.^e

In 1 Henry III., A. D. 1217, the king exempted the monks from payment of danegeld, aids of the high-sheriffs, wapentakes, hundred, shire, temental, and murder; from payments for carriage, assize, summons, pleadings, &c. and for guarding the forests, from blodewite, &c. granting them sak, sok, &c. with the privilege not to be obliged to try any cause, but before the King: dated 5th Dec. test. H. Dunelm. episc. Joh. et Wil. Marescal.^f

In 5 Hen. III. the King granted the monks free warren in Stanford super Avon and Crul, with the liberty of fishing, and of using all they should catch except the royal fish, test. Simone de Tateshall.^g

In 14 Hen. III. they had another grant of lands and privileges.^h

In 36 Hen. III. the king granted them free warren in their lands at Selby, Thorpe, Brayton, Hamelton, Frieston, Hillam, Acastre-Selby, Chelleslawe, Holme, Snaith, Rouclif, and Estoft, if not within the liberty of the forest. He also granted them sak, sok, and infangenthef, in Crul and Stallingburg.ⁱ

In 8 Rich. II., A. D. 1315, the king granted them free warren in Gunby.^k

Pope Alexander the Second granted to the abbat of Selby and his successors, for ever, a faculty to use the ring, mitre, pastoral staff, dalmatic coat, gloves, and sandals; and of blessing the palls of the altar and other ecclesiastical ornaments, and of conferring the first tonsure; dated at Avignon May 31st (i. e. 2 kal. Jun.), in the third year of his pontificate, A. D. 1076: all which, on the 3d of the ides of April (March 30th), A. D. 1308, were confirmed by William Greenfeld archbishop, and by the dean and chapter of York.^l

The following minute List of the premises given to this abbey, with the names of the Benefactors, has been chiefly derived from Burton.^m

Acastre-Selby. K. Richard I. confirmed this town given to the monks in K. William the Conqueror's time,

^a "Anno m.lxix. Cœnobium sancti Germani de Selebi sumpsit exorditum." Twysd. Script. X. col. 198.

^b Num. I.

^c Burton, Monast. Ebor. fol. York, 1758, p. 387, says, "They show the painted Chamber at this day, wherein they pretend that this King was born; but that is an error, for it seems to have been built by an abbat, as part of an inscription upon the cross beam on the top, yet legible, shows, viz. '..... istud edificium per Rob. Deeping abbatem hujus monasterii.' And this opinion is greatly strengthened by an escutcheon of the Arms of the abbey of Croyland, upon a ceiling in this chamber of the minister's house, viz. quarterly, 1st, Three knives erect, 2d, Three whips, 3d as 2d, 4th as 1st, within a bordure charged with eight cross-croalets; of which house this Robert Deeping was a monk, when elected abbat of Selby."

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^d Compare Numm. V. XIII.

^e Burton, Monast. Ebor. p. 388, from the Coucher Book of Selby, fol. 11. Johnston, pp. 43, 44. Dodesworth H. 110. The charter of Geoffrey de la Wirce will be found in the App. of Instr. Num. III.

^f Burton, ut supr.

^g Ibid.

^h Cart. 14 Hen. III. m. 6.

ⁱ Cart. 36 Hen. III. n. 23.

^k Burton, ut supr.

^l Reg. W. Grenefeld archiep. Ebor. foll. 71, 86. Burton, ut supr.

^m Burton, Monast. Ebor. p. 388-404.

by Osbert de Arches, the high sheriff of Yorkshire.^a By Kirkby's Inquest, it appears that the abbat of Selby was lord hereof. Adam de Roma gave all his lands here.^b Raginalda sister of William Mordat gave all her land here.^c Thomas de Acastre gave five acres; and Thomas Ketel of Nether-Acastre, and Alice, his wife, gave one house, twenty-two acres of land, and two acres of meadow, to Simon abbat of Selby, about A. D. 1315.

Adlingeflete. By a fine passed before William de Bereford, Lambert de Teskingham, John de Beustede, Henry le Scroope, William Joye, and John Bacun; Francis Bachun, and Joan, his wife, quitclaimed to the monks here one messuage and two acres of land in Atheling-fleete, with the advowson of the church, which the said Francis and Joan claimed to her dower, by the gift of Joan Lovetot, her first husband, for which the abbat gave them 5*l*.^d

Agrum. The monks had the tithes of this place.^e

Aland. In A. D. 1311, 4 Edward II. a composition was made between Sir John de Mowbray, son and heir of Sir Roger, on the one part, and the abbat of Selby on the other; whereby the said Sir John quitclaimed to the abbat all his right in the soil and maner of Crowle, and the, viz. Estoft, Luddington, Gerlthorp, Wattôn, Amcotes, Testhelay, and Aland, and the advowson of the church in Gerlthorp; with eight oxgangs of land in Amcotes: and the abbat and convent granted to the said Sir John de Mowbray, &c. in all the woods, &c. so that it may be lawful for the abbat's saving also their free warren of goats, foxes, wolves, conies, &c.; and the said Sir John was to take to his own use, off the waste lands (appurare de vasto) and in the isle of Axholme, saving free pasture for the abbat's free tenants, &c.^f

Alerton, near Bradford. William Scot de Calverley gave the moiety of an essart of land called Heton-sty, in this territory;^g which was confirmed by Jane, sole daughter of Thomas de Thornton, widow, and by Henry, son of Robert Wallens.

Amcotes. Nigel de Albini, towards finding lights in the church, gave one carucate of land here.^h Gaufrid, the clerk, quitclaimed three oxgangs of land, and thirty acres lying betwixt Newcrof and Lane-dike, with the fishery in Grassgarth.ⁱ Nicholas de Chevrincourt, for an obit on the 12 kal. Sept. i. e. 21 Aug. for Gundreda de Ver, his wife, with the consent of William Melton de Ver, his son, gave 12*s*. out of land that Reyner de Gunnef held of Wido de Ver in Gunnef.^k

Angoteby. King Richard I. confirmed to them two oxgangs of land here, given by Wido de Ver senior.^l

Ardesley, or Erdeslaw. John de Melsa, with the consent of Amice his wife, gave all his land in Erdeslaw to Richard abbat of Selby, in exchange for others in Beverley.^m

Arnesnest. Roger de Canci gave lands here, which King Richard I. confirmed.ⁿ

Ascheby. R. de Crevicour, or Crevequer, gave this church, which King Richard I. confirmed.^o

Balne. Henry de Hay gave 8*d*. annuity out of a tenement in this place.^p Roger de Birkin, with his corps, gave the homage and service of Reginald son of G. and the rent of 7*s*. 6*d*. per annum.^q Hugh son of Richard de Povelington gave all his land here.^r Reginald son of Roger de Polington gave the service of Richard de Builli for lands here in Wyteker; and the said Richard de Builli gave the said lands, and what he held of Reginald son of Alexander de Polynton, and of Hugh son of Ralph de Polinton.^s Alexander son of Richard de Polinton, gave 1*d*. per annum, being the service of Richard de Builli;^t and also gave six acres of land here, in Paneshal or Raneshal.^u Osbert son of Alfrid de Polington quitclaimed to the abbat all the service of Richard de Builli.^v P. son of Osbert de Leysing gave all his land here in Wyteker.^w

Bardelby, now Barlby. Hugh Ward of Thorpe, son of Robert de Thorpe, gave the ferry here over the river Ouse, to Thomas abbat of Selby.^x son of Roger de Frieston of Selby, gave four acres of land in this place, and in Urfeld or Ucfeld.^y Walter son of Hugh, son of Nigel de Selby, gave half an acre in Ucfeld.^z Henry son of Henry, son of Hugh Biscop, gave the homage and service of Ralph de Thorp for five acres in Uckfeld.^{aa} Hugh son of Robert de Thorp, gave the annual rent of 11*d*. out of lands here. Hugh de Purman of Selby gave a toft and two acres; and Robert le Butler of North-Deighton gave two selions of land in Bardelby.^{ab} Hugh Ward, son of Robert de Thorp, who gave the passage over the river Ouse with his natives, also gave all the water, and all the profits (totoque rivagio et navigio), quite through, or to, or near his fee, going to or from Selby.^{ac} The same person also gave the escheats, wards, reliefs, &c. in this place; all which Hugh the son of Sir William de Langthwaite confirmed.^{ad} Sir William de Aton knight quitclaimed the annual rent of 1*l*. 5*s*.^{ae} It was agreed between the said Sir William de Aton and the abbat of Selby that the latter should have twelve acres and alnet of the marsh of Bardelby, and that Sir William should have the residue of forty acres to inclose the same; and the abbat also was to have pasture for twelve grown cattle in the residue of the said marsh, when laid common (tempore aperto).^{af} John Chambere (Camera) de Selby gave five acres in Ucfeld; and Gilbert de Aton released the monks from all actions, &c.^{ag} See under Selby.

Barley. Henry son of Robert, son of Nicholas de Berlay, gave five acres in Berlay.^{ah}

Belton. Nigel de Mowbray gave the town croft, and all the crofts in Moswood in this territory.^{ai}

^a See Num. XVIII.

^b Test. Sir John Sampson and Rog. Vesey, from Dodesworth's MSS. Johnston's MSS. v. c. 1, p. 126.

^c Ibid. test. dominis Ric. de Mallebisse, Henry de Berley.

^d From the Coucher Book of Selby. Johnston's MSS. v. c. 1, p. 251. This church was a rectory, anciently belonging to the patronage of the D'Aivils and Lovetofts, till given to the abbey of Selby, to which it was appropriated by Pope Clement the Fifth; and in A. D. 1260, or thereabouts, the church was pulled down by John Fraunceys, then rector thereof; to which church before, the towns of Ouse-flete, Whitgift, Easttoft, Redness, Swine-flete, Folkerby, and Haldenby, (all in the parish of Snaith) used to repair. But in A. D. 1304, the church of Whitgift being then dedicated, they were all to repair to it. And on the 3d ides, i. e. 11 Sept. A. D. 1307, this vicarage was ordained in it, viz. that the vicar, for the time being, should have for his sustentation one mansion in Athelingflete; also one oxgang of land in the field, with four acres of meadow thereunto belonging; together with common of pasture sufficient, and turbary for his necessary uses; also one bercary, near that of the abbat and convent of Selby; and the whole tithe hay of the barony within the parish of Atheling-flete; likewise the tithes of line, hemp, curtelages, foals, brood geese, hens, pigs, milk, wool, and lamb; also all personal and quadragesimal tithes of the tenants of the said barony, and of their goods and chattels; also all mortuaries for the dead, and wedding-pennies of the said tenants. Moreover all the small tithes and oblations of the said tenants, and of all other persons made in purifications, espousals, and celebration of masses for the dead, belonging to the said barony; also all oblations whatsoever made at the trunk of the holy-cross, within the said church. In which respects, the vicars hereof were taxed to support all episcopal burthens, and others which are incumbent thereon. Reg. William Melton, p. 185. Reg. de Selby, p. 110.

^e Reg. William Wickwane, p. 7.

^f From the Coucher Book of Selby; from Dodesworth, taken by Johnston, in his MSS. v. c. 1, p. 104.

^g Ibid. p. 143. test. John de Long-Villers.

^h Compare the Append. of Instrum. to the present account, Num. X. Reg. de Selby, p. 205, penes dominam Peters. See also under Aland.

ⁱ Coucher Book, fol. 211. Johnston, ut supra, p. 246.

^j Ibid. test. Ad Paganel.

^k See the Append. Num. XVIII.

^l Test. John de Birkin, Ad. de Bellaqua, Richard de Crowle. Johnston's MSS. v. c. 1, p. 277, from Dodesworth.

^m See the Append. Num. XVIII.

ⁿ Ibid. Reg. de Selby, p. 189. Compare what is said further on concerning Redburne.

^o Johnston, ibid. p. 78.

^p Ibid.

^q Ibid.

^r Ibid. test. dom. N. de Polinton.

^s Ibid. test. P. de Polinton, Alexander, Ralph, and Henry, his brothers.

^t Ibid. test. P. de Polinton.

^u Ibid. p. 78.

^v Reg. de Selby, p. 14.

^w Johnston, ut supra, p. 90.

^x Ibid. test. Adam de Bellaqua.

^y Ibid.

^z Ibid. test. dominis R. de Willeby, Thoma de Gunneby, militibus.

^{aa} Ibid. p. 91.

^{ab} Ibid. test. Stephen de Malolacu, archidiaconus. Cleveland.

^{ac} Ibid. test. P. de Polinton.

^{ad} Coucher Book of Selby, p. 73. Johnston, p. 136. test. Thomas de Bellaqua, Richard de Willeby.

^{ae} Reg. de Selby, p. 15.

Berwick, in Elmet. King Richard I. confirmed to them the lands given in this place.^a

Beverley. The monks had lands, &c. here, which they exchanged for others in Ardeslaw, as above.

Birne. Lands belonging to the abbey of Selby here will be mentioned under Gateford.

Bolnesford, now Bottesford. Wido de Ver gave this church, which King Richard I. confirmed.^b

Bramwith. Wido de Ver gave lands here.^c

Brayton. King William I. gave half a carucate of land in this place,^d where twenty carucates made a knight's fee. John de Lasceles gave Archil and his land, from the house of the said Archil to Selby, betwixt the pool (*civarium*) and Tranemoore, with two oxgangs and one carucate,^e which Henry de Lascy confirmed, along with another oxgang, which the said John gave, on the day his brother Robert died, with another carucate which the monks were to have on the day he should die.^f Richard de Crule gave four acres here.^g Walter de Aula and Agnes his wife gave one oxgang, four acres, one toft, and two essarts.^h Robert Courtney of Brayton gave a toft and one oxgang of land, and 3*d.* annuity, which William, his son and heir, confirmed.ⁱ Richard de Langwath gave all his land here.^k William son of Ralph Spurneturtys gave three acres of land on the north of the church, to William Foliot rector of Brayton.^l Matthew de Rington gave the annual rent of 3*s.* out of lands here.^m

There were also the following benefactions; for John son of Ralph de Brayton gave six acres and one rood.ⁿ John, the clerk of Brayton, gave seven acres in the wood of Brayton.^o Robert de Thorpe, son of Malger de Stiveton, gave the wood of Brayton, as much as belonged to three oxgangs.^p And Richard Basset, of Brayton, gave his share of Brayton-barch, as much as belonged to sixteen oxgangs of land.^q Nicholas Basset and Agnes his wife gave thirty acres for their anniversaries, and for a pittance of wine to the convent.^r Robert Basset of Brayton quitclaimed all Brayton-bergh, with the ground.^s William Edward quitclaimed his right in Brayton-ley, as much as belonged to two oxgangs of land.^t Adam and Agnes de Mar gave all rents, lands, &c. which they had of the gift of Hugh de Mar and of Agnes, their father and mother. John son of Gamel Orre gave six acres near Langeley.^u Alice, wife of Robert, the cook of Brayton, gave one acre

in Frost-riddings. Ralph de Ruhale, or Richale, gave the third part of the church of Brayton.^v Sir Henry de Vernoi, knight, quitclaimed his right in the advowson hereof.^w In 9 Edward II., A. D. 1315, Simon the cow-herd gave all his right in Brayton-bergh. In 10 Edward II. Ad. son of Richard de Hamelton quitclaimed his right also.^x And William, son of Robert de Brayton, did the same.

Memorandum, that the abbat had thirty-three oxgangs in the Hoga de Brayton; and the other participants, common for twenty-two oxgangs, viz. Thomas de Brayton, five oxgangs; the prior of Drax, four oxgangs; Rob., William de Ruhale, and John de Silheste, each two oxgangs; John Orre and Robert de Gatenst, each one oxgang; and the heirs of W. Basset, five oxgangs. These particulars were taken 31 Edward III., A. D. 1357.

John, son of de Hemingburgh, gave all his land here.^y William Sparrowe gave one acre; William Foliot, formerly rector of Brayton, gave two acres; and John, son and heir of Robert Cote, of Brayton, gave his essart here.^z Richard, son of Hugh de Doddingley, with the consent of Christiana his wife, gave 5*d.* per annum. John, called of Rygate, son of Robert, the cook of Brayton, quitclaimed his right in an essart called Frost-croft.^{aa} Robert de Courtney of Brayton confirmed 4*d.* rent per annum, given by John Beaver of Brayton.^{ab} Edusa relict of William Frost, of Brayton, gave 6*s.* 3*d.* out of lands here. Sir Milo Basset, with his corps, gave four acres of land.

In A. D. 1263, 47 Henry III., a contest about the advowson of the church of Brayton was brought before Gilbert de Preston and John de Wyvil, justices, between Thomas abbat of Selby and Henry de Vernoi, when the latter gave up all his right to the abbat; who, in return, gave to him a messuage and garden &c. in Pollington and Balne, and all the close of wood called Wyteker in Ramesholme, with two acres in Snaythings, and Swan-croft, &c.^{ac}

By Kirby's Inquest it appears that the abbat of Selby was lord hereof.

Brichton. See under Gunneby.

Bubwith. Gilbert Tyson, King William the First's standard-bearer, gave two carucates of land in this territory in a place called Gunelby.^{ad} See more under Gunneby.

Burton-salmon. Robert de Barley quitclaimed the service of Hugh de Gateford, and his family.^{ae} Hugh, son

^a Reg. de Selby, p. 15. See the Append. Num. XVIII.

^b Ibid. ^c Reg. de Selby, p. 374.

^d Ibid. p. 371.

^e Test. Matild. matre Henry de Lascy. Coucher Book of Selby, fol. 72. Johnston, p. 134.

^f Ibid.

^g Ibid. test. Thomas de Bellaqua, Rad. de Gateford.

^h Ibid. test. Robert de Wilgeby, Richard Barlay.

ⁱ Ibid. test. Richard Basset, of Brayton.

^j Ibid. test. Robert de Willeby, Thomas de Bellaqua.

^k Ibid. test. Walter de Aula, and Walter his son.

^l Ibid. test. John de Birkin, Ad. de Bellaqua.

^m Ibid. test. Robert de Willeby.

ⁿ Ibid. test. Thomas de Bellaqua.

^o Ibid. test. Ad. de Bellaqua, and Thomas his son.

^p Coucher Book of Selby, fol. 73. test. dn. Godfrid de Alta-ripa.

^q Ibid. test. John de Birkin, Thomas his son, and Ad. de Bellaqua.

^r Ibid. test. Henry Siward. Johnston's MSS. p. 136.

^s Coucher Book of Selby, fol. 73. test. dn. Godfrid. de Alta-ripa.

^t Ibid. test. Ad. de Bellaqua.

^u Ibid. test. John de Birkin, Ad. de Bellaqua.

^v Test. Milone Basset.

^w Coucher Book of Selby, f. test. Rob. de Ruhale, William Edward, Thomas Orre. Johnston's MSS.

^x Ibid. et Johnston's MSS. p. 138. test. John de Hameburg.

^y Ibid. test. Hug. de Mar.

^z Ibid. test. Walter Basset, of Brayton.

^{aa} Ibid. test. Ric. Basset, Hugh de Mar.

^{ab} Ibid. p. 139. In A. D. 1220, 8 Henry III. the church of Brayton was thus divided, viz. the third part of the tithe-corn, hay, wool, and lamb thereof was assigned to the prebend of Wistow, who demised them for the rent of 14*l.* per annum (which see under the hist. of that prebend); and in A. D. 1293, the church here was appropriated and annexed to the archdeaconry of York; when William de Hamilton, then archdeacon, was presented to this church, whereby he had the whole right of the same united to his dignity, and held by him as one benefice. Reg. Johannis Romain, p. 23.

The said William de Hamilton, having the advowson hereof given him by John de Lascy (Metham's Regist. p. 417); yet, for all this, the patronage of this church ever belonged to the abbat and convent of Selby.

On the 27th of May, A. D. 1348, William Melton, archbishop of York, ordained, that out of the fruits of the church of Brayton (appropriated to the abbat and convent of Selby), thereof a competent portion should be allotted for the maintenance of a secular vicar, to be by these religious ever presented; which vicarage should consist in these following things, viz. in one competent mansion, to be built in a place called Parson's-intak, lying on the north side of the church, containing two acres or more, with its edifices, to be erected by the said abbat and convent at their own costs; also in twenty-three acres, vulgarly called Courtenay's-land, together with the common of pasture to the same belonging (except in the common wood, or hag, in Brayton); also the vicar to receive the pension of 1*l.* per annum, which the rector had out of the prebendary of Wistow, and the tithes of foals, pigs, calves, geese, swans, hens, pigeons, line, and hemp, of curtilages, and of milk, honey, and bees; and also of wool, paid either in the fleece or money for it; also the tithe of toll and pulleyn, as they ought to be paid in money; likewise the tithes personal and quadragesimal, and all kinds of oblations within the said church, as well in wax as money; and all mortuaries, as well live as dead, of the defunct; also the pennies for the vigils of the dead, and spouses given. The portion of the vicarage to be taxed at 22 marks sterling: furthermore ordaining, that the vicar for the time being should bear all archiepiscopal and archidiaconal burdens; and all other ordinary burdens whatsoever, belonging to the church. But the abbat and convent were to build anew and repair the chancel as oft as need required. And as to extraordinary burdens incumbent on the church, the vicar to be taxed *pro rata*; but the tithe corn, hay, wool, and lamb, to be payable as well in the fleece as in money, and the tithe of pullen, as oft as it happened in all bodies; also the tithe of mills of the whole parish, and other rents, profits, and emoluments to the church belonging, excepting those which made the portion of the vicarage, were to appertain to the abbat and convent of Selby, and their successors, for ever. Reg. William la Zouche, p. 22.

^{ac} Compare the Append. Num. VI.

^{ad} Johnston's MSS. v. c. 1, p. 80. From the Coucher Book of Selby, and Dodesworth's MSS. test. Hug. de Berley, Ric. fil. ejus.

of William de Lascy, of Gateford, quitclaimed to Alexander abbat of Selby, &c. the homage and service of Alexander son of Ric. de Gateford. Henry Vernoul quitclaimed to the monks the service of Everard Fitz-Adam, with his family.^a See more under Gateford and Selby.

Butterwick. Roger de Mowbray gave lands here, which King Richard I. confirmed.^b

Butterwyk upon Trent. Alexander Fitz-William gave his land here.^c Wido de Ver gave the church of St. Bartholomew near the castle in Lincoln, with all his land in this territory, and four fisheries in the river Trent, for an anniversary obit for Gilbert de Ver abbat of Selby his brother,^d which he afterwards confirmed to them.^e

Carleton. Peter de Brus gave the grange here, which the monks had held of Agnes, late wife of Ranulph Fitz-Swain.^f Richard abbat of Selby granted to Robert prior of Drax all the tithe from the north part of the oak called Fair-haia, in the wood of Birne, or Berlay, through the middle of the marsh to Hundolfsweth; and from thence by the strait ditch directly to Espholm, and all the tithe from Espholme to Appletreholme, as the ditch goes to the new foss or ditch of Carleton: and the prior granted to the abbat all the tithes on the south to the new ditch, and from thence to the river Ayre. And Adam de Bellaqua gave this oak tree, called Fair-haia, as a boundary, never to be cut down (ad standum in perpetuum et non rescindendum), binding himself and his successors never to cut it down or root it up, sub pœna anathematis.^g In A. D. 1240, 8th of Stephen, R. de Pote gave lands here, lying near to the monks granary, on condition that R. abbat of Selby granted leave to the parishioners of this town to have a chantry and a proper chaplain, who should swear to observe all the rights of the church; and if he did not, the abbat, without contradiction, might remove him: the parishioners finding necessities for their chaplain and clerk.^h

Carleton, near Lincoln. Thomas Machurst gave three oxgangs of land in this territory in a culture called Hil-dalewang.ⁱ The abbat held here one toft, called Rampton-hall, two other tofts, a third part of the manor, eight acres, three selions, and one place called Joneldale, and another called Kathildale.

Challeflower, or Chatteflower. This manor is said, in the Register of York, to have belonged to the abbat of Selby;^k but it is apprehended to have been a mistake for

Chelleslowe, in Bradford-dale. Robert de Everingham gave this place for the good of his own soul, and that of Isabel his wife,^l which she afterwards in her widowhood confirmed;^m and John de Lacy, earl of Lincoln, did the same.ⁿ

Clementhorpe. The monks had one manse or dwelling here, which will be again mentioned under Hillam.

Croule. Galfrid de la Wyrce the fourth, in William the First's time, gave to Benedict the abbat a hundred of land (hundredum terræ) with sac and soc in this place, free from all services and customs;^o which was confirmed by King Henry I. free from all services, except danegeld; and also by King Richard I.^p and by Nigel de Albineio, who also gave them the wapontac and warren, that he might be a monk in their house. Ralph son of Elias de Crul gave his land here, and in Esgarth; and Geoffrey son of Peter de Crowle quitclaimed eight acres; Humfrey de Tretun gave one messuage; Agnes, daughter of John la Wrok, one messuage and two oxgangs; and Catherine de Crowle, daughter of Geoffrey de Hanburg, quitclaimed all.^q Roger de Mowbray gave the fishery here, and Esgarth. In A. D. 1262, 46 Hen. III. Richard, bishop of Lincoln, confirmed the grant of the church of Croule to the monks, saving the rights of the church of Lincoln.^r John Albery, bishop of Lincoln, about A. D. 1315, ordained that the vicarage here should consist of the altarage, all the lesser tithes, two oxgangs of land, one dwelling-house, six acres of land, and one mark per annum, paid by the abbat.^s See again under Selby.

Doncaster. King Richard I. confirmed lands in this place given to these monks.^t

Drayton. William de Drayton gave one oxgang and a half, with a toft and croft.^u Nigel the clerk, and his brother, sons of Hugh . . . and Alexandria his wife, gave this church, saving 2s. yearly rent, to be paid to St. Peter's church at York.^v Thomas son of Robert de Drayton gave 14s. 1d. per annum out of lands here.^w

Duffield. King Richard I. confirmed to them one carucate of land here, given by Swane, homo Gilberti Tisun.^x By an Inquisition taken 13 Edw. II. A. D. 1320, it appears that the abbat of Selby had one messuage and one carucate of land (probably the same) in North Duffield.^y

Elvelay, now Kirk-Ella. In William the First's time, Gilbert Tysun gave the tithes and the church at Elveley, which were confirmed to them by King Richard I.^z In the 2d of Edward II. the abbat, having obtained the king's license, exchanged this church with the priory of Hauteprice for other lands.^{aa} This church was confirmed to them by Roger de Mowbray,^{ab} by Eustace de Vescy,^{ac} by William Constable de Flaynburgh,^{ad} and by John de Beauer.^{ae}

Elvestueth, or Elvestwaite. Roger de Mowbray gave to Gilbert de Ver abbat, &c. lands here, which King Richard I. confirmed,^{af} being six oxgangs and five acres: he also confirmed that part called Tunnecroft, and all the crofts in Moss-wood, which Nigel his son had given.^{ag}

^a Johnston's MSS. v. c. 1, p. 80. From the Coucher Book of Selby, and Dodesworth's MSS. test. Hug. de Berley, Ric. fil. ejus.

^b Coucher Book of Selby, p. 15. See Num. XVIII.

^c Coucher Book of Selby, fol. 211. Johnston's MSS. p. 246. test. Walter Penon, of Thorneholm, Alan Penon, of Drax.

^d Ibid. test. Roger de Lund, Thomas de Nevil.

^e Ibid. test. Gilberto filio meo.

^f Johnston, *ibid.* p. 71. test. Ric. de Fontibus.

^g Ibid.

^h Coucher Book of Selby, and Johnston, p. 155. test. John de Lascy, earl of Lincoln. See more of this in Burton's *Monasticon Eboracense*, in the history of Drax Priory, p. 103.

ⁱ Johnston, p. 236. test. Rad. Paynel, Rad. de Tryhampton.

^j Reg. William Wickwane, p. 7.

^k Coucher Book of Selby, fol. 99. Johnston, p. 143. test. Rob. de Meynil, Walter de Stors, William Scurs, Rob. Vavasor.

^l Ibid. test. John de Thornhil, Rob. de Horbiri, Walter de Ludhum.

^m Ibid. test. dno. Adam de Novo Mercato, Jordon Foliot.

ⁿ Compare the Append. Numm. III. IX.

^o Coucher Book of Selby, and Johnston's MSS. p. 105.

^p Ibid. et p. 106. test. Ric. de Amcotes, John de Useflete, Reyner de Waterton.

^q Ibid. test. Walter Buere, Rog. de Cundy.

^r Ibid. p. 104.

^s Compare the Append. Numm. III. IX.

^t Test. Gilberto de Arches, Hug. de Stokes. Coucher Book of Selby, fol. 195, and Johnston, p. 293.

^u Ibid.

^v Ibid. test. Wido vicar. de Drayton, Ad. de Ebor. Walt. de Spofford.

^w Compare Numm. VII. XVIII.

^x Cart. 6 Edw. II. n. 43.

^y Reg. de Selby, fol. 15. Coucher Book of Selby, fol. 139. Johnston's MSS. p. 140. test. William de Lacy.

^z See Burton, p. 315, in the Account of Hauteprice.

^{aa} Test. Alan de Lund, Robert de Beauchamp.

^{ab} Test. Ad. de Cardoyl, Rob. de Stuteville.

^{ac} Test. William Salvain, Richard de La Haye.

^{ad} Test. Rob. de Everingham, Gilbert de Aton. N. B. Adam, son of Robert de Everingham, was living 27 Henry III.

There was a strong contest between John de Hesel, rector of this church, on the one part, and Osmund de Stuteville, rector of the church of Cottingham, on the other part, touching the tithes of Newland, and Newland fields; and of the town of Hull, from Hundolfgote to the road leading to the passage over the river Hull; and Beringham, or Deringham, Haverflat, Common-grange and Charter-grange, Suthinge, from a place called Prestenge, or Frestenge, towards the south, as Grinderdesty extends itself to Hundolfgote, and of the Whichri.

At last, in the 4th year of the pontificate of Godfrey de Kinton, archbishop of York, A. D. 1261, 45 Henry III., by the consent of the abbat of Selby, patron of Elvelay, and of Sir Hugh Bigod, patron of Cottingham church, it was agreed, that the rector of Cottingham should have the proper tithes of Newland, and of the fields called Newland-fields, and of the town of Hull, &c. as above: and the rector of Elvelay to have only the greater tithes of seventeen oxgangs, in the field of Skiteby; and of thirty-two oxgangs and five acres in the field of Willardby; and of twenty-two acres, in parcels there, and in the field of Stenton; of sixteen acres, in a place called Stockinge, and in the . . . nineteen acres; and of thirty-two acres and a half in Newton, of which he might receive great and small tithes, saving to the rector of Cottingham all the lesser tithes of those places, excepting the thirty-three acres and a half in Newton. Dat. apud Ripon, 4 kal. Jul. 28 Jan. Johnston's MSS. p. 142.

^{ag} Compare Numm. VII. XVIII.

^{ah} Coucher Book of Selby, et Johnston, p. 245.

Ralph Garbue, with the consent of his lord, Rog. de Mowbray, and of Hugh, his son and heir, gave half an oxgang, with a toft here.^a

Esgarth. A small portion of land here has been already mentioned under Croule.

Escrick. Picot de Lascels gave two oxgangs of land here.^b

Estoft. Walter, son of Walter de Estoft, gave three selions of land here.^c John, son of Walter, also gave five acres in this place.^d Thomas, son of quitclaimed all that the abbat had in this place, in Crowle, and Dam; and also gave 10s. per annum out of lands here held by Thomas de Anwyke, who likewise gave a toft and a turbarry. James son of Elias de Estoft gave two selions of land.^e Walter son of Ralph de Estoft gave half an acre to Thomas the abbat, and convent. John, the clerk of Estoft, gave all his land here.^f See also under Selby and Snayth.

Fairburn. In A. D. 1343, 17 Edw. III. the abbat exchanged the tithes of Whilowton (Willoughton) in com. Linc. with the knights templars, for some tenements in Fairburn, and Potterlagh.^g

Flaxley. King William I. when he founded this abbey, gave six oxgangs of land in this territory.^h

Folkardby. See under Snayth.

Folkerthorpe. In 25 Edward III. A. D. 1351, the abbat had one carucate of land here. The abbat of Selby was then, or subsequently, chief lord here; for Alice, daughter of Thomas de Gunneby, agreed to give 13s. 4d. for the re-delivery of a toft, windmill, and six oxgangs of land, wanting six acres, which Thomas de Gunneby (lately hanged for felony) had forfeited to William de Aslakby, abbat of Selby.ⁱ

Frieston. C. de Hilham gave 6s. 6d. out of lands here.^k

Thomas, the second of that name, archbishop of York, gave the church of this town, enjoining his successors not to annul this gift; ^l but it does not seem ever to have been appropriated to this abbey: nay, on the contrary, it was appropriated to the prebend of Wistow, in A. D. 1222.

By Kirkby's Inquest it appears that the abbat was lord of this place.

Gateford. Gilbert son of Nicholas de Lund gave one oxgang of land in Gateford; a toft and land in Lund; one toft near Tem, or Tern, and another in Westanlands; with his share in Routenker (Routen-car) in Gateford.^m Wido de Lund, son of Henry de Kelesay, and Alice, his wife, daughter of Nicholas de Lund, gave all their lands in Gateford, Burton, Lund, and Birne, with the service of Michael de Lund, of 7s. 10d. per annum.ⁿ Agnes, relict of John Orre of Brayton, gave a toft in Gateford, and confirmed all the lands, &c. here, which Ralph the physician, and John, her husband held.^o Amice, niece of Ralph the physician, and Em. her sister, gave up all the land that their uncle held in Gateford and Lund.^p Margaret, sister and heir of the said Ralph, wife of Walter (*ultra Usam*), in A. D. 1259, 43 Henry III. gave the abbat possession of the said premises; and also gave a toft, croft, one oxgang,

and an essart, in this territory. Alice, with a ring (*cum annulo*), probably by way of livery of seisin, gave an annuity of 6s. out of lands here in Selby.

Gerlethorpe. The possessions of the monks here have been already noticed under Aland.

Goukthorpe. See under Selby.

Grimston. See Stallingburgh.

Gunby, and Gunnelby. Gilbert Tyson gave two carucates of land in Bubwith, in a place called Gunelby;^q and the abbat had the tithes of Gunelby.^r King John gave this place;^s and also the fishpool (*vivarium*).^t In A. D. 1294, 22 Edward I. William de Thorntoft gave all his land in Gunneby and Brichton, which he had of the gift of Sir Thomas de Gunneby.^u Oliver de Gunneby gave lands to find lights; and all the tithe of Ralph de Gunneby, and of all other smaller tithes of the said Ralph de Gunneby, except the tithe that the church of Bubwith had in his father's time of the moor of Stalbayn.^v

In A. D. 1321, 14 Edward II. William, son of John de Tadcastre, of Bubwith, gave fifteen acres in Gunneby.^w Oliver de Gunby, for the support of a chaplain to minister at the altar of St. Mary, in Bubwith, for the good of his soul, and that of Petronill, his wife, &c. gave three acres in Bubwith, and two acres and a half in Gunneby field, and ten acres nearer to the boundaries of Brickton, within the living of Gunby, and six perches of land and meadow of the length and breadth of Fimor, and near to the river Derwent. He also gave half a mark rent-charge, and 5s. per annum out of a carucate of land at Brickton, and Thomas Hisson confirmed it.^x

King Edward granted the abbat free warren in his demesne lands of Gunneby, if not within the forest.

Haldanby. See under Snayth.

Hamilton. Ilbert de Lacy gave the manor of Hamelton, which Robert de Lacy his son, for the good of the soul of his brother Hugh, confirmed,^y as did Gilbert and Henry, grandsons of the donor.^z Robert, son of William de Hamelton, sold to the abbat his right in the lands of Arnald his grandfather.^{aa} Peter de Cockfeld quitclaimed two acres here.^{ab} Roger de Hamelton gave the land and pasture of Geiker, except one oxgang, called West-Ridding, in Hamilton; with all his estovers and all his woods of Hamilton.^{ac} By Kirkby's Inquest it appears, that the abbat of Selby was lord of this place. William de Gateford, son and heir of Nicholas de Burstal, quitclaimed his right in the wood called the Hoga de Hamilton (now Hamilton-Hough), that the said abbat might enclose the same: it was also quitclaimed by John, son and heir of Hugh de Laci de Gateford.^{ad} The said John also gave Alfwin de Byrkhouse (the vassal of his brother Robert) with the land that he bought of Osbert, the priest of Byrkin. See more under Thorpe juxta Ebor.

In A. D. 1292, 20 Edward I. the abbat granted licence that John de Crawcombe, vicar-general, shall ordain a chantry in honour of the Virgin Mary, for one priest and one clerk, who were to have ten marks out of the profits of the church of Brayton; reserving to the abbat and convent a right of presenting thereto.^{ae}

^a Coucher Book of Selby, et Johnston, p. 245.

^b Johnston, p. 257, from Dodesworth, test. Walter de Lasceles, William de Magneby, Rad. Brito, Rad. de Eakrick.

^c Ibid. p. 247. Coucher Book of Selby, fol. 211, test. Walt. de Hanburgh.

^d Ibid. test. William Thebald.

^e Ibid. test. dno. Johan. de Useflete.

^f Ibid. ^g Ibid. p. 249.

^h See Num. I.

ⁱ Coucher Book of Selby, fol. 13. Johnston's MSS. p. 145. Antecedent to this, in the Abbrev. Original. 33 Edw. I. Extr. gross. fin. we read: "Abbas de Seleby finem fecit cum rege pro sex libris pro quibusdam tenementis in Folkesthorp, Brighton, Gunneby, Amcotes, et Estoft, quæ pro eo quod ea post publicationem statuti &c. capta fuerunt in manum regis rehabend." In ced. ro. 14.

^k Johnston's MSS. p. 120, test. Ric. de Hudleston, Richard, his son.

^l See Numm. V. XIX.

^m Coucher Book of Selby. Johnston, p. 83, from Dodesworth, test. H. de Birley, Richard, his son.

ⁿ Ibid. test. Hug. de Mar, of Brayton.

^o Ibid. test. Ric. Hur—, of Selby.

^p Ibid. test. Wido de Lund.

^q Ibid.

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^r Reg. William Wickwane, p. 7.

^s Johnston, p. 44, from Dodesworth, test. Simon de Tateshale, William de Cantelupo.

^t Ibid. dat. apud Pontfract, test. Nigel de Albeniaco.

^u Coucher Book of Selby, fol. 46. Johnston, p. 144.

^v Ibid. test. Sir John de Birkin, Roger, his brother, Ad. de Bellaqua.

^w Johnston, p. 131, test. Pet. de la Hay, Ric. de Herlethorp, John de Gunneby, Rob. de Bathorpe.

^x Ibid. p. 130, test. Ric. de Vescy, John de Linton. In A. D. 1262, Thomas de Mulgate, the archbishop's officer, ordered John de Giveldale to take and enjoy, for his life, the half of fifty marks of money, and the half of the minute tithes of the demesnes of Thomas de Gunneby, as rector of a mediety of the church of Bubwith; and after his death the property to be disposed of by the abbat and church of Bubwith. Johnston, p. 131.

^y Compare Numm. XI. XII.

^z Johnston, pp. 92, 99.

^{aa} Test. ad de Bellaqua, Tho. his son.

^{ab} Ibid. test. Rad. Hanburgh, Hug. Mar.

^{ac} Ibid. test. Hen. Siward.

^{ad} Ibid. test. Wm. de Selby, camerar.

^{ae} Coucher Book of Selby, in paper, fol. 4. Johnston, p. 139, from Dodesworth.

Hathelsay, now Haddlesey. Elizabeth, relict of Adam de Barkeston, Isabel and Hawise her daughters, gave one messuage and one oxgang of land in Hansay to David, the abbat.^a Robert, son and heir of Sir Robert de Willeby, knight, delivered seisin of a field in West Hathelsay, about which there had been a contest.

Hanburgh upon Trent. In A. D. 1253, 37 Hen. III. John Senior, of Spalding, gave an annuity of 2s. out of lands here.^b

Heck. Henry de L'Isle (de Insula) quitclaimed his right in two oxgangs of land here, saving the king's right to 1s. He also, with the consent of Margaret his wife, gave one oxgang in South H^c Herbert de Arches gave Simon, son of Gamel de Puchenhalle.^d

Helington-South. Emma de Lascels gave a mill here for one messuage, which her son Adam confirmed by hanging a knife on the altar, only reserving the right of having the corn ground for his own house use;^e and Adam de Preston, and Maud his wife confirmed the same in A. D. 1287.^f

Hereswell. In 21 Edward I. the monks had a grant of lands in this place.^g

Hillam. Thomas, the second of that name, archbishop of York, consented that Nigel (præpositus archiepiscopi) should give to Hugh abbat, and the convent of Selby, two carucates and a half of land in this territory, with sac, soc, &c. which King Richard I. confirmed.^h And by Kirkby's Inquest the abbat was lord of this place. In A. D. 1255, 38 Henry III. Sir John de Everingham, lord of Birkin, quitclaimed all the waste next to the town by Northboys, betwixt Birkin and Hillam, according to the boundaries, with all the right of him the said Sir John, and of Lady Isabel de Nevil, or her ancestors. The said Sir John also quitclaimed all his right in a place called the Bure, and all waste near Hillam, which was the monks part of Northboys. He also gave them a rood of twenty-four feet broad, from Agatte-brig to Hohlerfeld firth, by the ditch of Stocking and Hillam.ⁱ Osbert de Brayton gave a culture, which was part of Brecton upon Beatrice-hill.^k Thomas, son of Thomas (the second of that name) archbishop of York, confirmed what his predecessors, Thomas and Girard, had given; also the half-carucate in the territory given by Robert de Bellaqua, with a manse or dwelling-house in Clementhorpe.^l

Lady Isabella, wife of Sir Simon de Kelkefeld, in A. D. 1249, quitclaimed all her right in the inclosed land between Hillam and Hamilton, with the common of Hillam and Birlay, called Le Buer: Peter de Kelkefeld quitclaimed the same, together with all that land of Sir Simon, his brother. Alexander de Nevil quitclaimed the homage and service of Adam, son of Ernesius, and all his family. Adam, son of Adam de Wytelay, quitclaimed two oxgangs of land here. Agnes, daughter of Peter de Birlay, with her corps, gave an annual rent of 7s. 6d. out of lands in this township. William, son of Richard de Rode, of Hillam, gave a toft and ten acres of land: Adam, son of Geoffrey de Hanburgh, gave a toft, croft, and brushwood: William Schilling, of Hillam, gave a toft and one oxgang: Richard de Rode, of Hillam, gave a toft and ten acres of land, all in this territory. William de Camera, de Milford, gave a water-course of ten feet broad through the middle of Calvetun, and the meadow of Lumly, from the springs of Creswel to the manor of Frieston, which was

granted and quitclaimed by Emma, wife of Walter de Brecton, Roger de Berlay of Lumly, Richard, son of John de Brecton, Robert de Gateford, Robert Bec, and Emma, daughter of Robert de la Ger. de Lumly.

Holme. Auger de Carey gave two oxgangs of land in this place, which King Richard I. confirmed.^m Adam Tyson, with the consent of Emma his wife, and William his son, gave a place in the wood of Holme, called Aton-croft, with common pasture in the wood, and timber for buiding, and wood for fencing or burning, and free pannage for their hogs;ⁿ which was confirmed by William Constable, of Flaynburgh, who also gave an essart, called Holter-hirst, on the north of the hermitage of Holme.^o Robert Constable, of Holme, gave all his lands here.^p Maude de Belver, widow, with the consent of John de Belver, her son, gave towards augmenting this hermitage of Holme all that part in Holter-hirst which had belonged to Adam Tisun, her grandfather;^q and the said John, her son, confirmed;^r and also gave seven acres in Holme.^s Robert, son of John Beuvar, of Holme, gave his mill and half an oxgang of land here,^t which William, son and heir of Eustace de Vescy, confirmed, along with sixty acres waste, and the service of forty acres more. Ralph de Insula gave a culture of land here in Risebrig, with pasture for ten cows; and also gave half an oxgang and sixty acres in Risebrigg,^u which Robert Constable quitclaimed.^v William de Heurst quitclaimed all his right of common in the essarts called Risebrigg and Inch-Ridding, Calve-croft, Suthfeld, and Holmhurst, except Suthfeld and Calve-croft when sown with corn or hay.^w Ralph de Bever, son of Robert del Holm, de Grimesby, Robert son of Galfrid de la More, and others, quitclaimed Risebrigg.^x John Parsin, of Holme, and others, quitclaimed their right of common in certain lands near the hermitage. William de Vescy gave seven acres of land next to Aton-croft.^y John, son and heir of Sir William de Vescy, quitclaimed the half-oxgang of land which Ralph de Insula gave.^z

Hook. Sir Thomas de Hook knight gave lands in this field, with a toft and croft.^{aa} Roger de Huck gave twenty perches of land in breadth in the moor near the hermitage, and in length as far as it extends southward; also two perches from the hermitage to the river Ouse, for a road.^{ab}

In A. D. 1318, by agreement made betwixt the abbat and Sir Thomas de Huche, the latter was to have the tithe of his turves, of a mill, and of two fish-garthstalls, paying to the abbat 6s. 8d. per annum.

Richard de Kellesay, abbat of Selby, granted licence to John de Huche and his heirs to have a chantry in the chapel of his court-yard (infra atrium suum) at Huck, saving the rights of the mother-church of Snaith; and the chaplain thereof was to swear fidelity to the abbat of Selby.^{ac}

Huddleston. Thomas (the second of that name), archbishop of York, gave part of the tithes of this place.^{ad}

Kelfeld. Hernerus gave lands in Chelchefeld, which King Richard I. confirmed.^{ae}

Luddington, in com. Lincoln. In A. D. 1262, 46 Henry III. the grant of this church was confirmed to the monks by Richard, bishop of Lincoln. In the same year, David, abbat of Selby, having this church appropriated to the abbey, paid to Simon Barton, archdeacon of Stow, a pension of one mark out of the profits thereof, besides procurations and synodals; which, in A. D. 1272, the arch-

^a Johnston, p. 88, test. John de Selby.

^b Ibid. p. 250.

^c Ibid. p. 73, test. Rob. de Survedale.

^d Ibid. test. Wm. de Pollington.

^e Ibid.

^f Ibid. p. 250, test. John de Thornhill.

^g In Turr. Lond. Cart. 21 Edw. I. n. 73.

^h Compare Numm. XIV. XVIII.

ⁱ From the Coucher Book of Selby. Johnston's MSS. p. 112, test. Adam de Everingham, John de Hoderode, Thomas de Bellaqua.

^k Ibid. test. John de Birkin, Adam de Bellaqua.

^l Ibid. test. Nigel de Albineio.

^m Compare Num. XVIII.

ⁿ Johnston, p. 42, from Dodesworth, test. William Tisun.

^o Ibid. test. Galfrid Salvain.

^p Ibid. test. Thomas de Gunby, Richard his brother.

^q Ibid. test. John de Belver.

^r Ibid. test. Robert and Thomas de Belver, his brothers.

^s Ibid. test. Robert Constable, of Holme.

^t Ibid. test. Thomas de Gunby.

^u Ibid. p. 116, test. Thomas de Gunby, John de Cliff.

^v Ibid. test. Sir John de Everingham, knight, Robert de Thorner.

^w Ibid. p. 117, test. Elyas, son of Robert de Brunby.

^x Ibid. test. Sir Robert Constable, of Flaynburgh, and Sir Thomas de Gunby, knight.

^y Ibid. test. Thomas de Hugate.

^z Ibid. test. Sir John de Bellaqua, Sir Thomas de Huche, knights.

^{aa} Ibid. p. 76, test. William de Povelington.

^{ab} Ibid. test. John de Birkin.

^{ac} Coucher Book of Selby, fol. 10. Johnston's MSS. p. 76. Dodesworth, p. 26.

^{ad} See Num. XIV.

^{ae} Johnston's MSS. p. 374.

deacon quitclaimed, reserving the procurations and synodals.^a

In A. D. 1337, 11 Edward III. Sir John de Mowbray, lord of Axiholme, gave the abbat licence to enclose five acres of waste in this territory, near Mikildyk.^b See before under Aland.

Lund. Gilbert Tyson gave one carucate of land here in the field Writtelow.^c Peter de Hamelton, clerk, in 19 Edward I., A. D. 1291, quitclaimed 8s. annual rent out of lands in this place.^d Humfrid, son of Hubert de Ruhall, gave all his lands here, with a toft.^e See also under Gateford and Selby.

Menthorpe will be mentioned under Skipwith.

Midford. The monks had a farm in this township.^f

Middlethorpe. See under Selby.

Migrum. Gilbert Tyson gave his tithe in Migrum.^g

Mistreton. The monks had lands here confirmed by King Richard I.^h

Newbay. Henry de Staingate gave 1s. annual rent out of lands here.ⁱ Hugh, son of Adam de Noua-haia, gave two acres of land in this territory.^k

Osgodeby, near Kynerdby. Wido de Ver gave land that had belonged to the . . . of Alan Muzard.^l

Polkerthorpe. Gilbert Tison gave two carucates of land in this place.^m

Pollington. Henry de Insula gave two oxgangs and a half of land,ⁿ and Jordan de Insula gave half a carucate of land that Henry his brother had given to him; which was quitclaimed by Amabil his sister, and by Oliver de Vendover.^o Ralph de Arnalthorpe gave lands here.^p

In A. D. 1318, Simon, abbat of Selby, granted leave to Thomas de Pollington to have a chaplain to celebrate in the chapel of Pollington.^q

Gamel, son of Bosting, or Basine, gave five oxgangs of land here, in 21 Henry III.^r

Potterlagh. See under Fairburn.

Queinburg, or Rueningburgh. Robert de Curzon gave this manor.^s In A. D. 1274, Ralph, brother of Robert de Curzon, gave a toft, and an annual rent of 6*l.* 14*s.* out of lands here; and Roger de Curzon gave one oxgang in the same territory.^t Sir John de Foleville, knt. gave a toft and a virgate of land here.^u

Redburn, in com. Lincoln. King Richard I. confirmed to the monks the church of St. Andrew of this place,^v given by Reginald de Crevequer, with the consent of M. his wife, and Alexander his son; he also gave this town and forty acres of his demesne lands. Another of the name of de Creveœur confirmed the grant of this church, and five oxgangs and a half, and a mill, and the tithe of his carucates; as also the church of Asheby, with his tithe, and the tithe of his mill;^w and Simon de Crevequer gave a toft and a culture of land; and Ernisius, son of William de Wadingle, gave another culture.^x John, son of Alexander, the clerk of Redburn, gave eight acres of land, a toft, croft, and 3*d.* annuity out of other premises here;^y and

Reginald de Fra . . . , of Redburn, gave pasture and one oxgang of land.^b This church was confirmed to the abbat, by William bishop of Lincoln, the abbat paying to the vicar of Redburn six marks per annum. And in A. D. 1262, 46 Henry III. by R. bishop of the same diocese, saving the ordination of the vicar, and the custom and dignity of the church of Lincoln. And in A. D. 1315, 8 Edward II. John Aldbery, being then bishop, ordained that this vicarage shall consist of the altarage, and a competent house, and six acres of land, a toft, and hay, at 3*s.* annual rent; and the rector shall pay all archidiaconals and full . . . to the vicarage, *dat. apud parcum*, de Stow.^c

Redness. William Paganel, in Hen. I. reign, upon the altar, confirmed the grant of his father Ralph, of all the land, meadow, wood, and water, situated opposite to Roudclif, on the other side of the river Aire.^d In A. D. 1272, John, son of Gilbert de Knottingley, quitclaimed all the lands at Ness, in the territory of Drax;^e and John, son and heir of John, son of Gilbert, quitclaimed sixty acres here.^f John Bell, de Roucliff, quitclaimed the lands here.^g Maurice de Cant—e and Maud his wife confirmed what William Paganel, his predecessor had given.^h Ralph de Knottingley and Maud his wife quitclaimed ten acres here;ⁱ and Gilbert, his son, did the same.^k Thomas del Nesse quitclaimed three acres.^l

Roudcliff. King William I. gave six oxgangs of land in this place, and Flaxley.^m Richard de Bilh. gave an annual rent of 13*s.* 5*d.* out of lands here; also a wood near Leling; two acres and a half in Thornholm; and quitclaimed a toft and his right in Addlewarding.ⁿ Walter de Bilh. gave one selion in Est-field, and a rent of 1*d.* per annum.^o Michael de Lund and Agnes his wife, in A. D. 1278, 6 Edward I. gave twenty-five acres of land, and four acres of meadow.^p Adam de Bilh. gave a tenement and all his lands here; and, 21 Edward I. A. D. 1293, Robert son of Nigel de Suthwell, gave all his land: James de Hessel and Amabil his wife gave their lands; and Hugh de . . . gave an annual rent of 7*d.* out of lands here. Godwin son of John de Huck gave half an acre; and Dionis, relict of the said Godwin, and Maud and Hugh their children, quitclaimed the same. Thomas Burcheis of Roccliff gave three acres here in Gudus-croft, and the annual rent of 7½*d.* out of other lands.^q Baldwin son of John Dring gave all his right in the manor of Roccliff, and in the lands and tenements therein, with a toft, croft, and two pychals of meadow in Over-Selby. Dionis Caldrum, of Roccliff, quitclaimed all her land here.^r Robert Woodrove gave 1*s.* 1*d.* annual rent out of lands in this place;^s and Henry son of Richard Ward gave 10*d.* annuity here. In A. D. 1261, 45 Henry III. . . . relict of John Dring, released all actions, &c. John, the clerk, in A. D. 1311, 4 Edward II. gave 11½*d.* rent out of lands in this place; and Peter de Malhol of Roccliff gave a toft.

By a charter of the 18th Edward II. A. D. 1325, it appears that the abbat of Selby had six hundred acres of

^a In A. D. 1327, 1 Edward III. Henry Burwes, bishop of Lincoln, examined the register of Hugh, bishop of Lincoln, and found that Robert de Brayton was presented by the abbat and convent of Selby to this vicarage, on the death of Robert de Feriby, in whose time the vicarage was taxed by the archdeacon of Stow, and then it consisted of one manse or dwelling-house, in the altarage, and the tithe of hay, demised at 9*l.* 3*s.*

^b Johnston's MSS. pp. 102, 105, 245, from Dodesworth.

^c Compare Num. VII.

^d Johnston's MSS. p. 84. From the Coucher Book and Dodesworth, test. Sir John de Bellaqua, Sir John de Birley, knt.

^e Ibid. test. in Malger de Stiveton, John le Clerk, de Kellington, Walter de Hundemanby.

^f Reg. William Wickwane, p. 7.

^g Compare Num. VII.

^h Ibid.

ⁱ Johnston, p. 149, test. Johnston de Seleby.

^j Ibid.

^k Ibid. p. 235, test. Ernis. de Nevil.

^l See Num. VI. Reg. de Selby, fol. 126.

^m Coucher Book of Selby, et Johnston's MSS. p. 70, test. Henry de Pollington.

ⁿ Ibid. test. John de Birkin, who lived in 19 Henry III.

^o Ibid. test. Henry de Polyngton, Thomas, his son.

^p Ibid.

^q Johnston, p. 45.

^r Reg. de Selby, foll. 192, 193. Johnston, p. 240.

^s Ibid.

^t Ibid. test. dom. John de Lymar.

^u See Num. XVIII.

^v Reg. de Selby, fol. 189. Johnston's MSS. p. 237, test. Robert Mainil.

^w Ibid. test. Wido de Ver, Rob. fil. Roberti.

^x Ibid. test. Adam Paynel, Sir Alexander de Nevil, Sir Robert Wastelyng.

^y Ibid. test. Sir Robert Wastelyng.

^z Ibid. pp. 102, 104.

^a See Num. XV. Coucher Book of Selby, fol. 150. Johnston's MSS. p. 108.

^b Ibid. test. John de Bellaqua.

^c Ibid. test. Robert de Chamberlayn.

^d Ibid. test. N. de Pollington.

^e Ibid. test. John de Birley.

^f Ibid. test. Robert Walensi, vicar

^g Ibid. test. Robert de Essarto, Robert de Bustardo.

^h Ibid. test. Ric. de Carleton.

ⁱ See Num. I. XIX.

^j Chartular. de Selby, fol. 79. Johnston's MSS. p. 128. From Dodesworth, test. Sir John de Heck, knt.

^k Ibid. test. Ric. de Bilh

^l Ibid. test. Sir Ric. de Vescy.

^m Ibid. pp. 129, 130, test. Ric. de Bilh Jac. de Hesel, Rad. de Hanburg.

ⁿ Ibid. test. H. de Roccliff.

^o Ibid. test. Sir John de Heck, John or William de Pollington.

waste ground, of moor and turbary, in Roucliff; and in Estoft five hundred acres of waste, and xvj^s. annual rent: and in the 5th and 6th Ric. II. A. D. 1381, the king confirmed the grant.^a

Selby. Thomas, archbishop of York, gave Selby manor, with the church, which King William I. and King Richard I. confirmed.^b In 5 Edward I. the king granted licence to the abbat to purchase 28*l.* per annum, in his or their own fee, except such lands as were held in capite; and also confirmed the lands of Housal; a house in Selby, and 2*s.* annual rent in Selby; 2*d.* in Barleby, given by Walter del Hill; and 8*s.* in Lund, given by William de Hamilton; 8*s.* 6*d.* in Burton, near Brayton, given by John Ferrer; one croft in Stalinburg, given by Norman D'Arcy; and land in Acastre, given by Adam de Rome.^c In 7 Edward I. A. D. 1279, the king granted leave to Margaret Tap . . of Crul, to give a croft and a half, ten acres of land, eight acres of meadow, and a fishery in Crowle; and also to Nicholas Carum, to give a toft of 1*l.* 3*s.* per annum rent in Estoft.^d In 15 Edward I. A. D. 1287, the king gave leave to Alan de Ashaheby to give a croft, twenty acres of land, and pasture for four oxen on Standford-ley, with 10*s.* 4*d.* per annum rent; and for fifteen acres of land in Selby; and in the next year the king gave leave to appropriate the church of Selby to the use of the abbey, dated the 16th of May, at Rothwell.^e In p. 22 of the Coucher Book are the particulars of grants for thirty-four tenements in Selby.

In 22 Edward I. A. D. 1294, the king granted licence to appropriate the church of Brayton; and, two years after, gave leave to receive two messuages, two crofts, and one acre of land here, and 1*l.* 1*s.* 9*d.* annual rent.^f

Walter Talun, with the consent of Roger de Birley, his lord, gave land upon the bank of the river Ouse, called Felat-ruddings.^g Martin de London gave an essart, called Cunnel-ruddings.^h Walter de Aula gave three acres in Langley, Col-croft, and Clay-croft, with an essart of land;ⁱ and Walter, his son, gave part of a croft, with land in Clayton-croft.^k David de Aula confirmed his father's grants, and gave a toft near the monastery; which Isabel, his relict, quitclaimed.^l Wido de Lund gave 3*d.* annuity out of a toft near the mill.^m Mark, son of Nicholas the tailor, and Alice, his wife, quitclaimed the toft in Wrengate.ⁿ Martin the carpenter, of Selby, and Heny, his son, gave part of a toft.^o Helia, daughter of Henry Snape, of Selby, gave a moiety of a toft; and Richard, son of Helias de Selby, gave one essart, being near the lane leading to Brayton, and another in High Hugely, near Langelay. Adam, son of Richard Macks, of Selby, gave a toft in Goulthorp. Hugh, son of Nigel the cooper, gave 9*d.* out of a toft here in Mihelgate;^p and William le Tailleur, of Beverley, gave all his houses and tofts to Thomas, abbat, &c.^q Martin Girswell and Robert Arundel, of Selby, gave each an annual rent of 2*d.* out of premises here; as did the following persons, as specified, viz. Walter, son of Braceneio, Martin Girswel, Walter Tour of Selby, William Sitel, Thomas son of Robert Bustard of Thorpe, gave each 2*d.* per annum. Peter de Hill, Walter son of Ralph de Selby, and Agnes daughter of William the clerk of Selby, each gave 3*d.* per annum. John Proude of Selby, Agnes daughter of Nicholas Tanc . . Robert son of He. Juvene of Selby, and William Frobel each gave 4*d.* per annum. Agnes relict of

John Bond of Selby, and William Brinc, each gave 5*d.* Henry Fertling, William Rooth of Hull, Thomas de Brayton, and Joan his wife, Wido de Kelleson, and Alan de Selby, in 10 Edward II. A. D. 1317, each gave 6*d.* Hugh Brug of Selby, Agnes daughter of Malbe de Snaith, R. de Haworth, each gave 8*d.* John son of Robert de Wihestow, and Thomas son of the said John, each gave 9*d.* Adam son of Gervas de Selby, and Agnes daughter of William son of Godric, each gave 10*d.* Hugh Page of Selby, and Amabil his wife, Hugh Wilfin, John Hund, Peter son of John Dod of Selby, Lambert and Ivet de Botestan, William son of Walter Tours, Mauger de Lund, and Roger son of He. de Wistow, gave each 1*s.* Dominnella and Cecilia, daughters of Nicholas the physician at Selby, gave 2*s.* 6*d.* John son of John Juvene gave 3*s.* Walter the turner gave 4*s.* John son of John de Selby gave 7*s.* Roger Marshal gave 8*s.* and Thomas Hybaldeston gave three marks per annum.^r John son of John, tailleur, of Selby, quitclaimed his right in four acres of land in Brayton, in Barker-ridings. John (a merchant) son and heir of Ralph Hanburg of Selby, gave lands in Brayton in Langley, which he had recovered from Robert the dyer in 7 Edward I.^s William son of Peter de Carleton, and Aldusa his wife, daughter of Ralph the merchant, gave a house.^t Adam son of Robert, son of Godric, with his corps, gave two tofts;^u and John the shipwright gave an essart of land here.^v Agnes de Selby, relict of John de Loudain, gave to H. abbat, all her land lying between Langley and Clayton-croft.^w Margaret Ut . . . of Selby gave her land; and John, son of John le Chamberlain, gave to Thomas abbat &c. one croft, and all his land in Brayton and Selby.^x In 20 Edward I. A. D. 1292, Peter Hushald released his right in a house in Ruddebe, ten acres of land, and a toft in Middlethorpe.^y Robert son of Robert de Wistow gave twenty-five acres here, lying betwixt Brackenhill, near to Wyer-croft, towards the north, and an essart of land. Galfrid Peroys gave a toft in Uren-gate; and He. de Kyrton gave a toft in Over-Selby. Hugh son of Ric. le Katour of Selby, in A. D. 1211, gave an essart near the North-wood.^z John son of William Forester gave one messuage, a garth, essart, a selion of land, and Water-croft, Five-riding, and Reynald-croft. John de Carlisle gave one toft in Goulthorpe. Thomas Loft of Selby, and John Huntelagh, each gave a toft in Middlethorpe. Robert son of Henry Juvene gave four acres of arable land, called Anne-riding.^{aa} John son of William Hagg gave a toft in Goulthorp; and Adam Tourcy gave one acre in Turner-riding. Sir Ric. de Birley knight in A. D. 1257, quitclaimed the park of Stay-nor,^{ab} and John Acheward de Berlay quitclaimed the herbage in East-wood, called the Park. In A. D. 1258, 42 Hen. III. Walter, son of John Tarcet, gave one essart, called Todd-hill-riding; William Parker gave an essart called Tullin-riding; and Hugh, son and heir of Robert de Thorpe, gave the essart called Sandwath; in which also John, son of Walter de Selby, gave his share. Robert Capra de Kypasche (Robert Goat of Kippax) gave a toft in Goulthorpe; and Margaret, relict of William Jchgam, gave another there. Cecily, relict of William Bell, of Hathelsey, gave her right in a house in Mihelgate, in Selby.^{ac}

Skipwith. John, or William, son of Osbert de Schipwith, gave to Selby abbey one toft and an essart of land here, called Hirst; a mill, with the land by it, called

^a Cart. 18 Edw. II. n. 47. Cart. 5 and 6 Rich. II. n. 21.

^b Mon. Angl. v. pp. 371, 373, 374, 375. Reg. de Selby, foll. 11, 12.

^c Coucher Book of Selby, in parchment, containing two hundred and twenty-two leaves. Johnston's MSS. v. c. p. 46. Dodesworth, H. ix.^e

^d Ibid.

^e Ibid. p. 47.

^f Ibid. p. 48.

^g Ibid. p. 52, test. Rog. de Birley, Malger de Stiveton, R. fil. Alam.

^h Ibid. test. John Juvene, Walter de Aula, Hen. Juvene.

ⁱ Ibid. test. John Juvene, Thomas de Brayton, John de Clyff.

^k Ibid. test. Walter de Selby, John de Clyff.

^l Ibid. test. Henry Syward, H. de Lepton, Robert de Birley.

^m Ibid. test. Walter de Aula, John Juvene.

ⁿ Ibid. test. John and Henry Juvene, brothers, Henry Syward, Thomas de Brayton.

^o Ibid.

^p Ibid. p. 53.

^q Test. Robert de Thorny, Henry Siward.

^r Ibid. p. 54, 64, inclusive.

^s Ibid. p. 53, test. John fratre abbatis, Ric. Hund, Galfrid de Appleton.

^t Ibid. test. Sir Nicholas de Lepton, knight.

^u Ibid. test. Walter de Selby capel. John Juvene.

^v Test. Walter de Aula.

^w Ibid. p. 54, test. H. Syward, Robert de Chamberlayn.

^x Ibid. test. Sir John de Bellaqua, and Sir John de Reygate, knights, Ralph de Estrington.

^y Ibid. test. John de Hanburg, William, son of Ralph de Scotton.

^z Ibid. p. 58, test. No. camerario, Rob. fratre ejus.

^{aa} Ibid. p. 59, test. Rad. le Chamberlain.

^{ab} Ibid. p. 60, test. Sir Thomas de Bellaqua.

^{ac} Ibid. p. 88.

Pickel; and four acres in the marsh of Aldlands, with a meadow called Brusedalby, and a tenement at Menthorpe.^a Jordon de Nunthorpe (*quer.* Menthorpe) gave a toft.^b

Snaith. Girard archbishop of York, in William the Second or Henry the First's reign, A. D. 1100, gave the church here, and soc, free from all customs; and King William I. gave one caracute of land here.^c In 7 John, A. D. 1206, the king gave to Roger de Lacy the manor of Sneyd, with all the soc thereof, for one fee, saving the rent of Alan Wastenesse.^d John de Lacy gave forty acres here in Tippin; and John son of John de Borelington quitclaimed ten acres in the same part, and gave common pasture here.^e Matthew son of William de Snayth gave a toft and six perches of land in Snaith. Richard son of Alan de Snayth gave 1s. annual rent out of lands here.^f Simon de Camera de Snayth gave one selion of land here in the East-field.^g Edmund de Lascy quitclaimed his right in Gildsteede, on condition the monks should celebrate two masses every week in the chapel of St. Lawrence, in Snaith.

This church of Snaith was afterwards appropriated to the abbey of Selby; and on the 4th kal. Sep. i. e. 29 Aug. A. D. 1304, 32 Edward I. the controversy between the abbat of Selby and Nic. Trambaud, rector of Athelingflete, contesting in the king's courts, touching certain tithes of Whitgift and Redness, was thus ended by the decree of Thomas Corbridge, archbishop of York, viz. That this church of Snaith (being appropriated to the abbey of Selby) should have a parochial right in the men and towns of Ouseflete, Whitgift, Redness, Swineflete, and Estofte; and that all the tithes, as well great as small, of any of the inhabitants

of the said towns, and of their cattle, should, of common right, appertain to the church of Snaith: and that the abbat and convent of Selby should be in canonical possession, and extend their parochial rights in the said towns, and have the great tithes of eleven oxgangs of land in Folkardby; and be still in the possession of the tithe-corn of Estofts, and of thirteen oxgangs of land in Haldenby;^h all which was confirmed on the nones (7th day) of March, A. D. 1337, by William Melton, archbishop of York.ⁱ

On the 14th of May, A. D. 1310, 3 Edward II. the sentence of William Grenefeld, archbishop of York, was pronounced, upon the appropriation of the parish churches of Snaith and Athelingflete, and of the chapel of Selby, to the abbat and convent of Selby, and for those religious persons to hold the same by right. And it was decreed that it should be lawful for them, at their will and pleasure, to place and remove two of their monks in the church of Snaith to be continually resident; and, by a secular priest (by them to be substituted and displaced), to hear the confessions of the parishioners, and to administer baptism to children; and so perpetually to serve, without any ordination of a vicar.^k

Stainton, in Craven. Hugh son of Everard gave this place, which King Richard I. confirmed.^l Humfrey de Veilli gave the mill of Selby, and 12 15s. annual rent.^m Galfrid son of Robert de Norreys, and Roger Nort, each gave 4s. per annum. In A. D. 1308, 1 Edward II. Henry son of Æn. de Staynton gave lands here; and Robert son and heir of Sir Humfrey de Veilli quitclaimed all lands here, in A. D. 1345, 17 Edward III.ⁿ

There were lands here which the abbat alienated.^o

^a Johnston's MSS. p. 452, test. John de Birley, H. de Berlay.

^b Ibid. test. Sir John de Birlay, Sir Thomas de Gunby, knights, John del Hirst.

^c Compare Num. I. in the Appendix of Instruments. Stubbs, in the *Actus Pontif. Ebor. Twysd. Script. X.* col. 1710, says, "Iste Girardus archiepiscopus ecclesiam de Laghtona Eboracensi ecclesie a Rege dari optinuit, et vj. alias ecclesias a Rege impetravit, quarum una est de Sneyd, dedit sancto Germano et ecclesie de Selleby." Reg. de Selby, fol. 154.

^d Johnston's MSS. p. 151. From Dodesworth, d. 4, cart. 7. John, m. 12, No. 102. Dugd. Bar. v. 1, p. 100.

^e Ibid. p. 233. Dodesworth, H. 36.

^f Ibid. test. William de Pollington, Peter de Mora.

^g Ibid. test. Peter de Heck.

^h Ibid. et Reg. Thom. Corbridge, p. 22.

ⁱ Reg. William Melton, p. 215.

^k Reg. William Grenefeld, p. 78.

Burton quotes an instrument, dated in the chapter-house of Selby, on the 8th of October, A. D. 1393, 15 Richard II. John, by divine permission, abbat of Selby and the convent of the same, shewing, that whereas a controversy was moved, between the parishioners of the soc of Snaith and other parishioners, touching the rights of the church of Snaith, for that the Duke of Gascoigne and Lancaster, by his letters, had commanded them, that the said church of Snaith was within the liberties of that duchy; and all the parishioners thereof, ever since the foundation, were to attend the same church over which the abbat of Selby had visited. Now, for the better remedying of this, the abbat and convent, for themselves and their successors, granted to the said parishioners, for ever, that this church of Snaith should keep and preserve their ancient custom of the soke, with a *salvo jure*, to the abbat and his successor. Regist. of the family of the Methams, p. 9.

He also adds, that on the 14th of March, A. D. 1409, 10 Henry IV. Richard Pitts, chancellor and commissary to the archbishop, &c. upon a controversy, made this decree viz. that the church of Snaith, with Selby and Whitgift, together with their chapels on them depending, also the churches of Athelingflete and Brayton, are canonically united to the abbat and convent of Selby; who shall hold them, together with all right, free power, all and all manner of spiritual jurisdiction, according to the form of right and custom belonging and used in the said church and town of Snaith, and the chapel of the town and territory of Selby, and in Frieston, Hilton (*quer.* Hillam), and Hamilton, and the towns, parishioners, and things of those places; and of their men and servants of Thorp, and Brayton, and Acaster; and of exercising the same by the said abbat, his monks, or secular clerks (at the pleasure of the said abbat deputed) in all causes spiritual whatsoever, and especially matrimonial, *ex mero vel promotio officio*, or at the instance of the parties in the said places, and moved, or to be moved, against the parishioners or inhabitants thereof, by authority of the apostolic see; and in causes of ardeals and quarrels of right, to be made to the archbishop of York, or his court. [Ibid.] And in acts of archiepiscopal visitation, with reformation of accounts for the same, or in procurations due to the archbishop, by reason of such visitations; also of depositions of clerks upon questions of the catholic faith, schism, and usury; the right of jurisdiction therein to be in the abbat and convent of monks; as far forth as, of common right, it belonged to the archbishop; reserving to the archbishop, of common right, the said abbat's and convent's appearances in synods of the archbishop and

clergy, and in convocations; and absolutions and censures ecclesiastical, in cases of common right, or lawful customs, synodals, provincials, and dispensations, and of consecrations and reconciliations of churches, chapels, and chapel yards: of confirmations, and other things of episcopal order, and of institutions, and destitutions of benefices ecclesiastical, which of right do belong to the archbishop to proceed in to have cognizance of, to determine, to decree, and execute. But as to probates of testaments and last wills of parishioners, parsons, inhabitants, and of others dying within those places; and of granting administrations of the goods of the said deceased, and of others dying intestate within the said places of the said jurisdiction; and of placing and displacing of two monks in the church of Snayth (whereof one shall be called the prior), at the sole pleasure of the abbat; and of placing and removing in the said church, and in the chapel of Selby and Whitgift, certain parochial chaplains, stipendiary at the will of the said abbat; and of exercising the cure of the said church of Snaith, and service in the said chapels; and of having, without the ordination or prebation of any other vicar in the said church of Snayth, or in the said chapels of Selby and Whitgift, depending thereon: it is hereby determined, that the said abbat and convent were and are fortified in a sufficient and canonical title; and that they be exempt, free, and void of all ordination of a vicarage, or vicarages, in the said church of Snayth, or the chapels of Whitgift and Selby thereon depending; and that the said abbat and convent are absolved, in and upon the premises, from any other impeachment of the office of the said archbishop, or of his official. All which was confirmed by the dean and chapter of York, penult. Mar. A. D. 1409. Out of the book *De Appropriationibus Ecclesiar. quibusdam Monasteriis, &c.* marked T. c. p. 163.

Apud Selby, in festum apostol. Petri et Pauli, A. D. 1285, William, abbat and convent of Selby, found (*ex officio*) in their visitation held in the church of Snayth, many defects, which wanted reformation; and in regard that this church of Snayth might be better served for the future, granted, for themselves and their successors, that there should be therein two chaplains maintained at their own costs, to administer in the same church; and that, by them, the poor should be more fully visited, and, at due hours, ecclesiastical rights conferred upon the parishioners. Likewise they granted, from thenceforth, to the parishioners, clerks, seculars, and laicks, inhabiting between the west side of Thuren-brigs and the bank of the river Ayre; and to William de Redness and Thomas the steward (*dispensator*), dwelling in Roucliff, the liberty of being tithe-free of turbary and of their windmills, and that they should not exact of them more than they were wont to pay; also, to the honour of God, they granted four candles at the great altar, and one at every other altar, upon festival-days, for cervice, which, by ancient custom, they used to receive at mattins, at mass, and at vespers, to be lighted; also they granted, in double festivals, that they should, with a dean and subdean, administer at the great altar in the said church, with two candlesticks. They willed likewise that the archbishop of York's statutes and synodals should be observed inviolably in the said church. Regist. Mag. vel Cartular. de Selby, p. 22.

^l Num. XVIII.

^m Coucher Book of Selby, fol. 195. Johnston's MSS. C. 1, p. 238, test. Thomas Parsona de Birkin.

ⁿ Ibid. test. Sir John le Despenser, Sir John de Everingham, knights, William de Reygate, John de Lascy.

^o Reg. William Wickwane.

Stallingburgh, in com. Lincoln. King Richard I. confirmed to the monks the church at this place, given by Thomas D'Arcy.^a This was confirmed to them by William, bishop of Lincoln, who ordained the vicar to have ten marks per annum, payable by the abbat of Selby. Likewise R. bishop of Lincoln, in A. D. 1262, 46 Henry III. and by Henry Burwesh, bishop of the same place, in A. D. 1331, 5 Edward III. who examined the Register of Hugh, his predecessor, and found the vicarage to consist of the whole altarage, except the tithe corn of the court of Norman D'Arcy, and except half the tithe of lamb of the parish which the abbat of Selby was to have.^b In 56 Henry III. A. D. 1272, Adam de Fryburg and his wife gave two messuages and seven oxgangs of land in this place; for which Thomas the abbat was to allow them two corrodies daily during their lives.^c In 14 Edward I. A. D. 1286, Norman D'Arcy confirmed to abbat William the advowson of this church, as in 10 Edward I. William, or John de Seleby, and Joan his wife, had done before, with nine oxgangs of land.^d Ric. de Bellaqua gave a capital messuage here.^e Philip son and heir of Norman D'Arcy gave to Thomas, abbat, one oxgang;^f and Norman son and heir of Philip gave a messuage.^g In A. D. 1216, 3 Henry III. it was agreed between the abbat and Norman D'Arcy that the former should be at liberty to carry his tithe of this place where he pleased.^h Robert D'Arcy confirmed the grant of his father, giving one messuage.ⁱ Richard de Birkin gave all his land here, with a capital messuage, four perches in Warlockby de Kirkdales, and eight perches and a half of meadow in Swythmarshes.^k Thomas D'Arcy died 27 Edward I. esc. 27 Edward I. No. 107. Adam Flitburgh gave two messuages and seven oxgangs here, with wood.^l Robert de Nevil gave two tofts and four oxgangs.^m Simon son of Michael de Keleby gave his land which Alice daughter of Roger, son of Rowland de Stalingburg, confirmed; and Peter son of John Mark gave an annual rent of 8s. out of lands in this place.ⁿ Agnes relict of Peter de Aula quitclaimed her right in a wood and one oxgang here. Richard de Castellain, with the consent of Emma his wife and Ralph his son, gave a salt-work (salinam) upon Humber, three perches broad and sixty in length.^o Alice eldest daughter of Richard Gallicien gave a wood here upon Aude-land; and Galfrid de Castellain gave all his meadow upon Kirk-dales, and confirmed the pasture for one hundred sheep given by William de Bernetby;^p and Richard de Bellaqua de Stallingburg, son and heir of William de Bernetby, confirmed the same, and also gave pasture for one hundred and forty-one sheep.^q Elwina de Stallingburg wife of Richard Gallicien gave one selion of land, which Dionis daughter of Richard Gallicien confirmed; and Idonea, another daughter, gave six selions upon Suth-cotes, one upon Barhill, and two perches upon the water-course of Ymingham.^r Stephen son of Stalingburg gave two oxgangs here, and fifteen acres and a half of meadow in South-marsh.^s Gilbert de Turr, of Kaburn, confirmed two oxgangs, which Hawise, daughter of Robert son of Fulcher, gave. Thomas son of Simon de Stalingburg gave pasture for sixteen sheep, with all his meadow near Thornton abbey, and also his meadow in Warlokes.^t In A. D. 1260, 44 Henry III. Richard son of Simon de Stalingburg gave pasture here for twenty-two sheep.^u Peter son of Drogo del Holme gave a toft upon

the port of Grimesby; Richard son of John Bachelor de Stalingburg gave one messuage, with his land here, with ward, relief, escheats, &c. and with a mill, which Maud his wife confirmed; and Thomas son of Gumald de Stalingburg gave one selion on Barhill.^x Richard son of Robert de Stalingburg gave a toft and two oxgangs in Heyness;^y and John de Heyling gave one oxgang. Galfrid de Stalingburg and Thomas son of Alan de gave a toft and land in Schane-dales.^z Richard son of Ralph de Nordholm and Agnes his wife gave one cottage and eight perches of meadow in the South-marsh here.^{aa} Norman son of Phil. D'Arcy quitclaimed the church here; and Thomas D'Arcy, with the consent of Joan his wife, gave a place upon Humber eighteen perches in breadth and sixty in length.^{ab} Philip D'Arcy gave 4d. per annum out of lands here, and a place in the marsh, called Salture, with the meadow called Soseld, and places called Holfitwra and Scozholm, with a culture in Kildale, Anacland, and Warlokes;^{ac} he also gave one oxgang and a half called Andrew-barn-land, with two cultures in the north and south field upon Stainhill. Fulcher Quarrel quitclaimed the church here, swearing not to disturb them therein.^{ad} Peter son of Walter de Stalingburg gave two selions to this church, lying in Long-North-croft and Little-North-croft. Letice daughter of Alan de Heyling gave to this church two oxgangs of land, and two selions on both sides of Wyteker, two upon Ketel-holme, one upon Musewell, and one in Depedale; and Gilbert de Kiggellay gave a toft.

Stanford upon Avon, in Northamptonshire. Wido de Raincourt gave this town to Benedict, the abbat, before A. D. 1092, witnessed by Remigius de Feschamp, bishop of Lincoln; which G. Earl of Mellent, and King Richard I. confirmed.^{ae} In 15 Edward II. A. D. 1322, Alan de Aslaheby, parson of Sandford upon Avene, gave one messuage, and twenty-eight acres of land, and pasture for four oxen.^{af} John Scot, of Reresby, in 12 Edward III. A. D. 1338, quitclaimed a croft and a virgate here. R. Foliot, or the last-named John Scot, gave this manor, with the appurtenances, viz. Stormesworth, the land of Baresworth, and Musterton, and the Down of Northampton, with 4l. per annum rent.^{ag} Galfrid de Gransford and Petronilla his wife, William son of Alan de Swyneforth, and Joan his wife, gave their right in this manor of Stanforth-Avon, in Stanford-Storwoth, and la Down of Northampton.^{ah} Richard son of William Biseman gave 6d. annuity out of lands here, provided he or his heirs should acquire lands in Stanford at the death of his mother.^{ai} Richard Stayn, of Stornwall, and Roger son of John de Swynford, and Isabel his daughter, gave ten acres in Storworth-Waynabill.^{aj} Richard son of Robert White (Albus) de Stormworth gave two virgates; and Richard son of Osbert gave five acres and an half; and Alice daughter of Robert de Stormeswort quitclaimed the same. Thomas son of Adam de Lilleburg gave a toft, a house, and one virgate of land here.^{ak} Hugh de Nichols gave a capital messuage here. In 31 Edward I. A. D. 1303, Thomas de Heyland, John de Lovetot, William de Bruyh, John de Craunford, and Petronil his wife, and William son of Alan de Swinford, and Joan his wife, gave to the abbat of Selby thirty-six crofts, the village, and thirty-six virgates, and 3s. per annum rent in Stamford upon Aven, with the advowson of the church, and twenty-four messuages, a mill, twenty-four

^a See Num. XVIII. Cartul. de Selby, fol. 187.

^b Ibid. Johnston's MSS. p. 104.

^c Ibid. p. 252.

^d Ibid.

^e Dodesworth, p. 13, 14. Coucher Book of Selby, fol. 173. test. John Leyertun, Jac. de Leland, knights.

^f Coucher Book of Selby, fol. 181. Johnston, p. 263.

^g Ibid. fol. 183.

^h Ibid. fol. 185. test. Thomas Walens.

ⁱ Ibid. fol. 187.

^j Johnston's MSS. p. 339. test. Sir William, or John, de Leyerton, Sir John de Land, knights.

^k Ibid. test. Robert Charvele de Stalingburgh.

^l Ibid. test. Rad. de Aincourt.

^m Ibid. test. Thomas de Bellaqua.

ⁿ Ibid. test. Rad. de Nevil.

^o Ibid. test. Jolano de Heighling.

^p Ibid. test. Norman D'Arcy.

^q Ibid. test. Galfr. de Turrs.

^r Ibid. test. Sir N. de la Land.

^s Ibid. p. 341. test. Sir Eudo de la Land, knight.

^t Ibid. test. Sir Philip D'Arcy, Sir Eudo de la Launde, knights.

^u Ibid. test. Roger vicar of Stalingburg.

^x Ibid. test. Galfr. de Turrs.

^y Ibid. p. 342. test. Robert de Charvilles.

^z Ibid. test. Sir Eudo de la Land.

^{aa} Ibid. test. Maiero Vavasour.

^{ab} Ibid. test. Sir Richard de Heylings, and Eudo de la Land, knights.

^{ac} Ibid. p. 343. test. dec. et capit. Ebor.

^{ad} Compare Numm. II. VIII. XVIII. Coucher Book of Selby, fol. 196. Johnston's MSS. p. 242.

^{ae} Ibid. test. Sir Richard de Egelaston, knight.

^{af} Ibid. test. Richard de Cury.

^{ag} Ibid. test. Alan. de Piperel de Suleby.

^{ah} Ibid. test. Sir William de Hamilton, Sir John de Diggeby.

^{ai} Ibid. test. Richard Malon.

^{aj} Ibid. p. 243. test. John de Crawford.

virgates, and 17s. annual rent in Stormeswood, which is parcel of the manor of Stanford upon Avon. See more under Selby.

Stillington. King Richard I. confirmed to the monks the mill at this place.^a

Testhelay. See under Aland.

Thorpe juxta Selby. Sir Robert de Wilgheby, knight, gave this manor to the abbat of Selby in King Edward the First's time.^b Maud relict of Ralph de Hanburg gave all her land in Langeley, in the territory of Brayton, with 2s. 8d. annual rent, and five acres in Thorpe, called Bondcroft, and two messuages in Selby, with a toft and bridge, called Kirk-brigg.

Thorpe super Usam, alias juxta Ebor. Roger de Mowbray gave the manor of Thorp juxta Ebor; for which, as soon as he should recover the custody of the castle of York, he was to give the monks other lands in exchange.^c Gilbert de Aton, or Acton, gave two carucates and three oxgangs of land here which William de Malteby held of him, and which his grandfather had of the monks in exchange for Hamelton.^d

Thorpe, in the parish of Melesart. William de Plaston gave two oxgangs of land here.^e

Uckfeld. See under Bardelby.

Waterton. In a paper book of deeds belonging to this abbey,^f it appears that Gilbert, the abbat, granted this town to be held of the abbey.

Watton has been already mentioned under Aland.

Whitgift. William the First, at the foundation, gave a fishery here, which was confirmed by King Richard I.^g And Henry de Lacy, earl of Lincoln, gave the monks the church-yard here, formerly dedicated, to build a church or chapel in the same, in honour of Mary Magdalen, for the benefit of the inhabitants of Owseflete, Weytegift, Esktoft, Redness, and Swyneflete, and also for certain landholders in Folkarby and Haldenby, all in the parish of Snaith.^h

Wilgeton. King Richard I. confirmed the tithes of this place out of the demesnes of Auger de Canci.ⁱ

Wistow. Robert son of Henry de Wistow gave one acre of land in the Less-Haystede.^k Richard son of John de Cawood gave four acres abutting upon Stivelingflete on the west.^l

York. In A. D. 1422, 9 Henry V. Mary late wife of John Bouche, of York, by her will, gave one tenement in Stainegate, York.^m

Burton adds, that these following possessions were granted, with these liberties, viz. to be quit in cities, boroughs, markets, and fairs, throughout England, of toll, tallage, passage, pedage, lastage, hydage, wardage, and of all gelds, fengels, hornfelds, foregelds, pempelds; tendpenies, hundred-penies, miskemeling, and all terrene service, and secular exaction: also of all suits of courts, of

counties, hundreds, wapontacs, tythings; and of murder, larceny, escape, hamsokne, grithbrege, blodwit, leyrwith, and brenal peninge; and of all aids of the sheriff and the king's ministers; viz. lands in Polkerthorpe, Gunby, Lund, Bubwith.ⁿ And the following lands were made free from aid, for making the king's eldest son a knight, and from marriages of his eldest daughter, which were in those places purchased before the 5th of March, 22 Edward III. viz. lands in Selby, Hamilton, Gunby, Croule, Roudclif, Acastre, Holm, Friston, Hillam, Stanford, and Stormesworth.^o

ABBATS of SELBY.

BENEDICT is mentioned in the Conqueror's charter as the first abbat.^p

HUGH, abbat of Selby, occurs in a charter of Thomas archbishop of York respecting lands in Hillum.^q Burton calls him HUGH DE LASCY, and assigns to him the date of 1103.^r He seems to have been related to the Lacey's earls of Lincoln.

HERBERTUS is named as the next abbat in the Legendary History of Selby, printed in Labbe's Nova Bibliotheca MSS. Librorum.

DURANDUS was abbat in 1126.^s He occurs in a charter of William Paganell relating to lands in Drax.^t He is said to have been a monk of St. Mary York: and, on his resignation of Selby, to have become a Cluniac monk.^u

WALTER occurs A. D. 1139.^v

HELIAS occurs A. D. 1144.^w He resigned, or was deposed, in 1153.^x The Historia Selebiensis Monasterii calls him HELIAS PAGANELLUS. Upon his secession, one *Willelmus* was elected by the monks, but rejected by the archbishop of York.

GERMANUS was the next abbat.^y According to the Historia Selebiensis Monasterii, HELIAS was again made abbat and GERMANUS removed, who was again restored on Helias's removal.^z

GILBERT DE VER, or VERE, occurs abbat in 1179.^{aa} Willis says he died in 1189.^{ab} According to the Historia Selebiensis Monasterii in Labbe, he was elected in 1160. He was succeeded by

ROGER DE LONDON.^{ac} He died in 1194, and was buried at Selby.^{ad}

RICHARD, prior of Selby, was the next abbat.^{ae} Willis states him to have resigned in 1214, for the abbacy of Ramsey:^{af} when

GEFFREY, prior of Coventry, was elected to succeed him.^{ag} Upon his resignation, in 1220,

RICHARD, prior of St. Ives, was elected.^{ah} He received

^a See Num. XVIII.

^b Coucher Book of Selby, fol. 87.

^c Ibid. fol. 107, et Johnston's MSS. v. C. 1, p. 147.

^d Ibid. test. John de Birkin, Elmero de Gunneby.

^e Coucher Book of Selby, fol. 212. Johnston, p. 250.

^f Containing 158 pages. Dodesworth, p. 158. Johnston, p. 265.

^g M. a. v. 1, pp. 371, 373, 374. In the Harl. MS. 6970, we have the following extract from the Register of Archbishop Corbridge: "Commissio facta offic. ad concedendam licentiam Ab. et Conv. de Seleby reedificand. Capellam de Whitgift consecratam olim et in parochia de Snayth quæ pertinebat ad Abbatem et Conventum prædict. sed Johannes quidam francigena olim rector de Athelingflet eos spoliavit, et jus parochiale in illa per potentiam suam usurpavit. Inhabitantes apud Whitgift habuerunt hanc capellam quorum aliqui ab ecclesia de Snayth prædicta per decem leucas et amplius distare noscuntur, quam capellam dictus Johannes francigena solo tenus destruxit, et lapides apud Athelingflet asportari fecit, et cameram sibi de eisdem construxit, nihil relicto nisi nuda area et cimiterio consecrato quod adhuc clausum remanet, &c. Dat. apud Lanum, 4 kal. Sept. pont. 5." A. D. 1305.

^h Ibid. ⁱ Ibid.

^k Johnston, from Dodesworth, p. 95, test. John de Birkin, Thomas son of Robert de Wistow, Hugh de Stiveton.

^l Ibid. test. John son of Ric. Forestar de Wistow, Thomas son of Robert de Wistow, Henry Siward de Selby.

^m Regist. of Wills, marked B. p. 211.

ⁿ See Num. VI.

^o See Num. XIX.

^p See Append. Num. I. He is mentioned in the Legendary Hist. of Selby, printed in Labbe's Nova Bibliotheca MSS. Librorum, as having previously been a monk of Auxerre in France.

^q Num. V.

^r Monasticon Eboracense, p. 405. Bishop Kennett, in his MS. Diptycha, says, "Hugo abbas tempore Thomæ II. archiepiscopi et Hugonis decani Ebor. viz. inter 1109 et 1114. Interfuit translatione S. Cuthberti, A. D. 1104. Histor. Dunelm. Major.

^s Ibid. MS. Dodsw. Bibl. Bodl. vol. cxix. p. 30.

^t See Num. XV.

^u Hist. Seleb. Monast. in Labbe, pp. 610, 612.

^v Burton, ut supr. Compare MS. Cotton. Brit. Mus. Claud. B. III. fol. 27. Willis, Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 162. The Hist. Seleb. Monast. says he had previously been prior of Pontefract.

^w Burton, ut supr.

^x Ibid. See also Mat. Par. Vit. Abb. S. Albani, p. 69.

^y Willis, Mit. Ab.

^z Labbe, ut supr. p. 621.

^{aa} Hoved. fol. 356.

^{ab} Mit. Ab. ut supr. Hoveden, fol. 355 b, places his death in 1184.

^{ac} Ibid.

^{ad} Burton, ut supr. See also Hoveden, Script. post Bedam, fol. 427.—"In supradicta vero congregatione abbatum facta apud Eboracum contra archiepiscopum, obiit Rogerus abbas de Selebi, et apud Selebi sepultus est: cui successit Richardus prior ejusdem domus regis Ricardi, qui benedictionem suam recepit ab Huberto Walter Cantuariensis episcopo, tunc temporis totius Angliæ legato."

^{ae} Ibid. Compare the Annal. Wigorn.

^{af} See the present Work, vol. ii. p. 542.

^{ag} Burton, ut supr.

^{ah} M. cc. xxi. "Abbas de Selby resignavit propter senectutem suam, et propter difficultatem regendi domum illam et defendendi, cui successit Ricardus monachus Ramesiensis." Chron. Walt. Coventren. MS. C. C. C. C.

the royal assent Aug. 15th, 5 Hen. III.^a and resigned, according to Burton, in 1224.^b

RICHARD, however, who had been sub-prior of Selby, appears to have succeeded him, according to an entry upon the Patent Roll, in 1222.^c He is probably the same with RICHARD DE KELLASAY, or KELLESAY, mentioned by Willis, who says he either died or resigned in 1237; when

ALEXANDER became prior.^d

HUGH DE DRAYTON was the next abbat. His election received the royal assent Oct. 1st, 1244.^e Burton places his death in 1254:^f in which year

THOMAS DE WHALLEY succeeded. Burton says this abbat was deposed in 1262.^g The Patent roll states that it was upon his cession that

DAVID DE CAWOD was elected; who was confirmed by the king May 28th, 1263.^h Upon his cession, in 1269,

THOMAS DE WALLAYE, or WHALLEY, was restored; but again deprived in 1280.ⁱ

WILLIAM DE ASLAKEBY's election received the royal assent March 4th, and the temporalities were restored to him April 3d, 1280.^k He died, according to the Register of Archbishop Romane, in 1293.^l Upon his death,

JOHN DE WYSTOWE, or WYKESTOWE, was elected: to whom the temporalities were restored May 17th, 1293.^m Upon his cession,

WILLIAM DE ASLOKBY, or ASLAGHBY, was elected. He received the king's assent Nov. 27th, and the temporalities of the monastery Dec. 13th, 1300.ⁿ Burton says he was sacrist here.^o

SIMON DE SCARDEBURGH received the royal assent to his election as abbat December the 7th, and had the temporalities restored to him Jan. 13th, 1313.^p Upon his death,

JOHN DE WYSTOWE was elected abbat; to whom the temporalities were restored Feb. 14th, 1320.^q He was installed on the 17th kal. April, 1322.

JOHN DE HESLYNGTON received the royal assent July 18th, 1335. The temporalities were given to him on Aug. 2d the same year.^r

GEFFREY DE GATESBY, or GADDESBY, received the royal assent October the 24th, and the temporalities Dec. 14th, 1341.^s He died in 1367.^t Upon his death

JOHN DE SHIRBORN was elected, to whom the temporalities were restored April the 20th, 1368.^u Willis

and Burton say he was buried in the abbey-church, with this epitaph,

"In Selby natus, Johannes de Shirburne vocitatus,
Funere prostratus, abbas jacet hic tumulatus:
Annis ter denis notus, vixit bene plenis,
Qui demptis poenis, turmis jungatur amoenis. Amen."^v

WILLIAM PYGOT had the temporalities restored to him as abbat May 13th, 1407.^w He also was buried in the abbey, with this epitaph,

"Hic jacet Will. Pigot, quondam abbas istius monasterii, qui obiit xxvj. mensis Junii, an. Dom. millesimo cccc^o.xxix. Cujus animæ propicietur Deus. Amen."^x

JOHN CAVE was elected upon Pygot's death. He received the temporalities Dec. 14th, 1429,^y and died June 9th, 1436.^z

JOHN OUSTHORP received the temporalities of the monastery May 1st, 1437.^{aa} He died April 6th, 1466.^{ab} Burton calls him JOHN OWSTROPE.

JOHN SHARROWE obtained the royal assent to his election June the 5th, and the temporalities July 9th, 1466.^{ac}

LAURENCE SELBY had the temporalities restored July 31, 1486.^{ad} He died on the 3d of the kalends of April, 1504.^{ae}

ROBERT DEPYNG, a monk of Croyland, was the next abbat. He received confirmation from the archbishop of York July 18, 1504.^{af} The temporalities were restored to him on Nov. 20th.^{ag}

THOMAS RAWLINSON received the temporalities July 24th, 1518.^{ah}

JOHN BERMICH was confirmed July 29th, and received the temporalities Aug. 8th, 1522.^{ai} Burton, from Wolsey's Register, when archbishop, calls him BEDWICK.^{aj}

ROBERT SELBY, *alias* ROGERS, was the last abbat. He was confirmed in his office on Aug. 7th,^{ak} and received the temporalities Aug. 20th, 1526.^{al} He surrendered his abbey to the king Dec. 6th, 30 Hen. VIII. A. D. 1539: the surrender was enrolled Feb. 6th, 31 Hen. VIII.^{am}

According to Dugdale, Selby abbey was rated in the 26th Hen. VIII. at 729*l*. 12*s*. 10*d*. per annum:^{an} according to Speed, at 819*l*. 2*s*. 6*d*. The Valor Ecclesiasticus makes it amount but to 719*l*. 2*s*. 6½*d*.^{ao}

The List of Pensions granted at the Surrender will be found in the Appendix of Instruments. Abbat Selby had an annuity of a hundred pounds.^{ap}

^a Pat. 5 Hen. III. m. 2.

^b Monast. Ebor. ut supr.

^c "Pat. 7 Hen. III. m. 5. Rex præb. ass. electioni factæ de Ricardo, quondam supprior de Selebi, in abb. ejusdem, 7 Feb." MS. Harl. 6957, p. 40. In the same page and year we read: "Mandatum est tenentibus de abb. de Selby quod intendentes sint et respondentes Waltero Man clerk cui dominus rex eam commisit custodiend. quamdiu domino regi placuerit, eo quod dominus rex in manum suam capi præcepit, eo quod monachi ejusdem abbatiæ excommunicati elegerunt sibi abbatem." dat. 26 Feb. m. 5.

The custody of the abbey had been previously given to the prior and cellarer: "Pat. 7 Hen. III. Rex commisit custodiam abbatiæ de Selebi priori et celerario de Selebi, 28 Mart. m. 4."

^d Burton, ut supr. Mat. Par. Coucher Book of Selby, fol. 101.

^e Pat. 29 Hen. III. m. 2.

^f Monast. Ebor. ut supr.

^g Pat. 48 Hen. III. m. 13.

^h Burton, from Reg. Ebor. Wickwane, p. 7, says, "On 6 id. i. e. 8 June, A. D. 1279, the archbishop of York visited this abbey, finding him guilty of many omissions of his duty, and committing many faults, particularly fornication with the lady of Quenby, and with a daughter of Bedeman, who lived at the abbey gates, by whom he had issue; and for alienating the manor of Chatteflower, or Chelleflowe, and Stanton, where the monks had fourteen carucates of land; and by his negligence lost the farms of Midford and Staynton, and the tithes of Agram and Gunby, and his liberties within the town of Snayth." Monast. Ebor. p. 405, Note 1.

ⁱ Pat. 8 Edw. I. m. 22.

^j Kennett, MS. Diptycha.

^k Pat. 22 Edw. I. ^l Pat. 29 Edw. I.

^m From Reg. Ebor. Corbridge, p. 7.

ⁿ Pat. 7 Edw. II. p. 1. See also Burton, from Reg. Will. Grenefeld, Part ii. p. 74. In the Abbrev. Original. 7 Edw. II. we have the following instrument relating to the vacancy previous to abbat Scardeburgh's election:

"Rex dilectis sibi in Christo priori et conventui de Seleby salutem. Sciatis quod de illis quater viginti libris per quas fecistis nobiscum pro custodia abbatiæ vestræ et omnium ad eam spectantium ha-

bend. durante præsentis vacatione ejusdem concessimus mercatoribus de societate Ballardorum de Luca quadraginta libras in partem solutionis quorundam debitorum in quibus eis tenemur, &c. et quæ nuper concessimus eis de medietate exituum, episcopatum, abbatiarum, et prioratum quæ ex tunc vacuerunt et ad manus nostras devenuerunt. Et ideo vobis mandamus quod eisdem mercatoribus prædictas quadraginta libras sine dilatione aliqua persolvatis, recipientes ab eis vel uno eorum literas suas patentes de quietantia, &c." ro. 14.

^o Pat. 15 Edw. II. p. 1.

^p Pat. 9 Edw. III. p. 2. Reg. Melton.

^q Pat. 16 Edw. III. p. 2. ^r Burton, p. 405, says in 1361.

^s Pat. 43 Edw. III. p. 1. ^t Monast. Ebor. ut supr.

^u Pat. 9 Hen. IV. p. 2. See Rym. Fœd. tom. viii. pp. 512, 529.

^v Willis. Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 165.

^w Pat. 7 Hen. VI. p. 1.

^x Burton and Willis give his epitaph from Dodsworth's Collections.

^y Pat. 16 Hen. VI. p. 2. Copies of the Instruments relating to his election are preserved in the Harleian manuscript 669, foll. 51, 68, 85.

^z Burton, ut supr.

^{aa} Pat. 6 Edw. IV. p. 2.

^{ab} Orig. 2 Hen. VII. MS. Lansd. Brit. Mus. 963. Burton says he occurs in 1475.

^{ac} Burton, ut supr.

^{ad} Orig. 20 Hen. VII.

^{ae} Orig. 14 Hen. VIII.

^{af} Reg. Wolsey, Ebor.

^{ag} Burton, Monast. Ebor. p. 406. See also Burnet, Hist. Reform.

p. 149. ^{ah} Tanner says, "This was the first return of the Commissioners of the clear value; but, upon a review, it was returned at 733*l*. 12*s*. 10½*d*. as the original Roll MS. in the hands of the lord archbishop of York, and Stevens, vol. i. p. 27." Notit. Mon.

^{ai} See the abstract in the Append. of Instr.

^{aj} Num. XXIV. The following was the Return in the 2d and 3d of Phil. and Mar.:

"SELBY nuper MONAST. Feod. Roberti Walker tam clericus cur. omnium possessionum quam auditor omnium officiorum dicto nuper monasterio pertinen. per annum xix*l*. Annuitates et Corrod. Ri-

The Survey of this monastery made by the Commissioners in conformity to the king's letters missive, dated 23d of March, 31 Hen. VIII. given from the original in the Augmentation Office, will be found a curious document.^a

In the 32d of Henry the Eighth the site of Selby abbey was granted to Sir Ralph Sadler;^b Burton says in consideration of 736*l.* paid down, and 3*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.* per annum. He adds, that in the same year Sir Ralph Sadler had licence to alienate the said site, with the land called the Little Park, containing by estimation ten acres, and the manor of Selby, with the appurtenances in Selby, to Leonard Beckwith and his heirs. It afterwards descended to the Walmesleys of Dunkehalgh, in Lancashire, whose heiress married Lord Petre.^c

Labbe, in his *Nova Bibliotheca MSS. Librorum*, fol. Par. 1657, tom. i. p. 594 to 626, has printed a *legendary HISTORY of Selby Abbey*, chiefly in illustration of the miracles of St. German: "Historia Selebiensis Monasterii quod fundatum est in Anglia, in honore sancti Germani Antissiodorensis episcopi, anno ab Incarnatione Domini millesimo sexagesimo nono." It appears to have been written by an anonymous author about the year 1184. In the preceding account of the Abbats of Selby it has been referred to for occasional facts.

Tanner, in his *Notitia Monastica*, notices three REGISTERS of this monastery.

1. "Registrum abbatis de Selby, penes Thomam Walmesly de Dunkehalgh in com. Lancast. arm. A. D. 1620, postea penes Carolum Walmesly de Skyner arm. contin. foll. cxxii. in membr."

Dugdale's Extracts in the Appendix to the present account were principally taken from this manuscript.^d See also MS. Rog. Dodsworth in Bibl. Bodl. tom. cxviii. fol. 1—41; tom. cxlv. fol. 55. A transcript of this Register, formerly in the possession of Nathaniel Johnston, M. D. of Pontefract, has been frequently referred to in some of the preceding pages as quoted by Burton.

2. "Chartularium in Archivis Ducatus Lancastriæ:" two Instruments from which are copied by Dugdale.^e Extracts also occur from it in MS. Dodsw. tom. cxxvi. fol. 85.

3. "Registrum penes Tho. Hurst de Ludburgh in com. Lincoln."

A few Instruments relating to this monastery are preserved in the Cottonian manuscript Cleop. D. III.^f

In the same collection was formerly preserved, marked Vitellius E. xvi. a Register of Charters and other Instruments during the abbacy of John Shirburn, but it perished in the fire of 1731.

Three original Instruments relating to Selby are

cardi Childe per annum xxvj⁴. vij⁴. Thomæ Warde per annum xx⁴. Alexandri Martone per annum xx⁴. Johannis Hardwicke per annum xvj⁴. Edwardi Cartwright per annum xxvj⁴. vij⁴. Richardi Midletone per annum xxvj⁴. vij⁴. Ricardi Askewghe per annum xl⁴. Radulphi Pickeringe per annum xl⁴. Johannis Shillitoo per annum xxx⁴. Willielmi Beckwith per annum xxxij⁴. iij⁴. Roberti Lampworthe per annum xvj⁴. Ambrosii Beckwith per annum xx⁴. Thomæ Thompsonne per annum xxvj⁴. vij⁴. Roberti Holdesworthe per annum xx⁴. Willielmi More per annum c⁴. Ricardi Thompsonne per annum c⁴. Johannis Marshall per annum liij⁴. iij⁴.

^a See the Append. Num. XXV.

^b Orig. 32 Hen. VIII. p. 1. "Ebor. Rex. xxvij⁴. die Augusti concessit Radulpho Sadler domum et scitum nuper monasterii de Selby, ac mesuag. &c. in Selby, Steyner, Thorpe, Wystoo, et Brayton, habend. ei et hæredibus suis." ro. cxi.

^c Burton, Monast. Ebor. p. 406.

^d See Num. I.—XVII.

^e Numm. XXII. XXIII.

^f The more important of these are,

1. Billa data domino Alexandro archiepiscopo Ebor. pro tenent. de Selby versus abbatem de Selby, fol. 185 b.

2. Cartæ duæ Edw. III. regis de ten. in Selby, anno r. xlix. ibid. 186.

3. Litera transmissa domino abbati pro exequiis domini regis Edw. III. fol. 186.

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preserved in the Harleian collection in the British Museum:

Cart. Harl. antiq. 43 I. 46. Actum inter abbatem et conventum de Seleby et abb. et conventum de Neuhus de decimis de Morhamwik, A. D. 1282.

Ibid. 44 I. 16. Conventio inter Willielmum abbatem de Seleby et abbatem et conventum de Neuhus, super decimis apud Swyneflet et Morhamwyk infra limites parochiæ de Snayt. Dat. ij. non. Jul. A. D. 1282.

Ibid. 111 B. 47. Carta Hen. I. regis episcopo Linc. et vicecomiti, baronibus, &c. de Lincolshire, et de Legecestresira, et Northamtonsira, quod concessit abbati de Salebia ut habeant socham et sacham, et tol et them et infangeneteof in terra sua de Stanfort et de Crul, et de Stalingeburc. A part of the Great Seal is still appendant to this Instrument.

Bishop Tanner notices "Cartam originalem Gisleberti, concedentis ecclesiæ S. Germani de Saleby ii. carucatas terræ in villa quæ dicitur Gundeby, dioc. Lincoln. et illam decimam quam habet in Algruna et Alveleia, et viij. bovatas terræ in villa quæ Lund dicitur, olim penes Jos. Ames, secretarium Societatis Antiquariorum Lond." He also give the following references to documents in public Repositories:

"Cart. antiq. P. n. 12, 13, 14, et 15.

"Cart. 1 Joan. p. 1, m. 11, n. 73. Cart. 5 Joan. m. 11, n. 87, 89, 90. Fin. 9 Joan. m. 13, pro eccl. de Tadcaster.

"Fin. Ebor. 12 Hen. III. n. 124, de iij. bovatis terræ in Stivelingfleet. Cart. 14 Hen. III. m. 6. Plac. assis. apud Ebor. 15 Hen. III. rot. 8, et rot. 19 d, de terris in Stivelingfleet. Pat. 30 Hen. III. m. 7, pro advoc. eccl. de Brayton Ebor. Cart. 36 Hen. III. m. 23. Fin. Ebor. 44 Hen. III. n. 43, de maner. de Queningbergh. Plac. coram rege 52 Hen. III. pro advoc. eccl. de Stainingburgh. Plac. de jure et assis. apud Ebor. 52 Hen. III. rot. 69 d, de commun. pastur. in Holm. Fin. Ebor. 52 Hen. III. n. 148, pro mess. et terris in Gayteford et Lund.

"Pat. 2 Edw. I. m. 10, et m. 12 d. Pat. 3 Edw. I. m. 18, de commun. pastur. in Stanford super Avene. Plac. Coron. apud Ebor. 7 Edw. I. rot. 7, 8, de lib. war. in Estcroft, &c. Plac. de Quo War. 8 Edw. I. rot. 1, de lib. war. in Hamelton, Friston, &c. [See Num. XIX.] Plac. in com. Lincoln. 9 Edw. I. rot. 42 d, de advocacione eccl. de Stalingburgh. Pat. 20 Edw. I. m. . . Cart. 33 Edw. I. n. 43, pro mercat. et feria transferendis a Gerkethorp usque ad Crull Linc. Pat. 33 Edw. I. p. 1, m. 2 vel 3, et m. penult. vel antepen. Pat. 35 Edw. I. m. 37 vel 38.

Pat. 5 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 19. Pat. 7 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 4 vel 5. Cart. 8 Edw. II. p. 43. Pat. 8 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 4. Cart. 9 Edw. II. n. 5. Pat. 9 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 21, et p. 2, m. 31. Pat. 11 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 6, et m. 30. Cart. 12 Edw. II. n. 26. Pat. 12 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 3. Pat. 15 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 23. Claus. 16 Edw. II. m. 16. Pat. 16 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 12, pro eccl. de Braiton appro-

4. Breve transmissum domino abbati pro coronatione regis Ric. II. ibid.

5. Summonitio abbatis ad parlamentum 1 Ric. II. fol. 186 b.

6. Summonitio abbatis ad parlamentum 2 Ric. II. ibid.

7. Litera domini Ric. II. regis. *Gallicè*. fol. 187.

8. Procuratio Abbatis ad parlamentum, A. D. m.cccclxxix. fol. 187 b.

9. Litera missa Abbati per Ricardum regem anno regni ij. *Gal.* ibid.

10. Litera missa per Ric. II. regem pro arg. præstando. *Gal.* fol. 188.

11. Litera alia pro eodem, ibid.

12. Processus, &c. ad quod dampnum, tangens ten. in Selby adquisita de Dionis. de Marrays et aliis, 41 Edw. III. fol. 188 b.

13. Inquisitio capta coram escautore de ten. prædictis, fol. 189.

14. Breve de licentia acquirendi ten. prædicta, fol. 190.

15. Processus de ad quod dampnum tangens ten. in Selby, Snayth, et Polyngton, adquis. de Willielmo Atte Lauend de Baln, Ricardo de Drax de Selby, et aliis, fol. 190 b.

16. Breve regis Ric. II. ad abbatem de Selby, ut personaliter parlamento intersit, anno regni xj. fol. 195 b.

17. Præsentatio ad ecclesiam de Stanford, fol. 197.

18. Relaxatio xx⁴. marcarum firmæ de Stanford, fol. 197 b.

19. Memorandum de Stalyngburgh, fol. 198.

20. Scriptum parochianorum de Snayth, fol. 200.

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prianda. Pat. 18 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 9 vel 10. Claus. 18 Edw. II. m. 5. Escaet. Ebor. 19 Edw. II. n. 97. Claus. 19 Edw. II. m. 10. Pat. 20 Edw. II. m. 15 vel 16.

"Claus. 1 Edw. III. m. 25, de vastis maner. de Rouclyve. Pat. 2 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 16 vel 17, de intercambio cum priore de Haltemprise. Pat. 4 Edw. III. p. 1, m. . . Pat. 5 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 23 vel 24. Pat. 6 Edw. III. p. 1, m. . . Pat. 7 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 12, pro dccc. acris in Estoft et Thorn, et p. 3, m. 4, pro communia pasturæ inter Heynes et Crulle. Pat. 8 Edw. III. p. 1, m. ult. vel penult. et p. 2, m. 18 vel 19. Pat. 12 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 35 vel 36. Pat. 16 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 8, pro m.ccc. acris in Inklesmore pertin. ad maner. de Rouclyve et Estofte. Pat. 20 Edw. III. m. 15. Rec. in Scacc. 21 Edw. III. Trin. rot. . . Pat. 22 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 13, pro eccl. de Braiton. Pat. 24 Edw. III. m. 28 vel 29. Pat. 26 Edw. III. p. 3, m. 5. Pat. 35 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 26, pro eccl. de Stanford, Norhamt. approprianda. Pat. 46 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 9. Pat. 48 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 10, pro eccl. de Athelingflete approprianda. Pat. 49 Edw. III. p. 2, m. . . pro kernellatione ecclesiæ, claustrî, et mansi abbatis. Pat. 51 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 7.

"Cart. 5 Ric. II. n. 21. Pat. 5 Ric. II. p. 2, m. 24. Pat. 21 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 5.

"Cart. 2 Hen. IV. p. 1, n. 6. Pat. 5 Hen. IV. p. 2, m. 11. Pat. 13 Hen. IV. p. 1, m. 7 vel 8.

"Cart. 1, &c. Hen. VI. n. 24, pro mercat. et duabus feriis apud Crull. Pat. 19 Hen. VI. p. 1, m. 10. Pat. 24 Hen. VI. p. 1, m. 22. Rec. in Scacc. 26 Hen. VI. Trin. rot. 17. Claus. 28 Hen. VI. m. 11, de maner. de Wode et Thornholm, Linc. dimissis pro c. annis priori de Axholm. Pat. 30 Hen. VI. p. 2, m. 13. Rec. in Scacc. 34 Hen. VI. Pasch. rot. 14.

"Pat. 5 Edw. IV. p. 3, m. 11."

Two Pleadings in Quo Waranto relating to warren and other privileges upon the lands of the abbey in Yorkshire, 9 and 21 Edw. I. will be found in the Appendix to the present account.^a Another occurs respecting remission of geld, danegeld, aids of sheriffs, &c. in the manor of Stanford, and its members in Northamptonshire.^b

In the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer's Office in the Exchequer, Memoranda 21 Edw. III. rot. 4, is an enrolment of a charter relative to the possessions of this abbey.

In the King's Remembrancer's Office, "Carta regis abbati de Selby," enrolled Term. Trin. 27 Edw. III.

In the Augmentation Office, the particular for the grant of the site of the abbey, &c. to Sir Ralph Sadler, 32 Hen. VIII.; and divers depositions in the Court of Augmentations during the reigns of Henry VIII. and Edw. VI. as to the site and demesne lands.

An impression from an ancient SEAL of *Selby Abbey* is attached to an instrument of the year 1282, in the Harleian collection of charters, marked 44 i. 16. The obverse presents the figure of an abbat in pontificalibus, seated, but without a mitre; the right hand uplifted, as in the act of giving benediction: the left holding a crozier. The inscription, . . . ILLV . SCl . GERMANI . SELEBIENSIS . ECLÆ. At the back is a Counter-Seal, in the centre of which, indented, is a head with a diadem (apparently an ancient gem) with the words DN . HONORIVS . AVG . in small characters. Extending beyond this indentation is another inscription, in characters considerably larger: CAPVD . NOSTRV . CRISTVS . EST. William de Aslakeby was at this time abbat.

Among the ancient Seals engraved by Mr. George Vertue for the Society of Antiquaries,^c there is one of Richard, an earlier abbat, who seems to have used either the one above described, or a similar Counter-Seal. Lewis, in his Dissertation on the Antiquity and Use of Seals in England, 4to. 1740, p. 26, has this remark upon it: "The Seal of Richard abbat of Selby has for its reverse the impression of the head of Honorius the Roman emperor, with this very inscription round it, D . HONORIVS . AVG . and

yet his ignorance suffered him to mistake it for the head of Jesus Christ, and there is actually a rim put round it on which is inscribed in very bad Latin, CAPVD HOC CRISTVS EST."

Appendant to an ancient deed in the office of the duchy of Lancaster is a Seal also of a Richard abbat of Selby. The impression is of red wax, large and oval, representing an abbat at full length, having his staff in his left hand, and his right in the act of giving benediction to a youth. The legend is, RICARD . DEI . GRA . MINISTER . HVM . ECCLIE . SCl . GERMANI . DE . SELBE .

At the Chapter-house Westminster, appendant to an instrument 22d Hen. VIII. is a Seal representing a mitred abbat with his crozier standing under a richly ornamented Gothic canopy, with the following legend: SIGILLVM . ROBTI . SELBY . ABBIS . SELBY. In a shield under the abbat's feet are the Armorial bearings of the abbey.

The ARMS of *Selby Abbey* were, *Sa.* Three swans *Ar.* They occur so emblazoned in a Procession Roll of the Lords to Parliament in 1512;^d as well as in a Visitation of the North, by Thomas Tong, Norroy, began Aug. 7th, 1530.^e A Collection of Arms, however, among the Lansdowne manuscripts, said to be in the hand of Sir William Dethic, Garter, gives the swans *Or.*^f

The third of the Plates of Monastic Arms in the last editions of Tanner's *Notitia Monastica*, by some mistake, appropriate the Arms of Selby abbey to York.

The CHURCH of Selby is still an edifice of extraordinary beauty, though built at different times and in different tastes. The nave and north part of the transept are of Norman architecture; the choir and east end in the pointed style. The tower, in the centre, appears to have been rebuilt at the beginning of the eighteenth century: the former tower having fallen down on the 30th of March, 1690, and destroyed the south end of the transept and the roof of the south-west aisle. The western entrance is through a rich Norman doorway. The east end had formerly what was called a Jesse-window, representing the genealogy of Our Saviour in painted glass; very few fragments of which are now remaining. A chapter-house is attached to the south side of the choir.

The following are stated to be the dimensions of the church. The length, from east to west, two hundred and sixty-seven feet; the body, from north to south, fifty feet; length of the transept, a hundred feet; the east and west ends being of equal distance from the pillars supporting the tower.

The west end of the church differs materially from the representation engraved of it in the former edition of the *Monasticon Anglicanum*.

Burton, in the *Monasticon Eboracense*, p. 387, speaking of the OFFICES of the monastery in his time, A. D. 1737, says, "The chief buildings were on the west and south side of the church, to which they joined by the supposed chapter-house, arched with stone, towards the east end, and by a cloister towards the west end, near adjoining to the minister's house, with a row of four round stone pillars, supporting its groined arched roof of stone. The first is now the vestry, over which is a chamber used as a school; the latter is turned into an open stable, and upon the arch a garden. The barn, with part of the granary, and chief entrance, or great gateway, facing the north, are yet remaining. On the side of the latter is the porter's lodge, &c.: over these, arched with stone, are two chambers, in which the abbats held their courts, and transacted public business; and they are applied to the same use at this time."

The Conventual Church of Selby was made parochial by the King's letters patent, dated 20th March, 16 James I. A. D. 1618.

^a Numm. XIX. XXI.

^b See the Plac. de Quo War. temp. Edw. I. II. III. in Curia Recepta Scaccarii Westm. asservata, p. 507.

^c Vetusta Monumenta.

^d MS. Cole, Brit. Mus. vol. xxx. fol. 5.

^e Ibid. vol. xviii. fol. 213 b.

^f MS. Lansd. Brit. Mus. 255, fol. 13.

The CELL to Selby Abbey at SNAITH in Yorkshire, in the Deanery of Pontefract, has been already noticed.^a Tanner says it was granted, as parcel of the possessions of Selby, in the 4th of Edward VI. to John earl of Warwick.^b

The *Hospital of GLANFORD BRIGGE*, in the parish of Wrauby, in Lincolnshire, was also subordinate to Selby Abbey; one of the monks of which was usually appointed Master.

Cartae ad Selbiense Coenobium in agro Eboracensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

Carta Willielmi Conquestoris de Prima Fundatione Abbatiae de Salebi.

[Ex Registro de Selby nuper in custodia Thomae Walmealey armig. A. D. 1620. Cart. 2 Edw. III. m. 21, n. 77.]

IN nomine sanctæ et individuae Trinitatis, Patris, Filii, et Spiritus Sancti, Amen. Willielmus fortissimus immo potentissimus rex omnium regum illorum à quibus eo tempore sceptrum regalia sub divo gubernantur, maximum imperium Angliæ terræ regens, quod permissione atque voluntate Dei primum signis, mirabilibusque prodigiis, ac deinde magnis viribus bellisque debellando Anglos, tandem acquisitum gubernans, viris tam ecclesiasticis, quam suis comitibus, baronibusque, atque ministris omnibus, salutem. Divina providente Dei misericordia, et mea bonitate, divina clementia inspirata, devotè postulanti, Benedicto abbati devotissimo, cœnobium in honore Domini nostri Jesu Christi, et beatissimæ ejus genetricis et Virginis Mariæ, et sancti Germani, Antisiodorensis episcopi in Salebya fundare concessi. In quo fundamine conjeci, et regali libertate posui et dedi, de propria mea mensa ipsam Salebiam, videlicet, unam carucatam de terra Snaith, et sex bovatas de Flaxley, et Rodcliffe, et dimidiam carucatam terræ in Bratone, et unam piscariam in Whitegift; et terras à Thoma archiepiscopo eidem ecclesiæ datas, videlicet Fristunam et Salebiam Minorem, tam secundum vivam vocem quam juxta brevis ejus tenorem.

Eodem modo Crull, scilicet, una hundreda quæ jacet in vicecomitatu Lincolnensi, et Stanford, quæ est in vicecomitatu Hamptoniæ, quas dederunt Gaufridus de la Wirchi, et Wido de Rainecourt, sine ullo retentu confirmavi; et dando concessi, et cuncta cum hiis undecunque tam in terris et possessionibus, quam in aliis oblationibus quæ instinctu Sancti Spiritus à devotis benefactoribus offerri et quaquaversum jure, prece, et precio adquiri possint, sub regali munere, ab omni exactione et molestia, et vexatione solutè, et quietè, et liberè, prout decet elemosinam regiam, et propriam abbatiam interminabili et perpetua pace tenere, et curiam suam, cum saca et soca, et tol et team, et infangenethefe, et cum omnibus consuetudinibus, quas meliores habet ecclesia sancti Petri Eboracensis habere et perpetuò possidere; ad testimonium et ad confirmationem hujus elemosinæ donationis, pro salute animæ meæ, et tam præcedentium meorum, quam subsequentium. Data carta hæc et confirmata apud Londonias, in præsentia istorum, scilicet, Odonis Baiocensis episcopi, Edwardi de Salesbiria, Hugonis de Portu, Hugonis de Monteforti, Roberti de Olley, Ricardi filii comitis Gilberti, Baldwini fratris ejus, Remigii episcopi, Radulphi Talebois, Roberti de Tany, Gaufridi de la Wirchi, et totius curiæ regis.

NUM. II.

Carta Guidonis de Raincourt, de Villa de Stamford, in comitatu Northamptoniæ.

[Ibid.]

WIDO de Rainecourt omnibus hominibus et amicis suis salutem. Notum sit vobis omnibus audientibus has literas quod ego pro amore Dei, et anima domini mei Willielmi regis, et pro remissione peccatorum meorum, et uxoris meæ, filiorum, et omnium parentum meorum, dedi Stanford, villam meam, cum omnibus quæ ei adjacent, abbati Benedicto, et ecclesiæ sancti Germani de Seleby, solutam et quietam imperpetuum, ab omnibus consuetudinibus et servitiis ad me pertinentibus, concedente et confirmante hanc elemosinam domino meo rege, et hærede meo Richardo. His testibus, Remigio episcopo, et Hugone de Monteford, &c.

NUM. III.

Carta Galfridi de la Wyrce de Hundredo de Crull in Insula de Aziholm.

[Ibid.]

NOTUM sit meis amicis, et omnibus hominibus, quod ego Gaufridus de la Wyrce pro salute regis et reginæ, et eorum liberorum, et pro salute animæ meæ, uxoris meæ, et amicorum meorum concessi, nutu regis, Benedicto abbati sancti Germani de Seleby, et fratribus ibidem habitantibus Crull, scilicet, hundredum terræ, cum tota soca et saca, ut in vicecomitatu Lincolnæ jacet, absque ullo retentu, solutam, et quietam ab omnibus consuetudinibus, et servitiis, quæ ad me pertinent imperpetuum, eo tenore ut pro nobis monachus unus semper in ecclesia habeatur, et unus pauper pascatur. Hanc confirmationem feci apud Londonias in solario domus Waleranni, coram Odone episcopo Baiocensi, &c.

NUM. IV.

Carta Hilberti de Lasci, de Manerio de Hamelton.

[Ibid.]

NOTUM sit omnibus has literas legentibus, quod ego Hilbertus de Lascy, pro salute animæ meæ, et pro salute omnium parentum meorum, manerium de Hamelton, cum omnibus sibi adjacentibus quod dedit avus meus Hilbertus ecclesiæ sancti Germani de Selby, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus in puram elemosinam, confirmo et concedo, eodem modo tenere in perpetuum. Et volo et confirmo ut teneant elemosinam meam puram, bene, honorificè, et quietè, ut tenuerunt die quo receperam honorem meum.

^a See the present Account of Selby Abbey, p. 493.

^b Notit. Monast. It seems to have been alienated the same year. In the Abstracts of the Originals on the Lord Treasurer's side of the Exchequer, we have, "4 Edw. VI. p. 4. Ebor. De quibusdam grang.

firma tenem. et heredit. in Mowthorp, ac cella de Snayth cum pertin. Francisco Jobson mil. et Elizabethæ ux. ejus et hæred. ipsius Francisci alien." ro. xxviii.

NUM. V.

Carta Thomæ archiepiscopi de Friston et Seleby Minori.

[Ibid.]

NOTUM volo fieri omnibus sanctæ matris ecclesiæ cultoribus, quod ego Thomas Eboracensis ecclesiæ, Dei gratia, archiepiscopus, de salute animæ domini mei regis Willielmi, parentis mei, necnon omnium in Christo fidelium in futurum prævidens, has ecclesias Friston et Salebyam ab omni consuetudine liberas et quietas, clericorum consensu, consilioque communi, ecclesiæ, quæ in honore beatissimi confessoris Germani in diocesi meæ fundata est, donaverim, ita liberè, sicut superius dixi, excepta Christianitatis causa, et celebratione anniversarii quod celebraturi sunt ejusdem ecclesiæ fratres, per singulos annos, pro peccatorum meorum remissione. Hoc autem rogo et humiliter meos successores admoneo, ne hanc caritatis donationem violare, vel adnullare aliquatinus præsumant, sed imperpetuum sacrosanctæ ecclesiæ, ejusque servientibus pro remunerationis ecclesiæ cœlestis gloria adjacere permittant. Hujus donationis testes sunt Odo Baiocensis episcopus, &c.

NUM. VI.

Carta Gilberti Tison summi Vexillatoris Angliæ.

[Ibid.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus de Polethorp, dominus Gilbertus Tison, domini regis Angliæ summus vexillator, salutem. Constet vobis, ad instantiam nobilis reginæ Angliæ, Matildis nomine, pro animabus regis sancti Edwardi, et Willielmi Bastardi, parentum et successorum meorum, et pro anima nostra, nos concessisse, dedisse, et hac præsentī pagina confirmasse, Deo nostro, et ecclesiæ de Seleby, monachis ibidem Deo servientibus ad sustentationem elemosynæ, duas carucatas terræ in Polkerthorp, quas Hainus nativus noster tenet, cum sequela ipsius; et duas carucatas terræ in Bobewith, in loco qui dicitur Gunelby; et unam carucatam terræ in villa de Lund in campo de Writtelow, juxta manerium nostrum ibidem, quam Grunkel filius Thorin ballivus pro quodam exenio de nobis tenuit, pro omni alio servitio seculari, cum dicto servitio, et omni jure competituro, tenendum et habendum eidem ecclesiæ terras prædictas, cum omnibus ubique appenditiis adeo liberè sicut alicui ecclesiæ potest liberius conferri. Volumus et concedimus pro nobis et successoribus nostris, neminem a prædictis terris, vel inhabitantibus soccam vel saccam aut team vel scutagium reclamare; sed sint quieti in civitatibus, burgis, foris, et nundinis, per totam Angliam, de quolibet theolonio, tallagio, passagio, pedagio, lastagio, hydagio, wardagio, et omnibus geldis, fengeldis, horngeldis, forgeldis, pemgeldis, tendpenigs, hunderpenigs, miskemelig, et omni terreno servitio, et seculari exactione: similiter de sectis curiæ comitatus, hundredorum, wapentagiorum, tridingiorum, et de murthero et latrocinio, escapio, et hamsokne, grithbregis, blodwit, leyrwith, et brenalpeninge, et de omnibus auxiliis vicecomitis et ministrorum regis, et nostrorum secundum quod dicti reges nobis et nostris prædictas libertates dederunt, et confirmaverunt. Quod istas verò largitates, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, contra omnes warrantizabimus et imperpetuum defendemus, præsentī scripto signo nostro roborato nos, et successores nostros firmiter ligamus. His testibus, Alredo archiepiscopo Eborac. Ranulpho Silvest. comite, &c.

NUM. VII.

Carta alia Gilberti Tison.

[Ibid.]

NOTUM sit omnibus fidelibus, quod ego Gilbertus Tison, concessu uxoris meæ, et filiorum meorum, dedi ecclesiæ sancti Germani de Seleby, pro anima domini mei Willielmi regis, et liberorum meorum, duas carucatas terræ quæ Gundeby dicitur, cum omnibus quæ illi adjacent, et illam decimam quam habeo in Maigruna, et in Alvelay, et octo bovatas terræ in villa quæ Lund dicitur. Hoc autem ea conditione feci ut in eadem ecclesia sim plenarius frater.

Quidam etiam ex hominibus meis nomine Swanus, dedit memoratæ ecclesiæ unam carucatam terræ in Duffeld, quod ego concessi, et concedo. Testibus, Thoma archiepiscopo, domino Ada filio meo, &c.

NUM. VIII.

Carta Gauleranni Comititis de Mellent.

[Ibid. fol. 202 a.]

G. COMES de Mellent karissimo fratri suo R. comiti Leyrecestr. et omnibus baronibus, amicis et fidelibus suis totius Angliæ salutem. Sciatis me concessisse abbati et monachis sancti Germani de Salebeya villam de Stanforth, cum omnibus quæ ei adjacent, ut bene et in pace, honorificè, liberè, et quietè eam teneant, sicut illam quæ est de dominica elemosina mea, et sicut dirationata fuit in curia regis Stephani apud Northampton, per breve regis Willielmi. Et precor vos quatinus pro amore et honore Dei, et prece mea, illam custodiat et manuteneatis et defendatis, ubi opus et necesse eis inde fuerit, ut grates inde vobis sciam. Test. Philippo de Belmes.

NUM. IX.

Carta Gaufridi de la Wyrce.

[Ibid. fol. 209.]

NOTUM sit meis amicis, et omnibus hominibus quod ego Gaufridus de la Wyrce, pro salute regis et reginæ, et eorum liberorum, et pro salute animæ meæ, uxoris meæ et amicorum meorum concessi, nutu regis, Benedicto abbati sancti Germani de Seleby, et fratribus ibidem habitantibus Crull, scilicet, hundredum terræ cum tota soca et saca, ut in vicecomitatu Lincolnæ jacet, absque ullo retentu, solutam et quietam ab omnibus consuetudinibus et servitiis quæ ad me pertinent imperpetuum, eo tenore, ut pro nobis monachus usus semper in ecclesia habeatur, et unus pauper pascatur. Hanc confirmationem feci apud Londonias in solario domus Waleranni, coram Odone episcopo Baiocensi, &c.

NUM. X.

Carta Nigelli de Albini.

[Ibid. fol. 211.]

ROBERTO Lincolnæ episcopo vicecom. et baronibus Lincolnæ et Willielmo fratri suo et omnibus amicis et hominibus suis Francis et Anglis, Nigellus de Albini salutem. Notum sit omnibus vobis quod ego, pro redemptione animæ meæ dedi sancto Germano et monachis de Seleby, ad luminare ejusdem ecclesiæ, unam carucatam terræ in Amecotes, cum omnibus quæ ei adjacent, in puram elemosinam, liberam et quietam ab omni seculari servitio. Test. R. episcopo Dunelmensi.

NUM. XI.

Carta de Manerio de Hamelton.

[Ibid. fol. 91.]

NOTUM sit omnibus has literas legentibus, quod ego Hilbertus de Lascy, pro salute animæ meæ et pro salute omnium parentum meorum, manerium de Hamelton, cum omnibus sibi adjacentibus, quod dedit avus meus Hilbertus ecclesiæ sancti Germani de Seleby et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, in puram elemosinam confirmo et concedo, eodem modo tenere imperpetuum. Et volo et confirmo ut teneant elemosinam meam puram, bene, honorificè, et quietè ut tenuerunt die quo recuperavi honorem meum.

NUM. XII.

Carta R. de Laceio de eodem.

[Ibid.]

COGNITUM sit omnibus ecclesiæ filiis, quod ego Rod-

bertus de Laceio concedo et confirmo donationem et elemosinam, quam pater meus Hilbertus dedit ecclesie sancti Germani de Seleby, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, pro salute sua, et matris meae, et pro anima fratris mei Hugonis, cæterorumque amicorum suorum; scilicet Hamelton cum omnibus quæ ei adjacent. Et hæc concedo et confirmo pro salute mea, et omnium parentum meorum, ut monachi ejusdem ecclesie liberè, quietè, et in pura elemosina jure perpetuo habeant.

NUM. XIII.

Carta Thomæ primi archiepiscopi Eboraci.

[Ibid.]

NOTUM volo fieri omnibus sanctæ matris Dei ecclesie cultoribus quod ego Thomas Eboracensis ecclesie, Dei gratia, archipræsul, de salute animæ domini mei regis Willielmi pariterque mei, necnon omnium in Christo fidelium, in futurum prævidens, has terras, Fristonam et Salebyam, ab omni consuetudine liberas, et quietas clericorum consensu, consilioque communi, ecclesie quæ in honorem beatissimi confessoris Germani, in diocesi mea fundata est, donaverim, ita liberè, sicut superius dixi, excepta Christianitatis causa et celebratione anniversarii mei, quod celebraturi sunt ejusdem ecclesie fratres, per singulos annos, pro peccatorum meorum remissione. Hoc autem rogo, et humiliter meos successores admoneo, ne hanc caritatis donationem violare, vel adnullare aliquatinus præsumant, sed imperpetuum sacrosanctæ ecclesie, ejusque servientibus, pro remunerationis ecclesie gloria, adjacere permittant. Hujus donationis testes sunt, Odo Baiocensis episcopus, &c.

NUM. XIV.

Carta de duabus carucatis Terræ in Hillum.

[Ibid. fol. 96.]

OMNIBUS videntibus et audientibus has literas Thomas Dei gratia Eboracensis archiepiscopus, cum omnibus canonicis suis salutem, et Dei benedictionem. Noverint tam moderni quam posteri, et successores nostri, quod Nigellus, cognominatus præpositus archiepiscopi, cum fieret monachus in ecclesia sancti Germani Salebiensis, dedit eidem abbatiæ duas carucatas terræ et dimidiam, et quicquid ad illas pertinet, quas tenebat de feudo sancti Petri Eboraci, et meo in Hillum: quam donationem ego, scilicet, Thomas archiepiscopus Eboraci, consentiente toto capitulo canonicorum meorum, concessi Deo et sancto Germano, et Hugoni abbati, et monachis ejus, videlicet, eandem terram et partem decimæ suæ de Hodleston, perpetuo possidendam; cum saca et soca, in pura elemosina, dimisso quidem omni terreno servitio, quod solebat prædictus Nigellus facere mihi pro eadem terra: dedi etiam Gilberto ejusdem Nigelli filio, duas alias carucatas terræ in Wetewange, in escambio, ea causa ut libenter concederet donationem patris sui; et libenter concessit. Hujus rei testes sunt Hugo decanus, Willielmus thesaurarius, Gilbertus cantor, &c.

NUM. XV.

Carta Willielmi Paganelli de Terra infra Villam de Drax in loco qui dicitur Nesse super Ripam de Haire.

[Ibid. fol. 155.]

NOTUM sit omnibus qui has literas legerint vel audierint, quod ego Willielmus Paganellus concedo firmiter, et confirmo donationem et elemosinam, quam pater meus Radulphus concessit et dedit ecclesie sancti Germani de Seleby. Quam donationem ut prædixi, firmiter concedo, et super altare pono sancti Germani; scilicet, terram et pratum, nemus et aquam, quæ sunt sita et posita contra Roudecliffe ex altera parte Eyre, per divisas quas ego ipse feci in terra et in aqua, coram multis testibus ex meis hominibus, monachorum et abbatibus Durandi. Cujus donationi affuerunt abbas præfatus Durandus, et monachi plures.

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Hii sunt testes hujus donationis, Guarinus miles de sancto Patricio, Robertus de Lascels.

NUM. XVI.

Carta Giraldi archiepiscopi Eboraci de Ecclesia de Snathe.

[Ibid. fol. 158.]

G. DEI gratia Eboracensis archiepiscopus H. abbati et congregationi sancti Germani salutem. Ecclesiam de Snayth vobis et monasterio vestro possidendam dedi. Et ut eam liberè et quietè, ab omni consuetudine teneatis his literis concedo atque præcipio. T. Gilberto et Hugone dapifero. Valete.

NUM. XVII.

Carta H. Comitis Lincolnie de Capella de Whitgist.

[Ibid. fol. 162.]

OMNIBUS hoc scriptum visuris vel audituris, Henricus de Lascy comes Lincoln. et constabularius Cestrie salutem in Domino. Noveritis nos, pro salute animæ nostræ, et antecessorum nostrorum concessisse abbati et conventui de Seleby, quod ipsi, et successores sui habeant et teneant cimiterium in villa de Weytegist olim dedicatum, sicut fossatis includitur, usque ad quandam placeam, ubi feria nostra annuatim tenetur ad festum beatæ Mariæ Magdalene juxta cimiterium prædictum, in villa prædicta versus boream, ad construendam ecclesiam, sive capellam in eodem cimiterio, in honore beatæ Mariæ Magdalene; in qua quidem ecclesia sive capella, homines nunc habitantes, et in posterum inhabitaturi, in villa de Ousflete, Weytegist, Esketoft, Reddnesse, et Swynefléetes; et etiam tenentes undecim bovatas terræ in Folquardby, et tresdecim bovatas terræ in Haldenbye, quæ quidem villæ prædictæ sunt infra limites parochiæ de Snayth, divina officia audient, et sacramenta ecclesiastica percipient, et habebunt, prout aliquo tempore plenius, melius, liberius et honestius percipere et habere consueverunt in ecclesia quæ nuper prostrata fuit per dominum Johannem le Fraunceys, tunc rectorem ecclesie de Athelingfléet in cimiterio prædicto. Tenendum et habendum prædictum cimiterium in liberam elemosinam, in forma prædicta, sine reclamazione nostra vel hæredum nostrorum in perpetuum. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras, sigillo nostro signatas, eisdem abbati et conventui fieri fecimus patentes. Datum apud Cliftonam juxta Eboracum die Jovis proxima ante festum apostolorum Simonis et Judæ anno gratiæ mccciv.

NUM. XVIII.

Carta Ricardi I Regis.

[Cartæ 2 E. III. m. 21, n. 77, per Inspeximus: et Cartæ 5 R. II. n. 21.]

RICARDUS Dei gratia Angliæ rex, et dux Normanniæ et Aquitanniæ, &c. salutem. Sciatis nos confirmasse hac nostra præsentis carta ecclesie sancti Germani de Seleby, et monachis in illa Deo servientibus quicquid fundator ejusdem ecclesie, venerabilis rex Willielmus proavus noster, in elemosinam illis dedit, et illustris rex Henricus pater noster carta sua illis confirmavit, scilicet, ipsum manerium de Seleby, videlicet, unam carucatam terræ de Sneith, et sex bovatas terræ de Flaxley, et Royeclive, et dimidiam carucatam terræ in Breitung, et unam piscariam, scilicet, Witegift; et præterea terras à Thoma archiepiscopo eidem ecclesie datas, scilicet, Fristunam et Selebeiam Minorem; et præterea Crul, scilicet, unum hundret in vicecomitatu Lincolnie; et Stanford, cum pertinentiis ejus quæ est in vicecomitatu Hampton, quas eis dederunt Gaufridus de la Wirche, Wido de Reinecurt: et terram de Barewiche et terram de Mistretune, et præterea alias tenuras suas, à quocunque fidei illis datas, scilicet, ecclesiam de Stallinburc, cum pertinentiis ejus, ecclesiam de Redburna, et ecclesiam de Ascheby, et ecclesiam de Elvelai, et ecclesiam de Botnesford, cum pertinentiis earum; et ecclesiam de Sneith,

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cum pertinentiis suis, quam Gerardus archiepiscopus eis in elemosinam dedit, liberam et quietam ab omni consuetudine, sicut sunt præbendæ canonicorum sancti Petri, et sicut cartæ Girardi et Thomæ archiepiscoporum, illis confirmant; et Hameltonam, quam Gilbertus de Laci eis in elemosinam dedit; et Hillum et Gunnebi, cum pertinentiis suis; et terram de Duffeld: et Acastram, cum pertinentiis ejus, quam Osbertus vicecomes eis dedit, et Hillum cum pertinentiis suis quam secundus Thomas archiepiscopus eis dedit, et Staintuna in Cravene, quam Hugo filius Everardi eis dedit, et terram de Chelchefeld, quam Hermerus eis dedit; et unam carucatam terræ in Amecotes, quam Nigellus de Albeneia eis dedit, et terram de Elvestueyth quam Rogerus de Mowbray eis dedit, et terram de Bramwith, et terram de Buttrewic, et terram de Angotebi, scilicet duas bovatas quas Wido de Ver senior eis dedit; et terram de Holm, scilicet, duos bovatas, et terram de Arnesnest, et terram de Donecastre; et unam carucatam terræ in Useburne, et decimam de Wilgeton de dominio quod fuit Augeri de Cancy, et molendinum de Stillington, et omnes alias terras suas et tenuras eorum in elemosinas eis datas. Quare volo, &c. Data per manum Willielmi cancellarii nostri, et Eliensis electi, apud Westm. anno regni nostri primo xj. die Novemb.

NUM. XIX.

Placita de Juratis et Assisis, et de Quo Waranto coram Joh. de Vallibus et Sociis Justiciar. itin. in Com. Ebor. anno regni Regis Edw. I. 7^{mo} 8^{mo} et nono.

[Ex orig. in Domo Capitulari Westmonast. asservato.]

ABBAS de Seleby summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino Regi de Placito quo waranto clamat habere warennam apud Hamelton, Fuston, Hillum, Brayton, Thorp, Seleby, et alibi in terris suis in com. isto sine licentia, &c.

Et Abbas venit, et dicit quod clamat warennam in prædictis terris per cartam domini Henrici regis patris domini Regis nunc quam profert, et quæ testatur quod idem rex concessit et carta sua confirmavit cuidam Johanni prædecessori suo et successoribus suis liberam warennam in omnibus dominicis terris suis in villis prædictis. Et quo ad quietantiam sectæ in terris suis in Thorp et Hillum dicit quod ipse clamat esse quietus a secta in terris prædictis tali waranto quod ipse tenet Thorp de feodo domini archiepiscopi Ebor. et Hillum de feodo domini Johannis de Vesey qui faciunt sectam pro eo. Et ideo super hoc inquiratur, et per Willielmum de Holteby, Willielmum Burdon, et socios suos jur. suprascripta convictum est quod prædictus Abbas usus est prædicta warennam sicut eam clamat et illam non amplius. Et quod prædictus archiepiscopus et Joannes faciunt sectam pro prædictis maneriis. Ideo prædictus abbas inde sine die, &c. rot. 1.

NUM. XX.

Taxatio Ecclesiastica P. Nicholai IV. A. D. 1292.

		£.	s.	d.
Linc'	Abb. de Seleby habet in Stanford et Stormesforth in Terris, Reditibus, Pratis, Molendinis, et Cur'	34	9	11 ob.
	Ecclesia de Stalyngburg Abbati de Selby appropriata	30	0	0
Leic'	Temporalia in Archid' Leicestr'	38	2	7 ob.
Linc'	Temporalia in Decanat' de Manlak	123	11	2
	Temporalia in Decanat' de Jordeburch	13	13	0
	Temporalia in Decanat' de Waliscroft	0	5	0
Leic'	Temporalia in Decanat' de Gertre	1	0	0
	Temporalia in Decanat' de Gosecote	37	0	0 ob.

		£.	s.	d.
Leic'	Temporalia in Decanat' de Gudlakston	0	2	0
Linc'	Temporalia in Decanat' de Coryngham	5	13	8
	Ecclesia de Crul Abbati de Selby appropriata	16	0	0
	Ecclesia de Lodyngton	26	13	4
Ebor'	Ecclesia de Sneyth	153	6	8
	Ecclesia de Adhelingfeth	153	6	8
	Ecclesia de Seleby	13	6	8
	Temporalia in Archid' Ebor'	186	0	5 ob.

NUM. XXI.

Plac. de Quo Waranto coram Hugone de Cressingham et Sociis suis Justiciariis Domini Regis itinerantibus apud Ebor. a die S. Trin. in xv. dies anno regni Regis Edw. I. 21^o.

[Ex orig. in domo Capitulari Westmonast. asservato.]

ABBAS de Seleby summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamat habere tol et them, sok et sak, blodwyte, wreke, et weyf, infangenthef, utfangenthef, pillorium, tumberellum, furcas, et feriam, et emendas assisæ panis et cervisiæ fractæ in Seleby, et habere liberam warennam in omnibus dominicis terris suis in Seleby, Thorp, Brayton, Hamelton, Fuston, Hillum, Acastr', Clelleslawe, Holm, Snayth, Routhelcliff, et Estoft, et esse quietus de geldis et danegeldis, auxiliis vicecomitum, et sectis comitat. shirarum, hundred. et wappent. et de omnibus finibus et amerciamentis, et esse quietus pro se et hominibus suis de villis prædictis de passagio, pontagio, muragio, stallagio, et teolonio per totum regnum domini regis Angliæ quæ ad coronam et dignitatem domini regis pertinent sine licentia et voluntate domini regis et progenitorum suorum regum Angliæ.

Et Abbas per attornatum suum venit. Et quo ad tol et them, sok et sak, weyf, infangenthef, pillorium, tumberellum, furcas, mercatum per diem Lunæ, et feriam die sancti Germani, et in vigilia, et in die sequenti prædictum diem, &c. et emendas assisæ panis et cervisiæ fractæ in Seleby, dicit quod ipsas libertates clamat ab antiquo. Et quod ipse et omnes prædecessores sui a tempore quo non extat memoria semper pacifice usi sunt prædictis libertatibus absque aliqua temporis interruptione. Et de hoc ponit se super patriam. Et quo ad blodwyte, wreke, et utfangenthef dicit quod abbas libertates ad præsens declamat, &c. in isto Comitatu. Et quo ad liberam warennam in dominicis terris suis, &c. dicit quod ipsam clamat per cartam domini Regis patris domini regis nunc, dat. anno regni sui tricesimo sexto, quam profert, et quæ testatur quod idem dominus rex concessit cuidam Abbati de Seleby prædecessori istius abbatis et ejusdem loci conventui quod ipsi et successores sui imperpetuum habeant liberam warennam in omnibus dominicis terris suis maneriorum suorum de Seleby, Thorp, Brayton, Amelton, Friston, Hillum, Acastr', Chelleslawe, Holm, Snayth, Routhelclive, et Estoft in com. Ebor. dum tamen terræ illæ non sint infra metas forestæ domini regis, &c. Et quo ad hoc quod clamat esse quietus, &c. Dicit quod quidam prædecessor suus tempore domini regis Henrici, patris domini regis nunc, perquisivit ten. quæ ipse modo tenet in Thorp; quo ad homines suos prædictæ villæ non clamat quod sint quieti de communibus finibus et amerciamentis, &c. nec de theloneo, &c. Sed clamat esse quietus pro se et hominibus suis in Villis prædictis, prout in Breve continetur, exceptis prædictis hominibus suis de Thorp ab antiquo. Et dicit quod ipse et omnes prædecessores sui a tempore quo non extat memoria semper pacifice usi sunt hujusmodi libertate, &c. absque aliqua temporis interruptione, &c. Et de hoc ponit se super patriam, &c.

Et Rogerus de Hegham qui sequitur pro domine rege dicit quo ad tol et them, sok et sak, et weyf, infangenthef, pillorium, tumberellum, furcas, mercatum, et feriam, quod prædictus Abbas abutitur illis libertatibus, &c. Et petit quod inquiratur pro domino rege qualiter usus est, &c.

Et quo ad blodwyte, wrek, et utfangenthef, quas prædictus abbas declamat, Rogerus dicit quod ipse abbas illis usus est, &c. Et petit quod inquiretur pro domino rege, &c. Et quo ad liberam warennam in villis prædictis Rogerus dicit quod prædictus abbas auctoritate prædictæ cartæ appropriavit sibi liberam warennam in terris liberorum vicinorum suorum, et terras illas tenet inwarrennatas, &c. Et hoc petit quod inquiretur pro domino rege, &c. Et quo ad hoc quod prædictus abbas clamat esse quietus pro se et hominibus suis in prædictis villis, exceptis hominibus suis de Thorp, Rogerus dicit quod non sunt quieti, nec esse debent, &c. Et hoc petit quod inquiretur pro domino rege, &c. Dicit etiam quod prædictus abbas et prædecessores sui perquisiverunt diversa tenementa de novo quæ quidem ten. sectam darent ad com. istum et ad wapp. domini regis, &c. quam quidem sectam prædictus Abbas penitus subtraxit, &c. Et hoc petit quod inquiretur pro domino rege, &c. Ideo rei veritas inquiretur, &c. Et similiter prædictus Rogerus dicit pro domino rege quod prædictus Abbas non permittit ballivos domini regis intrare in terris suis ad aliqua officia facienda, &c. Immo impedit, &c. in contemptum domini regis manifestum, &c. Et hoc petit quod inquiretur, &c.

Et abbas dicit quod ipse et omnes prædecessores sui a tempore quo non extat memoria semper hujusmodi libertatem habere consueverunt, quod quando ballivus domini regis aliquod officium debeat exercere in Seleby venit ad ballivum ipsius Abbatis et ei committet hujusmodi executionem faciend. et ipse ballivus ipsius Abbatis executionem factam testabitur ballivo domini regis, &c. Et si ballivus ipsius abbatis negligens fuerit, tunc bene licebit ballivo domini regis ob defectum ballivi ipsius Abbatis hujusmodi executionem facere, et de hujusmodi statu fuit ipse abbas et prædecessores sui seisi, &c.

Et Rogerus dicit quod nec prædictus abbas nec prædecessores sui hujusmodi statum umquam habuerunt, &c. Et hoc petit quod inquiretur pro domino rege, &c. Ideo rei veritas inquiretur, &c.

Et Simon de Kyme, et alii juratores ad hoc electi, dicunt super sacramentum suum quod prædictus Abbas et omnes prædecessores sui a tempore quo extat non memoria semper habere usi sunt sok et sak, tol et tem, sicut eas clamat, &c. Et quo ad weyf dicunt super sacramentum suum quod prædictus Abbas et omnes prædecessores sui a tempore quo non extat memoria semper habere usi sunt weyf. Et dicunt quod ipse abbas, quando percipit hujusmodi animalia quæ dicunt weyf, ipse non facit proclamationem fieri de eis infra annum et diem secundum cons. &c. sed statim ea detinet ad opus suum. ro. 14.

Et quo ad infangenthef et furcas, dicunt quod prædictus abbas et omnes prædecessores sui a tempore quo non extat memoria semper pacifice usi sunt habere infangenethef et furcas, sed dicunt quod quando aliquis captus est ibi cum manuopere, &c. et ad sectam, &c. pro latrocinio facto in geldabili comitatu extra potestatem et feodum ipsius abbatis, ipse abbas in curia sua de Seleby si hujusmodi feloniam recognoscat, &c. illum dampnat. Et si se posuerit in inquisitionem, &c. prædictus abbas faciat inquisitionem per homines suos et per eorum veredictum illum dampnat seu quietat, &c. Et juratores quæsi si aliquis Coronator intersit hujusmodi recognitionibus seu inquisitionibus, &c. dicunt quod non. Et quo ad pillorium et tumberellum, mercatum, et feriam, dicunt quod prædictus abbas et prædecessores sui, a tempore quo non extat memoria, semper usi sunt hujusmodi libertatibus, &c. &c. Et similiter de emendis assisæ panis et cervisiæ fractæ in Seleby; sed dicunt quod ipse semper punit transgressores per misericordias et redemptiones judicialium, sed non ponendo eos super pillorium et tumberellum. Et quo ad blodwyte dicunt super sacramentum suum quod abbas illud capit tam sine secta quam ad sectam. Et quantum ad wrek dicunt similiter quod ipse capit in aqua de Use ea quæ invenit periclitata super feodum suum de batellis et hujusmodi tamquam wrekum, et similiter cepit ibi unum batellum periclitatum cum lignis ad valenc. duorum solidorum. Et dicunt quod abbas similiter capit ibi nomine wrecki omnes stergiones captos in partibus illis, in aqua illa, per quemcumque capti fuerint. Et dicunt quod homines prædicti abbatis insecuti fuerunt homines Willielmi de Atton qui

vulneraverunt ibi quendam porpiscem usque ad mortem, et voluerunt abstulisse ab eis sturgionem illum et sic voluerunt appropriasse ad prædictum abbatem sturgionem illum in forisfactura prædicta; sed homines prædicti Willielmi hoc non permiserunt, ita quod per contentionem inter eos ortam homines episcopi Dunelm. piscem illum ceperunt, &c. Et quo ad utfangenthef dicunt super sacramentum suum quod nec prædictus abbas nec prædecessores sui umquam fuerunt in seisina hujusmodi libertatis. Et quo ad warennam, dicunt super sacramentum suum quod prædictus abbas tenet dominicas terras priorissæ de Apelton in Acastr. inwarennatas, &c. et impedit priorissam ibi fugare. Et quo ad hoc quod prædictus abbas clamat esse quietus de communibus finibus, et amerciamentis, et sectis, &c. ab antiquo, dicunt quod, post tempus regis Ricardi, prædecessores prædicti abbatis perquisiverunt diversa tenementa in prædictis villis unde diversa servicia domino regi sunt subtracta, videlicet, jam sexaginta annis elapsis, perquisiverunt dimidiam bovatom terræ in Holm in Spaldingmor' pro qua feoffator prædicti abbatis et omnes antecessores sui solebant facere singulis annis unum adventum ad generale wapp. regis, &c. Et valet per annum adventus ille sex denar. Et similiter prestabant singulis annis unum obolum pro tenemento illo ad opus domini regis de fine wappentach. &c. Et similiter, jam quadraginta annis elapsis, prædecessores prædicti abbatis perquisiverunt septem tofta et quatuor bovatas terræ in Stillingflet pro quibus feoffator prædictorum abbatum et omnes antecessores sui facere solebant unum adventum singulis annis ad generale com. Ebor. et unum adventum ad generale wappent. regis, &c. Et valent illi adventus duodecim denar. per annum, et similiter, jam viginti annis elapsis prædecessor prædicti abbatis perquisivit tria tofta et duas bovatas terræ in Brayton pro quibus feoffator prædicti prædecessoris et omnes antecessores sui solebant facere singulis annis unum adventum ad generale wapp. regis, et valet adventus ille per annum octo denar. et jam viginti et octo annis elapsis prædecessores prædicti abbatis perquisiverunt unum toftum et unam bovatom terræ in Gayeford, pro quibus feoffator suus et omnes antecessores sui singulis annis solebant facere unum adventum ad generale wapp. domini regis et valet adventus ille per annum sex denar. Et similiter jam triginta annis elapsis perquisiverunt prædecessores prædicti abbatis duas partes villæ de Thorp, et omnia prædicta tenementa; et similiter tenementa quæ prædictus abbas tenet in Acastr' sunt geldabilia ad communes fines et amerciamenta et hujusmodi. Et dicunt quod a tempore quo prædicta ten. devenerunt ad manus abbatum de Seleby, prædictæ sectæ sive prædicti adventus et prædictus finis oboli, &c. domino Regi de prædictis tenementis fuerunt subtracti, sed pro prædictis tenementis ipsius abbatis de Thorp, dicunt quod archiepiscopus Ebor. pro tenementis illis eo quod de ipso tenentur per senescallum suum facit sectam sicut et pro aliis tenementis suis. Et quo ad hoc quod prædictus abbas et homines sui de antiquis tenuris ipsius abbatis, videlicet villani sui de tenuris illis de omnibus rebus emptis ad opus suum proprium sint quieti de theoloneo præstando in omnibus villis quæ habent libertates suas per posteriorem concessionem, quia abbatia de Seleby habet suas, &c.; sed in villis quæ libertates suas habent per anteriorem concessionem, &c. sicut in villis de Ponte Burgi et Pontefracto, prædictus abbas et homines sui non sunt quieti, &c. Et quo ad hoc quod prædictus abbas clamat executiones fieri in Seleby per ballivos suos et non per ballivos domini regis, &c. dicunt super sacramentum quod tempore domini Henrici regis patris domini regis nunc, ballivi ipsius domini regis solebant facere ibidem omnimodas executiones, &c. Et dicunt quod circiter per tres annos ante ultimam guerram fuit quidam Petrus de Percy vicecomes hic. Et tunc voluit quidam Thomas abbas de Seleby prædecessor istius abbatis per ballivos suos fecisse hujusmodi executionem, sed prædictus vicecomes per totum tempus suum nunquam id permisit, sed semper fecit fieri hujusmodi executiones per ballivos domini regis; et sic fecit vicecomes proximus prædecessor suus. Et postea post prædictam guerram, &c. prædecessores prædicti abbatis appropriaverunt sibi hujusmodi libertatem, et illa postea usi sunt, et sic impediverunt ipsi ballivos domini regis ad faciend. ibi hujusmodi executiones, &c. Et ideo quo ad sok et sak, tol et them, pillorium, tumberellum,

mercatum et feriam, et utfangenthef, concessum est quod prædictus abbas ad præsens inde sine die salvo jure domini regis, &c.

Et quo ad blodwyte et wreke quæ declamavit, &c. quia per jur. istam convictum est quod illis libertatibus usus est, ideo concessum est quod prædictus abbas in misericordia, &c. Et inhibuitur eidem abbati quod de cætero illis non utatur. Et similiter per juratam istam convictum est quod idem abbas abutitur libertatibus suis de weyf, infangenthef, et emend. assisæ panis et cervisiæ fractæ, et warennæ, et etiam quia . . . clam. ab antiquo esse quietus de sectis, et theoloniis, et communibus finibus et amerciamentis, &c. de terris et tenementis quæ prædecessores sui perquisiverunt, tempore Regis Ricardi et post, et similiter, quare prædicta servitia domino R. subtraxit et detinuit. Ideo ipse in misericordia. Et dominus rex recuperet arrearagia hujusmodi, sectas, et servicia, et prædicta tenementa ipsius abbatis quæ tempore regis Ricardi consueverunt esse geldabilia rem. geldabilia. Et abbas pro tenementis illis contribuat ad communes fines et amerciamenta, &c. Et quia prædictus abbas impedivit ballivos domini regis facere executiones, &c. ubi ballivi domini regis hujusmodi executionem facere solebant, &c. Ideo ipse custodiat. ro. 14 d.

NUM. XXII.

Processus pro rationabili auxilio ad primogenitum Regis filium in militem creandum.

[Ex Registro Abbatie de Selby in archivis Ducatus Lancastriæ, fol. 49, Irrotulatur termino S. Hillarii, an. 22 regis Edw. tertii a Conquestu.]

DOMINUS rex mandavit hic breve suum de magno sigillo suo quod est inter communia de hoc anno in hæc verba: Edwardus Dei gratia rex Angliæ et Franciæ et dominus Hiberniæ thesaurario et baronibus suis de scaccario salutem. Ex parte dilecti nobis in Christo abbatis de Seleby per petitionem suam coram nobis in præsentis parlamento nostro exhibitam nobis est supplicatum, ut cum ipse per cartas progenitorum nostrorum quondam regum Angliæ, quas per cartam nostram confirmavimus, teneat, ipseque et prædecessores sui abbates loci illius, à tempore confectionis cartarum et confirmationum prædictarum hucusque tenuerunt omnia terras et tenementa sua in singulis comitatibus regni nostri Angliæ in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam, de omnibus auxiliis regum quieti, absque eo quod ipsi auxilium aliquod nobis seu eisdem progenitoribus nostris pro primogenitis filiis ipsorum progenitorum nostrorum militibus faciendis seu filiabus suis maritandis seu aliquod hujusmodi servitium pro eisdem terris et tenementis à tempore prædicto hucusque facere consueverunt, velimus demandæ quam collectores auxilii nobis ad primogenitum filium nostrum militem faciendum concessi in quibuscumque comitatibus regni nostri Angliæ, eidem abbati pro hujusmodi auxilio ad opus nostrum pro terris et tenementis suis prædictis præstando faciunt supersederi, et ipsum inde jubere omnino exonerari.

Nos, ipsum abbatem contra formam cartarum et confirmationum prædictarum nolentes in hac parte indebitè onerari, vobis mandamus, quod visis dictis cartis confirmationum, si per inspectionem earundem vobis constare poterit, prædictum abbatem terras et tenementa sua prædicta in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam in forma prædicta tenere, tunc demandæ quam iidem collectores præfato abbati pro hujusmodi auxilio nobis ratione terrarum aut tenementorum suorum prædictorum ad opus nostrum præstando faciunt supersederi facientes, ipsum abbatem de quibusdam pecuniarum summis ab ipso occasione præmissa exactis ad dictum scaccarium exonerari et quietum esse faciatis, et distractionem, si quæ ei ea occasione facta fuerit, sine dilatione relaxari faciatis eidem. Teste me ipso apud Westmonast. xj. die Februarii anno regni nostri Angliæ xxij. regni verò nostri Franciæ ix.

Et modò videlicet ad crastinum Purificationis beatæ Mariæ venit hic prædictus abbas per fratrem Walterum de Haldenby commonachum et attornatum suum, quærendo ipsum graviter districtum esse per collectores auxilii prædicti in comitatu Northamptonæ, Leycestriæ, ac partibus videlicet de Westriding et Estriding, in comitatu Eborum,

et de Lyndeseye, in comitatu Lincolnæ, pro diversis pecuniarum summis regi solvendis de auxilio prædicto, ratione videlicet terrarum et tenementorum suorum in hundredo de Stanford super Avene, in dicto comitatu Northamptonæ, villa de Stormesworth, in dicto com. Leicestriæ, villis de Selebya, Rouclif, Fristuna, et Selebya Minore, Hameltona et Acastria et Hillum, in dictis partibus de Westriding, de Gumby, et Holm, cum pertinentiis in dictis partibus de Estriding, et in hundredo de Crull in dictis partibus de Lindeseye: et hoc minus justè, quia dicit quod ipse in præsentem tenet, ipseque et prædecessores sui à tempore confectionis cartarum et confirmationum prædictarum hucusque tenuerunt omnia terras et tenementa sua in comitatibus et partibus prædictis sita in singulis comitatibus Angliæ, in liberam, puram et perpetuam elemosinam, de omnibus auxiliis regum quieti. Et inde exhibuit curiæ dictam cartam de confirmatione, cujus data est apud Westmonasterium, quinto die Martii, anno secundo regis hujus. Qua quidem carta visa compertum est, inter cætera, contineri in eadem quod feoffatores subscripti dederunt Benedicto quondam abbati de Seleby et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus terras tenementa, et loca subscripta, videlicet, Willielmus Conquestor fundator abbatie de Seleby, Selebyam, et Rouclif. Thomas quondam archiepiscopus Eboracensis, Fristunam et Selebyam Minorem. Gilbertus de Lacy, Hameltonam. Osbertus quondam vicecomes Eboracensis, Acastriam. Thomas secundus quondam archiepiscopus Eboracensis, Hillum. Quidam Gilbertus Teyson, Gumby, cum pertinentiis, et Holm. Quidam Guido de Rencourt, hundredum de Stanford super Havene. Gaufridus de la Werchy, hundredum vocatum Crull. Tenendum et habendum ab omni exactione et molestia ac vexatione soluta et quieti, prout elemosinam regiam in perpetua pace decet tenere, prout plenius patet in dicta carta de confirmatione, cujus tenor irrotulatur in memorandis anni xxj. regis hujus inter recorda de termino sanctæ Trinitatis ex parte alterius rememoratorum. Et petit dictus abbas quod de hujusmodi distractione indebitè sibi facta in terris et tenementis prædictis, ac eorum pertinentiis quæ sic tenet in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam supersedeatur, et quod de summis sic ab eo exactis de auxilio prædicto ratione terrarum et tenementorum exoneretur, et quod hoc fiat juxta formam brevis regii et cartæ prædictorum.

Et quia in dicta carta non fit mentio de aliquo loco seu villa de Stormesworth, in quo ut in cæteris distingitur pro auxilio prædicto ut superius suggestum est, quæsitum est ab eodem abbate qualiter velit informare curiam inde. Qui dicit, quod locus de Stormesworth est parcella et de pertinentiis dictæ villæ de Stanford, asserens ipsum abbatem seu aliquem prædecessorum suorum non adquisivisse post dictum quintum diem Martii anno secundo aliquas terras et tenementa in dicto loco de Stormesworth, neque in aliis villis seu locis prædictis. Et hæc omnia prætendit verificare qualitercumque curia, &c. Super quo habita deliberatione, quia visum est curiæ legitime procedi non posse ad finalem exonerationem dicti abbatis in hac parte faciendam, quousque dicti collectores auxilii in comitatibus et partibus prædictis computaverint, &c. Concordatum est quod mandetur eidem collectoribus, quod de demanda quam faciunt præfato abbati pro auxilio prædicto ratione terrarum et tenementorum prædictorum supersedeant usque super compotum suum, &c. Proviso semper, quod si idem abbas seu prædecessores sui quicquam perquisierint post dictum quintum diem Martii in villis et locis prædictis hujusmodi auxilium inde levetur, &c. Et mandatum est eis per diversa brevina xij. die Februarii hoc anno.

NUM. XXIII.

De Transitu ultra fluvium de Use.

[Ex Registro de Seleby in archiv. Ducatus Lancastriæ, fol. 51.]

CESTE endenture fait perentre Geffray, abbe de Seleby, dune parte, et monsieur William de Aton chevauler, fitz et heir monsieur Gilbert de Aton de auter parte, teamoyngue, que cum il y avoit debate entre eux du soille ou dit abbe ad fait planter une estachez de pere et de meryme en Selby-water huses en Bardelby, pur la revaill en passhege le dit

abbe illoques outre lewe de Use, le dit monsieur William eaunt regard al ese de ly et de soens et du peple illoque passant, voet et graunt pur ly et pur ses heyres, que le dit abbe et ses successures eyont et tenont la dit estache perpetuellement quites de ly et de ses heyres, et que ils puent refair et reparayler la dit estache totez foitz quant mester serra, sance desturbance ou chalange du dit monsieur William, ou de ses heyres; sauvant au dit monsieur William et a ses heires franc passage cum ils ount eu devant la fesaunce de ceste. En temoignance de queu chose les parties avantdites enterchangeablement a cestes endentures ount mys lour seauls. Done a Seleby le Samady en la premiere sepmaine de quarreme, lane de nostre Segnur mill et tres centz qaraunt et noefisme.

NUM. XXIV.

[In a Book of Pensions remaining in the Augmentation Office.]

Comitatus Ebor.

SELBYE NUP' MONASTERIUM.

PENCŌNES assignat' nup abbi et conventui ibm sup dissolucoem dicti nup monaster' p comissionar' dñi regis sexto die mensis Decembris anno regni predicti dñi regis Henrici octavi tricesimo pmo.

Pencōnes.	videit.
Robto Roger' nup abbi ibm	c ^{li} .
Robto Mydley nup p'or' ibm	vij ^{li} .
Willmo Andrewe presbitero	vj ^{li} .
Georgio Goode alias Berley presbitero	vj ^{li} .
Jacobo Laye nup p'or' de Sneath	vj ^{li} .
Thome Harryson presbitero	vj ^{li} . vj ^s . vij ^d .
Cristofero Taylor presbitero	vj ^{li} . vj ^s . vij ^d .
Willmo Cartwright presbitero	vj ^{li} . vj ^s . vij ^d .
Cristofero Best presbitero	vj ^{li} .
Johni Hardewyke presbitero	vj ^{li} .
Thome Ankton presbitero	v ^{li} . vj ^s . vij ^d .
Johni Morres presbitero	v ^{li} . vj ^s . vij ^d .
Willmo Mersshall presbitero	v ^{li} . vj ^s . vij ^d .
Edmundo Pepper presbitero	v ^{li} .
Robto Kyrkbye presbitero	v ^{li} .
Dionisio Huntyngden presbitero	v ^{li} .
Nicholao Rayner presbitero	v ^{li} .
Robto Bracebrigg presbitero	v ^{li} .
Thome Lightfote presbitero	v ^{li} .
Cristofero Burley presbitero	v ^{li} .
Ricardo Tompson presbitero	v ^{li} .
Willmo More presbitero	v ^{li} .
Johni Mersshall accolito	liij ^s . liij ^d .
Thurstino Sympson accolito	liij ^s . liij ^d .
Sin	ccxx ^{li} . vj ^s . vij ^d .

WALTER HENDLE.
THOMAS LEGH.
RYCHERD BELASSES.
R. WATKYNs.

NUM. XXV.

Selby nuper Monasterium in com. Ebor.

[Paper Surveys, temp. Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.]

THE valo^r. of the scite, demaynez, graungez, and all other landes, tythes, millnes, and other commodities whiche have ben accustomed and necessary to be kept and occupied to the use of the sayd late monastery for the maynteñnce of hospitalitey made by Willm Babthorpp esquier, John Eglesfield, Willm Witham, Rauf Grymston, and Gawen Ayscogh, gentlemen, the kynges commysioners ther, by ve⁹tue of letters missyve unto them directed berynge date xxijth. day of Marche in the xxxjth. yere of his moste gracio^{us}. reynge.

The Scite with Demaynez.

Fyrste the scite of the late monasty with the edificez and beyldynge, dovecoots,
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horsmylle, garthyngs, orteyerds, and a ground called the Lytle Pke, moche over growen with nettles and other weeds, moted aboute, contenyng in all by estymacōn x. acres, xx^s. ij. closes called Clay Crofts, xl^{li}. acres, xij^d. the acre, xl^s. whiche ys charged wth. one water sewer rennyng thorowe and often tymes ouer rounne with the water of Ouse, and comon pasto^r. frome Michaelmas to M'tynmas. One close called the Vevers cont. vj. acres, xij^d. the acre, vj^s. over flowed the moste parte all wynter with water, charged wth. a sewer, and lyenge in comon pasture frome Mychaelmas to M'tynmas. One lytle carre called Bradley cont. di. an acre, iij^d. o^v rounne with water almoste all the yere, and comon pasture frome Mychaelmas to M'tynmas. One lytle close, beyng medowe ground, called Tythe Inge, cont. iij. acres, xx^d. the acre, v^s. lyeng in comon pasture from Mychaelmas to M'tynmas and o^v ron with water at e^vy sprynge tyde. Two closes called Martyn Crofts cont. xxxij acres, wherof one close ys pastur' grownd and cont. xx^{li}. acres, at xij^d. the acre, xx^s. and the other close ys medowe ground and cont. xij. acres, at xx^d. the acre, xx^s. whiche ys joynenge to the water of Ouse, and charged with one water sewer and a close and comon pastur frome Mychaelmas to M'tynmas. One close called Bordells cont. xx^{li}. acres of course grownd, vj^d. the acre, x^s. and comon pastur ffrome Michaelmas to M'tynmas, which in all be worth by yere

vj^{li}. xvj^d.

Itm ther be eteyne closes called the Rokers, that ys to say, a close called the Lawe Yngs cont. viij. acres, xij^d. the acre, viij^s. over ron wth. water all wynter. One close called the Breks cont. ix. acres, x^d. the acre, vj^s. vj^d. lykewyse o^v ron with water. One close called the Gresse Close cont. vij. acres, xij^d. the acre, vj^s. One close called the Pytt Close cont. viij. acres, x^d. the acre, vj^s. vij^d. One close called Thystyll Crofte cont. v. acres, x^d. the acre, iij^s. ij^d. One close called Turmā Hall Close cont. x. acres of course grownd, viij^d. the acre, vj^s. vij^d. adyoyneng to the water Ouse. ij. closes called the Wormestall Closes cont. ix. acres, x^d. the acre, vj^s. vj^d. One lytle close called the Seller Intak cont. ij. acres, x^d. the acre, xx^d. overflowed wth. water all wynter. One close called the Roker Busshes cont. v. acres, viij^d. the acre, iij^s. iij^d. o^v ron wth. thornes and busshes. ij. closes called the Clowe Closes cont. xij. acres, x^d. the acre, x^s. charged wyth one clowe and wat^r. sewer for the advoydyng and clensyng the water out of all the closes aboue wryten and for the wat^r. of Ouse at e^vy tyd sprynge, and whiche charged wth. the banks of Owse, in all be worthe by yere

ijj^{li}. ij^s. vj^d.

Itm ther ys a graunge called Stayn' adyoynenge and pcell of the sayd demaynes, that ys to say, a mansion house wth. edyfyce, moted aboute, cont. by est. di. an acre, wth. a chapell nere the same mansion which ys worth by est. xx^d. by yere. One lytle close called the Chapell Lawnde wth. a garthe before the gates cont. iij. acres, x^d. the acre, ij^s. vj^d. Ther ys a house or lodge before the gate of the sayd graunge, one hemp garth, one layne, and two closes, the one called Baxter Bordells and the other called the Sowthe Feld, contenyng in all by est. xxiiij^{li}. acres at x^d. the acre, xx^s. One close called the

Weste Gate Close cont. vij. acres at xij^d. the acre, vij^s. One close called Stokynge cont. vj. acres, xij^d. the acre, vj^s. One close called the Eller close cont. v. acres, x^d. the acre, iij^s. ij^d. Two closes behynd the Barne cont. x. acres at x^d. the acre, viij^s. iij^d. One close called the Wheat Close cont. x. acres, x^d. the acre, viij^s. iij^d. One close called the Colte Close over growen wyth busshes and brears cont. v. acres and di. at viij^d. the acre, iij^s. viij^d. One other close called the Colte Close cont. viij. acres, xij^d. the acr. viij^s. A medowe place called Haystede in Wystowe Yngs cont. v. acres, ij^s the acre, x^s. whiche was accustomed to be reserved to the mylne horses in the sayd monastery and nowe latten by new dymysion to one Roberte Goode beryng date the xiiijth. day of August in the xxxth. yere of the reynge of our soʒayng lorde Kynge Henry the viijth. One wod or sprynge called Stayner Parke cont. vj^{xx}. the herbage wherof ys worthe by est. yerely xv^s. One litle pece of grownde decayd called Morton Waren wth. a poole of water joyneng to the same lyeng in the corne felds of Hamylton cont. by est. ij. acres course grownde, vj^d. the acre, xij^d. iij. haggis or spryngs wthin the precyncte and bownds of the out wodds of Selby, wherof one ys called Sparke Hagg contenyng lv^u. acres, one other called Moscar Hagg cont. xxxvij^u. acres, one other sprynge called Thorpe Parke cont. xvj. acres, one other called Cate Hagg iij. acres, wherof ij. of them doth customably lye out to comen pasture when the other be sprynged, y^t. ys to say, whan one ys sprynged another lyeth in comon the herbage wherof ys worthe yerely by est. xij^s. iij^d. Ther is a waste grownd in the towne of Selby lyenge upon Ouse banke called th'Abbot Stayth for to lay wod or other stuffe y^t. myght chaunce to be bowght or sold or dd to or frome the sayd water of Ouse vj^d. which in all be worth by yere v^u. ix^s. vj^d.

Adhuc Scite wth. Demayne and Fyshyngs.

Item ther be 8ten fyshyngs late in th'ands of the howse, that ys to say, the fyshyng and signe draughts in the water of Ouse lately dymysed by indenture beryng date the xijth. day of October in the xxxth. yere of the reynge of o^r. soʒayng lord Kyng Henry the viijth. to one Rycharde Kyrke for xij^s. iij^d. by yere. The fyshyng of the dame and y^e comodyte of the Carres within the lordshipp of Selby with ther apptenēcs worth yerely by est. x^s. The fyshyng and comodite of the waters of Croull, that ys to say, ij. doss. pykkrells, one doss. of xvij. inchys long at xvij^d. the pece, the other doss. of xxiiij. inchys long at two shillyngs the pece, to be dd at Selby by the keper of Crull at such tyme or tymes as the ferm' of the sayd monastery shall demaunde them: and for the comodite or royaltie of Sygnetts goyng ther, that ys to say, ij. doss. or in defaute of them ij^s. le pece, lykewys to be dd at Selby the one doss. at Lañas and the other doss. at Mychaelmas, which in all be worth by yere v^u. xij^s. iij^d.

S^m . . . xx^u. vj^s. viij^d.

Selby Millnez.

Item ther be iij. corne myllnez under one roof called Selby Myllnez lately in the hands of the house and nowe latten by newe dymysion under covent seall to one Roberte Beʒlay of Selby beryng date the iijth. day of Octobre in the xxxth. yere of the reynge of our soʒayng lorde Kynge Henry the viijth. x^u.

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Graunge de Thorpe.

Item ther ys a graunge called Thorpe, that ys to say, a mansyon house wth. edyfyce, one dovecote, garthyngs, and orteyerds moted aboute, cont. in all by est. ij. acres and di. ij^s. vj^d. One close called the Horse Close cont. xij. acres at xij^d. the acre, xij^s. One close called the Howse Close, cont. xxx^u. acres, x^d. the acre, xxv^s. One close called the Cowe Close cont. xxij^u. acres, xij^d. the acre, xxij^s. One close called the Weste Feld where the great oke standyth cont. xxxv^u. acres at x^d. the acre, xxvij^s. x^d. ij. closes called Potland Feld and Wyretre Feld cont. xxx^u. acres at xij^d. the acr. xxx^s. C'tayn closes called Catehagg Closes cont. by est. lxiiij. acres of course grownd at viij^d. the acre, xlij^s. viij^d. ij. closes called the Cony Garth and the Barly Close cont. xxiiij^u. acres, viij^d. the acre, xvj^s. whiche was lately in the hande of the howse and nowe latten by newe dymysion under covent seall to Rauf Bawde, Ric. Beylby, and Henry Perston, beryng date the xiiijth. day of Januarij in the xxxth. yere of the reynge of o^r. soʒayng lorde Kynge Henry the viijth. and ys worthe by yere with 8tayn closes called Langmores w^{ch}. hath ben latten to dyʒs tenēts, cont. xl. acres course ground, vj^d. le acre, xx^s. which in all be worth by yer x^u.

S^m . . . p3

Shepe Pasto^r.

Item ther ys a shepecote wth. 8tayn shepegate therunto belongyng wth. th'apptenēce at Stanyngbroke in the countie of Lyncolne which hath beyn of longe teyme in decay for lak of storyng and ys worthe yerely by est. vj^s.

S^m . . . p3

Pcell of the Psonage of Brayton.

Item two ptes of the tithe corne and hay of the townshipp of Brayton, pcell of the psonage of Brayton, late in th'andes of the howse and nowe latten by newe dymysion under covent seall to one Ellys M'kam beryng date the iij. day of October in the xxxth. yere of our soʒayng lorde Kynge Henry the viijth. and for the tythe woll of y^e. poche of Brayton, xx^s. viij^u.

S^m . . . p3

The Psonage of Selby.

Item the tythe corne and hay of Selby late in th'ands of the howse and latten by newe dymysion under covent seall to one Thoṁs Shyppyn beryng date the xxijth.

day of January in the xxxth. yere of the
reynng of our souayng lord Kyng Henry
the viijth.

Itm̄ the mynute tythes and offryngs
called the pctōshipp of the poche churchē
of Selby with a lytel mansion house called
the Vycaryg which ys worthe by yere
over and above c^s. for the stypend or
sallary of the curate

S̄m . . . xj^{li}. vj^s. viij^d.

Snathe.

Item the Sell or psonage of Snaythe,
that is to say, the mansion howse wth.
edifices and a garthyng, y^e. woll and
lambe, and the mynute tithes and offryngs
belongyng to the poche churchē of Snaythe
late in th'ands of the howse and nowe
latten by newe dymysson to one Thomas
Grene dated about Cristemas last past in
the xxxth. yere of the reynng of o^r. souayg'
lorde Kynge Henry the viijth. which ys
worthe o^v and above xv^{li}. for the stypend
or sallary of ij. poche preests and one
chauntry pst

Itm̄ the tythe salmond of Goldell
Garth late in thands of the howse and ys
worthe by yere

Itm̄ the tythe woll and lambe and
the mynute tythes and offryngs of Hooke,
Gull, and Armyn, belong' to the chapell
of Hooke, called the pctōshipp of Hooke,
and a litle manshon which is wthin the
pcynct of the pochyng of Snath and is
worth o^v and above iij^{li}. xvj^s. viij^d. to-
wards the stypend or sallary of one curate
ther

S̄m . . . xij^{li}. ij^s.

The Feryboote.

Itm̄ the passage o^v the water of
Ouse called Selby Fery nowe latten by
newe dymysson to Robert Heryson and
Tho^ms Heryson beryng date the xth. day
of October in the xxxth. yere of y^e. reynng
of o^r. sayd souayng lord worth by yere

S̄m pcell' p̄dict' iij^{xx}.^{li}. xvj^d.

The Valo' of all the Wooddes growenge upon the Premyss.

The Scite.

Fyrste ther be c̄teyn oke tres and

eshe trees wherof pte of them be tymber
trees groweng within the mote and upon
the banks of the same mote nere the sayd
scyte cont. by est. viij. score trees and be
worth to be sold

ix^{li}. vj^s. viij^d.

Stayner.

Itm̄ ther is a wod called Stayner Pke
sett with yonge oke and some tymber
trees wherin be iij. haggis or sprynge wod,
one hagg called Mawdlen Sprynge of xl^{li}.
acres which ys of v. yeres groth, worthe
viij^s. vj^d. le acre, xv^{li}. one other sprynge
called Eylston Hagg cont. xl^{li}. acres of ij.
yeres groth and some of di. yeres groth,
worth ij^s. vj^d. le acre, v^{li}. One other hagg
called Robert Crofte cont. xxxv^{li}. acres of
ix. yeres groth, worth viij^s. iij^d. the acre,
xiiij^{li}. xj^s. viij^d. One other lytle hagg
called the Carr cont. v. acres of vj. yeres
groth, iij^s. the acre, xv^s. and in all is
worth to be sold

xxxv^{li}. vj^s. viij^d.

Selby Wodds.

Itm̄ ther ys a wodd upon the comon
pastur called Selby Out Wodds wherin ys
conteyned by est mccc. strudde oks, worth
viij^d. le oke, xxxv^{li}. within whiche wod be
iij. haggis or spryngs, wherof one ys called
Spark Hagg sett with some okes cont. by
est. lv. acres which ys of ix. yeres groth,
at x^s. vj^d. the acre, xxviij^{li}. xviij^s. vj^d.
One oy' hagg called Moscar Hagg cont.
by est. xxxviij. acres, which ys yonge
sprynge wod of iij. yeres grothe, xiiij^d.
the acre, xliij^s. ij^d. One other hagg or
sprynge called Thorpe Parke cont. by est.
xvj. acres of yonge sprynge wod o^v two
yeres groth set wth. c̄tayne yonge oke sap-
lyngs and some other tymber trees, at vj^s.
viij^d. the acre, v^{li}. vj^s. viij^d. One other
hagg called Cate Hagg cont. iij. acres,
which is yonge sprynge wod of iij. yeres
groth and some ok trees in the same
spryng, iij^s. viij^d. the acre, xvij^s. viij^d.
which in all ys worth to be sold

lxxij^{li}. vj^s.

S̄m valor bosc' cxvj^{li}. xix^s. iij^d.

WILLM̄ BATHORP.
JOHN EGYLSFELD.
WYLLM̄ WYTHAM.
GARVEN AYSCOGH.
RAUF GRYMESTON.

VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Return, 26 Hen. VIII. First Fruits Office.)

MONASTERIUM DE SELBY.

Dominus ROBERTUS SELBY Incumbens Abbas.

Offic' Pietanc'—ROBERTUS MITLEY Incumbens.

Temporalia.

Com' Ebor'		£.	s.	d.
Selby	Terr' et Ten'	11	10	6

Com' Ebor'		£.	s.	d.
Selby	Capell' S. Genovefe	0	13	4
Brayton		1	16	4
Burton		0	2	10
Acaster		1	0	8
Friston		3	9	6
Midlethorp juxta Ebor'		0	2	0
Thorp juxta Selby		0	11	8
Estoft, Ebor'		0	0	8
Birkyn		0	3	4
Osgodby		0	3	4
Rocliiff		0	3	4
Snayth		0	18	7
Kelfeld		0	13	4
Adlyngflete		1	6	8
Northmilfurth		0	6	8
Redenes		0	4	0
Ardeslowe		0	13	4
Selby	Passagium	10	0	0
		32	16	9
Temporal'.				
Com' Linc'				
Gunnesse		0	1	0
Butterwyke		0	13	4
Est Tofte		0	3	4
Croule		3	7	10
Luddyngton		2	13	4
		6	18	10
Com' Nott'				
Draton	Temporal'	0	9	0
Com' Ebor'				
Penc' de Abb' et Conv' de Salley		2	0	0
Com' Nott'				
Penc' de Rector' de Arom		2	0	0
Summa totalis Valor' Offic' Pietanc'		44	4	7

Officium Eleemosinarij.—ROBERTUS Eleemosinarius.

Com' Ebor'		Temporal'.		
Selby	Terr' et Ten'	8	19	2
- - - - -	Divers' Claus' ibm	6	13	5
Osgorby		0	4	0
Summa Valoris		15	16	7

Officium Bursarij.—WILL'MUS ANDREW.

Com' Ebor'		Temporal'.		
Selby	Terr' dominical'	12	0	0
Reddit' et Firm' in diversis Villatis, viz.				
Selby		7	17	2
Brayton		0	16	7½
Lounde cum Gatefurth		0	16	7
Selby	Molend' Aquat'	10	0	0
Over Selby		3	17	6
Comby cum Brighton		10	0	0
Fokesthorp		0	13	4
Holme in Spaldyngmore		3	6	8
Freerston	Redd'	10	0	0
- - - - -	In Frumento	6	0	0

Com' Ebor'

	£.	s.	d.
Freerston	16	9	1
Abbothagg juxta Selby	1	6	8
Hamleton	25	0	0
Hillom	20	18	1
Thorp	14	0	2½
Acaster Selby cum Stillyngflete	13	9	6
Snayth, Cowyke, &c.	3	13	6
Rockliff	20	9	8½
Shellowe	2	0	0
Est Tofte	1	9	10
Haldenby	1	0	0
Fokerby	1	6	8
Adlingflete	0	2	0
	176	11	1½

Temporal'.

Com' Linc'

Girlthorpe	Redd' et Firm'	32	19	11½
- - - - -	In Gran' ibm	1	9	0
Luddyngton cum Haverfeld		27	8	11
Amcott		11	18	1
Wodehouse		4	14	8
Est Tofte	Firma Maner'	6	13	4
- - - - -	Redd' Tenenc'	6	17	11
- - - - -	Levyn Closes	5	0	0
- - - - -	Ravensbutt Close	0	6	8
Croule	Terr' Dñic'	3	0	0
- - - - -	Offic' Prepos' ibm	9	11	0½
- - - - -	Forland et Oxxgangland	15	4	1½
- - - - -	Eland Rent	4	0	0
Cryngles cum Molendino		4	4	8
Watterton		0	14	8
Stallyngborough		13	4	6
Waddingham		0	6	8
		147	14	3½

Com' North'

Stamford super Aven	Redd' et Firm'	34	16	0
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Com' Leic'

Wheneburgh	Redd' et Firm'	22	0	0
Stormesworth		23	3	8
Boresworth		0	12	0

Com' Ebor'

Perquis' Cur'		1	0	0
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Com' Linc'

Perquis' Cur'		1	6	8
Vendic' Bosc'		8	0	0

Spiritual'.

Com' Ebor'

Selby	X ^m . Gran'	5	0	0
Snaith		12	6	8
Hoke, Hensall, et Goldhill, cum Balne		13	0	0
Pollyngton		4	13	4
Balne		0	6	8
Kellyngton		1	13	4
Rockliff		2	13	4
Allyngflete		18	0	0
Whitgift	Alterag'	4	13	4
Redeness	X ^m . Gran' et Feni	18	0	0
Swynflete		4	0	0
Gowle		6	13	4
Hooke		13	6	8
Carleton		8	0	0

		Spiritual'.		
Com' Lincoln'		£.	s.	d.
Garlethorpe	x ^m . Garb'	18	0	0
Est Tofte		10	16	8
Croule		8	0	0
Stallyngburgh		15	0	0
Redeburne		5	6	8
Com' North'				
Stamford	X ^m . Gran' et Feni	20	0	0
Summa totalis Valoris Officij prædicti		616	12	10

Officium Custodis Hospitij.—JOH'ES MIDDLETON Incumbens.

		Temporal'.		
Com' Ebor'				
Selby		2	14	8
Brayton		0	5	0
Burton		0	1	4
Hadleseey		0	5	6
Summa hujus Officij		3	6	6

Officium Refectorij.—ED'US WAKEFELD Incumbens.

		Temporal'.		
Com' Ebor'				
Acaster et Selby	Redd' et Firm'	1	0	4
Summa hujus Officij		1	0	4

Officium Infirmarij.—CRISTOFERUS OWSTHORP Incumbens.

		Temporal'.		
Com' Ebor'				
Hambleton	Redd' et Firm'	1	6	8
Selby		0	2	6
Menthorp		0	0	6
Balne		0	12	0
Summa hujus Officij		2	1	8

Officium Custodis Chori Beatæ Mariæ de Selby.

		Temporal'.		
Com' Ebor'				
Selby et Birom		2	0	6½
Pollyngton, Balne, et Wheteley		0	2	7
Barleby		0	1	0
Summa hujus Officij		2	4	1½

Officium Præcentoris.—THOMAS YORKE.

Selby et Freeston	Redd' et Firm'	0	4	9
Summa hujus Officij		0	4	9

Officium Sacristæ in Manibus Abbatis.

Redd' et Firm' in diversis Villatis, viz. in

Selby cum Oblationibus, &c.		20	8	10
Reddit' et Firm' in Gounesse		0	3	0
Summa hujus Officij		20	11	10

Officium Coquinarij.—GEORGIUS BARLEY Incumbens.

		Temporal'.		
Com' Ebor'		£.	s.	d.
Reddit' et Firm' in diversis Villatis, viz.				
Selby, cum Wystowe, Brayton, Thorpe, Hamle-				
ton, Gatefurth, et Barleby		27	15	4½

		Spiritual'.		
Com' Ebor'		£.	s.	d.
Brayton	X ^{mo}	6	0	0
Hamleton		4	13	4
Gatefurth		2	0	0
Birne		2	13	4
Barley		3	13	4
Capella de Selby		5	0	0
Hooke		7	6	8
Roccliff		4	0	0
Carleton		5	0	0
Selby	X ^{mo} . Canabi	1	6	8
Braton	X ^{mo} . Lanæ	2	0	0
Selby	Tolnet' Mercati	3	6	8
Summa hujus Officij		74	15	6½

Officium Custodis Spiritualitatis de Snayth.

		Temporal'.		
Com' Ebor'		£.	s.	d.
Redd' et Firm' in Snayth		12	15	0

		Spiritual'.		
Com' Ebor'		£.	s.	d.
Exit' et Profic' Spiritual' Eccl' de Snaith		25	8	0½
Summa hujus Officij		38	3	0½
Summa totalis Valoris Monasterij prædicti		719	2	6½

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 32 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

MONASTERIUM DE SELBY.

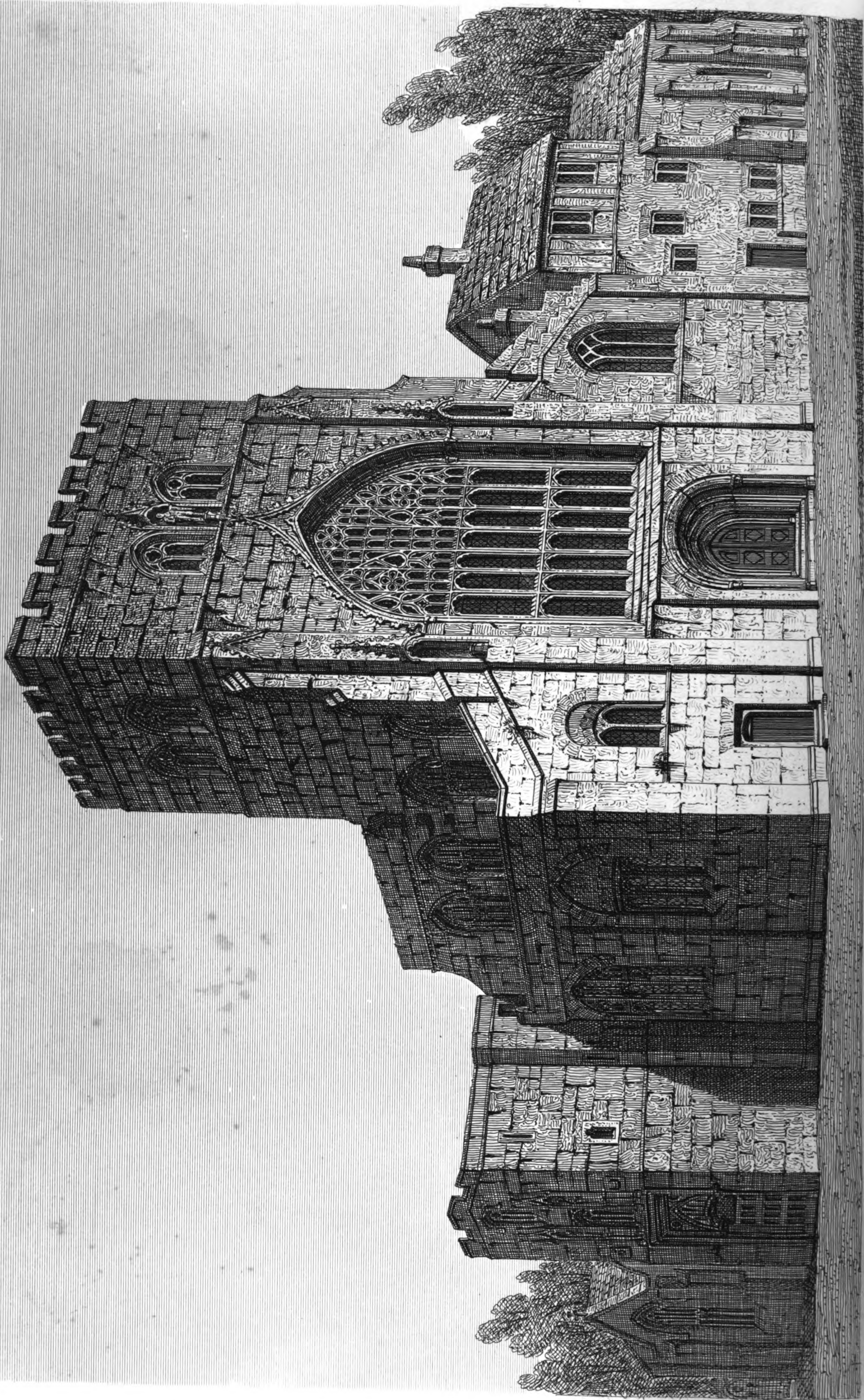
		£. s. d.		
Com' Ebor'		£.	s.	d.
Selby Manerium cum Membris		20	6	8
- - - - -		3	10	8
- - - - -		0	6	0
- - - - -		59	2	8
- - - - -		19	2	7
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Com' Ebor'

		£.	s.	d.
Brayton cum Membris	Brayton—Redd' &c.	2	12	4½
- - - - -	Gateford—Redd' &c.	0	18	1
- - - - -	Londe—Redd' Assis'	0	8	11
- - - - -	Burton—Redd' &c.	0	15	3½
- - - - -	Brayton Rectoria	20	0	0
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosci		nult	
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Thorpe Manerium	Redd' Assis'	0	9	2
- - - - -	Redd' custum' Tenen'	4	2	2
- - - - -	Redd' Tenen' ad Volunt'	0	18	8
- - - - -	Firma Maner'	10	0	0
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosci		nult	
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Hamilton Manerium	Redd' Assis'	0	8	8½
- - - - -	Redd' custum' Tenen' pro quadam custuma voc' Haworth Sylver	0	9	8
- - - - -	Redd' custum' Tenen'	25	6	1½ 4 ^u . ps. ½
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosci		nult	
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	0	5	0
Friston Manerium cum Membris	Redd' et Firm' in Friston	37	19	1
- - - - -	Redd' et Firm' in Hillom	21	19	6½
- - - - -	Birom—Redd'	0	1	0
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosci		nult	
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	0	3	4
Acastre Selby Maner'		14	17	10½
Snayth cum Membris	Snayth—Redd' &c.	2	2	6½
- - - - -	Cowyke—Redd'	1	0	7
- - - - -	Polyngton—Redd'	1	8	7
- - - - -	Bawne—Redd'	1	5	10
- - - - -	Heke alias Bawnehek—Lib' Redd'	0	1	0
- - - - -	Whitley—Redd'	0	1	3
- - - - -	Snayth Rectoria	104	2	0
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosci		nult	
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Nuper Cella de Snayth	Redd' et Firm'	13	10	7
- - - - -	Spiritualia ejusdem	24	15	8
- - - - -	Probat' Testamentorum, &c.		nult	
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosci		nult	
Roclyff Manerium		20	17	0
Estofte cum diversis alijs Villis	Redd' Assis' &c.	3	16	7
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad Vol'	31	11	2
- - - - -	Athelyngflete Rectoria	18	0	0
- - - - -	Kellyngton—X ^m	3	6	8
- - - - -	West Tansfeld—X ^m	0	10	0
- - - - -	Farburne—X ^m	0	16	8
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosci		nult	
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Crull cum Membris	Redd' et Firm' in Crull	47	18	10
- - - - -	Amcotts—Firm' &c.	11	8	0
- - - - -	Garlethorpe—Firm' &c.	36	5	6½
- - - - -	Evilthwayte alias Woodhouse— Firm' &c.	4	14	8
- - - - -	Gunnar—Redd'	0	5	0
- - - - -	Butterwyk—Redd'	0	17	10
- - - - -	Crull Rectoria	8	0	0
- - - - -	Garlethorpe Rectoria	18	0	0
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosci		nult	
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	1	14	8

Com' Linc'

Luddyngton et Estofte	Firm' in Luddyngton	30	7	10½
- - - - -	Firm' Maner' de Estofte	14	1	10
- - - - -	Estofte Rectoria	11	0	0
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosci		nult	
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Stallyngburgh cum Membris	Redd' Assis' &c. in Stallyngburgh	16	3	11½



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King William Rufus granted to the monks of Shrewsbury a copious Charter of Confirmation,^a which was afterwards succeeded by another from King Henry the Third.^b

Hugh earl of Shrewsbury, the son of Roger de Montgomery the founder, added to his father's donations the tithes of his various manors in Shropshire.^c

The Lord Walter de Clifford gave to the monks a hundred and twenty acres of wood-land at Luhtune, which his daughter Matilda de Lungespe confirmed.^d

Walchelin Mayminot gave the vill of Lea juxta Ellesmere.^e

These appear to have been among the more prominent of the early benefactors.

Richard Fitz-Alan earl of Arundel, in the 20th Edw. I. gave the monks, in alms, beside a portion of his land in Iselham, the advowsons of the churches of Opton, Trohford, and St. Oswald de Albo-Monasterio, with several chapels.^f

Some legal proceedings relating to the churches of Walton^g and Stodesdon,^h and the manor of Foriete Monachorum in Shrewsbury, occur among the Placita de Quo Waranto of the 20th and 21st of Edw. I.ⁱ

In the 2d Edw. II. the abbat of Shrewsbury fined to the king for licence to hold lands in Aldbrighton Use, and Harlascote.^k

In the 12th Edw. II. the abbat fined a hundred shillings for licence to hold lands in Potton, with the advowson of the church.^l

In the 18th of Edw. III. for a fine of ten marks, a licence was obtained for adding to the possessions of the monastery the manor of Burton juxta Condovre.^m

ABBATS OF SHREWSBURY.

FULCHERED, a monk of Seez, was the first abbat. His appointment appears not to have taken place till the reign of King William Rufus. Stowe is certainly mistaken in calling him a son of the founder.ⁿ Willis places his death in the month of March, A. D. 1113.^o

GODFREY, who had also been a monk of Seez, was the next abbat. He died on the 11th kal. of April, 1128.^p He was succeeded by

HERBERT, who had been a monk of Shrewsbury.^q He is said to have procured for his monastery the translation of St. Winifred's relics from Wales.

ROBERT occurs in 1140. He died in 1167,^r and was succeeded by

ADAM, who was deposed in 1175:^s when

RALPH succeeded.^t

WILLIAM is mentioned as abbat by Willis, in 1182.^u

WALTER, prior of Leominster, was made abbat of

Shrewsbury, according to one account, in 1218; according to other authorities, not till 1221.^x Willis says he died or resigned in 1225: from the Patent Rolls, however, it seems that the royal assent was given to the election of

HENRY, who had previously been prior of the monastery, on August 24th, 1223.^y

ADAM was elected abbat in 1244, 28 Hen. III.^z Upon his cession, another

ADAM, sacrist of the monastery, was elected abbat. The royal assent to his election was given May 21st, 1250.^{aa} In the same year, on August 19th, 34 Hen. III. the royal assent was given to the election of

WILLIAM, sub-prior of Coventry.^{ab}

HENRY, a monk of Evesham, was elected, according to Willis, in 1251.^{ac} In the 41st Hen. III. he was sent envoy to Spain.^{ad} Upon his cession,

THOMAS, precentor of the monastery, was elected. He obtained the royal assent Dec. 26th, 1258.^{ae} Upon his death,

WILLIAM DE UPTON was elected. He received the temporalities of the monastery Aug. 11th, 1266.^{af}

LUKE DE WENLOCK received the royal assent to his election Jan. 24th, 1272;^{ag} upon whose cession,

JOHN DE DRAYTON was elected. He received the temporalities of the monastery Feb. 11th, 1279.^{ah} Upon his death,

WILLIAM DE MOKELEG, or MOCKELEY, was elected. He received the royal assent on June 20th, and had the temporalities July 2d, 1291.^{ai}

ADAM DE CLEBURY was elected on Mockeley's death. He received the temporalities on June 8th, 1332.^{aj}

HENRY DE ALSTON received the royal assent to his election Aug. 3d, and the temporalities Aug. 11th, 1355.^{ak} Upon his death,

NICHOLAS STEVENES was elected; to whom the temporalities were restored Dec. 11th, 1361.^{al}

THOMAS DE PRESTBURY received the royal assent to his election August 17th, and had the temporalities Sept. 7th, 1398.^{am} He seems to have engaged in the politics of the time. He received a pardon from the king in the 14th Hen. IV. and again, when indicted for felony, in the 3d of Hen. V.^{an} Upon his death,

JOHN HAMPTON was elected abbat. He received the royal assent Aug. 17th, and the temporalities September 1st, 1425.^{ao} He died in 1432: in which year

THOMAS LUDLOW, D. D. was elected. The temporalities were restored to him Sept. 5th, 1432.^{ap}

THOMAS MYNDE, B. D. received the royal assent to his election Jan. 22d, and had the temporalities restored Feb. 4th, 1433.^{aq}

RICHARD LYE received the temporalities of the monastery Jan. 20th, 1495.^{ar} In the Procession Roll to Par-

^a See Num. X.

^b Num. XV.

^c See the charter Num. V. Earl Hugh survived his father but four years. He was killed by the Welsh in 1098, and a few days afterwards buried in the cloister at Shrewsbury. Dugd. Bar. tom. i. p. 28.

^d Num. VI.

^e Num. XII.

^f Num. XVI.

^g A Controversy between the abbat and William de Ferrers earl of Derby, respecting the right of presentation to this church, had arisen in the reign of Henry III. Pat. 36 Hen. III. m. 5, Apr. 16.

^h Rymer, in the *Fœdera*, old edit. tom. i. p. 595, has printed a bull of Pope Alexander, of the date of 1256, respecting a litigation concerning this church.

ⁱ See the extracts, Numm. XVIII. XIX.

^k Orig. 2 Edw. II. extr. gross. fin. Abbas Salop. finem fecit cum rege per quadraginta solid. pro licentia ingrediendi laicum ten. in Aldbrighton Use, et Harlascote. ro. 14.

^l Orig. 12 Edw. II. Abbas Salop. finem fecit cum rege per centum solid. pro licentia ingrediendi laicum feodum in Potton, et advocacy ecclesie ejusdem villæ habend. &c. ro. 9, extr. gross. fin.

^m Orig. 18 Edw. III. Salop. Abbas Salop. finem fecit cum rege per decem marcas pro licentia dandi Stephano de Salop personæ ecclesie de Oldebury et Ricardo de Dodyngton capellano quod ipsi dare possint et assignare præfato abbati et conventui ejusdem loci manerium de Burton juxta Conedovre cum pertinentiis, et alia terras et teneamenta cum pertinentiis in Salop et Cantelop habend. ad manum mortuam. ro. 38.

ⁿ Annals, edit. 1592, p. 162.

^o Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 167.

^p Kennett, MS. Diptycha. Contin. Ann. Wigorn.

^q Herbertus, loci monachus, bened. a Willielmo Cant. archiep. apud Lesnes A. D. 1128. Contin. Florent. Kennett, MS. Diptycha.

^r Willis, Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 168.

^s Ann. Teokesb. Kennett, MS. Diptycha.

^t Ibid.

^u Mit. Ab. ut supr.

^x Kennett; from Annal. Teokesb. Wigorn. et Winchecumb.

^y Pat. 7 Hen. III. m. 3.

^z Willis, Mit. Ab. ut supr.

^{aa} Pat. 34 Hen. III. m. 5.

^{ab} Ibid. m. 2. Kennett, in his MS. Diptycha, from the Annales Teokesbur. says, "—Abbas a Rege intrusus privatus est a papa 1251."

^{ac} Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 168.

^{ad} Henr. abbas Salop. nunc. in part. Hispan. Pat. 41 Hen. III. m. 3, 18 Aug.

^{ae} Pat. 43 Hen. III. m. 14.

^{af} Pat. 50 Hen. III. m. 8.

^{ag} Pat. 56 Hen. III.

^{ah} Pat. 7 Edw. I. m. 24, 25.

^{ai} Pat. 19 Edw. I.

^{aj} Pat. 7 Edw. III.

^{ak} Pat. 29 Edw. III. p. 2.

^{al} Pat. 35 Edw. III. p. 3.

^{am} Pat. 23 Ric. II.

^{an} Pat. 14 Hen. IV. Rex pardonat Tho. Prestbury abb. de Salop, 15 Feb. Pat. 3 Hen. V. Tho. abbas Salop indictatus de feloniam pardonatur 28 Nov. Bishop Kennett, in his MS. Diptycha from Wood, Antiq. Oxon. l. ii. pp. 401, 403, states him to have been chancellor of the university of Oxford. He adds, "Missus ad concilium Pisanum ex decreto Synod. Anglic. 1409. Reg. Arundel."

^{ao} Pat. 4 Hen. VI. p. 2.

^{ap} Pat. 11 Hen. VI.

^{aq} Pat. 38 Hen. VI. p. 1.

^{ar} Orig. 14 Hen. VII. See MS. Lansd. 963, p. 54.

liament of 1512, copied among Mr. Cole's manuscripts in the Museum, he is called Lord Richard Lys. In this year in the month of March, while in attendance in Parliament, he died; and was buried in the church of Little St. Bartholomew in Smithfield, with this epitaph,

"Hic jacet dominus Ricardus Lye quondam abbas Salopiæ, qui sua industria, sumptibus magnis, et suis laboribus, Deo suadente, recuperavit libertates suæ Ecclesiæ Salopiæ prædictæ et postea obiit iv^{to}. die Martii, tempore Parliamenti, Anno Domini 1512. Cujus animæ propicietur Deus. Amen."*

RICHARD BAKER received the temporalities as abbat May 24th, 1512.^b

RICHARD MARSHALL was the next abbat.

THOMAS BUTLER occurs abbat in 1533. He surrendered his monastery to the king Jan. 24th, 1539—40.^c

Phillips, in his History and Antiquities of Shrewsbury, says, "34th Hen. VIII. Thomas Forster and Elizabeth his wife account in the Exchequer for the temporalities of the monastery of St. Peter and St. Paul at Salop.

"22d July, 38th Henry VIII. the king granted to Edward Watson of Rockingham in com. North. Esq.^r. and Henry Herdson of London tanner 'domum et scitum nuper Monasterii Petri et Pauli de Salop;' and all the churchyard and orchard called the Pole Yard, alias Camecole, with a certain close of land on the south side of the said Pole Yard, with all and singular their appurtenances, &c. for ever, to hold of the king as of his honour of Grafton in com. North. by fealty only in free socage, and not in capite, paying yearly 4s. in the court of Augmentation for all services."^d

The 23d July, he adds, being the next day, the said Watson and Herdson granted the same to William Langley of Salop, tailor; and on the 5th of August following seisin and livery were given to the said William Langley, in whose family it continued till about the year 1702, when it was purchased by Edward Baldwin, Esq., whose descendant, Thomas Jelf Powys, Esq. is the present possessor.

Willis, in a manuscript note on his Mitred Abbeys preserved in one of Cole's MSS. says, "The family of Langley who owned the scite of the abbey never prospered after they had dug up the bones, &c. interred in the Church, and sold the foundation stones. The man that dug up St. Winifred's coffin was struck lame, as they affirmed to me."

Shrewsbury was one of the places fixed upon by Henry VIII. himself as the site of an intended bishoprick, the see of which was to have comprehended Shropshire and a part of Staffordshire. Part of the revenues of the abbey were destined for the support of the bishoprick; and Dr. Bouchier, the last abbat of Leicester, is said to have been nominated to that dignity. Another portion was to have been allotted to the maintenance of a dean and chapter.

The abbat of Shrewsbury was mitred, and sat in the upper house of parliament.

Dugdale, as will be seen in the Appendix, has given

* MS. Cole, Brit. Mus. vol. xxx. p. 5.

^b Orig. 4 Hen. VIII. MS. Ibid. p. 57.

^c Kennett, MS. Diptycha, ex Collect. H. Whart. The List of Pensions granted at this time to the abbat and seventeen monks will be found in the Appendix of Instrum. Num. XX.

The following were the Annuities and Pensions payable in 1553, 2 and 3 Phil. and Mar. Richard Marshall, the last abbat but one, was still living.

"SALOPP nuper Monasterium. Feod. Franc. comitis Salopp. capitalis senescalli omnium possessionum dicti nuper monasterii per annum lxvj^s. viij^d. Annuat. et Corrod. Willielmi Poyner per annum l^s. Roberti Poyner per annum xlvj^s. viij^d. Johannis Poyner per annum c^s. Edwardi Mytton et Ric. fil. sui per annum xxvj^s. viij^d. Willielmi Beste per annum liij^s. iiij^d. Johannis Scudeamor per annum xl^s. Davidis Pole per annum xl^s. Willielmi Gower per annum viij^s. iiij^d. Ricardi Germyn per annum iiij^s. Thomæ Oseley per annum vj^s. Willielmi Dingley per annum lxxvj^s. viij^d. Willielmi Morganne et Simonis Walwen xl^s. Edwardi Littleton per annum c^s. Anthonii Wikecliff per annum xl^s. Penc. Ricardi Marshall nuper abbatis ibidem per annum x^s. Roberti Coventre per annum vj^s. Thomæ Leche per annum vj^s. xiiij^d. Thomæ Preston per annum vj^s. Johannis Lane per annum cvj^s. viij^d. Willielmi Lichfelde per annum cvj^s. viij^d. Willielmi Malpas per annum cvj^s. viij^d. Ricardi Owen per annum cvj^s.

copious extracts from a REGISTER of this priory, which, in 1638, was in the possession of Sir Richard Leveson, of Trentham.^e

Collections from it are preserved in the Harleian MS. 2063, fol. 266. Some charters, including that of foundation, are also excerpted from it in Harl. MS. 6690, fol. 45; and a charter of Rich. I. in the Harl. MS. 6748, fol. 15.

Dodsworth's Collections in the Bodleian library, vol. cx. contain a few charters copied from originals formerly in the hands of a Mr. Henry Lilly. Ibid. fol. 52, are excerpts from Sir Richard Leveson's manuscript. Vol. cxxxv. fol. 91, from a book relating to the abbey in the possession of Sir Henry Spelman; a manuscript of which is referred to by Tanner as in the possession of a Mr. Hockwell, of Lincoln's Inn.

Nasmith's edition of Tanner's Notitia Monastica says:

"Vide in bibl. publ. Acad. Cant. MS. Dd. ix. 62. Apographa diversarum Cartarum, viz. 1. Rogeri comitis de fundatione. 2, 3. Hugonis com. fil. Rogeri confirm. et de privilegiis et possessionibus. 4, 5. R. Hen. I. 6. R. Hen. II. 7, 8. Conventiones inter Abbatem et Conventum et Alanum le Suez de Wilawscott, de limitibus terrarum, et de secta curiæ apud Aldbroughton. 9. R. Ric. . . de bosco seu haya vocat. Lythwood. 10. Peramplam cartam R. Stephani de libertatibus. 11. R. Hen. . . de libera warennæ. 12, 13, 14. Walteri de Clifford de c. acris bosci, sexies xx. acris terræ, et pastura caprarum in Loughton. 15. Matildæ de Longespe filiæ Walteri confirm. 16, 17. Joannis Wiarle de assartis et forestaria de Lughtone. 18. Abbatis et conventus de messuagio apud Loughton concessio Thomæ Botterell. 19. Adæ de Beysin de terris in Walkestone. 20, 21. Willielmi de Bardeley de villa de Prestone.

"In bibl. C.C.C.C. MS. 101, p. 138. Testimonium diversarum Donationum fact. Ecclesiæ et Conventui S.S. Petri et Pauli Salop, sub sigillis Ricardi episcopi Lond. et Walteri conestabulatoris.

"In antiquo MS. pergam. penes Petrum Le Neve arm. Norroy, cartas Rogeri episc. Cestriæ, Ricardi episc. Coventrensis, Thomæ archiepisc. Cantuar. et Joannis Peckham archiepisc. Cantuar, A. D. 1280, confirm. donationes et pensiones ecclesiarum.

"Cart. antiq. P. 12, scil. Will. R. de fundatione: X. n. 14, scil. Ric. I. de Estone.

"Claus. 6 Hen. III. m. 14, de domibus edificatis super pontem de Salop. per abbatem. Plac. apud Salop. 10 Hen. III. rot. 1. de maner. de Boyton et advoc. eccl. de Alington. Fin. 11 Hen. III. m. 4, quod servientes vocat. Gridserjeants non intrent feodum suum. Cart. 11 Hen. III. p. 1, m. 6 et 7, de libertat. et pro feria ibidem per tres dies, scil. in vigilia, die, et crastino S. Petri ad Vincula. Pat. 36 Hen. III. m. 5, de advoc. eccl. de Walton, Lanc. Cart. 51 Hen. III. p. 1, m. 1, pro maner. de Baschurch. Pat. 51 Hen. III. m. 6, pro custodia Abbatiæ tempore vacationis.

"Pat. 2 Edw. I. m. 6, d, pro ten. in Tughfeld et Luhton. Pat. 3 Edw. I. m. 25, d, de ten. in Wineslegh. Pat. 20 Edw. I. m. . . bis. Pat. 32 Edw. I. m. . .

"Pat. 3 Edw. II. m. 26, pro terris in Albrighton

vij^d. Johannis Calley per annum cvj^s. vij^d. Johannis Waryngton per annum c^s. Johannis Drayton per annum xxvj^s. vij^d. Johannis Willoughton per annum xxvj^s. vij^d. Ricardi Allen per annum xxvj^s. vij^d."

^d Phillips's Shrewsb. p. 81. The following abstract of the Originalia Record will show the whole extent of King Henry the Eighth's grant at this time to Watson and Herdson:

"Leic. Hunt. Northt. &c.—Rex xxij. die Julii concessit Edwardo Watson et Henrico Herdson annuum redditum trium solidorum exeunt. de certis terr. &c. in Somerby in com. Leic. ac etiam manerium et rectoriam de Gyddyng Magna, ac mesuag. &c. in Magna Gyddyng et Lud-dyngton in com. Hunt. et Northt. ac terr. &c. in Grotton in com. Staff. ac scit. Priorat. de Hychen in com. Hertf. ac grangiam, &c. Cubbyngton in com. Warr. ac mesuag. &c. in Gremysbye in com. Linc. et decimas, &c. in Yolgrave, Erton, et Wynster in com. Derb. et terr. &c. in Northt. in Bramhull et Exhull in com. Warr. ac scit. Monasterii Sancti Petri et Pauli SALOP. ac mesuag. &c. in Shenton in com. Leic. ac etiam capellam sanctæ Annæ et terr. &c. nuper prioratui Carthusien. juxta Coventr. habend. eis et hæredibus ipsius Edwardi imperpetuum." Orig. 38 Hen. VIII. p. 1.

^e Tanner says, "Registrum penes Ric. Lee eq. 1638," in Mon. Angl. vol. i. p. 379, old edit. seems to be the same book. Lee being mistaken for Leveson. Notit. Mon.

Huse, et Harleston. Pat. 6 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 27, pro eccl. de Condovre approprianda. Claus. 11 Edw. II. m. 5. Pat. 12 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 31. (m. 15 vel 16, Bowyer.)

"Claus. 3 Edw. III. m. 15, de maner. de Wolston, placea vocat. Wildgrene, et piscaria in Mersee, Lanc. Pat. 4 Edw. III. p. 1, m. . . p. 2, m. . . pro maner. de Gerstan, eccl. de Walton, dec. de Newton, &c. ex concess. Ranulfi com. Cestrie. Cart. 6 Edw. III. n. 4. Pat. 14 Edw. III. p. 1, m. . . Pat. 17 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 10, de stagno de Norton et piscaria in Tyrne. Escaet. Salop. 18 Edw. III. n. 98, quod abbas possit includere boscum de Lithwode cont. cxxl. acr. et parcum ibi facere. Pat. 18 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 34 vel 35. Pat. 19 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 22 vel 23, de maner. de Burton juxta Conover, ex dono Stephani de Salop. et Ricardi de Dudington ad inveniendam cantariam pro salubri statu, &c. Radulphi de Salopia episc. Bath. et Wellens. Cart. 20 Edw. III. n. 15, pro lib. war. in Foryet Monachorum, Bassechirch, Betton subtus Lunam, Wulfreton, Slepe, Kynardesley, Astlegh, Duddlewic, Tuggeford, Brompton, Eminstre, Betton Parva, Edbryton, Osberton, Eyton, Wyneslegh, et Albo Monasterio, Salop. de Loco S. Joan. Bapt. in bosco de Suthon, Staff. Northbrach et Willegrene, Lanc. Isleham et Tadlaw, Cantab. Pat. 20 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 15.

"Pat. 1 Ric. II. p. 6, m. 21, de bosco de Lichwode cccclix. acr. imparcando. Pat. 3 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 26. Cart. 11 Ric. II. n. 20. Pat. 16 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 5, et m. 13, de terris in Foreyate Monachorum.

"Pat. 2 Hen. IV. p. 2, m. 22 vel 23. Pat. 7 Hen. IV. p. 2, m. 42. Rec. in Scacc. 7 Hen. IV. Pasch. rot. 15, pro terris in Drayton. Pat. 8 Hen. IV. p. 2, m. 7.

"Pat. 2 Hen. V. p. 2, m. 4 vel 5.

"Pat. 1 Hen. VI. p. 5, m. 19. Cart. 21, &c. Hen. VI. n. 28, quod Abbates sint justitarii pacis infra Monasterium, et habeant gaolam suam, &c. Pat. 26 Hen. VI. p. 2, m. 5, pro eccl. de Walton, cum capellis de Liverpoole, Derby, Kirkley, et Fornes, annexis appropriandis. Pat. 27 Hen. VI. p. 1, m. 1. Pat. 32 Hen. VI. p. 1, m. 3 vel 4.

"Cart. 1 Edw. IV. n. 14. Cart. 5, &c. Edw. IV. n. 14.

"Rec. in Scacc. 4 Hen. VII. Mich. rot. 20, pro annua solutione vj^l."

The Lansdowne manuscript No. 304, p. 39, mentions "Pat. 3 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 21. Peramplissima confirmatio maner. terr. et libertat. pro abbate de Salop in qua quamplur. antiqua, et de carta 51 Hen. III. et al."

One, at least, of the SEALS of Shrewsbury abbey bore a device, representing, within an oval area, two arms clothed; one of a man in armour, holding a sword upright; the other as of a monk holding a crozier: surrounded by the inscription, s. COMMUNE DE FFORYATE MONACHORVM. The term *Fforiate*, alluding to the street or spot on which the abbey stood, is noticed in the founder's charter, as well as in that of confirmation from King William Rufus: in the latter it is said, "qui vicus Anglice dicitur BIFORIETE, quod Latine significat *ante portam*." In a Quo Waranto pleading of the 20th Edw. I. the very words of the seal are used: the abbat being summoned to answer to the king respecting certain rights and privileges claimed by him "in manerio suo de *Foriete Monachorum*." Leland, in his Collectanea, in a passage already referred to, calls the abbey itself "*Foriet* in suburbio Salop." And Castle Foregate, and Abbey Foregate, are still names of streets in Shrewsbury. An engraving of this seal is given in "Some Account of the Ancient and Present State of Shrewsbury," 12^o. 1808; where another seal of the abbey is described as bearing St. Peter mitred, having a key in his left hand, the right being elevated in the act of benediction.

The ARMS of this monastery are given in the initial Letter to the present Account, from Bishop Tanner's Notitia Monastica. In the Procession Roll to Parliament of

1512, already quoted, they are given, simply, Az. a lion rampant and bordure Or. without the crozier.

The following was Brown Willis's account of the remains of Shrewsbury abbey in 1718:

"The whole that now remains of the abbey church is the nave and side aisles; viz. from the great broad tower at the west end, wherein are six large bells, to the cross or choir part. The vaulted arches of the aforesaid aisles are still in being, and to support them and the rest of the building, is a wall run up between the columns. This wall is now the east end, and has lately had windows struck through it. The choir, cloisters, chapter-house, &c. are entirely destroyed, as is the stone roof of that part of the nave which is yet standing, occasioned in all likelihood through want of its lead covering; of which it probably continued destitute for some time after the Dissolution. This remaining part of the fabrick seems to have been thus patched up and made parochial in Queen Elizabeth's time. There is in it a wooden statue, which as they say belonged to the founder's tomb, anciently erected in the choir part."

The eastern and northern sides of the wall which formerly enclosed the abbey precinct still remain almost entire. A mansion-house, within the enclosure, presents some relics of the monastic buildings, and the remains of some inferior appendages to the establishment are to be seen near the Meole brook. A small octagonal structure on the south side of the garden, generally called "The Stone Pulpit" (which has frequently been engraved), is supposed to have been a structure belonging to the Refectory. The nave, the western tower, and the north porch of the Church, still remain: the nave serving as the parish church of Holy Cross.

The following are given, in the aforesaid work entitled "Some Account of the Ancient and Present State of Shrewsbury," 8^o. Shrewsb. 1808, p. 132, as the dimensions of the existing remnants of the Church:

	Feet.
"Length of the present parish church from east to west, having been the nave of the conventual Church	123
"Breadth, including the side aisles	63
"Internal breadth of the tower	24
"Height thereof	104
"Height of the great arch under the tower	52
"Circumference of one of the round Norman pillars	16½
"Height of ditto	12
"Length of the transept calculated from its ruin	111."

The width of the cloister, each way is calculated to have been 104 feet; and the breadth of the refectory 38.

MORFIELD, or MOMERFIELD, in Shropshire, was a CELL to Shrewsbury. Leland, speaking of this place, says, "from Wenlok to Morfield village, a six miles by some corne, pasture, and wood ground, I sawe a little Priory or Cell called Morfeilde on the right hand as I entred into this village." Tanner says this was a Cell of Benedictine monks subordinate to the abbey of Shrewsbury, to which the church here dedicated to St. Gregory, with all the land belonging to it, was given by its founder, Earl Roger. Earl Roger's charter, in mentioning it, has a remarkable expression: "*ecclesiam de Mumerfield, cum tota terra quam CLERICI tenebant*;" as if a society of secular canons had been previously established in it.^b Tanner, from one of the Registers of the see of Hereford,^c states the value of this Cell, in the time of Henry VIII. at 15*l*. per annum.^d The site was granted, in the 37th Hen. VIII. to Arthur Viscount Lisle.^e

^a Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 167.

^b See Num. III.

^c Registr. Ed. Fox, episc. Hereford. fol. 153 b.

^d Tann. Notit. Mon.

^e The following is the abstract relating to this cell in the Harleian MS. 4316, fol. 2 b.

"Anno iiii. of December xxxvij. Hen. VIII. pro domino admirallo Anglie."

"Reverc. nuper cellæ sive grangiæ de Morefelde in com. Salop. parcell. possessionum nuper monasterii de Salopp concess. cuidam Ricardo Marshall clerico pro termino vitæ absque aliquo inde reddendo ultra vi^l. xvj^l. ob. pro stipendio curati de Morefeld vi^l. xvj^l. ob. pro stipendio curati de Wheaton Aston. xvij^l. ix^l. q. annuatim solut. epis-

Cartae ad Salopiense Coenobium in ejus Nominis Comitatu spectantes.

NUM. I.

[W. Malmesb. fol. 164 a.]

SCROBESBERIENSE monasterium, recens est à Rogero comite de Monte-Gomerico constitutum, ibi monachos locavit, ex Sagio, angusto victu et amictu, sed qui has erumnas, spe futuræ mercedis, lætis animis, parvi pendant.

[Orderici Vitalis, Eccl. Hist. p. 579 c, d.]

— CŒNOBIUM quoque novum ad orientalem portam propriæ urbis, id est, Scroburæ, in honore sancti Petri principis apostolorum cœpit ædificare (Rogerius comes scilicet) super fluvium qui Mola dicitur, ibique in Sabrina dilabitur. Illic nimirum lignea capella priscis temporibus à Siwardo consanguineo condita fuerat, quam tunc Odilirius, Aurelianensis, Constantii filius, vir ingenio et facundia et literarum eruditione præpollens, ejusdem consulis dono possidebat. Hic sane amator equitatis fervidus, utilisque jam dicti comitis erat auricularius, ipsumque benigniter exhortans ad construendum monasterium. Nutantique qualiter vel quo tantum opus inciperet, hujusmodi dans consilium,

[Ibid. p. 581 a. Vide etiam, p. 594 b.]

— ANNO igitur ab incarnatione Domini mxxxiiij. indictione quarta, Rogerius comes, ut hortatus fidelis consilarii commodos esse comprobavit, Guarinum vicecomitem, et Picotum de Saia cæterosque proceres suos quinto kal. Martii feria sexta convocavit. Manifestâ verò causâ, et ab omnibus collaudata, cum eis ad ecclesiam B. Petri apostoli adiit, ibique se abbatiam constructurum palam testibus multis devovit, totumque suburbium, quod extra portam orientalem situm est, sancto Petro donavit, et super aram per cirothecas suas donationem posuit.

Eodem anno Sagienses monachi Reinaldus et Frodo primitus illuc convenerunt, et monachiles officinas Odelerio, et Guarino, aliisque multis adjuvantibus condere cœperunt. Primus abbas illius monasterii, Gulielmo Rufo regnante, eloquens Fulcheredus fuit, &c.

NUM. II.

Foundationis et Dotationis Historia.

[Ex Registro Abbatiae Salop. penes Ricard. Leveson de Trentham, equit. de balneo, an. 1638.]

Cum providenti dispensatione Dei, in cujus manu sunt potestates et jura regnorum, Normannorum dux Williel-

mus, ingenti Angliam navigio petens, eam debellasset, regnoque jure hæreditario potitus diversas imperii sui provincias diversis secum advectis baronibus suis contulisset, Rogero de Monte-Gomeri hanc provinciam, scilicet, Salopesiriam contradidit; qui illam suscipiens, ut justus et Deo plenus, quæ Dei erant omni solitudine prius curare, et quæ violata erant redintegrare, et ad Dei servitium reformare studuit. Et quoniam animæ suæ providus custos fuerat, et uxor illi, non minoris erga dominum devotionis erat, Adelaisia nomine, concedente rege Willielmo, et archiepiscopo Lanfranko, et patriæ præsule Petro, posuerunt monachos Deo servituros in quadam ecclesia in honore sanctorum Petri et Pauli constructa, in suburbii Salopesbirie civitatis, qui domino exorarent assidue pro animarum suarum salute, et pro animabus omnium antecessorum suorum, et hæredum, qui ante eos ipsum honorem rectè possederunt, vel possessuri sunt.

Hanc autem ecclesiam memoratus comes, et comitissa, de suis propriis facultatibus à fundamentis instaurantes, habitationi monachorum congruam efficere incœperunt, sed morte interveniente non perfecerunt. Huic verò ecclesiæ ea quæ infra continentur, tam pro animarum suarum, quàm pro omnium Christianorum salute donaverunt; perpetuoque concesserunt.

Primò, scilicet, dederunt, congregatis illuc fratribus vicum quendam juxta eandem ecclesiam positum, cum tribus molendinis, cunctisque redditibus qui ad eam pertinere noscuntur. Hic autem vicus dividitur à civitate Salopesbirie, solummodo alveo fluminis intercurrentis, cui nomen est Sabrina. Vicus autem ipse Biforietta vocatur, quod nos lingua Gallica, *ante portam* dicimus; addiderunt quoque supradictis donis quasdam ecclesias cum omnibus pertinentibus ad eas, tam in terris, quàm hominibus, universisque aliis possessionibus, quas hic nominatim annotare commodum duximus, scilicet, ecclesiam sancti Gregorii, ecclesiam de Stotesdona, et illam de Dudelembia, illamque de Conedoura, et illam de Walintona, et illam de Recordina, et illam de Edmondona, et illam de Hodenet, et illam de Archalou, et illam de Tonga, et illam de Donintona, illam etiam de Bassecherche, et illam de Nesse.

Et super hæc omnia concessit comes, ut primates sui atque milites quicunque in elemosinam conferre vellent huic ecclesiæ aliquam partem terrarum suarum, non quæsita licentia à comite, vel ab alio aliquo, libera mente donarent, ex eo tempore liberum remaneat ab omni servitio ejusdem terræ in perpetuum. Monachi verò eadem libertate illas suscipientes nunquam de his, sicut nec de aliis suis terris geldum communem darent, nisi comes de dominio suo daret geldum, tamen milites nunquam ullo modo darent. Quod omnibus audientibus valde placuit, totaque sua curia laudando, et Deo gratias referendo confirmavit.

copo Hereforde pro visitat. xiiij. iiij^d. pro sinodalibus et procuracionibus ac ultra vj^d. viij^d. annuatim solut. commissario Herefordiæ per annum clare xvij^d. x^d. x^d. ob. q. inde pro decima xxxiiij^d. j^d. ob. et remanet clare xiiij^d. xvij^d. ix^d. q. medietas inde reducta in possessione est vij^d. viij^d. x^d. ob. dim. q. ad se pro decima superius reservata xxxiiij^d. j^d. ob. et sic valet clare in possessione ix^d. ij^d. dim. q.

In the Originalia Returns, 37 Hen. VIII. is an entry "de homagio Rogeri Smyth de Brydgenorth pro grangia, nuper cella de Morefeld ac al. terr. &c. in Morfeld, Walton le Whetton, Aston, Meddley, Kyn-desley, Alderman, Harpissford, Crofthaughton, et Underton in com. Salop. per lic. inde fact." ro. xxiiij.

Leland, among the monasteries in the diocese of Hereford, reckons "DUDELEBYRI, an howse of Grandimontenses in Cornedale, now united to the church of Hereford." Itin. vol. viii. p. 63. The abbat and convent of Sagiun, or Seez, in Normandy, had the patronage of

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this church, and a pension out of the same. It seems also, says Bishop Tanner, as if this church was given in the foundation charter to the abbey of Shrewsbury, and was appropriate to the same. Madox, in his Formulæ Anglicanum, p. 6, has printed the "Ordinatio Radulfi episcopi Hereford. de patronatu hujus ecclesiæ et pensione annua decem marcarum monachis de Sagio, A. D. m.cc.xxxvi."

Tanner mentions OSWESTRE, or OSWALDSTREET, as a destroyed monastery of Shropshire. Leland speaks of the church of St. Oswald here as "a very faire leddid churche with a great tourrid steple, but it standith without the New-Gate; so that no churche is there withyn the towne. This churche was sumtime a Monasterie caullid the White Minster. After turnid to a parochie churche, and the personage impropriate to the abbay of Shreusbyri. The Cloister stode in hominum memoria ubi monumenta monachorum." Itin. vol. v. p. 39.

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Addiderunt etiam comes, et comitissa supradictis donis, quasdam villas, quarum nomina hic habentur. Aitonam, scilicet, Alministram, et Burtonam. Et cum his omnibus concesserunt monachis tributum de lignis quæ in civitatem afferuntur per portam urbis orientalem. Addiditque comes ut totius provinciæ mercatus omni anno, ad honorem apostolorum Petri et Pauli, in festivitate sancti Petri, quæ dicitur *ad vincula*, conveniret, et tribus diebus solutus esset et quietus ab omni incursione ministrorum comitis, solummodo monachi omnia, quæ inde exirent, et omnes redditus haberent. Testibus Godebaldo, et Oilerio sacerdotibus, Herberto archidiacono, Warino vicecomite, Roberto filio Theobaldi, Rogero filio Corbeth, Roberto pincerna, multisque aliis nobilibus, atque popularibus, qui hæc audierunt, et confirmaverunt.

Hæc autem omnia acta sunt anno ab incarnatione Domini *mlxxxvij*. Locus autem ille in quo supradicta ecclesia fundata est, fuit de hæreditate cujusdam militis, cui nomen Siwardus. Et quia comes Rogerius, in illius hæreditate, eo invito, ecclesiam fundare noluit, dedit ei quandam villam nomine Langafeldam, ut ipse cum bona voluntate in prædicto loco ecclesiam sibi fundare concederet, ejusdemque ecclesiæ idem Siwardus particeps existeret. Postea autem memoratus Siwardus eandem villam, quam comes ei dederat, ecclesiæ sanctorum Petri et Pauli post mortem suam concessit, fraternitatemque ejusdem loci recepit. Teste Godebaldo, et Richardo de Belmesio, et Richardo de Monte Warolt: hoc etiam filii Siwardi, Edwardus et Aldredus concesserunt, teste Richardo, Londonensi episcopo, et multis aliis. Quam villam postea monachi, consensu, et confirmatione regis Henrici, et consilio baronum provinciæ mutuo dederunt Henrico de Say propter aliam villam, nomine Brantonam, quæ eis vicinior et decentior erat.

Post ipsa autem supra memorata dona, quidam barones et milites ipsius provinciæ, pro animarum suarum salute eidem ecclesiæ de suis possessionibus contulerunt, scilicet Warinus vicecomes dedit duas hidas terræ in villa quæ dicitur Tugfort, et decimam Opetonæ, quam, et semper eadem ecclesia habuerat à tempore regis Edwardi; ecclesiam quoque de Beritona, cum decima ipsius villæ; uxor vero illius, post ejus obitum, dedit pro anima mariti sui, domum quam habebat in civitate, de propria dote, concedentibus filiis suis, eo pacto, ut manens in eadem domo inveniret ceram ad illuminandam ecclesiam per singulas noctes totius anni.

Herbertus de Furches, dedit domum unam et terram in agro quæ reddit per annum duos solidos; Reginaldus, frater Warini vicecomitis, dedit villam quæ vocatur Lega. Aherius concessit Edburtoniam, et quicquid ad eam pertinet. Girardus de Turnay dedit villam unam quæ vocatur Betona. Helgotus dedit hidam unam juxta Savernam fluvium, quæ ex adjacenti silvula, Mora vocatur, et piscariam in eodem flumine. Oilerius sacerdos dedit hidam unam in Cherletona. Tochi aliam hidam in villa quæ Cota dicitur. Odo quoque miles dedit villam Hordeleiam nomine. Decimam de Cambristona, et ecclesiam de Ithesala, dedit Rotbertus vicecomes, filius Tedbaldi, cum omnibus quæ ad eam pertinent, et cum decima ipsius manerii, scilicet, in nummis, et animalibus, et messe. Et quia eandem ecclesiam tunc clerici habebant, præcepit isdem Rotbertus, ut cum illi morerentur, ecclesia in dominio sancti Petri veniret. Teste Ricardo Londinensi episcopo, Goifridus dedit dimidiam hidam in villa quæ dicitur Herleia.

Sciendum quoque est, quod sanctus Petrus habet dimidiam hidam in Britona, de ecclesia de Conedoura. Hæc omnia concessit, atque firmavit venerabilis comes Rogerius. Testibus filiis ejus, et cum patre firmantibus Hugone, Rogero, Arnulpho, cum baronibus plurimis. Defuncto autem comite, cum corpus ejus in ecclesia sancti Petri sepulturæ traderetur, Rogerus filius Corbeth dedit monachis ecclesiam de Nutenora, cum decima ipsius villæ, decimamque de Jochehulla; post obitum autem venerabilis comitis Rogeri, Hugo filius ejus (digna proles tanti patris) ei in honorem successit, quo tempore Reinaldus, qui post mortem Warini vicecomitis uxorem illius, cum honore suscepit, et Hugo filius ejusdem Warini dederunt monachis ecclesiam sancti Oswaldi, et illam de Mutla, cum omnibus quæ ad eas per-

tinent, et decimas de Nessa et de Serraordina, concedente comite et testimonium perhibente, cum pluribus aliis.

Quodam verò die, cum idem venerabilis comes sepulturam patris invisere venisset, divina inspiratus gratia, motusque pietate paterna, juxta ipsam sepulturam convocavit dominum Fulcheredum, primum loci hujus abbatem, et coram cunctis baronibus qui aderant, resolutus in lachrimas, dixit: Pacem et quietem volo esse in hoc loco. Et ideo constituo hanc abbatiam, et omnia ad eam pertinentia ab omni consuetudine hujus terræ, quam ego possum condonare, esse libera imperpetuum, et pacata, et quieta; homines monachorum nulla comitis negotia exerceant, nulla castellorum, seu vivariorum, sive pontium vel viarum, nec aliqua omnino opera faciant, sed quieti, et immunes sint ab omnibus shiris, et hundredis, et placitis, et ab omni vicecomitum incursione, et exactione, et fiscali redditione. Et qui aliquam adversus hominem sancti Petri quærelam habuerit in curia abbatis conqueratur, et ibi rectum habeat.

Et hoc sciant omnes mei fideles, quia nihil retineo in honore sanctorum Petri et Pauli nisi orationes, et beneficium monachorum in hoc loco manentium, et tam liberum hodiè hunc honorem constituo, ut nullus sit qui post me libertatis, vel quietis aliquid possit addere. Hoc tantum retineo, quod si abbas hujus loci, superbia inflatus, noluerit rectum facere vicinis suis, ego, vel hæres meus, post me, constringemus eum ad rectum faciendum; et si falsus monetarius de alterius terra adventitius in terra sancti Petri captus fuerit, corpus cum pecunia reddatur comiti. Si verò falsarius de terra sancti Petri fuerit, corpus solummodo reddatur comiti, pecunia autem erit abbatis. De latronibus autem justiciam sibi concedo, et pecuniam, si abbas, vel per se, vel per suos, ipsam justiciam facere voluerit; sin autem corpus tantum reddatur comiti, et pecunia erit abbatis: hoc tantummodo retineo et nil aliud.

Decimam verò venationis meæ de toto comitatu Salopesiriæ concedo perpetuò esse in hoc loco, præter silvas sanctæ Milburgæ. Hæc autem omnia facio pro animabus patris, et matris meæ, et mea, et fratrum meorum, et omnium ad me pertinentium, et pro anima regis Willielmi, et Mathildis reginæ, et filiorum suorum. Si quis autem, vel meo tempore, vel post obitum usque in finem sæculi, aliquid ex iis voluerit infringere, vel auferre, vel minuere, altissimus, qui dominatur in regno hominum, auferat eum de terra, et deleat nomen ejus de libro vitæ, et perpetuò anathemate multatus, vermibus consumptus intreat.

Barones autem qui tunc præsentibus aderant, videntes tantam compunctionem domini sui, tantamque audientes libertatem honoris hujus monasterii, pedibus ejus provoluti, gratias egerunt Deo, et tam piissime venerabili comitis voluntati. Hi quippe fuerant Arnulphus frater ejusdem comitis. Richardus de Belmesio, qui postea Londoniæ episcopus factus est; Rothbertus vicecomes, Rainaldus vicecomes, Robertus Corbeth, et Rogerus frater ejus, Picotus de Say, Hamundus Peverell, Fulco vicecomes, et omnes ferè hujus comitis barones. Defuncto autem pio comite Hugone, cum Robertus de Belismo frater ipsius post eum comitatus suscepisset honorem, dedit ecclesiæ sancti Petri, et monachis ejusdem loci, villam quæ dicitur Bascherch, cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus. Omnia quoque dona quæ, vel pater ejus, vel barones monachis contulerant, et totam libertatem, quam frater suus eis concesserat, ipse et concessit, et sigillo suo confirmavit.

Post eum verò gloriosus rex Henricus comitatum in proprio tenens dominio, et audiens de pace, et libertate, et quietudine quam prædictus comes Hugo ecclesiæ sancti Petri dederat, ut erat vir natura benignus, et ecclesiarum Dei cultor devotus, inprimis benignitatem et devotionem comitis admirans laudavit, et prompta voluntate, et alacri animo omni tempore deinceps tenenda mandavit. Præcipiens et constituens omnia illa pacis et libertatis privilegia, quæ comes Hugo sancto Petro concesserat imperpetuum inviolata permanere, addens omnibus anathema qui aliquid ex his infringere vel minuere præsumpserint; adjecit etiam ex una parte, ut monachi sancti Petri seu homines quocunque irent per totam Angliam, seu mercandi, seu alicujus negotii causa, immunes essent ab omni theoloneo et passagio, et omni consuetudine, et ut monachi sancti Petri accipiant in silvis ubicunque voluerunt per totum comi-

tatum, ea quæ necessaria fuerint ad opus ecclesiæ sine vastatione et assarto.

Eo tempore Toraldus de Verleio dedit ecclesiæ sancti Petri unam hidam in Minore Draitoria, et Robertus filius ejus, qui et hæres ipsius est, villam nomine Wichewicam. Teste Ricardo Londoniæ episcopo, Hamone Peverel, Johanne filio Grip, Toreth, et multis aliis.

Odo quoque de Berneles dedit unum ferndendel in Bradeston; aliam partem ejusdem villæ dedit Guarinus vicecomes. Herbertus filius Helgoti dedit quandam villam nomine Nortonam, et ecclesiam de Stantonam, cum decimis suis omnibus, et omnium militum suorum, et cum omnibus quæ ad eandem ecclesiam pertinent. Postea uxor ejus, se concedente, dedit quandam terram in eadem villa quæ per annum reddidit quatuor solidos. Normannus venator dedit villulam unam, nomine Boleleiam. Hugo de Constantino dedit dimidiam hidam in Petona. Azo Bigot aliam dimidiam in Langanara, et unum ferndendall in Abetona. Robertus filius Wigerii dedit domum patris sui quæ est in castello. Picotus de Say dedit decimam de Brantona et de Fitezzo. Hunaldus dedit decimam de Prestona et de Lufstaford, et decimam equarum suarum agrestium. Hamo Peverell, rogatu suæ uxoris, dedit villam nomine Wlveruntioniam. Teste Richardo Londoniæ episcopo, cum aliis pluribus.

Theodericus de Say juxta eandem villam ex altera parte vicini fluminis dedit terram quandam in manerio suo de Stoka, de dominio suo, solutam, et quietam ab omni geldo, et aliis consuetudinibus. Robertus Corbeth dedit villam, nomine Lochetonam, et filius ejus Robertus concessit. Teste Richardo Londoniæ episcopo, cum baronibus totius comitatus. Rogerus Corbeth dedit aliam villam, nomine Wenelegam, concedentibus filiis suis, Willielmo et Eurardo. Fulcoius vicecomes ad sepulturam uxoris suæ dedit Punelegam, Henrico filio ejus concedente. Uxor Azonis Bigot dedit terram quandam in civitate, pro anima filii sui Reinaldi, quæ reddit per annum decem denarios. In campis de civitate Alnothus dedit unam terram, et Reinierus præfectus aliam, pro filio suo, quem fecit monachum; et Eiliricus Rufus aliam similiter pro filio suo. Rothbertus presbiter filius Andreæ clerici cum moreretur dimisit monachis terram suam in campis, ita ut mater sua quamdiu viveret eam teneret, et post mortem ejus in dominio monachorum veniret, teste Rogero archidiacono et Reinero præfecto. Gilbertus archidiaconus dedit unam terram in campis in civitate, et decimam de Opetona. Alanus filius Fladaldi, qui honorem vicecomitis Warini, post filium ejus suscepit,* libenti animo concessit omnia quæ antecessores vel barones sui dederant ecclesiæ sancti Petri, et in suo tempore, et ante, et ab omnibus quæ ad se pertinebant, excepto geldo regis, libera et quietam condonavit. Testibus Richardo Londoniæ episcopo, Hamone Peurell, Rogero Corbeth, cum toto ferè comitatu. Hoc etiam Willielmus filius ejus, et hæres, coram omni comitatu concessit, et proprio sigillo confirmavit.

Comes autem Rogerus, cognomine Pictaviensis, supradicti Rogeri comitis filius, dedit ecclesiæ sancti Petri piscariam de Tarewalla, et duas villas parvas, scilicet Pultonam, et Occitonam juxta ipsam piscariam, et aliam villam, nomine Biscopheham, pro salute sua, et uxoris suæ, et patris et matris suæ. Godefridus verò vicecomes ejus, qui in eadem ecclesia filium habebat monachum, concedente sibi comite, dedit monachis ecclesiam de Walleton, et illam de Chercheham, cum quadam villa quæ dicitur Garstan, et hæc omnia idem comes in perpetuo firmavit quietam, et libera ab omni hominum invasione; addens, quod qui hæc disturbaret vel auferret, anathema esset. Teste Roberto Cestriæ episcopo, et Hugone ejusdem civitatis comite.

Omnia ista suprascripta gloriosus rex Henricus coram omni consilio suo apud Londoniam, suo proprio signo et sigillo confirmavit, et archiepiscopis suis, episcopis, comitibus, et aliis baronibus ad confirmandam tradidit, et sicut comes Hugo concessit ecclesiæ sancti Petri, totam libertatem quam potuit, ut nullus post eum plus addere possit; ita ipse rex concessit eidem ecclesiæ, et omnibus ad eam pertinentibus, quicquid potuit libertatis, et quietis, ut nullus, post se, plus concedere posset. Interminatus est etiam

suum, et archiepiscoporum, episcoporum, et omnium baronum suorum æternum anathema, omnibus qui de suprascriptis donis vel de ipsa libertate aliquid subtraherent vel infringerent. Concessit quoque monachis molturam totius civitatis Salopesbiriæ, præcipiens, ut nullus in toto circuitu civitatis, nec in uno ponte, nec in alio, molendinum faceret, nisi monachi, vel cui ipsi concesserunt. Testibus Richardo Londoniæ episcopo, Hamone Peurell, Fulcoio vicecomite, et multis aliis.

Defuncto autem rege Henrico, cum venerabilis nepos ejus Stephanus in regno successit, supradictus Hamo Peurell, concedente rege, dedit ecclesiæ sancti Petri duas villas, id est, Crugeltonam, et Selebam, et Sibilla uxor ejus aliam villam, quæ vocatur Chinardesia, concedente viro suo et dono super altare ponente. Testibus Willielmo filio Alani, Willielmo de Tornay, Alano filio Willielmi de Hedlega, Roberto filio Nigelli, Radulfo de Tirna, Richardo filio Baldwini de Lintlega, et pluribus aliis.

Rogatus autem rex Stephanus ut confirmaret omnia suprascripta, dixit, Cum avunculus meus, rex Henricus baronum suorum prece, ista confirmaret, præsens aderam, et testis advocatus fui, et eum omnia concedere, et confirmare audiui, et vidi, quæ comes Hugo concesserat, et eadem verba dicere quæ prædictus comes dixit, quando ecclesiæ sancti Petri libertatem constituit, videlicet quod tam liberum ipsius ecclesiæ honorem constituebat, ut nullus, post eum, aliquid libertatis vel quietis addere posset. Et ideo ego pro salute animæ meæ, et pro pace regni concedo et confirmo omnia suprascripta, et eandem libertatem et quietem quam ecclesiæ sancti Petri comes Hugo dedit, et rex Henricus confirmavit, ego quoque concedo et confirmo, et ita liberam et quietam ipsam ecclesiam constituo, ut nullus sit, qui, post me, aliquid libertatis, vel quietis addere possit. Qui verò aliquid ex his minuere præsumpserit æterno anathemate puniatur. ✠ Ego Stephanus rex confirmavi et subscripsi. Ego Henricus Wintoniensis episcopus subscripsi. Ego Rogerus Salesbiriensis episcopus subscripsi. Ego Nigellus Eliensis episcopus subscripsi. Ego Robertus Herefordiensis episcopus subscripsi. Ego Seifridus Cicestriensis episcopus subscripsi. Ego Ricardus Abrincacensis episcopus subscripsi. Ego Gervasius abbas Westmonasterii subscripsi. Ego Gaufridus abbas sancti Albani subscripsi. Ego Rogerus cancellarius subscripsi. Ego Ranulphus comes Cestriæ subscripsi. Ego Willielmus comes Warenne subscripsi. Ego Willielmus Martell subscripsi. Ego Albricus de Vere subscripsi. Ego Gaufridus de Magnavilla subscripsi.

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Carta Foundationis Abbatie de Salop.

[Ex Registro Abbatie S. Petri Salop. penes Ricardum Leveson equit. ut supr. 1638. Pat. 1 Hen. VI. part. 5, m. 18 et 19.]

ROGERUS, comes Salopesbiriæ, filiis suis et hæredibus, et baronibus, et hominibus, et omnibus amicis suis, Francis et Anglis, salutem. Sciatis me construxisse monasterium in suburbio civitatis Salopesbiriæ, in ecclesia sanctorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli, quæ antiquitus ibi fundata erat, et concessisse eidem vicum illum totum qui dicitur Biforiete, cum tribus molendinis et omnibus redditibus, et tota terra quæ est inter duo flumina; scilicet inter Sabrinam fluvium, et Meolam, et ex alia parte fluminis Meole terrulam quandam quæ vocatur Aldefeld. Et quia monachi Sagiensis cænobii de mea possessione erant in Normannia, et boni testimonii viri, de illis quosdam accepi, et ad edificationem præfati monasterii constitui, nulla illis ejusdem loci donatione concessa, sed ut elemosinas meas, et aliorum fidelium susciperent, et colligerent, et de beneficiis collatis constructionem præfati monasterii festinarent.

Postea vero per consilium regis Gulielmi, et Roberti episcopi, et uxoris meæ Adalasie, et filiorum meorum, unum illorum abbatem ibi posui, et locum illum liberum feci, nulli omnino alteri loco per subjectionem obnoxium. Dedi etiam eidem loco maneria Ettonam et Eiministram, cum omnibus suis appenditiis, et Burtonam, et ecclesiam quoque de Mumerfeld, cum tota terra quam clerici tene-

* Alanus filius Fladaldi fuit dominus de Clun et Oswestre.

bant, concessi in dominium monachorum, cum cæteris suis appenditiis, et ecclesiam de Stotesdona, et ecclesiam de Duddeleburia, cum omnibus quæ ad eas pertinent et ecclesiam de Donitona, et illam de Tonga, et illam de Egmondona, et illam de Woolkingtona, et illam de Worgordina, et illam de Chonedoura, et illam de Archelona, et illam de Hodenet, et illam de Nessa, et illam de Bassecherche, cum omnibus ad easdem ecclesias pertinentibus. Et constitui, ut monachi ecclesias et terras earundem quas vellent, post mortem clericorum suorum, in dominio retinerent, et cæteras ad utilitatem monasterii ordinarent, et de redditibus earum victum et vestitum haberent.

Dedi etiam eis domum unam in civitate ad sabulonem ad opus ecclesiæ et moltam totius civitatis, et curiæ meæ quando in civitate manerem, et theoloneum de lignis quæ per orientalem portam in civitatem deferuntur. Præcepi etiam ut in festivitate sancti Petri in kalendis Augusti, totius provinciæ populus in eodem loco ad nundinas tribus diebus per singulos annos conveniret, et monachi theoloneum, totumque proficuum inde haberent. Concessi etiam ut barones mei, vel burgenses, vel milites quodcunque vellent, de terris, et facultatibus suis eidem loco largirentur, absque ulla mei vel meorum hæredum licentia. Ita ut de data elemosyna mihi nullum alterum servitium facerent vel dantes, vel recipientes. Totam quoque terram monachorum à geldo militum imperpetuum liberam esse statui, et à geldo etiam communi, nisi ego ipse de dominio meo illud darem. Guarinus vero vicecomes dedit eis villam quæ dicitur Tugford, cum suis appenditiis, ecclesiam de Biritona, cum decima ejusdem villæ, et decimam de Oppetona, et ecclesiam de Mutla, cum decima ejusdem villæ, et ecclesiam sancti Oswaldi, cum decima ejusdem villæ, et unam domum in foro in civitate, ad lucernam altaris Innocentium. Reinaldus frater ipsius Guarini, dedit eis villam quæ dicitur Lega. Oilerius, sacerdos, unam hidam in Cherletona. Gerardus de Tornaco, Beitonam. Goiffridus dimidiam hidam in Herlega. Odo miles dedit eis Hordelegam, et Aberius, et Burtonam cum suis appenditiis. Robertus filius Theobaldi dedit eis ecclesiam de Iteshale, cum decima ejusdem villæ.

Quæ omnia ego eis concessi, et sigilli mei autoritate confirmavi. Præcepi etiam filiis meis, ut locum illum diligenter, et carum haberent. Et si forte contingeret ut ego in Anglia morirer, ibi me ponerent, et deinde fratribus loci illius necessaria providerent. Testibus hiis, Roberto episcopo Cestriæ, Hugone et Roberto de Belismo, Arnulpho et Philippo filiis meis, Richardo de Belmeseia, Reinaldo de Bailloc, Rogero Chorbet, Roberto Chorbet, et multis aliis.

NUM. IV.

Prædia ad Ecclesiam Sancti Petri spectantia, tempore Willielmi Regis Conquestoris.

[Ex Libro Censuali vocato *Domesday Book*, in domo Capitulari Westmon. asservato.]

Salopiense, tom. i. fol. 252 b.

In SCIROPESBERIE civitate facit Rogerius comes abbatiam, et eidem dedit MONASTERIUM S. PETRI, ubi erat parochia civitatis. et tantum de suis burgensibus et molinis quod XII. lib. redd. monachis.

In Recordin Hund. Ipsa æcclesia tenet AITONE. Leuric comes tenuit tempore regis Edwardi. Ibi VIII. hidæ et dimid. In dominio sunt IIII. car. et adhuc II. possent esse. Ibi XVI. villani et XIII. bord. cum XVI. car. Ibi VIII. servi et IIII. ancillæ. et II. piscariæ. Una redd. XVI. sol. alia est ad victum monachorum. Tempore regis Edwardi valebat XXI. lib. et quando comes dedit æcclesiæ reddebat XIII. lib.

In Conodovre Hund. Ipsa æcclesia tenet EYMINSTRE. Eduinus comes tenuit. Ibi IX. hidæ geld. In dominio sunt IIII. car. et XXII. villani et V. bord. et unus francig. cum XII. car. inter omnes. Ibi XX. servi. et silva XL. porc. incrassand. In civitate I. masura terræ de II. solid. Tempore regis Edwardi valebat C. sol. et post IIII. lib. Modo XI. lib. In hac villa tenuit Aluric tempore regis Edwardi unam hidam geld. et poterat ire quo volebat. et

valebat hæc terra V. sol. Modo tenet sanctus Petrus et est vasta.

Ipsa æcclesia tenent BVRTOXE. et tenuit tempore regis Edwardi. Ibi I. hida geld. In dominio est una car. et VI. bord. cum I. car. et II. bovar. ibi. Valuit V. sol. modo VIII. solid.

[Ibid. fol. 254.]

Rainaldus [vicecomes] dedit æcclesiæ S. Petri pro anima Warini antecessoris sui DODEFORT. Eluin tenuit et liber erat cum terra. Ibi III. hidæ et dimid. In dominio sunt III. car. et III. servi et III. bovarii. et III. villani et VIII. bord. cum V. car. Ibi molinum de IIII. solid. Valuit XX. sol. modo XL. sol.

NUM. V.

Carta Hugonis Comitis Salop.

[Ex Registro Abbatæ S. Petri Salop. ut supr. Carta 5.]

Hugo, comes Salopessirie, universis baronibus suis, vicecomitibus, et ministris, tam Francis quàm Angli ejusdem comitatus, et cunctis Christi fidelibus, salutem. Sciatis quod cum una dierum ad tumbam patris mei, scilicet Rogeri comitis de Monte-Gomeria, starem in monasterio, quod ipse in honore apostolorum Petri et Pauli in Salopesberia fundaverat, dominum pro salute animæ meæ, et ipsius, deprecaturus, venit ad me Fulcheredus abbas, et conventus ejusdem loci, rogantes ut pro salute mea, et antecessorum meorum, decimas dominiorum meorum in Salopessiria, ad constructionem ecclesiæ suæ (quam pater meus, cum in fata cessit, imperfectam reliquit) eis conferrem: quarum precibus, tam pro utilitate mea, quam sua adquiescens, quod rogabant, hilari animo, concessi. Scilicet decimam domini mei de Stotesdona, et decimam de Esteleia juxta Brugiam, et decimam domini de Welintona, et de Worocordina, et decimam domini de Optona, et de Prestona Supra, et decimam domini de Oswaldestre, et de Nesse, et de Mulde, et de Lokelthulla, et de Bolelea, et decimam domini de Hode-neth, et de Peopelawa, et de Loscesford.

Quidam verò baronum meorum eadem hora, ad tumbam prædictam, mecum stans, scilicet, Hamo Peverel, rogatu meo, decimas dominiorum suorum, prædicto abbati et monachis contulit. Scilicet, decimam domini de Buton sub Lima, et Wulrunton, et decimam domini sui de Arkaloua, et de Heitona, et de Wilsipeland, et decimam domini de Cleya, et de Brugeltona, et de Kinardeseia, et quia volo quod nullus successorum meorum, in posterum de prædictis decimis, nullam molestiam inferat; tam concessionem Hamonis Peverel quàm meam, ipso Hamone præsentem, sigilli mei impressione, dignum duxi roborare. Hiis testibus, Godebaldo et Oilerio presbiteris, Warino vicecomite, Roberto filio Theobaldi, Richardo de Belismo, Rogero Corbet, et multis aliis.

NUM. VI.

Carta Matildis de Longespe.

[Ibid. Carta 6.]

UNIVERSIS Christi fidelibus præsens scriptum visuris vel audituris, Matildis de Lungespe, filia et hæres domini Walteri de Clifford salutem in Domino sempiternam. No-veritis me inspexisse cartas bonæ memoriæ domini Walteri de Clifford, patris mei confectas Deo et abbatæ sancti Petri de Salopesberie, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, in hæc verba. Sciant præsentem et futuri quod ego Walterus de Clifford filius Walteri de Clifford, et Agnetis de Cundy dedi et concessi et hac præsentem carta mea confirmavi, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam Deo et abbatæ sancti Petri de Salop sexies viginti acras de bosco dictorum abbatibus et conventus de Luhtone, cujus boscus, et situs terræ est eorundem, ad assartandum et ad fossandum, et ad sepem superedificandum, et ad disponendum pro voluntate sua, de eisdem acris et suis pertinentiis liberè et quietè, ita quod bestię de foresta nostra liberum habeant ingressum et egressum secundum consuetudinem forestæ, scilicet, quod

acræ prænominatæ propinquiores erunt villæ de Luhtone de terra frisca, et de bosco inter assartum Rogeri de Ondeslawe et de Sichet versus Burwartone, &c. Test. Egidio de Clifford fratre meo, Richardo Tirel, Johanne de Ebroc, Thoma de Baskerville, Thoma de Constantin, Symone de Léeg clerico, Willielmo de Clifford constabulario castri de Corfam, et aliis. Quas quidem cartas ratas et gratas habeo, &c. Test. Rogero Tirel, Thoma Boterel, Willielmo de Monkyton tunc senescallo.

NUM. VII.

De donis Godefridi et Rogerii Vicecomitum.

[Ibid. Carta 371.]

NOTUM sit tam præsentibus, quàm posteris, Godefridum vicecomitem ecclesiam sanctæ Mariæ do Waleton dedisse monachis sancti Petri Salop' in die dedicationis ejusdem ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ, cum omnibus ipsius villæ, et ecclesiam quæ habebat in dominio sancti Michaelis, Chercheham, cum sacerdotibus, et terram quæ ad eos pertinet. Adjecit etiam ipse Godefridus donis supradictis, villam quæ dicitur Gerstan, et omnia perpetuò concessit in elemosina supradictis monachis, pro anima sua, et suæ conjugis, et parvulo filio nostro Achardo, quem monachum fecit in ecclesia sancti Petri. Testibus episcopo Roberto de Cestria, et Hugone comite ejusdem civitatis, et Richardo abbate. Comes autem Rogerius qui Pictaviensis dicitur, dedit ecclesiæ sancti Petri, et monachis ejusdem loci piscariam de Terawella pro anima sua, et suæ conjugis, et pro salute animæ patris et matris suæ, et cum ipsa piscaria Oscitonam et Poltonam, et hæc omnia confirmavit quietam, et libera ab omnium hominum invasione. ✠ Rogerius. Et quæ Godefridus dedit, Rogerius comes concessit et perpetuò confirmavit. Qui hæc disturbat anathema sit. Amen. Teste Roberto filio Walteri, et Hugone Bernard, et Walchelino, et Rainaldo famulo, et Radulfo coco, et Rogerio coco. Pro his donatis, concessis, atque firmatis, redditur cotidiè una missa Rogerio comiti, uxori suæ, et filio, et patri suo, et matri a monachis sancti Petri.

NUM. VIII.

Carta Willielmi Archiepiscopi Eboraci de Restitutione Ecclesiæ de Kirkham, in comitatu Lancastriæ.

[Ibid. Carta 372.]

WILLIELMUS Dei gratia Eboracensis archiepiscopus omnibus fidelibus salutem et benedictionem Dei et suam. Notum sit vobis quod monachi Salop, in tempore antecessorum meorum sæpius querimoniam facientes quod ecclesia illorum injustè careret ecclesia de Kirkeham, eo quod à comite Pictaviensi Rogerio, ei legitime data fuerat, et à Thoma archiepiscopo literarum et sigilli sui auctoritate confirmata. Tandem præsentiam nostram adierunt, querimoniam suam deponentes; nos verò clamoribus eorum molestati, et præcepto domini Henrici sedis apostolicæ legati constricti, causam illorum in synodo apud Eboracum nobis præsentibus, ventilandam commisimus; lectis verò literis de donatione comitis, et auditis privilegiis de confirmatione archiepiscopi, unanimi consensu totius synodi judicatum est, ut præfata ecclesia de Kirkeham ecclesiæ sancti Petri de Salop restitueretur, de qua injustè et sine judicio viduata erat. Hujus rei testes sunt Radulphus episcopus de Orchadibus, et Benedictus episcopus de Witebi; et Helias abbas de Salebi, et totius synodi nostræ conventus, cum capellano ecclesiæ sancti Petri Eboracensis. Valet.

NUM. IX.

Carta ejusdem Archiepiscopi de eadem re.

[Ibid. Carta 375.]

WILLIELMUS Dei gratia Eboracensis archiepiscopus omnibus sanctæ ecclesiæ fidelibus salutem et Dei benedictionem.

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nem. Testificamur nos præsentem sinodo apud Eborum literas illas quas monachi de Salop habebant, sigillo Thomæ archiepiscopi sigillatas, de confirmatione ecclesiæ de Kirkeham, quodam infortunio combustas vidisse; quæ combustio apud Pontem-fractum facta fuit. Et quoniam pro certo habemus prædictum prædecessorem nostrum prædictam ecclesiam eis concessisse et confirmasse, nos, eadem auctoritate eandem ecclesiam eis concedimus et præsentem cartula confirmamus. Valet.

NUM. X.

Carta Regis Willielmi.

[Pat. 1 Hen. VI. p. 5, m. 19, per Inspex.]

SANCTORUM patrum monemur exemplo possessiones quas nostris temporibus sanctæ ecclesiæ à fidelibus collatas noverimus, literarum memoriæ diligenter assignare, tum propter conferentium utilitatem quoniam eorum exemplo posterius ad bene agendum provocentur: tum propter malignorum perversitatem qui ad diripiendas possessiones ecclesiasticas toto conamine inhiare noscuntur. Nos itaque majorum imitantes industriam, posteriorum notitiæ scribendo transmittere curavimus quoddam pietatis opus quod venerabilis comes Rogerius et devota ejus conjux Adelaisia nomine, nostra ætate Deo obtulerunt. Erat in suburbio civitatis Seropesbery parva satis ecclesia in honore beatorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli constructa, cujus situs ad collocanda servorum Dei habitacula congruus videbatur. Comes ergo fretus licentia et auctoritate regis Willielmi et Cantuariensis archiepiscopi Lanfranci, necnon et Cestrensis episcopi Petri, ad cujus diocesim isdem pertinebat locus, monachos illuc pro sua suorumque salute Domino exoratos aggregavit anno ab Incarnatione Domini millesimo octogesimo septimo. Quibus ad victus subsidia ipse et veneranda ejus uxor possessiones subscriptas imperpetuum donaverunt. Imprimis scilicet vicum unum eidem ecclesiæ contiguum, cum tribus molendinis cunctisque redditibus ad eum pertinentibus, qui vicus Anglicè dicitur *Biforieta*, quod Latine significat *ante portam*. Deinde contulerunt eis quasdam ecclesias cum universis possessionibus ad eas pertinentibus, quas hic nominatim expressimus. Ecclesiam scilicet sancti Gregorii de Mamerfeld, cujus hæ sunt possessiones: Estleia, Nordleia, alias Estleia Crofta, Halchtonia, Chinsetleia, Harpeford Billingsleia, Nieutona, Tugafort, Fertecota, Westona. Ecclesiam quoque de Stotesdona, cujus possessiones istæ sunt: Dodelmutha, Hinetona, et Prestecota. Ecclesiam etiam de Dodeleberia cujus possessio est Spertford et dimidia hida terræ in Corstona. Ecclesiam quoque de Edmundon, et illam de Toengia, et illam de Donintona, et illam de Welintona, et illam de Werekordina, et illam de Ercalow, et illam de Hodeneth, et illam de Conedouera, et illam de Nessa, et illam de Bassecherch. Cujus possessiones sunt Prestcota, Noveleia, et Bageleia. Cum hiis omnibus dederunt comes et comitissa eidem cænobio tres villas cum omnibus appenditiis earum, Eitonam videlicet, Eiminstriam, et Burtonam. Theoloneumque de lignis quæ per orientalem portam in civitatem deferuntur concesserunt monachis. Præceperunt etiam ut in festivitate sancti Petri in kalendis Augusti totius provinciæ populus in eodem loco ad nundinas tribus diebus per singulos annos conveniret, et monachi theoloneum totumque proficuum inde haberent. Postea concessit comes ut barones vel milites sui, quicumque vellent, de terris et facultatibus suis eidem loco largirentur absque ulla sui vel suorum licentia, ita ut de peracta elemosina nullum sibi ulterius servitium facerent vel dantes vel recipientes; totam quippe terram monachorum à geldo militum imperpetuum liberam esse statuit, et à geldo etiam communi nisi ipse de dominio suo illud daret. Hæc autem comitis pia munificentia omnibus audientibus valde placuit, eosque ad amorem loci illius quamplurimum incitavit. Tunc Warinus vicecomes dedit ipsis monachis duas hidas terræ in villa quæ dicitur Tugafort, et decimam de Opetona, et ecclesiam de Biritona cum decima ejusdem villæ. Rainaldus frater ipsius Warini dedit eis villam quæ dicitur Lega. Girardus de Tornaco Bettonam. Goffridus dimidiam hidam in Herleia. Odo miles Hordleiam. Hæc omnia venerabilis comes Rogerius cum filiis suis Hugone

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scilicet, Roberto, Rogero, et Arnulpho; concessit atque firmavit. Testesque fuerunt Herbertus archidiaconus, Godebaldus et Oilerius sacerdotes, Warinus vicecomes, Robertus filius Teobaldi, Rogerius Corbeth, Robertus Pincerna, et multi alii. Locus verò in quo cœnobium ipsum constructum erat, de hæreditate cujusdam militis, Siwardi nomine, fuit. Et quia nolebat piissimus comes quod aliqua imposterum calumpnia monachis inde emergeret, mutuo dedit eidem Siwardo villam nomine Longafeld. Postmodum verò cum fraternitatem monachorum reciperet, concessit quod eadem villa quam à comite acceperat, post suum obitum in eorum dominio deveniret. Testibus Godebaldo, Ricardo de Belmesio, et Richardo de Monte-waroldi. Hæc omnia ego Willielmus rex Anglorum concessi et sigillo meo corroboravi.

NUM. XI.

Genealogia Dominorum Bellismontium.

[Ex veteri MS. Cœnob. S. Martini Segiensis.]

Yvo de Belismo genuit Guiliel. de Belismo, et idem Guillelmus genuit Guliel. Thalavatium, patrem Mabilia, quem Rogerus de Montegomerici, cum tota hæreditate sua quam, sive in Bellimensi pago, seu Suevensi ultra fluvium Sarte habebat, duxit in uxorem. Qui Rogerus, vir dictæ Mabilia, Anglicano bello interfuit, et à Willelmo rege Anglorum comitatus duos, scilicet Arundelli et Salopesbere dono accepit, et etiam honorem Heye possedit. Ipse verò Rogerus de prædicta muliere Mabilia quinque filios et quatuor filias habuit quorum nomina hæc sunt. Robertus de Belismo, et Hugo, Rogerius Pictavinus, Philippus, et Arnulphus: Emma, Mathildis, Mabilia, et Sibilla. Rogerius Pictavinus comitatum Lancastriæ, Arnulphus quippe comitatum de Pembroch tenuerunt. Robertus verò de Belismo maximas possessiones et terras patris sui adeptus est. Qui Robertus ex filia Guidonis comitis Ponthivii genuit Guillelmum Talavatium, qui Willielmus ex Hela uxore sua genuit Guidonem comitem Pontivii, et Johannem. Qui Johannes ex Beatrice filia Helie comitis Cenomannensis genuit Robertum comitem Alencheii. Qui Robertus ex Joanna uxore sua, filia domini Josberti de Guirchia genuit Joannem et Matildem. Qui Joannes accepit in uxorem Aaliz, filiam domini Bartholomæi de Roye. Quo Joanne absque liberis defuncto, pater ipsius, comes Robertus, filiam suam dictam Matildem, comiti Blesensi, Theobaldo, matrimonio conjunxit, quæ, ut frater suus dictus Johannes, absque liberis defuncta est. Præfatus verò comes Robertus, Johanna præfata uxore sua defuncta, Emmam filiam Guidonis domini de La Val in uxorem duxit, qui ex ea filium genuit, qui Robertus vocatus est; sed antequam puer nasceretur, sæpefatus Robertus comes, apud quoddam manerium suum quod vocatur Morteveille, prope La Val, diem clausit extremum.

NUM. XII.

Carta Walchelini Mayminot de Villa de Lega juxta Ellesmere.

[Ex Regist. Abbatæ de Salopia penes Ric. Leveson de balneo militem ann. 1638. Carta 15.]

WALCHELINUS Maminot omnibus parentibus et amicis suis, et universis fidelibus sanctæ ecclesiæ salutem. Sciatis quod homines de Ellesmera confessi sunt coram me et militibus meis, quod avunculus meus Willielmus Peverel injustè abstulit terram de Lega à monachis de Salopesberia. Quod ego audiens, per consilium hominum meorum, studui liberare animam avunculi mei, et animas eorum qui hoc ei consilium dederunt, de pœna istius peccati; reddidique sancto Petro et monachis eandem terram ita solutam et quietam, ut nullus successorum meorum ampliùs de ea calumpniam habeat. Et ideo precor omnes qui post me venturi sunt, ut hanc terram nulla unquam calumpnia impediatur, quia pro certo didici ab hominibus meis quod avunculus meus malum inde consilium habuit.

NUM. XIII.

[Ibid. Carta 25.]

WILLIELMUS Peverellus de Douria omnibus fidelibus sanctæ Dei ecclesiæ salutem. Sciant omnes illi qui nunc sunt et qui venturi sunt, me concessisse plenariè totam illam terram quam Hamo Peverell patruus meus dedit Deo et ecclesiæ sancti Petri Salopesberia, scilicet, Wlurinton, Einardeiseiam, Crugelton, pro salute animæ meæ, et pro animabus amicorum meorum. Et volo atque præcipio ut mei hæredes sicut ego concessi concedant. Hujus rei sunt testes Walchelinus Maminot, et Stephanus de la Leia, et Brientius de Valle Rodolli, et Alanus filius Teoldi, et Baldwinus de sancto Georgio, et Radulfus filius Teoldi, et Hamo filius Herfredi, et Willielmus de Musca, apud Marleberg.

NUM. XIV.

Carta Roberti Abbatis.

[Cart. antiq. Mus. Brit. L. F. C. III. 17.]

SCIANT præsentis et futuri quod ego Robertus abbas Saloberensis consensu totius capituli dedi et concessi Philippo filio Stephani et hæredibus suis piscariam de Svtuna et terram Richardi et Hugonis juxta piscariam pro xvi. denariis reddendis annuatim ecclesiæ sancti Petri ad festivitatem sancti Michaelis pro omni servicio. Hii sunt testes, Richardus presbyter de Hestlee, Hugo piscator de Bruge, Alexander forstarius, Randulfus filius Ordrici, Alduin de Herpesfort, Bermer de Norlee, et multi alii.

NUM. XV.

Carta Regis Henrici Tertii.

[Ex Regist. Abb. de Salopia, ut supr. Ca. 37.]

HENRICUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, dux Normaniæ et Aquitaniæ, et comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, prioribus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, forestariis, vicecomitibus, præpositis, ministris et omnibus ballivis, et fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse, et hac carta nostra confirmasse Deo et sanctæ Mariæ, et beatis apostolis Petro et Paulo et abbati et monachis Salopesbiriensis ecclesiæ has subscriptas terras et decimas et ecclesias. De dono comitis Rogeri vicum unum juxta eandem abbatiam scilicet æt Biforegatam cum omnibus molendinis et redditibus ad vicum illum pertinentibus. Ecclesiam quoque de Momerfeld cum appendiciis suis in terris et aliis rebus. Et ecclesiam de Stotesdon cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus. Et ecclesiam de Dodelebera et ecclesiam de Condober et dimidiam hidam terræ in Biritona quæ pertinet ad eandem ecclesiam. Et ecclesiam de Eigmentona, et illam de Welintona, et illam de Archalow, et illam de Holdenet, et illam de Tonga, et illam de Dointona, et illam de Worocordina, et illam de Bascherche, et illam de Nessa, et illam de Novo-burgo cum omnibus terris et decimis et appenditiis ad prædictas ecclesias pertinentibus. Et præter hæc maneria Eitonam, Eiministrum, et Burtonam; et theoloneum lignorum quæ intrant ad vendendum in Salopesberia per Estgatam et Sudgatam. De dono Siwardi Grossi manerium de Longafeld. De dono Warini vicecomitis duas hidam terræ et dimidiam in Tugaford, et decimam de Uptonam, et ecclesiam ejusdem villæ cum una virgata terræ, et ecclesiam de Biritona cum decimis ejusdem villæ. De dono Reginaldi fratris Warini unam hidam scilicet æt Legham. De dono Saerii Edburtonam. De dono Hugonis filii Warini ecclesiam sancti Oswaldi, et ecclesiam de Mudla cum decimis et terris et appendiciis ad ipsas ecclesias pertinentibus. De dono eorundem decimas de Nessa et de Serawordina, et unam domum in foro Salopesberia ad luminare ecclesiæ. De dono Gerardi de Tornaco Beitonam. De dono Hamonis Peverell et Sibillæ uxoris ejus Whirentonam, et Chinardeseiam et Crugeltonam, et Selebam. De dono Theodorici de Say, terram unam in manerio Stoch, scilicet, in Burhulla, quæ etiam ab omni geldo. De dono Helgoti unam hidam, scilicet,

cet, Moram, et unam piscariam. De dono Herberti filii ejus Nortonam, et ecclesiam de Stantonam cum decimis militum suorum ad ipsam ecclesiam pertinentibus, et unam hidam terræ in eadem villa. De dono Murielidis uxoris ejus unam carucatam terræ in eadem villa. De dono Normanni Venatoris Bolelegam. De dono Hugonis de Constantiis dimidiam hidam in Pettona. De dono Azonis Bigot dimidiam hidam in Longavala. De dono Oylerii presbyteri, unam hidam in Cherletona. De dono Gaufridi dimidiam hidam in Helega. De dono Thoki duas hidas in Cota. De dono Odonis, Hordelegam. De dono Thoraldi unam hidam in Minore Creitona. De dono Roberti filii ejus Wichewicam. De dono Roberti Corbet Lochetonam. De dono Reineri præfecti unam mansuram in Salopesbiria. De dono Roberti filii Theobaldi ecclesiam de Iteshala, cum omnibus quæ ad eam pertinent, et decimam de Cambristona. De dono Rogeri Corbet ecclesiam de Wantenouera et decimam ejusdem villæ, et decimam de Yocheshoula et Wineslegam. De dono Ebrardi et Simonis filiorum ejus unum ferndelum terræ in Wautenovera. De dono Picoti de Say, decimam de Fiteshod. De dono Henrici filii ejus Brantonam per escambium de Langefeld. De dono Humaldi decimam de Prestonam et de Lochefeld, et decimam equarum suarum agrestium. De dono Roberti de Belismo Bascherche, et quicquid ad manerium illud pertinent. De dono Fulconis vicecomitis Pimelegam. De dono Yvonis Pantulf sedem molendini subtus Sudtonam ex utraque aquæ ripa. De dono Alani vicecomitis decimam de Opetona. De dono Gilberti archidiaconi terram quatuor solidorum in Derfald. De dono Rogeri archidiaconi quandam terram in Chingesland. De dono Theoreti de Wrocheestre unam terram in Salop ad ortum faciendum quæ vocatur Rumaldsham. De dono Herberti de Furcis tres mansuras in Salop, et quandam terram in campis ejusdem urbis. De dono Alnoti aliam terram. De dono Reimeri præpositi aliam terram in eisdem campis. De ecclesia de Condenouera tres mansuras in præfata urbe. De manerio de Eiministre unam mansuram. De dono Roberti filii Wigerii unam mansuram in castello. De dono Roberti presbyteri filii Andreæ totam terram quam habebat in campis. De dono Wanyeti unam mansuram. De dono Turgari aliam. De dono Rogeri comitis unam mansuram ad sabulum. De dono Elmerici presbyteri filii Ruellonis tres acras terræ. De dono Drugonis unam acram in campis civitatis. De dono Wulfwini fullonis unam mansuram versus pontem sancti Georgii. De dono Rogeri comitis cognomine Pictaviensis Pultonam et Oxitonam et dimidiam piscariam de Thelewella, et ecclesiam de Waletona et Bischopham. De dono Godefridi vicecomitis ejus Gerstan, et ecclesiam de Kirkham cum appendiciis suis. De dono ejusdem Rogeri comitis decimam de Newetona. De dono Pagani de Villers decimam de Laton et de Wardebrech. De dono Willielmi constabularii Cestriæ tertiam partem de Thelewella cum omnibus appendiciis suis in bosco et plano et aqua. De dono Willielmi de Berneris unum fenedell terræ in Brumptonam. De dono Ranulphi Venatoris Cestriæ unum ferndendell in Codintonam. De dono Hugonis comitis totam decimam venationis de Salopesiria nisi de silvis sanctæ Milburgæ. De dono ejusdem ut homines monachorum liberi sint et quieti ab omni operatione castellorum et vivariorum. Nec aliqua comitatus negotia exercent, sed immunes sint ab omni exactione et incursione vicecomitum et ministrorum, nec compellantur adire shiras vel hundreda. De dono Azonis Bigot unam virgatam terræ in Abbetona. De dono uxoris ejus terram quandam in civitate quæ reddit per annum decem denarios. De dono Henrici de Say decimam de Gulidona. De dono Ricardi de Pettona unam virgatam terræ in Stoch. De dono Odonis de Berneris et filiorum ejus unam virgatam in Bradestan. De dono Elrici Ruffi quandam terram in campis. De dono regis Henrici avi H. regis avi nostri piscariam unam subtus pontem Salopesberiae, et totam molturam ejusdem civitatis. Et quod nullus faciat molendinum in Saverna et territorio ipsius urbis nisi per monachos præfatos, et feriam ad vincula sancti Petri tribus diebus durantem. Et quietantiam per totam Angliam et portus maris ab omni theloneo. Et ut habeant rectum in curia sua de omnibus forisfactis hominum suorum, et ibi rectum teneant aliis et justitiam habeant sicut comes Hugo ante eis concesserat. De dono Matildæ

imperatricis matris H. regis avi nostri Estonam cum pertinentiis suis. De dono Ranulphi comitis Cestriæ duas mansuras in Chindredewich, et quantum possunt ibi congregare de sale, sine theloneo. De dono Willielmi Malban unam mansuram in alio Wico, et quantum possunt ibi congregare de sale. De dono Hugonis patris ejus quindecim summas salis unoquoque anno in eodem Wico. De dono Willielmi filii Alani dimidiam salinam in Wico Wigorniensi, et ripam Savernæ in foresta sua ad tenendum exclusam piscariæ vel molendini de Ettona, et decimam de Donham et quatuor bovatas terræ in Trochford. De dono Richardi capellani ejus ecclesiam ejusdem villæ. De dono Radulfi Crassi ecclesiam de Alberbiam cum pertinentiis suis. De dono Roberti dapiferi Cestriæ habitationem hereticam in silva de Sudtona. De dono Fulconis Pincernæ dimidium heremum in silva de Seraordina. De dono diversorum civium Salopesberiae terram in divexo civitatis juxta Savernam ad plantationem vineæ, et sex mansuras ad culturam illius. De dono Recheldis uxoris Gilberti de Codenovera unam hidam in Bettheberia. De dono Baldwini filii eorum unam hidam in Tibrithtona. De dono Radulphi de Erletona dimidiam hidam in Cherintonam. De dono Wlverici Poncii unam domum in foro Salopesberiae in qua ipse manebat, et aliam domum in Biforgata et tres acras terræ in Aldefeld. De dono Roberti de Brintona ecclesiam de Longaford. Quare volumus, &c. Data per manum venerabilis patris Radulfi Cicestrensis episcopi cancellari nostri, apud Westmonasterium xxv. die Junii anno regni nostri undecimo.

NUM. XVI.

Carta Ricardi filii Alani, Comitis Arundel, de Ecclesia Sancti Oswaldi de Albo-Monasterio.

[Ibid. Ca. 275.]

UNIVERSIS Christi fidelibus præsens scriptum visuris vel auditoris, Ric. comes de Arundell et dom. de Albo-Monasterio salutem in Domino. Noveritis nos inspexisse cartam bonæ memoriæ Wil. filii Alani antecessoris nostri, &c. in hæc verba. Notum sit tam presentibus quam futuris, quod ego Willielmus filius Alani dedi, concessi, et pro me et hæredibus meis confirmavi abbati et monachis sancti Petri Salopesburiae in puram et perpetuam elemosinam quandam partem terræ meæ in villa de Iselham, &c. et donationem ecclesiarum subscriptarum videlicet ecclesiæ de Optona et Trohford, et ecclesiæ sancti Oswaldi cum capella de Martinescherh, et aliis capellis et rebus omnibus ad dictas ecclesias spectantibus. Et ego verò dictus Willielmus et hæredes, &c. warrantizabimus, &c. Testes Johannes Extraneus, Ivo Pantulf, Willielmus Trussel, &c. Quas quidem concessionem confirmamus, &c. Testibus domino Petro Corbet, Fulcone filio Warini, Bogone de Knogvill, Roberto Corbet, Fulcone Glas, Petro de Eyto, militibus. Data apud Shireve-worthdīn die Martis in festo Annunciationis beatæ Mariæ anno regni regis Edwardi vicesimo.

NUM. XVII.

Taxatio Ecclesiastica P. Nicholai IVⁿⁱ. 1291.

ABBAS SALOP'

Temp'	£.	s.	d.
H't apd Wodlewyk duas caruc' træ			
pc' cuj'lib' 10s. pann' et est summa	1	0	0
Et de pratis ibidem	0	3	4
Et de molend' ibid' deduct' expensis necessarijs	0	13	4
Et de redd' assis' ibm	6	10	2
Et de placitis et perquisitis . . .	0	6	8
Item idem habet apud Astley quatuor caruc' terræ pc' cujuslib' p ann' 13s. 4d. et est summa inde .	2	13	4
Et de una placea prati	0	3	4
Et de uno molendino ibm	0	13	4
Et de redd' assis'	11	2	0½
Et de placitis et perquisitis . . .	0	8	6
Item idem habet apud Toggeford			

Temp'		£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
	duas caruc' terræ quæ valent p				Et habet ibm de plitis et pquis' p			
	ann' deduct' expensis necessarijs .	1	6	8	annu'	1	6	8
	Et de molend' ibidem	0	14	0	Et habet ibm de pfecto stauri p			
	Et de redd' assis'	6	0	4½	annu'	3	18	8
	Et de placitis et perquisitis . . .	0	3	4	Item habet apud Brompton in eo-			
					dem dec' duas caruc' terr' et val'			
	Summa	31	18	5	caruc' p annu'	1	0	0
	Decima	3	3	10	Et habet ibm de redd' assis' p annu'	1	3	0½
	Decanatus de Stottesdone.				Et habet ibm de plit' et pquis' p	1	0	0
Spirit'	Porcō abbatis Salop' in Neutone .	0	16	0	Item habet apud Emestr' in eodem			
	Decanat' de Lodelawe.				dec' unam caruc' terr' et valet p			
	Portio abbatis Salop' in ecclia de				annu'	0	10	0
	Coldeweston quæ non valet . . .	4	0	0	Et habet ibidem de redd' assis' p	4	14	11½
	Portio abbatis Salop' in Wentenore	0	5	0	annu'	1	0	0
	Portio abbatis Salop' in Tugeford .	0	2	0	Et habet ibidem de plitis et pquis'			
	Portio abbatis Salop' in Abbetone .	0	2	0	p annu'	1	0	0
	Pensio abbatis Salop' in Kynardesey	0	2	0	Item habet apud Foyton in eodem			
	Pensio abbatis Salop' in Ordeley .	0	2	0	dec' tres caruc' terr' et valet car'			
	Pensio abbatis Salop' in Norton in				p annu'	1	0	0
	Hales	0	2	0	Et habet ibm de redd' assis' p annu'	4	0	0
	Abbas Salop' percipit in ecclia de				Et habet ibm de plit' et pquis' p	0	6	8
	Byrihton	1	4	0	annu'	2	3	4
	Abbas Salop' percipit in ecclia de				Et habet ibm tria molend' quæ val'			
	Conedovere	1	0	0	p annu'			
	Abbas Salop' percipit in ecclia de							
	Nesse	0	10	0	Sma	81	3	11
	Abbas Salop' percipit in ecclia de				Inde decima	8	2	4½
	Hodenet	1	6	8	Cantab'			
	Abbas Salop' percipit in ecclia de				Bona Abbatis Salopiæ in Taddelowe,			
	Upton Magna	1	0	0	Coupland	1	0	0
	Abbas Salop' percipit in vicar' de				Ebor'			
	Ercalwe	1	4	0	Abbas de Salop' habet de abbate de			
	Abbas Salop' percipit in ecclia de				Deulacres pro terra de Biscopayne			
	Tonge	0	6	8	et Northebrek	5	6	8
	Abbas Salop' percipit in ecclia de							
	Ydesale	1	10	0	NUM. XVIII.			
	Abbas Salop' percipit in ecclia de				<i>Placita de Quo Waranto de diversis Comit. coram H. de</i>			
	Egemindon	1	10	0	<i>Cressingham et Sociis suis Justic. itinerant. apud Noc.</i>			
	Abbas Salop' percipit in ecclia de				<i>Castr. super Tynam in Crast. S. Hillar. anno regni</i>			
	Drayton in Hales	3	0	0	<i>Regis E. fil. Regis Henrici xxi.</i>			
Temp'	Abbas Salop' habet apud Burton sub				[Ex orig. in domo Capitulari Westmonast. asservato.]			
	Lyma in dec' Novi Burgi duas ca-							
	ruc' terr' et valet per annum . .	1	0	0				
	Et habet ibidem de redd' assis' p	12	5	5½				
	annu'							
	Et habet ibidem unu' molend' quod							
	valet p annu'	1	10	0				
	Et habet ibid' de plitis et pquis' p							
	annu'	0	10	0				
	Item habet apud Wolverton in dec'							
	Salop' unam caruc' terr' et valet							
	p annu'	0	13	0				
	Et habet ibm de redd' assis' p annu'	6	3	0½				
	Et habet ibm unu' molend' quod val'							
	p annu'	2	0	0				
	Et habet ibm de plitis et pquis' p							
	annu'	1	0	0				
	Et habet ibm de pfect' staur' p annu'	2	6	8				
	Item habet apud Sclepe in eodem							
	dec' duas caruc' terr' et valet ca-							
	ruc' p annu'	0	10	0				
	Et habet ibm de redd' assis' p annu'	7	7	6				
	Et habet ibm unu' molend' quod val'							
	p annu'	1	0	0				
	Et habet ibm de auxiliis plitis et							
	pquis' p annu'	1	10	0				
	Item habet apud Eyton in eodem							
	dec' duas caruc' terr' et valet ca-							
	ruc' p annu'	0	10	0				
	Et habet ibm de redd' assis' p annu'	15	1	6½				
	Et habet ibm unu' molend' quod val'							
	p annu'	0	13	4				

NUM. XIX.

*Plac. in Com. Salop. coram Joh. de Berewik et Sociis suis
Justic. itiner. in Octab. S. Mich. anno r. r. Edw. fil.
Regis Henr. xx^o.*

[Ex orig. in Domo Capitulari Westmonast. asservato.]

DOMINUS rex per Hugonem Louthur qui sequitur pro eo petit versus abbatem Salop advocationem ecclesiæ de Stotesdon. cum pertinentiis ut jus, &c. per Breve de recto. Et unde idem Hugo dicit quod dominus Henricus rex pro avus domini regis nunc fuit in seysina de prædicta advocatione prædictæ ecclesiæ ut de feodo et jure, &c. tempore pacis, &c. præsentando ad prædictam ecclesiam quemdam Johannem filium Walteri clericum suum qui ad præsentationem suam fuit admissus et institutus in eadem, &c. capi-endo inde explet. ut in oblationibus, obventionibus, &c. ad valent. &c. Et de prædicto Henrico rege descend. &c. Henrico regi. Et de prædicto Henrico rege descend. &c. regi Ricardo ut filio et hæredi. Et de prædicto rege Ricardo quia obiit sine hærede de se descend. &c. regi Johanni ut fratri et hæredi. Et de prædicto rege Johanne descend. &c. Henr. regi ut filio et hæredi. Et de prædicto domino Henrico rege, &c. descend. &c. isto regi qui nunc petit ut filius et hæres. Et quod tale sit jus suum idem. Hugo paratus est verificare pro domino rege, &c.

Et Abbas venit et defendit jus suum, &c. et seysinam prædicti Henrici regis antec. &c. ut de feodo et jure et totum, &c. Et ponit se in juratam loco magnæ assisæ domini regis. Et petit recognitionem fieri utrum ipse majus jus habeat in prædicta advocatione prædictæ ecclesiæ ut de jure ecclesiæ suæ sanctorum Petri et Pauli Salop. an dominus rex, &c. Et milites electi veniunt et dicunt super sacramentum suum quod prædictus abbas majus jus habet in prædicta advocatione prædictæ ecclesiæ quam dominus rex. Ideo abbas inde sine die, &c. salvo, &c. rot. 27 d.

[Ibid.]

ABBAS Salop. summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamat habere furcas, emendas assisæ panis et cervisiæ fractæ, feriam et mercatum in manerio suo de Forieta Monachorum.

Et Abbas venit, et dicit quod ipse nullum mercatum clamat in prædicto manerio. Ideo remaneat regi. Et quo ad alias libertates prædictus abbas clamat infangenthef, et furcas, et alias libertates. Et dicit quod ipse et prædecessores sui a tempore quo non exstat memoria habuerunt prædictas libertates, et illas usi sunt ut de jure ecclesiæ suæ sanctorum Petri et Pauli Salop. Et hoc ponit se super patriam, &c.

Et Hugo de Louthur qui sequitur, &c. dicit quod dictus abbas ostendere non potest quod aliquis prædecessorum suorum venisset cum Conquestore et libertates illas habuisset per conquestum, quia dicit quod prædictus abbas et omnes prædecessores sui fuerunt religiosi, et domus sua prædicta fundata per alios, et ipsi et domus sua feoffati sunt de ten. et libertat. suis per alios, et desicut prædictus abbas nullum factum speciale regis vel progenitorum suorum inde profert per quod prædictæ libertates ipsis concessæ sint, petit judicium si a tali tempore prædictas libertates clam. possit. Ideo ad judicium, &c.

Dies datus est ei de audiendo judicio suo apud Lych. a die sancti Hill. in xv. dies, &c. rot 27 d.

NUM. XX.

[In a Book of Pensions remaining in the Augmentation Office.]

Comitatus Salop.

SHREWSBURIE NUP' MONASTERIUM.

PENCŌNES assignat' nup abbi et conventui ibm sup dissolucoem dicti nup monaster' p comissionar' dñi regis vicesimo quarto die mensis Januarij anno regni pdci dñi regis Henrici octavi xxxj^{mo}.

Pencōnes.	videlt.
Thome Butler nup abbi ibm	iiiij ^{li} .
Thome Wenlock nup p'ori ibm	x ^{li} .
Richardo Broughton presbitero	vj ^{li} .
Thome Howells nup subp'ori ibm	vj ^{li} .
Thome Leche presbitero	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiiij ^d .
Johni Wall presbitero	vj ^{li} .
Johni Lawne presbitero	v ^{li} . vj ^s . viij ^d .
Willmo Lychefelde presbitero	v ^{li} . vj ^s . viij ^d .
Willmo Malpas presbitero	v ^{li} . vj ^s . viij ^d .
Richardo Oweyn presbitero	v ^{li} . vj ^s . viij ^d .
Johni Callye presbitero	v ^{li} . vj ^s . viij ^d .
Johni Warryton presbitero	v ^{li} .
Robto Coventry presbitero	vj ^{li} .
Willmo Cressegge presbitero	v ^{li} .
Thome Preston presbitero	vj ^{li} .
Johni Drayton novic'	xxvj ^s . viij ^d .
Johni Wellyton novic'	xxvj ^s . viij ^d .
Ricardo Alleyn novic'	xxvj ^s . viij ^d .
Sñ	clxviij ^{li} . vj ^s . viij ^d .

WALTER HENDLE.
p me THOMAM LEGH.
RYCHARD BELASSYS.
R. WATKINS.

VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Return, 26 Hen. VIII. First Fruits Office.)

MONASTER' SALOP'.

DECLARACIO Comput' THOMÆ Abbis Monasterij prædicti pro uno Anno integro finito ad Festum Sancti Mich' Archi Anno H. VIII. xxvj^{to}.

Comit' Salopie.

Reddit' Assis' omnium Maneriorum infrascriptorum in Temporalibz viz.

	£.	s.	d.
Wollerton	14	5	0
Burton subtus Lynam	26	11	3
Adbrighton	9	13	8
Hernys	42	10	4
Eyton	58	3	7½

Com' Salop'	£.	s.	d.
Duddylwyke	13	7	5
Astley Brudge	27	19	4
Slepe et Crogington	30	17	4½
Baschurche	25	17	8
Monkeyate als Foryate et Castelforyate ac Villa Salop'	108	5	4½
Wynnealey	1	15	0
Condover et Bourton	7	10	11½
Betton Abbis	2	17	4
Harlescott	2	16	0
Pulley juxta Salop	0	2	0
Chorleton	2	4	4
Aston subtus Wreken	2	9	4
Cronkehill et Chilton	0	16	4
Idslade et Adderley	1	10	0
Monke Aston juxta Newporte	0	6	8
Dashechurche	1	0	0
Et de Redd' unius Parcelle Pasture inclus' infra Pcum Thome Lee de Longney vocat'			
Hawkesley	0	6	8
Alveley	6	11	5½
El Twyforde	13	17	2
Com' Ebor'			
Norbeke et Byschalam Terr' et Ten'	3	13	4
Com' Staff'			
Newporte Un' Mes'	1	1	0
Com' Cestr'			
Myddilwyche Ten'	1	6	8
Titley Lib' Redd'	0	6	0
Thelwall Scit' Maner	6	0	0

Spiritual'.

Com' Salop'			
Baschurche	X ^{mo}	15	4 0
Nesse	X ^{mo}	12	6 8
Recordyne	X ^{mo}	14	0 0
Ercall	X ^{mo}	13	0 0
Adbrighton	X ^{mo}	0	6 8
Wellington	X ^{mo}	10	0 0
Upton Magna	Mes' x ^{mo}		
Foryatefelds	X ^{mo} Garb'	4	3 4
Acham	X ^{mo}	1	6 8
- - - - -	X ^{mo} Molend'	0	8 0
Aston subtus Wreken	X ^{mo}	0	14 2
Slepe et Cogington	X ^{mo}	3	0 0
Condover	Rectoria	27	6 8
Duddilwike	X ^{mo}	2	3 4
Stotyrton	X ^{mo}	8	0 0
Yorkylton	X ^{mo}	1	3 4
Asteley	X ^{mo}	0	10 0
March' Wall—Oswestre	X ^{mo}	2	6 0
S. Martini juxta Oswestre	X ^{mo}	10	0 0
Com' Lanc'			
Walton	Pens'	1	0 0
Com' Salop'			
Tonge	Pens'	0	6 8
Donyngton	Pens'	0	6 8
Medell	Pens'	0	13 4
Norton in Hales	Pens'	0	2 0
Ercall	Pens'	1	0 0
Idsall	Pens'	1	10 0
Hodnett	Pens'	1	6 8
Egmonde	Pens'	1	10 0
Upton Mayn	Pens'	1	0 0
Dulley	Pens'	0	1 8
Beryngton	Pens'	1	4 0

Com' Salop'			£.	s.	d.
Sanctæ Crucis Vicar'	Pens'		1	11	0
Morfeld Prior'	Pens'		8	0	0
Com' Lanc'					
Werington	Porc' x ^{mar} '		1	0	0
Com' Salop'					
Shirlone	Porc' x ^{mar} '		0	18	0
Condover	Porc' x ^{mar} '		0	6	0
Mereden	Porc' x ^{mar} '		0	16	0
Welyngton, Ardston, et Hadley	Porc' x ^{mar} '		1	0	0
Fitts	Porc' x ^{mar} '		0	10	0
Peter Sheves et Pont Sheves juxta Salop'	Porc' x ^{mar} '		0	14	0
Dagley et Noneley in Baschurch	Porc' x ^{mar} '		1	11	4
Abbotts Astley	Porc' x ^{mar} '		0	4	0
Betton subtus Lyne	Porc' x ^{mar} '		4	0	0
Rodington	Porc' x ^{mar} '		0	1	4
Monke Foreyate	Porc' x ^{mar} '		0	10	4
Oblationes infra Monasterium			0	13	4
Perquis' Cur' Maneriorum			1	0	0
Summa totalis Valoris tam Spiritualium quam Temporalium Monasterij prædicti . . .			615	4	3½

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 33 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

MONASTERIUM DE SALOP.

Com' Salop'			£.	s.	d.
Pynley, Foriet' Monachorum	Redd' Assis'		0	6	0
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Tenen'		16	1	8
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi		24	0	2
- - - - -	Ann'. Redd' voc' Hognell Bente		0	19	7½
- - - - -	Diverse Firme		63	8	7
- - - - -	Redd' Scit' Monast' cum Terr' Dñic'		2	0	0
- - - - -	Firm' x ^{ar}		6	8	4
- - - - -	Oblaçō		0	18	0
- - - - -	Redd' Repert'		5	5	5
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		3	10	2
Welyngton, Arleston, et Hadley	Firm' x ^{ar}		11	0	0
Dominium de Slepe, Crogelton, et Kemsey	Redd' Assis'		0	12	0
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'		13	0	4½
- - - - -	Red' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi		4	3	5
- - - - -	Diverse Firme		11	17	4
- - - - -	Firm' x ^{ar}		3	0	0
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'			nult	
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		0	5	4
Baschurch, cum Membris, viz. Newton, Prescott,					
Acton, Byrche, Nonyley, et Bageley	Redd' Assis'		4	16	5
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi		6	9	6
- - - - -	Diverse Firme		13	16	2
- - - - -	Firm' Molend'		1	0	0
- - - - -	Firm' Decime		39	4	4
- - - - -	Redd' Mobil'		0	4	9
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'			nult	
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		0	12	2
Asteley Bruge	Redd' Assis'		7	12	6
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'		1	7	6
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi		0	11	8

Com' Salop'					£.	s.	d.
Asteley Bruge				Diverse Firme dimiss' p Ind'	17	13	4
- - - - -				Firm' Decime	2	14	0
- - - - -				Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
- - - - -				Perquis' Cur'	2	10	4
Dominium de Hernes in Pochia de Acham				Redd' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi	9	7	6
- - - - -				Diverse Firme	50	3	0
- - - - -				Firm' Decime	2	11	8
- - - - -				Pençō	1	4	0
- - - - -				Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
- - - - -				Perquis' Cur'	0	18	11
Abrighton				Redd' cust' Ten'	1	12	0
- - - - -				Redd' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi	4	6	10
- - - - -				Diverse Firme	6	9	10
- - - - -				Decime	0	6	8
- - - - -				Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
- - - - -				Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Alveley				Redd' Assis'	5	10	0
- - - - -				Redd' cust' Ten'	0	19	6½
- - - - -				Redd' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi	0	13	2
- - - - -				Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
- - - - -				Perquis' Cur'	0	6	4
Condovery				Redd' Assis'	0	16	9½
- - - - -				Redd' cust' Ten'	0	5	0
- - - - -				Redd' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi	1	0	0
- - - - -				Diverse Firme	5	9	4
- - - - -				Firm' Rōrie	27	12	8
- - - - -				Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
- - - - -				Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Com' Lanc'							
Norbeck, Bischophm, Thelwall				Diverse Firme	7	6	8
- - - - -				Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
- - - - -				Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Com' Cestr'							
Middlewyche				Diverse Firme	7	6	8
- - - - -				Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
- - - - -				Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Oswestree				Diverse Firme	4	10	0
- - - - -				Firm' Decime	56	10	0
- - - - -				Vendic' Bosc' et Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Rokerdyn				Firm' Decime	18	0	0
Lightwode				Redd' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi	4	15	8
- - - - -				Diverse Firme	0	10	0
- - - - -				Vendic' Bosc'	0	3	0
- - - - -				Pannag' Porcor'	0	8	4
- - - - -				Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Ercall				Firm' Decime	11	14	0
Ugfforde				Redd' Assis'	0	16	9
- - - - -				Redd' cust' Ten'	11	7	4
- - - - -				Redd' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi	1	13	4
- - - - -				Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
- - - - -				Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Dodewyck				Redd' Assis'	1	13	1
- - - - -				Redd' cust' Ten'	4	17	8
- - - - -				Diverse Firme	6	16	8
- - - - -				Firm' Decime	8	6	8
- - - - -				Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
- - - - -				Perquis' Cur'	1	19	7

Ballivat' For', viz.

Tylley, Wymesley, Idsall, et Adyrley	Redd' Assis'	1	18	0
Harloscote	Redd' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi		nult	
- - - - -	Diverse Firme	3	12	8
Magna Upton	Decim'	1	11	4



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St. Michael's Abbey, near Exeter.



Com' Cestr'			£.	s.	d.
Mereden	Ann ^p Redd'				null
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'				null
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'				null
Eyton, Donyngton, Russheton, Aston-Drayton, et Aston subtus Wrekyn	Redd' et Firm'	63	19	10½	
Wallarton al' Ollarton	Redd' et Firm'	14	8	5	
Betton subt' Linam in Paroch' de Drayton . .	Redd' et Firm'	21	13	5½	

Abbey of St. Mary York.



INGULPHUS carries the antiquity of St. Mary's Abbey, as a religious foundation, higher than the Account transcribed by Dugdale from abbat Simon de Warwick's manuscript at Oxford. Speaking of Siward earl of Northumberland, he says, "Anno Domini 1056, strenuus comes Northimbrium Siwardus obiit, et sepultus est in claustro monasterii sanctæ Mariæ extra muros ejusdem urbis, quod ipse construxerat. Comitatus autem ejus Eboracæ Tostio fratri comitis Haroldi datus est."^a Hoveden noticing the same occurrence, a year earlier, calls the monastery Galmanho. "Anno millesimo quinquagesimo quinto, Siwardus dux Northimbrorum Eboraci decessit, et in monasterio *Galmanho* quod ipse construxerat sepultus est; cujus ducatus Tostio Haroldi ducis germano datus est."^b Ingulphus, in another page of his History, speaking of the "comprofessi" who came from other monasteries for the hospitalities of Croyland, in 1076, names six monks "S. Mariæ Eboracum."^c This last passage seems to have puzzled Bishop Tanner, who observes that it no where else appears that there were then any religious of that denomination in the city.^d Stephen, the first abbat of St. Mary's gives a detail, of which the following is the outline. He states that, in 1078, he became a monk of Whitby under Remfrid; that William de Percy, a Norman baron, by whom the fraternity there had been at first patronized, finally drove them away by force; that they fled to Lestingham, from which place, also, they were driven by the same Percy's interest with the king; that in this afflictive state their condition was commiserated by Alan earl of Bretagne, who gave them a church near the city of York dedicated to St. Olave, with four acres of land adjoining to build offices upon. And, having obtained a licence from the king, he persuaded the monks to leave Lestingham and make this the seat of their abbey.

Thomas archbishop of York, in a suit against Earl Alan, claimed the four acres of land above-mentioned; whereupon King William I. to compose the difference, promised the archbishop other lands in lieu of them, and so the business ceased for a time.

In 1088, King William II. coming to York, and visiting the new monastery, found it too straitened and narrow for the reception of the convent; he accordingly projected a larger, and with his own hand, opened the ground to lay the foundation of another church.^e

An ancient parchment, formerly preserved in what was called St. Mary's Tower, dates the foundation in 1089, when the dedication of the church was changed from St. Olave to St. Mary.^f

In King William the Second's charter various lands are enumerated which had been bestowed upon the abbey by the Conqueror; the particular specification of which will be hereafter given. A place called Galmon, probably the Galmanho already noticed from Hoveden, is twice mentioned in the charter.^g

Earl Alan gave the monks a borough without the walls of York, called Earlsborough; and also, that its privileges might be increased, surrendered the advowson of the Abbey to the king.^h

Thomas archbishop of York, subsequent to the increased endowment of the monastery, renewed his suit for the four acres of land. Stephen, the abbat, thereupon consulted the king; who, in a council held at Gloucester, granted to the archbishop, on condition that he waved his suit, the church of St. Stephen in York, by way of exchange:ⁱ beside which, abbat Stephen himself, that he might be perfectly reconciled to the archbishop, added of his own free will, to the revenues of the see, one carucate of land in Clifton and another in Heslington.^k

The immunities and privileges granted to this monastery by William Rufus, and his successors, kings of England, were very great.

By King William Rufus's charter their lands were exempt from all legal exactions: they were to be "quietæ de placitis, et querelis, et murthero, et latrocinio, et scutagio, et geldis, et danegeldis, et hidagiis, et de operationibus

^a Ingulphi Hist. ap. Script. post Bedam, edit. 1596, fol. 510 b.

^b Hoved. Annal. fol. 254.

^c Ingulphus, ut supr. fol. 515.

^d Compare Num. I.

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^e Num. III.

^f Notit. Monast.

^g Num. II.

^h See Num. I.

ⁱ Drake says, p. 579, "Where this church stood is now unknown."

^k Compare the latter part of Num. I. in the App. of Instruments.

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castellorum, et pontium, et parcorum, et de ferdwyta." "Concedo, insuper," the charter adds, "eidem abbatiæ pacis fracturam et pugnam in domo factam, et domus invasionem, et omnes assultus hominum suorum, et soc, et sac, et tol, et tem, et infangthef, et utfangthef." Upon the death of an abbat the Convent were to have the power of electing a successor. In case the sheriff or his officers had any complaint against the men of St. Mary's, they were first to acquaint the abbat therewith; and, at an appointed time, to come to the gates of the abbey, and there receive justice and right. The "homines sanctæ Mariæ," moreover, were exempt from attendance at the county-courts, as well as the meetings of the ridings, wapontakes, and hundreds.^a

King Henry the Second, by his charter granted in the time of abbat Savaricus, confirmed the privileges specified in the charter of King William Rufus; adding to them certain liberties and customs which had before been peculiar to the churches of St. Peter at York and St. John of Beverley: ordaining also, that when the men of the county were summoned to serve in the king's army, the abbat of this monastery should find a man to carry the standard or banner of St. Mary, in the same manner as the churches already specified sent their banners.^b

Other Confirmations by "Inspeximus" were granted by King Henry III. King Edw. I. King Edw. II. King Edw. III. King Rich. II. King Henry IV. King Henry V. King Henry VI. King Henry VII. and even by King Henry VIII. who, by a large charter, confirmed all those liberties to the convent at first which he afterwards took from them.^c

The archbishop of York, for the time being, had power once a year to visit the Abbey of St. Mary, and to correct and reform the same by the counsel of the religious within it, and by the advice of five or six of his canons of the best note. Whence it was, that in 1344, William archbishop of York, in his visitation, questioning by what right and title the abbat and convent claimed and received certain tithes, portions, and pensions, from churches within his diocese, amounting to an incredible number, they produced the bulls of several popes, and the grants of his predecessors, archbishops of York, relating to the same: whereupon they were by the said prelate allowed, and their title declared good and sufficient.^d

Drake gives a Summary of the possessions of St. Mary's abbey, with the names of the different benefactors, which, in substance, has been adopted for the present Account. His references to the former edition of the Monasticon, and to such Instruments as Stevens printed, have been exchanged for others to the Deeds themselves as printed in the Appendix to the present Account: in other instances, the *Registrum Mariæ* has been referred to, as quoted by him. His references to Bundles of original Grants are, for the most part, marked in the lower margin, Drake bund. 1, &c.

And first, of the CITY of YORK and its Ainsty:

Alan Rufus earl of Bretagne, the first founder, granted to this abbey the church of St. Olave, forming the "caput abbatiæ;" and also the burgh wherein the church was situated, from Galmon toward Clifton.^e

Richard de Beverlac and his wife granted all their land with the edifices which they had in St. Marygate in the suburbs of York.^f

Walter the son of Robert Brun sold to the abbey one toft in St. Marygate.^g

Alice daughter of Richard Shupton granted to abbat Simon one messuage in St. Marygate in Boutham.^h

Christiana de Karl, wife of Gilbert the baker, granted to this abbey all the land which she had in the same place.ⁱ

William Brun of York granted all his land in St. Marygate.^j

Thomas de Wilton gave one messuage in St. Marygate.^k

Robert son of Ralph de Bakerthorp granted all his land there.^l

John Rabott, clerk, son of Roger Rabott, granted one toft in St. Marygate.^m

John de Cottingham, parson of North Cave, granted all his lands and tenements in St. Marygate in Boutham; from the King's street to the abbey on one side, to the abbat's garden on the other.ⁿ

Roger Rabot of Hovingham granted to the abbat and convent hereof one messuage in the Burgh of Boutham.^o

William de Pontefract granted one toft in Buthum.^p

William de Nesse, rector of Kirby in Hundeldale, granted and released to the abbey one place with its buildings in Boutham.^q

John Bothill, vicar of Kirby Stephen, granted one toft in the town of Boutham.^r

Stephen, surnamed le Messenger, of Boutham, granted all his capital messuages with their edifices in the King's street of Boutham, as far as the head of a garden with a croft adjoining.^s

Reginald son of Thomas de Clifton granted one toft in Boutham.^t

Cecily late wife of Thomas de Carleol of Boutham granted all her messuages which she had within the liberty of St. Mary of Boutham.^u

Richard Russel, citizen of York, granted all his land in the street of Boutham lying westward toward the city ditch.^v

Hanco le Grant, citizen of York, granted to abbat Simon a certain piece of land in Boutham.^w

Adam son of Alan Romand granted to abbat Robert de Bello Campo, or Beauchamp, all his land in Boutham on the east side.^x

Roger son of Hugh granted all his land in Boutham-street lying west of the port of Galmanlith.^y

Osbert, porter of St. Mary's, granted to the monastery, and especially to the infirmary of the abbey, all his land in Boutham.^z

Paulinus, clerk, son of Stephen de Shupton, granted to the infirmary one toft and a half in Boutham.^{aa}

John de Gilling, parson of Smythton, &c. demised and released eleven messuages and ten acres of land in Boutham: and twelve acres of land and one of meadow in a place called Hurtebuke.^{ab}

In 1286, William Mauger being upon a pilgrimage to Rome, made his will, and bequeathed in perpetual alms the reversion of all his land in Petergate.^{ac}

William the goldsmith, son of Godwin, granted to the abbey one land in Hamangergate.^{ad}

Walter, a goldsmith of York, granted, toward the support of the infirmary, a certain land against the church-yard of St. Trinity in Gotheromgate.^{ae}

Robert Kikelot and Margery his wife granted to abbat Simon all his land with a messuage in Fishergate.^{af}

Lambert, talliator in York, granted all his land in

^a See Drake, p. 580. Compare the charter Num. III.

^b See Num. V.

^c Drake says, p. 580, Note 2, "A copy of this last Charter is in my possession; but, by reason it repeats all that was granted before, it is too long to insert. The renewing of these Charters of liberties," he adds, "was not always *gratis* from the throne; for I find that the abbat paid one hundred pounds for it in the first of King John; a great sum in those days. Madox, Excheq. p. 560. Pro cartis renovandis et habend. confirm. Regis pro decima venationis Mag. rot. Joh. anno primo rot. 8 b, p. 276."

^d See Drake, p. 580. Compare also the "Dimissio abbatis et conventus monasterii beate Mariæ Eboraci, pro ecclesiis pensionibus, et portionibus suis." Append. Num. LXV.

^e See Num. III.

^f Reg. Mariæ, fol. 61.

^g Ibid.

^h Ibid. fol. 64.

ⁱ Ibid. fol. 65.

^j Ibid. fol. 113.

^k Drake, bund. 20, num. 4. Reg. Mariæ, 72.

^l Reg. Mariæ, 70.

^m Ibid.

ⁿ Ibid.

^o Ibid. 77.

^p Ibid. 115.

^q Ibid. 59. Bund. 24, num. 23.

^r Ibid.

^s Ibid. fol. 63.

^t Ibid.

^u Ibid. foll. 67, 81.

^v Ibid. fol. 69.

^w Ibid. 71.

^x Ibid. 72.

^y Ibid. 76.

^z Ibid. 79.

^{aa} Ibid. 54.

^{ab} Ibid. 74.

^{ac} Ibid.

^{ad} Ibid.

^{ae} Ibid.

^{af} Ibid.

Usegate, extending in length and breadth between Usegate and Coppergate:^a and one Wigot added thereto all the land that he had in Usegate.^b

Emma daughter of William de Tikehill of York granted two messuages in Walmgate, in the parish of St. Mary.^c

The same Emma granted all her land in Micklegate, with three messuages in the same street, situated on the west side of St. Martin's church-yard.^d

Mainer son of Richard, an artificer of Durham, granted a messuage in Sceldergate, against the church of St. John.^e

Roger son of Bernulf granted the land whereon he dwelt in Monkgate.^f

Alice daughter of Richard Grascy, late wife of Hamo le Graunt, granted her land in Monkgate.^g

King William the Conqueror gave one carucate of land at Munkebrigge.^h

Osbert de Arches gave two mansures of land in York:ⁱ and one Groceline gave four other mansures of land in York.^k

Richard son of Fin granted the church of St. Wilfrid in York, with the lands appertaining.^l

Lambert the chaplain granted the church of St. Andrew, with all its appurtenances whereon it was founded, being of his patrimony.^m

King William the Conqueror gave the churches of St. Saviour and St. Michael at Ousebridge-end.ⁿ

Nigell Fossard granted the church of St. Cross at York.

Elias Flour, son of William Merkington, granted all his land in the suburb of York in Newbigging.^o

Reginald Carayser and Maud his wife granted other land in Newbigging.^p

Thomas Fitz-Thomas Fitz-Gerard gave all his land which he had in the suburb of York between the abbey-grange, &c.^q

Michael de Roumangour and Gundreda his wife gave two tofts in Newbigging-street.^r

King William the Conqueror gave four carucates of land in Apelton.^s

Osbert de Arches gave three carucates and a half in Apelton, and the mill-dam.^t

Robert de Brus gave the manor of Apelton.^u

Robert son of Walter de Skegnesse granted half a carucate of land in Apelton, which he held of Simon de Kyme.^v

William de Doncaster released one toft and twenty acres of land in the town of Apelton.^w

John son of Alexander de Burdevile granted three oxgangs of land in Apelton supra Wyske, and certain annual rents.^x

Adam de Thornton, clerk, A. D. 1367, granted three messuages there, with three oxgangs of land and pasture.^y

Sir Philip de Fauconberge, knight, in 1263, granted two cultures of land in Apelton;^b with three places of meadow in Apelton Westings.^o

Sir John de Reygate, knight, granted all his land in Apelton.^d

Sir Philip de Fauconberge, already mentioned granted four acres of wood with the soil in West-wood at Apelton.^e

A. D. 1272, Walter son of Sir Philip de Fauconberge passed by fine to Simon abbat of St. Mary's one mill, two hundred acres of land, ten acres of meadow, and thirteen shillings and eight-pence rent at Apelton.^f

John de Gillings, dwelling in Apelton juxta Spaunton, granted one messuage and nine acres of arable land in Apelton.^g

Robert Page of Apelton juxta Spaunton granted all his land which he had in the town and territory of Apelton.^h

William son of Severic de Apelton granted three acres of land in Apelton;ⁱ with one oxgang of land by another charter.^k

Ralph de Clerc, with the assent of Mabilla his wife, granted the wood called Lalangia.^l

John Harrauld and Simon de Wodapelon granted one messuage called a toft and croft, with one oxgang of land in Wodapelon.^m

Stephen earl of Bretagne granted his tithes of *Abicton* in Cambridgeshire:ⁿ so likewise did Maud the wife of Walter Deyncourt.^o

Stephen earl of Albemarle granted five oxgangs of land in *Acaster*.^p

John Malebyse granted half a carucate of land in Utter-Acaster.^q

Richard Malebyse granted two oxgangs of land there.^r

Thomas, parson of *Acaster*, granted his third of twelve acres of land in *Acaster*.^s

Stephen earl of Albemarle granted one carucate of land in *Alward-thorp*.^t

Adam Fitz-Swain gave the hermitage of *St. Andrew*.^u

Maud, wife to Godard the sewer, granted the town of *Amersett*.^v

Walter de Renningwood granted twenty two oxgangs of land in *Anloneby*.^w

Asketell de Furneis granted two parts of the tithes of his demesnes in *Aynderby*.^x

Robert de Mainill granted the town of *Alitone*.^y

William de Scuris granted two oxgangs of land in *Aclom*.^z

Alan Rufus earl of Britain granted the church of St. Botolph in *Boston* in Lincolnshire, with one carucate of land and the mill-dam.^a Stephen earl of Bretagne confirmed it.^d

Berenger de Todei granted one carucate of land in *Lindeshay* in *Bek*:^e he also granted the church of *Bin-broke*, with eighty acres of land, in Lincolnshire.^f

William Aschetill granted the mill against *Bunebroc*.^g

Walter de Estoie granted the church and one carucate of land in *Banham*.^h

Hugh son of Robert German of *Bramham* granted three acres of land in *Bramham*.ⁱ

Ribaldus of *Middleham* granted four carucates in *Brinston*.^k

Stephen earl of Bretagne granted the churches of *Bringstune* and *Boelton*.^l

Hennerius, son of Archill, granted two oxgangs of land in *Bolton*.^m

^a Reg. Mariæ, 57.

^b Reg. Mariæ, 58.

^c Ibid.

^d Ibid.

^e Ibid.

^f Reg. Mariæ, 55.

^g See Num. II.

^h Drake, bund. 19, num. 42.

ⁱ Reg. Mariæ, 83.

^j Compare Numm. II. V.

^k Drake, bund. 2, num. 42.

^l See Num. V.

^m Drake, bund. 4, num. 7. Bund. 19, num. 66. Bund. 2, num. 29.

ⁿ Ibid. bund. 4, num. 12.

^o Bund. 4, num. 23.

^p Bund. 9, num. 53. Reg. Mariæ, 386.

^q Drake, bund. 2, num. 18; bund. 19, num. 48.

^r Ibid. bund. 14, num. 7.

^s Ibid. bund. 14, num. 12.

^t Ibid. bund. 19, num. 48, 77.

^u Reg. Mariæ, 262, 270, 283, 284.

^v Ibid. 191.

^w See Num. V.

^x Ibid.

^y Ibid. 86.

^z See Num. V.

^a Ibid.

^b Ibid. 57.

^c Reg. Mariæ, 82.

^d Reg. Mariæ, 83.

^e Ibid. 85.

^f Ibid. 197.

^g Ibid. 198.

^h Ibid. 266. In the Originalia 12 Edw. II. extract. gross. fin. we read, "Abbas beatæ Mariæ Ebor. finem fecit cum rege per viginti solidos pro licentia ingrediendi laicum feodum in Apelton juxta Bolton."

ⁱ Reg. Mariæ, 369.

^j See Num. IV.

^k Compare Num. II.

^l Compare Num. V.

^m Drake, bund. 5, num. 16.

ⁿ Drake, bund. 7, num. 34.

^o Reg. Mariæ, 374, 375.

^p Ibid.

^q See Drake, p. 584.

^r Drake, bund. 13, num. 24. In a note he says, "This is a mistake in Mr. Torre, in the original grant it is Mitone, and not Alitone."

^s Ibid. bund. 19, num. 36.

^t See Num. V.

^u Num. IV.

^v See Num. V.

^w Compare Num. II.

^x Compare Num. V.

^y Ibid. See also the Abbreviatio Placitorum, p. 192, 4 Edw. I.

^z Drake, bund. 23, num. 12.

^a Num. XI.

^b Numm. III. V.

^c Reg. Mariæ, 274.

Richard de Rullos granted the church of Bolton super Swale, and two oxgangs.^a

Acarius de Tunstal granted a certain land in Bolton called Waltheof's Laund, containing two acres.^b

Thomas son of Elias de Bellerby released to abbat Simon all his right in four messuages and half a carucate of land in Bolton supra Swale, together with its church; a chapel to the mother-church of Catterick.^c

Stephen earl of Bretagne granted the church of *Patrick Brunton* and one carucate of land.^d Bardolf granted the same.^e

Robert de Musters granted four carucates of land and the church at *Brunnaton*.^f

Stephen earl of Bretagne granted his tithes of *Basingburg* in Cambridgeshire.^g

Bernard de Baillol granted the church of *Bernard-Castle*.^h

Nigel Fossard granted the church of *Baynton*, and one carucate of land with his tithes there.ⁱ

Stephen earl of Albemarle granted three carucates of land in *Bulford*.^k

Robert de Stuteville granted the tithes of his demesnes in *Buttercram*, and one oxgang of land there.^l

Gosfred Bainard granted the church and tithes of *Burton*.^m

Ivo Talboys granted the church of *Burton in Kendale*, and one carucate.ⁿ

Maud wife of Walter D'Eyncourt granted certain land called Northunda juxta *Burton in Lincolnshire*.^o

William de Rusmar granted the church of *Burton in Holderness*.^p

Alan de Spineto and Adam de Burton granted two oxgangs of land in *Burton*.^q

Walter de Spineto granted twenty acres of land and pasture in *Burton*, which lay near Hornsey-meer on the south.^r

Goisfrid Bainard granted land in *Butterwick* as belonging to the church of *Burton*.^s

Robert son of Durand de Butterwyk granted the advowson of the church at *Butterwyk*.^t

Richard son of Richard de Butterwyk gave two oxgangs of land in *Butterwyk* in *Rydale*.^u

Emma daughter of Walter de Butterwyk granted also one oxgang of land with two tofts and crofts in *Butterwyk*.^v

Bertram de Verdun granted the church and two hides of land in *Bosward*.^w

Robert de Bridesale granted the church of *Bridesale*.^x

Alan the son of Waldeve granted the mill in *Bridesale*.^y

Everard de Breddale granted half a carucate in the territory of *Breddale*.^z

Robert, son of Nicholas de Breddale, granted half a carucate of land with the capital messuage in the town and territory of *Breddale*.^{aa}

Henry Waleys granted half a carucate of land in *Breddale*.^{ab}

Ivo Talboys granted the church of *Bethum*, and the land called *Haverbek*.^{ac}

William Aschetill granted two mills in *Belton*.^{ad}

Walter Deyncourt gave the church, with three carucates and a half of land, and two mills in the same town: he also granted the tithes in *Blankennai*.^{ae}

Ascatill Swale granted two carucates of land in *Bramtone*.^{af}

Waltheof son of Gospatrick granted the church of *Brounfeld*, with the corps of his manor.^{ag}

Godard the sewer granted the church of *Botle*.^{ah}

William de Grymestone granted two acres and one rood of meadow in *Bradeleingham*.^{ai}

Maud widow of John Nuvell granted two oxgangs of land in *Beningburg*.^{aj}

John son of Walter de Marisco granted six oxgangs in *Beningburg*: also all Grizeriding, the assart called Patecrofts, and Hugh-riding; and five selions of land upon Langlands, together with one oxgang of meadow.^{ak}

Walter Fitzwalter de Beningburg granted thereunto one oxgang of land in *Beningburg*.^{al}

Robert de Beningburg granted all his land in *Beningburg* lying between the new garden of Richard de Malbyse and the east end of the town.^{am}

Peter de Bruse granted six oxgangs of land in *Beningburg* which he had of the gift of John Nuvell, and three other oxgangs there.^{an}

Walter Fitz-William de Beningburg granted three oxgangs of land in *Beningburg*.^{ao}

Robert de Usegate, rector of the church of Holy Cross in York, granted three acres of arable land and three roods of meadow in *Beningburg*.^{ap}

Sir Robert de Shegness knt. granted all his land in the territory of *Billeburg*; as well in demesnes as service.^{aq}

Maud de Mortimer granted twenty acres of land in *Bilburg*.^{ar}

William Meschines son of Ranulph granted the *Cell* of St. BEES in Cumberland.^{as}

Odo Balistarius gave his tithes in *Bugthorpe*.^{at}

William son of William de Barton gave six oxgangs of land, and two tofts in the town of *Barton*.^{au}

King William Rufus granted the town of *Clifton*.^{av}

Alan Rufus, earl of Bretagne, granted nine carucates and a half toward the water-side in *Clifton*.^{aw} He also granted the church of *Caterick*, which Stephen earl of Bretagne confirmed.^{ax}

Stephen earl of Bretagne granted the church of *Croft*, and the fourth part of the town.^{ay}

Enisant Murdake, or Musard, granted the same.^{az}

Stephen earl of Bretagne gave the chapel of *Curtune*.^{ba}

Nigell Fossard granted two carucates of land in *Cottingwith*,^{bb} with four carucates of land in *Carthorpe*.^{bc}

Robert de Stuteville granted the tithes of his demesne lands and two oxgangs of land in *Cukewald*.^{bd}

Berenger de Todenai gave half a carucate of land against *Chevermont*.^{be}

Ivo Talleboys granted three carucates of land in *Claztone*, with the church and one carucate of land in *Clapham*.^{bf}

William Aschetill granted two carucates and a half of land in *Colegrim*.^{bg}

Alan de Crown granted half a carucate of land in *Crown*.^{bh}

Walter D'Eyncourt granted all his tithes in *Coreby*; and Maud his wife granted one carucate of land in *Corby*, with the wood belonging.^{bi} Walter D'Eyncourt gave also his tithes in *Cotes* and *Cartune*.^{bj}

Adam Fitz-Swane granted three parts of *Crogeline*, with its church; and half a carucate of land in *Cunquintune*.^{bk}

Enisant Fitz-Walter granted one carucate in *Colby*.^{bl}

Alan son of Waldeve granted fourteen salmon yearly out of his fishery in *Cokermouth*.^{bm}

^a Reg. Mariæ, 274.

^c Ibid.

^f Ibid.

ⁱ Num. V.

^m Ibid.

^o Ibid.

^r Ibid.

^s Ibid.

^t Ibid.

^u Ibid.

^v Ibid.

^w Ibid.

^x Ibid.

^y Ibid.

^z Ibid.

^{aa} Ibid.

^{ab} Ibid.

^{ac} Ibid.

^{ad} Ibid.

^{ae} Ibid.

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^{bf} Ibid.

^{bg} Ibid.

^{bh} Ibid.

^{bi} Ibid.

^{bj} Ibid.

^{bk} Ibid.

^{bl} Ibid.

^{bm} Ibid.

^b Ibid. 275.

^d Numm. IV. V.

^e Numm. IV. V.

^h Num. VIII.

^k Ibid.

ⁿ Num. V.

^q Ibid.

^r Reg. Mar. 356.

^s See Num. V.

^t Ibid.

^u Ibid.

^v Ibid.

^w Ibid.

^x Ibid.

^y Ibid.

^z Ibid.

^{aa} Ibid.

^{ab} Ibid.

^{ac} Ibid.

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^{dq} Ibid.

^{dr} Ibid.

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^{dv} Ibid.

^{dw} Ibid.

^{dx} Ibid.

^{dy} Ibid.

William son of Simon de Colton granted one oxgang of his land in *Colton*.^a

Berenger de Todenai granted three carucates of land in *Dalby*.^b

Elyas de Flamvill released to abbat Simon all his land in the town of Daleby, together with his mill and suit to the same; and also the advowson to the church.^c

Imania widow of Alan de Flaumvill released to abbat Simon all the right which she had, by her dower, in the wood of Dalby, called *Dalby-Buxthby*.^d

Stephen earl of Bretagne granted the wood of *Danby Parva*.^e

William de la Mara granted one carucate of land in *Danby*.^f

Herman and Brian Brito gave twelve acres of land and certain houses in *Parva Danby*.^g

Richard de Bretevilla granted sixteen acres of land called West-crofts, and three tofts in *Parva Danby*.^h

Nigell Fossard granted the church of *Doncaster*,ⁱ and sixteen masures of land there.^k

Ostrede de Mideltone granted one carucate of land in *Dibe*.^l

Berenger de Todenai granted his tithe in *Dalton*.^m

Aschatill Swale gave a carucate and a half of land in *Dunsford*.ⁿ

King Henry the First confirmed to the monks here all their land from the river *Dun* as far as the water of Sivena, as they formerly used to enjoy it before it was afforrested, &c.^o

Robert son of Stephen de West-Cottingwic granted all the right which he had "in applicatione navium, et in carcatione in aqua de *Derwent*;" to the bank of *Cros-sum*.^p

Sir Thomas Baudewin knt. gave one toft and croft, two oxgangs of land in a culture called Pykehel, and another culture called Rughthwaytes, in the town and territory of *Dighton*.^q

Nicholas son of William de Holteby released to abbat Simon all his right in five acres of land lying against the south gate, and in one assart towards Escrick containing thirty-seven acres and a half, and two tofts in *Dighton*.^r

Geffry the chaplain, son of John de Fulford, granted twenty acres of land in the township of Deighton against Escrick.^s

Anno 1273, Sir Hugh de Nevill knight granted the manor of *Deighton*.^t

Ivo Tallboys granted the church of *Eversham*.^u

King William Rufus granted the town of *Elmeswell*.^v

Ribald of Middleham gave three oxgangs of land in *Esby* near Richmond.^w

Stephen earl of Bretagne granted the church of *Erghum*.^x

John son of Nicholas de Erghum gave a culture in *Erghum*, consisting of four acres and a half, lying between the church-yard and the river Teese; with two acres of land in the fields of *Erghum*.^y

Anno 1187, 33 Hen. II. Philip de Erghum, by fine then levied, acknowledged the advowson of the church at *Erghum* to be the right of Robert abbat of St. Mary's.^z

Clement de Edelingthorp granted two oxgangs of land with a toft and croft in *Edelingthorpe* juxta Myton in Swaledale; with as much meadow in Swaledale as belonged to one carucate of land.^{aa}

Stephen de Ponteburg, now Burrough-bridge, granted

for the repairs of Myton bridge certain roods of land in Swaledale.^{ab}

John Rabotts of Hovingham granted a messuage and all his land in the town and territory of Edelingthorp.^{ac}

Roger de Sutton, vicar of Mideltone, granted one oxgang and fourteen acres of land and a half in Edelingthorp.^{ad}

Robert Chauncellor granted six acres of arable land and a certain meadow in Edelingthorp.

Robert de Stuteville gave one carucate in Edelingthorp.^{ae}

Adam son of William de Richmond granted seven acres of land and one toft and croft in *Erethorp*.^{af}

Adam son of Swain granted two oxgangs of land in *Elston*.^{ag}

Odo Balistarius granted ten oxgangs of land in *Feriby*.^{ah}

Robert de Vescy granted two oxgangs in South *Feriby*.^{ai}

Stephen earl of Bretagne gave the town of *Fulford*, with the whole soke, free from all terrene service.^{aj}

Stephen earl of Albemarle granted eleven oxgangs of land in the other *Fulford*.^{ak}

John Skelton, burgess and dyer of Northampton, gave a messuage and two acres of land in *Over Fulford*.^{al}

Bryan bishop of Worcester granted eight messuages and gardens, one dovecote, thirty acres of land, with four of meadow and four of pasture in *Over Fulford*; which he had from William Baxter clerk.^{am}

Jeremiah de Bretegrave gave one carucate of land, with its tofts and crofts, in *Fulford Magna*.^{an}

William de Fulford clerk, and Thomas de Fulford, gave seven acres and a half of arable land in *Fulford*, lying in *New-ridyngs*.^{ao}

Nicholas son of Richard de Fulford, granted five acres of land in *Fulford*; lying in a new essart abutting on *Tillamyre*.^{ap}

Stephen earl of Bretagne granted the church of *Forsete*.^{aq}

Stephen earl of Albemarle gave a carucate of land in *Fingale*.^{ar}

Odo, chamberlain to the earl of Richmond, granted two parts of the tithes of his demesnes in *Fletham*, and four carucates of land in *Fingale*.^{as}

Stephen earl of Albemarle granted the town of *Foston*.^{at}

Richard de Morland granted two oxgangs in *Foston*.^{au}

John Harrald, chaplain, gave one messuage, three cottages, and fourteen oxgangs of land in *Foston* juxta *Kirkham*.^{av}

One Harvey gave the town of *Flet*.^{aw}

Berenger de Todenai granted nine carucates and a half of land in *Finmere*.^{ax}

John son of John de Ridlington gave two carucates of land in *Finimere*, 34 Hen. II.^{ay}

Alice widow of Robert de Braddale granted two oxgangs, with two tofts and crofts, in *Fynemer*.^{az}

John son of William le Taylior of *Fynemer* gave two oxgangs of land in *Fynemer*.^{ba}

William son of Giles and Agnes his wife passed by fine unto the abbat of St. Mary's five oxgangs of land and four shillings and six-pence rent in *Fynmere*, 42 Hen. III.^{bb}

Stephen earl of Albemarle granted eleven oxgangs in *Flaxton*.^{bc}

Herbert de Etton gave two carucates in *Flaxton*.^{bd}

^a Reg. Mar. II. 381.
^c Drake, bund. 14, num. 42.
^d Ibid. bund. 15, num. 3.
^e Reg. Mar. 25.
^f Ibid. 254.
^g Confirm. Eccl. de Doncaster Abbatie S. M. Pat. 14 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 9.
^h Num. XII. In 2 Joh. Robert de Turnham impleaded the abbat of St. Mary York for the right of presentation to this church, but without success. See the Abbrev. Plac. pp. 26, 27.
ⁱ See Num. V.
^j Ibid.
^k Drake, bund. 9, num. 3.
^l Reg. Mar. I. 344.
^m Ibid. 351.
ⁿ Compare Num. V.
^o Num. II.
^p See Num. III.
^q See Numm. IV. V.
^r Ibid. II. 252.
^s Ibid.
^t Ibid. bund. 2, num. 31.
^u Ibid. I. 349.
^v Ibid. I. 347, 348.
^w Ibid.
^x See Num. V.
^y Ibid.
^z Ibid.
^{aa} Drake, bund. 9, num. 3.
^{ab} Reg. Mar. I. 344.
^{ac} Ibid. 351.
^{ad} Compare Num. V.
^{ae} Num. II.
^{af} See Num. V.
^{ag} Ibid.
^{ah} Ibid.
^{ai} Ibid.
^{aj} Ibid.
^{ak} Ibid.
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^{au} Ibid.
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^{aw} Ibid.
^{ax} Ibid.
^{ay} Ibid.
^{az} Ibid.
^{ba} Ibid.
^{bb} Ibid.
^{bc} Ibid.
^{bd} Ibid.

^a Drake, bund. 8, num. 20; bund. 21, num. 61. Reg. Mar. 260.
^c Reg. Mar. II. 260.
^d Ibid. 237.
^e Ibid. 241.
^f Compare Num. V.
^g See Num. V.
^h Compare Num. V.
ⁱ Num. V.
^j Ibid. 228.
^k Ibid. 331.
^l Num. V.
^m Num. IX.
ⁿ Reg. Mar. II. 168.
^o See Num. V.
^p Reg. Mar. I. 366.
^q Ibid.
^r See Num. V.
^s Drake, bund. 8, num. 20; bund. 21, num. 61. Reg. Mar. 260.
^t Ibid. II. 236.
^u Ibid. 238.
^v Ibid.
^w Reg. Mar. 255.
^x See Numm. III. V.
^y Ibid.
^z Reg. Mar. I. 185.
^{aa} Ibid. 324.
^{ab} Ibid. 343, 381.
^{ac} Ibid.
^{ad} See Num. V.
^{ae} Reg. Mar. 347.
^{af} Ibid.
^{ag} Ibid. 370.
^{ah} Ibid. 371.
^{ai} Reg. Mar. I. 370.

One Gilbert gave two carucates of land in *Fulkwere-thorpe*.^a

Gosfrid Bainard granted the church of *Fozholes*.^b

Hugh Burd gave four oxgangs of land in *Fryday-thorpe*.^c

King William Rufus gave four carucates and a half of land in *Grimeston*.^d

Odo Balistarius granted the same quantity.^e

King John granted to the monks free warren in *Grimeston*.^f

Robert de Musters granted four carucates of land in *Grimeston*, with the church.^g

Ribald de Midelham granted to abbat Stephen four oxgangs of land in *Grimeston*.^h

Jolland de Nevill released to the abbat all his right which he had in a piece of pasture in *Grimeston*, lying at *Nesse*.ⁱ

Alan Rufus, earl of Bretagne, granted the church of *Gilling*.^k Stephen earl of Bretagne confirmed it with one carucate of land.

Ivo de Vescy granted two carucates in *Gilling* in *Rydale*.^l

Eustace Fitz-John granted four carucates in *Gilling* in *Rydale*, and the church of the town.^m

Ilbert de Lacy granted the church and part of five carucates and a half of land in *Gerford*.ⁿ

Maud wife of William D'Eyncourt granted the tithes of *Gamesthorpe*.^o

Roger Hovechel gave half a caracate of land and ten acres of his tithes in *Gartune*.^p

William D'Eyncourt granted his tithes in *Graneby*.^q

Bernard de Baillol granted the church of *Gainford*.^r

Guïdo de Baillol ratified the same donation: and added two oxgangs of land, and the tithes of his manor of *Gaynesford*.^s

Alan son of Waldeve granted two oxgangs of land in *Goleford*.^t

William de Stokes granted one oxgang of land, with one toft, in *Gilmanby*.^u

Richard de Gilmanby gave all his lands, as well in demesne as services, which he had in the town of *Gilmanby*.^v

King William the Conqueror granted all that he had in *Hunkelby*.^w

Berenger de Todenai gave four carucates of land in *Hunkelby*.^x

King William the Conqueror gave one carucate of land in *Huntingdon*.^y

Hugh Fitz-Baldric granted eight carucates of land in *Hoton*.^z

Nigell Fossard gave the church of *Hoton*, and one carucate of land there.^{aa}

Ivo Tallboys gave the town of *Hoton-croft*.^{ab}

Emma de Humai granted twenty marks of silver annually, to be received out of the church of *Sheriff-Hoton* from the parson thereof.^{ac}

Lambert son of Richard de granted two oxgangs in *Hoton*.^{ad}

Simeon son of Walter Sykelings, of *Hoton sub Hegh*, granted his capital messuage there, with four oxgangs of land.^{ae}

Hugh son of Henry, son of Roger de *Hoton*, granted

two oxgangs, with one toft and croft, in the town of *Hoton* under *Hegh*.^{af}

Walter de Percehay released all his land under *Houthwit*, called *Le Ridings*, against *Hoton subtus le Hegh*.^{ag}

Roger de Mowbray granted the town of *Hoton* in *Rydale*.^{ah}

Osbert de Arches granted two carucates and a half in *Heseli*.^{ai}

Robertus Andegavensis granted his tithe and two oxgangs of land in *Hesell*.^{aj}

Stephen earl of Bretagne gave the church of *Houseswell*, and one carucate of land.^{ak}

Ulfus Fornesan granted one carucate in *Hawkeswell*.^{al}

Stephen earl of Bretagne gave the church of *Hornabi*, and one carucate of land. Likewise one Wigot gave the same. Wigan Fitz-Landric gave the church of *Hornby*.^{am}

In 1367, John Danby vicar of *Grymeston* gave one messuage and two oxgangs of land in *Horneby* juxta *Smithton*, which he had of the feoffment of William de *Horneby*.^{an}

King Henry I. gave all that he had in *Haldenby*.^{ao}

Stephen earl of Bretagne gave two hides of land in *Heselingfield* in *Cambridgeshire*: and Segfride gave nine acres there.^{ap}

Robert Scales and Alice his wife granted three acres of land in *Heselingfeld*.^{aq}

Thomas Fitz-Aldred gave five roods in *Heselingfeld*.^{ar}

Roger de Sumery gave the church and tithe, and half a hide of land, in *Heselingfeld*.^{as}

William de Warren gave the isle of *Henes*, with fisheries thereunto belonging.

Roald Fitz-Galfrid de *Coleburn* granted to the fabric of the abbey two acres of land in *Hippeswell*.^{at}

Goisfrid Bainard gave the church of *Harpham*.^{au}

Geffrey Fitz-Richard of *Harpham* granted three oxgangs of land in the territory of *Harpham*.^{av}

William Fraunceis of *Harpham* gave one oxgang of land in *Harpham*.^{aw}

Odo earl of *Champaigne*, and Stephen his son, gave the manor and church of *Horeshay*.^{ax}

Robert de Stuteville gave twelve carucates in *Hartune*.^{ay}

Ralph Paynell gave the church and tithes of *Hugeth*:^{az} and also six oxgangs of land in *Howald*.^{ba}

Gilbert Tyson gave two oxgangs of land in *Helmelei*.^{bb}

One Goceline gave four carucates and a half in *Huldevelsdale*.^{bc}

Ivo Tallboys gave the land called *Haverbek*.^{bd}

Walter D'Eyncourt gave his tithes in *Hanworth*:^{be} and also his tithes in *Hikeling*.^{bf}

Maud wife of Walter D'Eyncourt gave the tithe of *Hevingthorp*.^{bg}

Hugh Fitz-Hugh granted all his lands which belonged to two oxgangs in *Harneshaw*, and all his meadow upon *Derwent*.^{bh}

Gerragot Fitz-Hugh gave also his land and meadow adjoining, extending as far as *Hylam-bridge*.^{bi}

John de Huddreswell granted one toft and croft, and two oxgangs of land, in the town and territory of *Huddreswell*.^{bj}

Roger Fitz-Gilbert gave two oxgangs of land in *Heltingham*.^{bk}

^a Num. V.

^c Ibid. 356.

^e Numm. III. V.

^f Ibid. 229.

^h Ibid. 231.

ⁱ Num. V.

^k Numm. III. V.

^m Ibid.

ⁿ Num. VIII.

^o Num. V.

^p Ibid.

^q Num. V.

^r Numm. III. VII.

^s Num. V.

^t Ibid. 172.

^u Ibid.

^v Reg. Mar. 177.

^w Num. V.

^b Ibid. Reg. Mar. I. 356.

^d Num. III.

^f Reg. Mar. I. 186.

^h Ibid.

ⁱ Num. III.

^k Reg. Mar. II. 215.

^m Num. V.

ⁿ Ibid.

^o Reg. Mar. II. 327.

^p Reg. Mar. II. 278.

^q Num. III.

^r Numm. III. V.

^s Num. XII.

^t Reg. Mar. II. 155.

^u Ibid. 174.

^v Ibid. 175.

^w Num. III.

^x Numm. III. V.

^g Num. V.

ⁱ Drake, bund. 19, num. 29.

^k Num. V.

^m Drake, bund. 23, num. 44. Reg. Mar. 407.

ⁿ Num. V. Among Cole's MSS. in the British Museum, vol. xxi. p. 267, is a long Process respecting tithes between the abbat of St. Mary's York and the vicar of Haselingfield, A. D. 1484, taken from the Register of Wills, in Ely diocese, vol. i. foll. 41 b, 42, 43.

^o Drake, bund. 11, num. 51.

^p Drake, bund. 21, num. 35.

^q Reg. Mar. I. 348.

^r Ibid.

^s Ibid.

^t Ibid.

^u Ibid.

^v Reg. Mar. I. 225.

^w Ibid. 228.

^x See Num. V.

^y Ibid. Num. XIII.

^z Ibid.

^{aa} Ibid.

^{ab} Ibid.

^{ac} Ibid.

^{ad} Ibid.

^{ae} Ibid.

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^{ei} Ibid.

^{ej} Ibid.

^{ek} Ibid.

King William the Conqueror granted all that he had in *Kirkeby*.^a

Berenger de Todenai gave eight carucates of land in *Misperton-Kirkby*.^b

Hugh Fitz-Baldric gave four carucates in Kirkby-Misperton.^c

Patrick de Gaurges gave half a carucate in Kirkby-Misperton.^d

Ralph Fitz-Gerald granted the church of Kirkby-Misperton, with all its tithe and two carucates of land. The advowson of which abbat John granted to William Lord Ros of Hamlake.^e

Robert de Stutevill gave the tithes of his demesnes in Kirkeby.^f

Hernegrine the monk gave the church of *Kirkeby in Hundelfsdale*.^g

Gamel de Grymston gave ten oxgangs of land in Kirkeby.^h

Ivo Tallboys gave the church of *Kirkeby-Stephen*, with three carucates of land, his tithes, and half his demesnes there.ⁱ He also gave the church and tithes of *Kirkeby in Kendall*; and the church and tithe of *Kirkeby-Lonesdale*.^k

Nigell Fossard granted one carucate of land in *Kymondsall*, and five oxgangs of land on the moors.^l

One Orleman gave two carucates in *Knapton*.^m

William Lord D'Eyncourt gave the tithes of *Knapthorp*.ⁿ

John de Nesse, rector of St. Saviour's York, granted a messuage and one acre in *Kelkfeld*.^o

Richard son of Thomas de Midelton granted two oxgangs of land with a toft and croft in the town of *Kneton*.^p

King William the Conqueror gave three carucates of land in *Lestingham*.^q Berenger de Todenai gave one carucate there.^r

Stephen earl of Bretagne gave four carucates of land in *Langthorn*.^s Odo, chamberlain to the earl of Richmond, gave also four carucates of land in Langthorpe.^t Drake adds, Note, this belonged to the priory of St. Martin juxta Richmond, a cell to St. Mary.^u

Stephen earl of Bretagne granted his tithes of *Linton* in the county of Cambridge, and one carucate of land there:^x he also gave the tithes of *Lynn*.^y

Maud wife of Walter D'Eyncourt gave the tithes of her demesnes in Lynn.^z

Robert de Stutevill granted the tithes of his demesnes in *Langeton*, and one oxgang of land there.^{aa}

Geffrey de Forsette granted two oxgangs of land in *East Laton* in Richmondshire.^{ab}

One Gosceline gave eight mansures in the city of *Lincoln*.^{ac}

Picot de Lincoln gave the church of St. Peter in Lincoln.^{ad}

One Norman gave one culture of land juxta Lincoln.^{ae}

Osbert Goldrun gave a mansure with certain lands and tithes within and without the walls of Lincoln.^{af}

Picote son of Colfuanus gave two mansures of land in Lincoln, and four acres in the fields, with le Hevedlande.^{ag}

One Romphere gave all the lands he had in Lincoln fields, and the meadow called Ingleland.^{ah}

Aschetel Swale gave one mansure of land in Lincoln.^{ai}

Roger the dean and the chapter of Lincoln granted a burying-place for the monks without their oratory of St. Mary Magdalen on the east side of Lincoln.^{aj}

Alan Fitz-Waldeve gave the church of *Loveneswater*.^{ak}

Peter de Walins gave one mansure of land in *Lundune*.^{al}

William son of Ralph de Lofthus, gave three acres and one rood in *Lofthus*.^{am}

Michael Fitz-Robert gave two parts of the tithe of his demesnes in *Layburne*.^{an}

Stephen earl of Bretagne granted the church of *Mideltone*.^{ao}

Bernard de Baillol granted the church of Mideltone, and two oxgangs of land with a toft and croft therein.^{ap}

Uctred the son of Ulph gave the church of Mideltone in Richmondshire.^{aq}

Aliva de Midelton granted all the land in Midelton which her son Patrick held of her.^{ar}

Ralph Paynell granted six carucates and one oxgang in *Millington*.^{as}

Alan Fitz-Waldeve gave three carucates in *Moretone*.^{at}

Nicholas le Jovene de Myton granted four acres and a half of arable land and four acres and a half of meadow in the fields of Myton: also eleven acres more of land and two of meadow.^{au}

Anno 1367, Thomas, vicar of Myton, granted two oxgangs of land in *Myton*, which he had of the feoffment of John de Fletham and Elizabeth his wife.^{av}

Robert de Manul, or Maisnil, granted the town of *Myton*.^{aw} Stephen de Maisnil his son confirmed it.^{ax}

Richard molendinarius de Myton gave six acres of arable land and one of meadow in Myton.^{ay}

William de Brompton, clerk, granted two messuages and sixty acres of land in Myton.^{az}

John de Hellebek gave three tofts and four oxgangs of land in Myton.^{ba}

Stephen the son of Ralph de Myton gave three acres in the fields of Myton; and by another charter two acres in the same.^{bb}

Roger de Mowbray, in his charter of liberties, gave the monks leave to have a mill and dam, with a fishery at Myton: and because he had demolished their bridge there, he gave them a ferry-boat to make use of till the bridge was repaired.^{bc}

Odo earl of Champaign granted the manor of *Marram* with its fishery.^{bd}

One Hervey gave the town of *Mersk*.^{be}

Jordan Turchet de Monkton granted one oxgang of land and half a toft in *Monketon*,^{bf} and sold to the monks, for sixteen marks, two other oxgangs with tofts and crofts in the same town.^{bg}

Roger de Clere granted six oxgangs and thirty acres of land, five tofts, and five acres of meadow in *Marton*.^{bh} Also seven acres of land more.^{bi}

Emma de Benefeld granted half an oxgang in Marton, which the abbey had of the gift of Nicholas de Alneto: also one oxgang of land which it had of the Lord Robert d'Arcy.^{bj}

Robert Bateman, of Marton, granted six oxgangs of

^a See Num. III.

^c Numm. III. VII.

^e Reg. Mar. 210, 213. Compare the Charter Num. XLIX.

^f See Num. V.

^h Ibid.

ⁱ Ibid. The church of Kirkeby Kendale was appropriated to the monastery 6 kal. Octob. 1301. See the Excerpta ex Reg. Ebor. MS. Harl. 6970, p. 148. A licence for the appropriation had been obtained in the 30th Edw. I. Harl. MS. 6957, p. 143.

^k See Num. V.

^m See Num. V.

^o Reg. Mar. 241.

^q Numm. III. V.

^s Num. IV.

^t He refers to Reg. Mar. II. 258.

^u Num. IV.

^v Compare Num. V.

^x Reg. Mar. II. 268.

^z Ibid.

^{aa} Ibid.

^{ab} Ibid.

^b Compare Num. V.

^d See Num. V.

^l See Num. V.

ⁿ Ibid.

^o Ibid.

^p Ibid.

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^w Ibid.

^x Ibid.

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^{aa} Ibid.

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^{ac} Ibid.

^{ad} Ibid.

^{ae} Ibid.

^{ai} Drake, bund. 16, num. 28.

^{aj} Ibid.

^{ak} Reg. Mar. II. 254.

^{al} Num. VIII. Compare also Numm. LX. LXI.

^{am} See Num. V.

^{an} Num. V.

^{ao} Drake, bund. 12, num. 66. Reg. Mar. II. 144.

^{ap} Drake, bund. 8, num. 58.

^{aq} Reg. Mar. 138. Drake, bund. 13, num. 24. See also Numm. V.

^{ar} XXXIX.

^{as} Num. XL.

^{at} Ibid. 148.

^{au} Ibid. 148.

^{av} Ibid. 148.

^{aw} Ibid. 149. Drake, bund. 19, num. 71. See Num. XLI. Licentia pro ponte apud Miton super aquam de Swale pro abbate S. Mariæ Ebor. aut batellum facere aut pontem manutenend. pro libero hominum transitu. Esch. 31 Edw. III. num. 45. See other Instruments relating to Miton, or Myton, Numm. XLII. XLIII. XLIV.

^{ax} See Num. V.

^{ay} Ibid. 389.

^{az} Ibid. 222, 229.

^{ba} Num. V.

^{bb} Drake, bund. 22, num. 28.

^{bc} See Num. IV.

^{bd} Num. VIII.

^{be} Reg. Mar. II. 282.

^{bf} Ibid.

^{bg} Ibid.

^{bh} Reg. Mar. II. 142.

^{bi} Ibid. 149.

^{bj} Ibid.

^{bk} Ibid.

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land there, which the abbey had of Nicholas de Alneto : also five acres of meadow which the abbey had of the gift of Matthew de Marton.^a

David de Morthum passed to the abbey, by fine, the advowson of the chapel of *Morthum*, belonging to the church at Gilling, 10 Ric. I.^b

Ketel Fitz-Elred gave the church of *Moyland*, with three carucates of land there.^c

King William the Conqueror gave three carucates of land in *Northmanbi*.^d

Hugh Fitz-Baldric granted the same.^e

Turgesius de Rodeham granted two carucates of land in *Nunnington*.^f

King William Rufus granted the town of *Overton*.^g

One Rompharus gave eight oxgangs of land in *Osgodby*.^h

Osbert de Arches gave four carucates in *Popilton*.ⁱ

Ketel Fitz-Elred gave the town of *Preston*, with the wood.^k

Stephen earl of Bretagne granted the chapel in the castle of *Richmond*, being a cell of St. Martin :^l also the tithes of his demesne lands, and of his men belonging to his castelry of Richmond.^m He likewise gave the church of *Rasweswaht*, with one carucate of land ;ⁿ and half a carucate of land in *Rysewik*.^o

One Dunwald gave half a carucate in *Rysewik*.^p

Alan earl of Richmond gave the CELL of *ROMBURGH* in *Suffolk*.^q

Odo earl of Champaign gave three carucates of land in *Runthorpe*.^r

One Bardulf gave the church of *Ravenswaht*, with one carucate of land.^s

Walter Peverell granted eight carucates of land, with the advowson of the church of *Rudstan*.^t

Stephen de Champenes in Frydaythorp, and Katherine his wife, granted half an oxgang of land, with the whole part of their wood in the town and territory of Rudstan.^u

Robert de Canteburg, and Alice his wife, granted to abbat Simon half an oxgang of land, with his whole part of three tofts of the town and territory of Rudstan.^v

Cecily de Walkington released the same.^w

Walter Fitz-Geffrey de Hugate, and Beatrix his wife, released to abbat Robert all the right they had in the advowson of the church of Rudstane.^x

Maud late wife of Walter de Garton granted one toft and half an oxgang of land in Rudstan.^y

Juliana late wife of John de Cornwall granted half an oxgang of land, with the whole part of three tofts in Ruddestan.^z

Hugh Fitz-Hugh granted one toft in *Roston*, and all his land appertaining to two oxgangs of land in Harneshaw.^a

William bishop of Durham gave one carucate of land in *Roudaclive*.^b

William Fitz-Thomas de Roucliffe gave one toft and two oxgangs in *Roucliffe*.^c

Reyner the sewer gave two oxgangs in *Rolingtune*.^d

Ralph Fitz-Robert de Rednesse granted a place within his court in the town of *Redness* to build a granary on.^e

William son of Ranulph Pore of Redness granted six acres of land in Redness.^f

John de Burringham of Redness granted two tofts and crofts in Redness.^g

William son of Emma de Redness gave a piece of land in the field of Redness, in a place called *Le Plotes*, with the site of a windmill.^h

William Fitz-Ralph de Redness granted two selions of land, containing three acres, in the territory of Redness.ⁱ

Richard Aunger de Redness granted six acres and a half of land in the territory of Redness.^j

Stephen Lawys of Whitgift granted two selions in Redness ; one of which was called *Neubreke*, the other *Ryfeld*.^k

King William the Conqueror gave two carucates in *Spanton*.^l

Berenger de Todenai gave six carucates in Spanton.^m

John son of Peter de Spaunton granted a messuage, one toft, and two oxgangs of land, in the town of Spaunton.ⁿ

John Shalcoks of Hoton Underhegh granted a culture of land called *Ryddinges* against *Pyperthwaites* in the town of Spaunton.^o

Alan Rufus earl of Bretagne granted the town of *Sutton in Hoiland*.^p

Robert de Maisnil granted twelve oxgangs in Sutton.^q

Geffrey Murdac gave twelve oxgangs in the same town.^r

Patrick de Guarges granted two carucates and half an oxgang of land in Sutton, against Norton-bridge.^s

Ralph de Nevil sold to abbat Simon all the wood, timber, and underwood growing, being, and standing in the lunde of *Sutton in Galtres*, A. D. 1294.^t

Berenger de Todenai gave six oxgangs of land in *Stakelden*.^u

Odo Balistarius gave his tithes in *Skirpenbek*.^v

Stephen earl of Bretagne gave one carucate of land, with the mill-dam, in *Scirebek*.^w

Ulfus Fornesan gave one carucate of land in *Skirton-beck*.^x

Ilbert de Lacy gave part of five carucates and a half of land in *Stretton*.^y

Astinus de Pykering gave half a carucate of land in *Sezevall*.^z

Marmaduke de Arell granted the church of *Sezai*.^a

Richard Fitz-Richard de Spineto released to the abbey three oxgangs of land in *Suthorpe*, standing against Hornsey-meer.^b

Ralph son of Beatrix de Uvegate granted one oxgang of land in Suthorp.^c

Reginald son of William le Paumer de Suthorpe granted one oxgang of land in Suthorp-field.^d

Hardwine des Escalliers gave the church of *Smitheton*, and four carucates of land.^e

One Bernald granted one carucate of land more in the same town.^f

Reginald, called the son of the lady of Smitheton in Richmondshire, granted unto abbat Simon one messuage and a croft, four oxgangs, and six acres of land in Smitheton.^g

Walter de Killingholm granted his mill in *Great Smitheton*, situated on the river Tees against Pilcotworth.^h

Geoffrey Fitz-Ranulf of Great Smitheton granted six

^a Reg. Mar. 223.

^c Num. V.

^e Compare Numm. III. V. VII.

^f Num. V.

^h Ibid.

ⁱ Ibid. See also Num. III. Drake, bund. 2, num. 42. Reg. Mar. 411.

^k Num. V.

^m Ibid.

^o Ibid.

^p Of which hereafter.

^r Ibid.

^s Drake, bund. 11, num. 54.

^t Drake, bund. 25, num. 46.

^u Ibid. bund. 12, num. 47.

^v Reg. Mar. 359.

^w Ibid. 361.

^x Num. V.

^y Num. V.

^b Ibid. 268.

^d See Num. III.

^g Ibid.

^j Ibid.

^l Ibid.

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^q Ibid.

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^h Ibid. bund. 18, num. 13. Reg. Mar. 393.

ⁱ Drake, bund. 18, num. 49.

^k Ibid. bund. 19, num. 29.

^l Ibid. bund. 20, num. 37.

^m Reg. Mar. 392.

ⁿ See Numm. III. V.

^o Drake, bund. 9, num. 19.

^p Reg. Mar. 179.

^q See Num. III.

^r Num. V.

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^t See Numm. III. V.

^u Drake, bund. 10, num. 25.

^v Bund. 10. ut supr. num. 25.

^w Bund. 20, num. 56.

^x Reg. Mar. 354.

^y Ibid.

^z Ibid.

^a Ibid.

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oxgangs of land in the town and territory of Smytheton, with four crofts and tofts, and half a carucate of land appertaining. Also five other crofts, with tofts adjoining, and two acres of land.^a

Waltheof the son of Gospatrick gave the town of *Stainburn*.^b

John son of Adam de Whitegift granted to it five tofts and four oxgangs of land in *Stainburn*, which were of the fee of the abbey.^c

Stephen earl of Bretagne gave five carucates of land, and the church of *Stivetune*.^d

Sir Robert son of Walter de Skegness, knight, granted all his land in the town of *Stivetune*, as well in demesne as services.^e

Stephen earl of Bretagne gave four carucates of land in *Scottane*:^f with two carucates of land in *Sketton* in Cambridgeshire.^g

Godfrey de la Wyrch gave the isle of SANDTOFT for a CELL.^h

Bareth, son of Corby, gave one carucate of land in *Semere*.ⁱ

Robert de Stuteville gave the tithes of his demesnes in *Straingham*.^k

One Hugh gave twelve oxgangs of land in *Scamston*. Robert de Insula gave twelve oxgangs more there:^l with a carucate and a half of land in *Scamston* at another time.^m

Astine de Pykerings granted two oxgangs of land in *Scamston*.ⁿ

Walding gave one carucate of land in *Sproxtun*.^o

Wido de Baillol gave one carucate of land and the church of *Stokely*.^p He also gave the church and two oxgangs of land in *Stayneton*, with the tithe of his demesnes.^q

Robert de Brus gave two carucates and a mill in *Sunderlandwick*.^r

Robert de Bridesale gave two carucates of land in *Sterresby*.^s

Ured, son of Sigolf, gave the mill at *Stotby*:^t with the tithe of his demesne in *Saurby*.^u

Waltheof son of Gospatrick gave the tithes of his demesnes in *Salchild* in Couplande.^x

Gospatrick gave the town of *Saltergh*.^y

William son of Gilbert gave all his lands in *Snachevel*.^z

Adam de Thornton, rector of Patrick-Brunton, granted three messuages, a wind-mill, four oxgangs, and two acres of land in *Sizendale*, 7 Ric. II.^a

Ralph de Camera granted two acres of land in *Shup-ton*, and three acres more there, in the moor called *Sevi-lands*.^b

Ralph son of Richard de Camera released two oxgangs of land in *Shupton*, out of sixteen oxgangs which he then held of the abbey.^c

Richard son of Ralph de Camera released to abbat Simon his capital messuage, with the edifices, in the town of *Shupton*, and six oxgangs of land, with the demesne of the third part of the town; with certain annual rents, and the homages and services of three freeholders, of four oxgangs of land and eight acres.^d

David de Longocampo granted to abbat Simon all his land, with his messuage, in *Shupton* in Galtres, as well in demesne as services.^e

Stephen de Shupton released all his right in two carucates of land in *Shupton*: and granted two other carucates, with five tofts and crofts, in the same town.^f

Roger de Thornton gave abbat Simon one toft and croft, and one oxgang of land, in *Shupton* in Galtres.^g

Margery late wife of Roger Ungton granted two oxgangs of land, of four shillings rent, in the town of *Shupton* in Galtres.^h

Maud wife of Walter D'Eyncourt gave the tithes of her demesne in *Tudesham*.ⁱ

King William the Conqueror gave six mansures of land in *Paines Thorp*.^k

Odo earl of Champaign gave the town of *Thorpe juxta Marram*.^l

Stephen earl of Bretagne gave the church of *Torenton*, and one carucate of land.^m

Nigel Fossard gave three carucates of land in *Thorn-ton*.ⁿ

Stephen earl of Albemarle gave two carucates of land in *Thornton*.^o

Geffrey de Thornton granted three oxgangs of land in *Thornton*, held of the abbey in demesne.^p

Roger son of Hulco de Foston granted all his meadow in the field of *Thornton* called *Hilderdale*.^q

Adam de Butterwick granted two oxgangs, with a toft and croft, in *Thornton*.^r

John Danby, chaplain, gave one toft and croft in *Thornton juxta Foston*.^s

Walter D'Eyncourt gave his tithes of *Thurleston*.^t

Roger de Lascels granted the third part of the tithes of his demesne in *Thirntofts*.^u

King Henry I. gave the town of *Useflet*, and whatever belonged to it between and Ayremyn.^x

John de Graunt released to the abbey all his common of pasture which he had in forty acres of land in *Useflete*, and which John de Useflete had given to the monks.^y

One Gosseline gave one carucate of land in *Wassand*.^z

Stephen son of Walter de Haytefeld released to the abbey all his right and claim of fishing in the meres of *Wassand*, *Seton*, *Hornsey*, *Agnesburton*, &c.^a

William de Escois gave the church of *Wyllweby*, and his demesne tithes there.^b

William de Evereus, by fine acknowledged the ad-vowson of the church of *Wyleby juxta Castell-Bukenham* to be the right of Simon abbat of St. Mary's, &c. 14 Edw. I.^c

Stephen earl of Bretagne gave his tithes and one ox-gang of land in *Witrene* in Cambridgeshire.^d

Nigell Fossard gave one carucate in *Wormesworth*.^e

King William the Conqueror gave the CELL of *WEDERHALL* in Cumberland.^f

One Humphrey gave a carucate of land in *Watton*.^g

Alwredus gave four oxgangs of land in *Wintrington*.^h

Ivo Tallboys gave two oxgangs in *Winton*, with his tithe there.ⁱ

Gosfrid de Stuteville gave the isle of *Wreth*, with the fisheries.^k

Retel Fitz-Elred gave the church of *Wirchintune*, with two carucates of land and the mill there.^l

Rainer the sewer gave the church of *Whitingham*.^m

^a Reg. Mar. 287.

^c Drake, bund. 19, num. 73.

^d See Num. V.

^f See Num. V.

^h Ibid.

ⁱ Ibid.

^k Reg. Mar. 363.

^m See Num. V.

^p Ibid. Reg. Mar. 302. Among the excerpts from the Archi-episcopal Registers of York, Harl. MS. 6970, p. 220, we have the notice of a suit between the abbat of St. Mary's York and John Eure, concerning the presentation to the church of Stokesley: the abbat recovered it, and, with the convent, presented John de Gilling 2 non. Feb. 1311.

^q See Num. V.

^s Ibid.

^u Ibid.

^w Ibid.

^y Reg. Mar. 249.

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^b See Num. V.

^e Reg. Mar. 381.

^g Ibid.

^j Ibid.

^l Ibid.

ⁿ Ibid.

^r Ibid.

^t Ibid.

^v Ibid.

^x Ibid.

^z Ibid.

^a Ibid.

^c Ibid.

^e Ibid.

^g Ibid.

ⁱ Ibid.

^k Ibid.

^m Ibid.

^c Ibid. 112.

^e Ibid. 120. See Num. XXIII.

^f Reg. Mar. 120, 121. See Numm. XXIV. XXV.

^g Reg. Mar. 124. Num. XXVIII.

^h Reg. Mar. 127. Num. XXX. See other charters of Schupton, Numm. XXVI. XXVII. XXIX. XXXI.

ⁱ See Num. V.

^k See Num. V.

^m Num. XII.

ⁿ Reg. Mar. 162.

^p Ibid.

^r See Num. V.

^t See Num. V.

^v See Num. V.

^x See Num. V.

^z Of which hereafter.

^a Ibid.

^c Ibid.

^d Ibid. 119. Numm. XXI. XXII.

^f Ibid.

^h See Num. III.

^j Ibid.

^l See Num. V.

ⁿ Ibid. 165.

^p Ibid. 336.

^r Reg. Mar. 261.

^t Drake, bund. 24, num. 28.

^v Drake, bund. 8, num. 38.

^x Reg. Mar. 410.

^z Num. XII.

^a See Num. V.

^c Ibid.

^e Ibid.

^g Ibid.

ⁱ Ibid.

^k Ibid.

^m Ibid.

King William Rufus granted the tithes of his demesne throughout his whole castelry of *Yorkshire*.^a

King Henry the First gave the tithes of all his venison, both in flesh and skins, in *Yorkshire*.^b

Besides these revenues, Drake adds, several churches paid tithes, portions, and annual pensions to this abbey, all specified in a visitation by William archbishop of York, made in 1344.^c

Leland and Drake, both, mention the great animosities and divisions which were carried on between the mayor and citizens of York on one side, and the abbat and convent of St. Mary on the other, about their separate jurisdictions and privileges. The annals of the convent mention a violent affray between them in 1262, when the citizens slew several of the tenants of the abbey and burnt many of their houses without Bootham-bar. Abbat Simon bought his peace at the price of a hundred pounds; but terrified by the extraordinary insults of the town-men, he left the convent for above a year, not returning to it till Christmas, 1264.^d

In 1266, at the instance of divers persons, the convent and the citizens were reconciled, and, voluntarily, gave several releases each to the other, with a saving of the liberties of each party, and of those which belonged to the crown. But this peace did not continue long; for, in 1301, pleas were held of the liberties of St. Mary, within the gate of the abbey, and there, in the quindene of the Purification of the Virgin Mary, Benedict de Malton being then abbat, sat the king's justices, Sir Ralph de Mettingham, William de Bereforth, William de Hauward, Peter Maleverer, E. de Bermingham, and Lambert de Trickingham, 30 Edw. I. in the presence of Edward prince of Wales.^e

In 1308 a charter was obtained for the liberties of St. Mary, with a fair and market in Bootham; 1 Edw. II. Drake says this was proclaimed throughout the whole county of York, and enrolled in Chancery: but upon the earnest solicitation of the citizens, setting forth the damage it would do to them and the king's revenue, it was some time after revoked.^f

In 1315, on Martinmas day, the citizens of York filled up the ditches adjoining the walls of the abbey, which had been made as a defence against the incursions of the Scots by abbat Alan; Nicholas Flemming, then mayor, and one Sezevaus, being the principal instigators.^g

From 1316 to 1353 these animosities appear to have been continued, when articles of agreement between the abbat and convent of St. Mary and the mayor and commonalty were brought about by Archbishop Thoresby.^h

ABBATS of ST. MARY YORK

STEPHEN DE WHITBY was appointed abbat soon after

the foundation of the monastery. He is said to have governed with great prudence for twenty-four years. He died A. D. 1112.ⁱ

RICHARD was the next abbat.^k Drake places his death prid. kal. Jan. 1131.^l

GODFRID succeeded. He ruled one year and six months. He died 16 kal. Aug. 1132.^m

SAVARICUS, or SAVERINUS, succeeded on Godfrid's death, and governed thirty years. He died on the 3d non. April, 1161.ⁿ

CLEMENT followed, "qui fuit lupus rapax, super omnia vastans." Such is the character of him given in the Bodleian manuscript.^o He died 15 kal. September, 1184.^p

ROBERT DE HARPHAM was elected the same year. He died 13 kal. Maii, 1189.^q

ROBERT DE LONGO CAMPO, prior of Ely was elected abbat in 1189. He is expressly said to have died 3 id. Jan. 1239.^r Mr. Drake thinks a fifty years reign scarcely possible. Ralph de Diceto, he remarks, mentions one Robert to have been chosen abbat of this monastery in 1197, and calls him prior of Ely.^s

WILLIAM DE RONDELA, or ROUNDELE, became abbat in 1239. He died 3 kal. Dec. 1244.^t

THOMAS DE WARDHULL, WARTHILL, or WARTERHILLE, was elected abbat in 1244.^u He died 11 kal. Jan. 1258.^v

SIMON DE WARREWIK received the temporalities July 25th, 1258.^w Leland says of him, "A. D. 1269, optinuit Simon abbas S. Mariæ a rege Henrico III. forestariam totius forestæ de Farindale, excepta venatione. A. D. 1270, Simon abbas *inceptit novum opus chori ecclesia mon. S. Mariæ Ebor.* Simon abbas S. Mariæ emit villam de Dicton a domino Hugone de Neville."^x He died on the 3d of the nones of July, 1296.^y

BENEDICT DE MALTON received the royal assent to his election Aug. 7th, and had the temporalities restored Aug. 23d, 1296.^z He is also called MULTON, and MEUTON.^{aa} He died 7 kal. Aug. 1303.^{ab}

JOHN DE GYLING, prior of the cell of Wederhale, was the next abbat. He received the temporalities of the monastery Aug. 19, 1303.^{ac} He died on the 9th of the kalends of June 1313;^{ad} when

ALAN DE NESSE succeeded. He was elected on the 4th of the nones of July and received the royal assent to his election July 20th, 1313: but the temporalities were not restored to him till Sept. 2d.^{ae} Upon his death,

THOMAS DE MULTON was elected abbat in the month of May, 1331; on the 24th of June in which year the temporalities of the monastery were delivered to him.^{af} He resigned on account of old age in 1359.^{ag}

WILLIAM MARREYS, whom Willis and Stevens call

^a See Num. III.

^b Reg. Mar. 178.

^c See Num. LXVI.

The Charters given in the Appendix to the present Account from Stevens, Numm. XXI.—XLVI. XLVIII.—LXIV. are from a Register book of St. Mary's abbey, formerly given by Mr. Hildyard, a bookseller of York, to the library of York cathedral: the Numbers XV. XVI. XVII. XVIII. from a Register of Wetherall priory: the Numbers LXV. LXVII. LXVIII. LXIX. from original Instruments in private possession: and LXX. from Rymer.

^d See Drake, p. 581. Lel. Collectan. tom. i. p. 37, says, "A. D. 1262. Impetus factus a civibus Ebor. in monasterium S. Mariæ, unde cædes et depredatio."

^e "Pax facta inter cives Ebor. et abbatem S. Mariæ anno D. 1266. Et hoc anno inceptus est a Simone abbate petrinus murus circuinens [sc. circuiens] abbatiam S. Mariæ Ebor. incipiens ab ecclesia S. Olavi, et tendens versus portam civitatis ejusdem quæ vocatur Galmanlith, porta Ebor. nunc Bootham-barr."

^f Drake, Hist. York, p. 581.

^g Ibid.

^h Ibid.

ⁱ See a translation of this Agreement, from the original French in Drake, p. 595, followed, p. 597, by an "Order and award made betwixt the mayor and commonality of the one part, and the abbat and convent of St. Mary's on the other, concerning the bounds and common of pasture in Clifton and Foulford, made by commissioners, Aug. 19th. anno 1484, 2 Ric. III."

^j MS. bibl. Bodl. NE. A. 3, 20. See Num. LXXI.

^k Ibid. ^l Hist. and Antiq. of York, p. 494.

^m MS. Bodl. ut supr.

ⁿ Ibid.

^o Ibid.

^p Ibid.

^q Ibid.

^r Ibid.

^s Hist. and Antiq. of York, ut supr.

^t See Num. LXXI.

^u He appears twice upon the Patent Rolls. Pat. 28 Hen. III. Rex præb. assensum el. Thomæ de Wardhull, 15 Oct. m. 1. Pat. 29 Hen. III. Rex præb. assensum Thomæ de Warthill, 28 Oct. m. 10.

^v MS. Kennett. The following passage in Matthew Paris relates to this abbat's time:

"Tempore quoque sub eodem, subiit abbas et conventus ecclesiæ S. Mariæ Eboraci, maximam cum infamia jacturam, propter quandam chartam, quam adversarii eorundem (quorum maximus fuit Johannes Franciscus clericus regis de scaccario) judicaverunt fore reprobendam. Creditur autem indubitanter eundem Johannem, qui natione borealis, redditus suos de bonis ecclesiæ memoratæ in partibus illis sitienter desideravit ampliare, illud secus quam animæ suæ expediret procurasse, cum scribatur 'væ homini per quem aliquod scandalum generatur.' Coacti sunt igitur maximam pecuniæ summam regi numerare. Insuper terras et redditus opimos, perpetuo amittere, et infamia indelebili deturpari. Dispersi sunt igitur monachi, et illa nobilis ecclesiæ omnimodam induens confusionem, discrimini patuit et ruinæ. Simili quoque modo abbatiam de Selebi, ob causam consimilem memoratus persecutor Johannes (quem ultor Dominus monoculaverat propter præcedentia merita) irrestaurabilibus damnis lacessivit." Mat. Par. edit. 1684, p. 742, sub an. 1252.

^w Pat. 42 Hen. III. m. 4.

^x Lel. Collect. tom. i. p. 23.

^y Ibid. p. 24.

^z See MS. Kennett.

^{aa} Pat. 31 Edw. I.

^{ab} Pat. 7 Edw. II.

^{ac} Pat. 33 Edw. III. p. 1. Abbas senex resignat. Petit. lic.

^{ad} Pat. 24 Edw. I.

^{ae} Ibid.

^{af} MS. Kennett.

^{ag} Pat. 5 Edw. III. p. 1.

MARCYs, received the temporalities on June 1st, 1359.^a He died in 1382; in which year the king gave his assent to the election of

WILLIAM BRYDFORD, D. D. to whom the temporalities were restored Sept. 13th.^b Kennett calls him BRADFORD, and says he died Aug. 9th, 1389.^c

THOMAS STAYNGREVE, or STEYNESGRAVE, received the royal assent to his election Sept. 20th, and had the temporalities restored to him Oct. 16th, 1389.^d Upon his death which happened Jan. 1st, 1398,

THOMAS FIGOT was elected abbat. He was confirmed May 24th, following.^e

THOMAS DE SPOFFORTH, or SPOFFORD, received the royal assent to his election June 8th, 1405, upon Pygot's death.^f Willis says he was confirmed June 10th. He adds, "Anno 1422 he was translated to the see of Hereford, where having sat bishop twenty-six years, he voluntarily resigned that dignity; after which, returning hither, he ended his days, and was buried in this abbey. During his residence at Hereford he spent much money in building and repairing his episcopal palace at Sugwas near the city of Hereford, where he made a neat chapel, and adorned it with painted glass, and the initial letters of his name in all the windows. This abbat was also one of King Henry the Fifth's ambassadors to the council of Constance."^g

WILLIAM DALTON was elected abbat in the month of December, 1422, and received the temporalities on January the 18th following.^h He died the same year, when

WILLIAM WELLYS was elected; to whom the temporalities were given March 3d, 1423.ⁱ In 1433 he attended the council of Basle;^k and in 1436 was consecrated bishop of Rochester.^l

ROGER KYRKEBY, or KYRBY, was elected abbat in the month of March, and received the temporalities May 11th, 1436.^m He died in 1438.

JOHN COTTINGHAM was the next abbat. He was confirmed Oct. 28th, and received the temporalities Nov. 14th, 1438.ⁿ Upon his death,

THOMAS BOTHE was elected Oct. 16th, 1464; the temporalities being restored Oct. 31st.^o He occurs abbat in 1481.

WILLIAM SEVER, *alias* SIVEYR, born at Shinkley, in the county of Durham, was made abbat in 1485. He received the royal assent on April 24th.^p Ten years after which, A. D. 1495, being elected bishop of Carlisle, he obtained leave to keep his abbacy in commendam; which he did till 1502, when he was translated to the see of Durham.^q

ROBERT WARHOP, or WANHOP, was confirmed December 20th, 1502, and received the temporalities Feb. 3d following.^r

EDMUND THORNTON was confirmed abbat May 6th, and received the temporalities May 28th, 1507.^s

EDMUND (or, as he is sometimes wrongly called, EDWARD) WAILEY, or WHALLEY, was confirmed abbat March 12th, 1521.^t He had the temporalities restored to him on May 12th following.^u

WILLIAM THORNTON was confirmed March 2d, and received the temporalities April 10th, 1530.^v He had been previously prior of Wetherhale. Willis says, "I take him to be the same person as WILLIAM DENT; Thornton being probably the name of the place of his birth, and Dent his proper surname." This Dent continuing abbat till the time of the Dissolution, anno 1539, surrendered up his abbey into the hands of the king's visitors November 26th,^w and obtained a pension of four hundred marks per annum,^x which was vacated by his death before 1553.^y

Drake says, "To give the reader some idea of the revenues of this abbey as early as the 19th Henry II.

elig. It was in this or the next abbat's time that the following singular circumstances took place:

Pat. 33 Edw. III. p. 1. "Joh. de Hothwayt persona ecclesie de Danby invenit 766l. 14s. 4d. in thesauro subtus terram in quadam camera infra abbatiam beate Mariæ Ebor. et asportavit; accusatus furti utpote pertinent ad regem et incarceratus. Processus habitur in cancellaria, et per inquisitionem patrie de 300 libr. convictus. Sed per fideles quosdam quibus Rex fiduciam adhibuit, accepit quod dictæ 300l. fuerunt de denariis Johannis de Heslarton nuper persone ecclesie de Patrikbrumpton defuncti sub custodia prædicti Johannis de Hothwayt executoris testamenti ejusdem Johannis de Heslarton in quadam tussa feni in una domo infra abbatiam prædictam in qua dictus Johannes moriebatur ad executionem testamenti ejusdem Johannis de Heslarton inde faciend. 13 Feb." MS. Harl. 6960, p. 74.

^a Ibid. ^b Pat. 6 Ric. II. p. 1. ^c MS. Diptycha. ^d Pat. 13 Ric. II. p. 1. ^e Pat. 21 Ric. II. p. 1. Custos spiritualitatis archiepiscopatus Eborac. ipso archiepiscopatu vacante et Tecano ejusdem in remotis agente confirmat electionem de fratre Tho. Pigot in abbatem. Rex restit. temporal. 23 Junii. Harl. MS. 6961, p. 253.

^f Pat. 6 Hen. IV. p. 2. ^g Mit. Ab. See also the Hist. du Concile de Constance, pp. 444, 534.

^h Pat. 9 Hen. V. p. 2. ⁱ Pat. 1 Hen. VI. p. 1. ^j Will. ab. B. M. Ebor. miss. ad gen. Concil. Basil. lic. cariad. 1000 marc. 13 Maji. Pat. 12 Hen. VI. p. 1. MS. Harl. 6963, p. 31.

^k Willis, Mit. Ab. The Harl. MS. 6972, fol. 26, says, "Willielmus Welles fuit abbas B. M. Ebor. cujus tempore festum sanctæ Katerinæ omn. singulis in illo Monasterio celebrari ordinetur. Decretum est hoc crastin. octab. Purif. 1427."

^l Pat. 15 Hen. VI. ^m Pat. 17 Hen. VI. ⁿ Pat. 4 Edw. IV. p. 1. ^o Harl. MS. 433, fol. 213 b. ^p Willis, Mit. Ab. See also Rym. Fœd. tom. xiii. p. 28. Wood, Ath. Ox. old edit. tom. i. p. 533. Abbat Sever's holding the bishoprick of Carlisle in commendam with his abbacy little accords with the Harl. MS. 433 (a book of Privy seals); at fol. 223 of which we have, "A letre to th'abbat of St. Mary abbey, shewing that the king in regard of his impotence and age is content that he forebere his attendance and comyng to Parliament, 20 Maii 1 Edw. V."

^q Orig. 18 Hen. VII. MS. Lansd. 963, p. 55. ^r Orig. 22 Hen. VII. ibid. p. 57. ^s Willis, ut supr. ^t Orig. 14 Hen. VIII. MS. Lansd. p. 60. He is noticed in Lord Herbert's Hist. of Hen. VIII. p. 334. Tho. Otterbourne, p. 585, has a letter from him to the Lord Dacre.

^u Orig. 22 Hen. VIII. MS. Lansd. ut supr. p. 62. ^v The enrollment of the surrender of the abbey, in the usual form, is in Claus. an. 31 Hen. VIII. p. 4, m. 19, with this title, "De scripto abbatis et conventus S. Mariæ juxta civitatem Ebor. dat. in domo sua capitulari et recog. apud Seynt Maryes vicesimo nono die mensis Novembris anno regni regis Henrici VIII. tricesimo primo." Rolls. Chap. See Drake, p. 594, note i.

^x See the Pension List in the Appendix of Instruments, Num. LXXII.

^y The following were the Annuities, Corrodies, and Pensions still payable in the 2d and 3d of Philip and Mary:

"SAYNT MARYES nuper Monasterium. *Annuitates et Corrod.* Johannis Rogers per annum liij. iiij^d. Ricardi Farley per annum iiij^d. Ambrosii Beckewithe per annum xl. Leonardi Beckwith per annum iiij^d. Roberti Warmington per annum xl. Alicie Tipling per annum xx. Roberti Barwicke per annum xxx. Johannis Cooke per annum xxvj. viij^d. Hugonis Askewghe per annum c. Christopheri Ledgerde per annum xx. Johannis Nicholsonne per annum xx. Ricardi Sharpe per annum xij. iiij^d. Willielmi Sympsonne per annum xij. iiij^d. Anthonii Wrighte per annum xx. Ricardi Newshame per annum xv. Henrici Wayname per annum vj. viij^d. Christopheri Skeltonne per annum xx. Christopheri Watsonne per annum xxvj. viij^d. Johannis Grene per annum x. Andrei Cooke per annum vj. viij^d. Ricardi Clerke per annum xx. Johannis Donatsonne per annum vj. viij^d. Anthonii Thwinge per annum xl. Thomæ Garfurthe per annum x. Thomæ Dente per annum xij. iiij^d. Henrici Kelsey per annum xij. iiij^d. Radulphi Daltonne per annum xij. iiij^d. Johannis Tailer per annum xij. iiij^d. Christopheri Heste per annum xij. iiij^d. Rowlandi Water per annum xx. Thomæ Thickpennye per annum xx. Willielmi Hothome per annum xx. Jacobi Eustage per annum xxvj. viij^d. Edmundi Copstake per annum xxvj. viij^d. Willielmi Dobsonne per annum xxvj. viij^d. Willielmi Lawsonne per annum xij. iiij^d. Thomæ Sugdeane per annum xxvj. viij^d. Georgii Metcalfe per annum xx. Gawini Lancastre per annum xxvj. viij^d. Reginaldi Beazley per annum xx. Johannis Toode per annum xx. Philippi Lovell per annum xxvj. viij^d. Thomæ Hungate per annum lxvj. viij^d. Rogeri Cholmeley per annum xl. Roberti Mennell per annum xxvj. viij^d. Ricardi Cragill per annum xx. Frauncisci Dynley per annum xx. Petri Crane per annum xij. iiij^d. Walteri Comptone per annum iiij^d. Willielmi Cottone per annum x. Johannis Colteman per annum x. Barnardi Kirkebrede per annum xl. Johannis Thompsonne per annum xx. Jacobi Swyneburne per annum x. Ricardi Jacksonne per annum xxvj. Willielmi Bristowe per annum xxx. Johannis Ralleton, Agnetis uxoris ejus, et Christopheri filii sui, per annum vij^d. Ricardi Morrysonne per annum xl. Willielmi Tankerde per annum xx. Johannis Kirkhame per annum xxvj. viij^d. Thomæ Lawsonne per annum xxvj. viij^d. Thomæ Stonynghe per annum xxvj. viij^d. Ricardi Clarvaxe et Lawrenc. Roby per annum xⁱⁱ. xx^d. Emotæ Tyndalle per annum xijⁱⁱ. *Penciones.* Edmundi Kelsey per annum xijⁱⁱ. vj. viij^d. Roberti Lawthorpe per annum vjⁱⁱ. xij^d. iiij^d. Adami Shepperd per annum vjⁱⁱ. xij^d. iiij^d. Roberti Redshawe per annum vjⁱⁱ. xij^d. iiij^d. Willielmi Crane per annum vjⁱⁱ. Johannis Thompsonne per annum vjⁱⁱ. Anthonii Hicke per annum vjⁱⁱ. Thomæ Barker per annum vjⁱⁱ. Thomæ Marshe per annum vjⁱⁱ. Ricardi Adamesonne per annum vjⁱⁱ. Ricardi Watsonne per annum vjⁱⁱ. Briani Warde per annum vjⁱⁱ. Willielmi Thompsonne per annum vjⁱⁱ. Edmundi Metcalfe per annum vjⁱⁱ. Rogeri Thomlynsone per annum vjⁱⁱ. Johannis Cooke per annum cvjⁱⁱ. viij^d. Jacobi Tathame per annum c. Johannis Batesonne per annum

anno 1173, I shall give the following account of the payments out of them whilst it remained in the king's hands; 'Abbatia de Everwick Godefridus de Lucy reddit computum de *so much whereof paid* in camera curiæ lxx. marcas per breve regis, et item in camera curiæ xx^{li}. per breve regis, et elemosina constituta iv^{li}. et vij^s. ad pannos præbendariorum hoc anno, et in operatione ecclesiæ iv^{li}. et vij^s. hoc anno; et præcentori ecclesiæ xxxj^s. iv^d. ad faciendos libros ecclesiæ; et sacristæ ejusdem ecclesiæ xx^{li}. xj^s. vij^d.; ad luminaria et vestimenta et alia ornamenta ecclesiæ hoc anno; et camerario ecclesiæ xxxvj^{li}. et xvij^s. et ij^d. ad vestimenta monachorum hoc anno; et ad procurationem monachorum c. et lvij^{li}. et xvij^s. et ij^d. hoc anno; et celerario ecclesiæ ad potum monachorum xij^{li}. et vij^s. et ix^d. hoc anno; monachis ejusdem ecclesiæ c. et v^s. et vij^d. veteris monetæ ad faciend. calicem vel textum in obsequio ecclesiæ per breve Regis Mag. rot. 19 Hen. II. 31.'"^a

The state of its revenues in 1291, as selected from the various parts of Pope Nicholas's Taxation will be seen in Num. XLVII. of the Appendix to the present Account.

At the time of the Dissolution here were fifty monks; when, according to Speed, the value of the revenues amounted to 2085*l*. 1*s*. 5½*d*. Dugdale says 1550*l*. 7*s*. 0½*d*. In the Valor of the 26th of Henry the Eighth, however, the total yearly income of the monastery was rated at 2091*l*. 4*s*. 7½*d*., and the clear value at 1650*l*. 7½*d*.^b

The abbat of St. Mary York was mitred, and, as has been already incidentally noticed in the account of abbat Sever, had a seat in Parliament, whence he was always called Lord Abbat. He and the abbat of Selby were the only abbats in the North of England who had that privilege. Whenever he went abroad, either by water or land, his retinue were extremely numerous, little inferior even to that of the archbishop of York. He had several country-houses to retire to upon occasion; of which, those at Deighton and Overton were the chief. These houses were situated about three miles distant from the city of York,

north and south of it. Overton was the chief, and stood upon the most agreeable site of any in that part of the county. The old house was standing till within a few years of the time when Drake published his History. Dr. Hutton read the following inscription on the wood-work of the parlour here in 1661:

"Post tenebras lucem

Anno Dom. m.cccc.vj. et regni regis Henrici septimi vicesimo primo Robertus Wanop abbas Eborum edificari fecit hoc opus novum, cui mercedem det Deus almus, post tenebras sperans lucem."

Other inscriptions, but broken, and coats of arms, were in the windows.^c

The abbat of York's London residence was in the parish of St. Peter, near Paul's Wharf.^d It was granted in the 35th of Henry VIII. to Thomas Lord Wriothesley.^e

At the Dissolution, the site of the abbey of St. Mary York fell to the crown; when a palace was ordered by King Henry the Eighth to be built out of its ruins, as a residence for the lord president of the North for the time being, to be called the King's Manor. King James the First, at his first coming to York, gave orders for it to be repaired and converted into a royal palace, intending to use it as such at his going to and returning from Scotland. It continued, however, to be the seats of the lords presidents till the last.^f

Exclusive of Stephen de Whitby's History of the foundation of the abbey, with Simon de Warwick's Continuation, in the Bodleian library, NE. A. 3, xx. 7,^g the following are the chief REGISTERS and other manuscripts relating to it:

1. A Register, formerly in the possession of Sir Symonds D'Ewes, now preserved in the Harleian collection in the British Museum, number 236. It is a thin volume in quarto, written on vellum, in different hands; and appears, from the old numeration of the pages, to want the first twelve leaves.^h

cvj^s. vij^d. Ricardi Donatsonne per annum c^s. Jacobi Bulkeley per annum c^s. Georgii Armerer per annum c^s. Roberti Deane per annum c^s. Radulphi Collier per annum c^s. Thomæ Eshe per annum vj^{li}."

^a See Madox's Excheq. p. 211, g. Drake, Hist. York, p. 582, Note^b.

^b See the Notitia Monastica. Compare also the Abstract of the Valor Ecclesiasticus and the Minister's Accompts, 32 Hen. VIII. at the end of the Appendix of Instruments.

^c Drake, pp. 577, 578.

^d See the Abstracts of the Originalia, 35th Hen. VIII. p. 2, in the British Museum, vol. iii. foll. 312, 312 b.

^e Ibid. 35th Hen. VIII. p. 3, vol. iii. fol. 323.

^f Drake, p. 574.

^g See Num. I.

^h It contains,

I. Cartæ Regum Angliæ de libertatibus Monasterii Beatæ Mariæ Eboracensis:

1. Carta Willielmi II. regis Anglorum, qua in puram et perpetuam elemosinam plurimas terras contulit Stephano abbati, &c. fol. 1.
2. Carta secunda (i. e. Henr. I regis) de libertatibus, data apud Clarendonium, fol. 2.
3. Carta de libertatibus Henrici regis, patris Edwardi regis, dat. apud Kenilworth anno regni 50. In ea recitatur et confirmatur Carta regis Henrici II. data apud Wodestoke; cum additionibus, fol. 2 b.
4. Carta de libertatibus regis Angliæ nunc; i. e. Carta Edwardi II. in qua recitatur et confirmatur carta superior regis Henrici II. cum nova privilegiorum additione. Dat. 20 Martii, anno regni sui primo, fol. 3 b.
5. Carta de possessionibus ecclesiæ B. Mariæ Ebor. concessa a domino Edwardo rege post Conquestum tertio, dat. 14 Decemb. anno regni quarto, fol. 5 b.

II. Compositiones et Decimæ Ecclesiarum diversæ:

1. Compositio decimarum de Tunstall per abbatem de Jorewalle, A. D. 1205, fol. 13.
2. Compositio de Marrike, ibid.
3. Carta priorissæ de Marrike de terra de Caterike, fol. 13 b.
4. Scriptum abbatis de Bellalanda de terra de Boltone, ibid.
5. Compositio abbatis de Fontibus de decima grangiae de Coutone; facta A. D. 1205, fol. 14.
6. Compositio de decima feni de Gilling, fol. 14 b.

7. Compositio vicarii de Gilling personaliter de pensione et decimis, A. D. 1254, fol. 15.

8. De oneribus ordinariis ecclesiæ de Gilling, et capellarum ejusdem, per vicarium de Gilling inveniendia. dat. 4 non. Jun. A. D. 1301, fol. 15 b.

9. Summa processus super capella de Mortham, A. D. 1256, fol. 16.

10. Particulæ terrarum in campo de Bartone secundum distinctiones feodorum, quarum decimæ pertinent ad ecclesias de Gillyng, A. D. 1309, fol. 17.

11. Compositio inter abbatem B. M. Ebor. et abbatem de S. Agatha, de decimis de Smerwalde, et de diversis terris in Berforde, Bartone, et Appilby; dat. 15 kal. Febr. 1309, fol. 21.

III. Cartæ tangentes manerium de Appeltone super Wyake, Smithtone, Horneby, et Crofte:

1. Carta Roberti de Brus de manerio de Appeltone super Wyake, fol. 24.
2. Carta de terra in Appeltone super Wyake per David de Spynny, fol. 24.
3. Finalis concordia de terra in Appeltone super Wyake, 3 Edw. I. fol. 24 b.
4. Carta Johannis filii Alexandri de Bondeville de terra in Appeltone super Wyake, ibid.
5. Quia clamatio de terra in Appeltone super Wyake facta per Nigellum de Rungtone, fol. 25.
6. Carta David de Spineto de terra in Appeltone super Wyake, fol. 25 b.
7. Carta Rogeri de Welleberga de terra in Appeltone super Wyake, ibid.
8. Carta Turstani de terra de Appeltone super Wyake, fol. 26.
9. Carta Thomæ filii Philippi de Appeltone super Wyake de terra in eadem, fol. 26 b.
10. Carta Thomæ filii Philippi de Appeltone super Wyake de terra in eadem, ibid.
11. Carta Rogeri de Appeltone super Wyake de terra in eadem, fol. 27.
12. Carta Rogeri filii Rogeri de Appeltone super Wyake de eadem, ibid.
13. Finalis concordia de stagno molendini de Appeltone super Wyake, 30 Hen. II. ibid.
14. Confirmatio Roberti de facto Turstini patris sui, de terra in Appeltone, fol. 27 b.

2. "Consuetudinarium hujus monasterii, MS. in bibl. coll. S. Johannis Cantabr. D. 27."*

15. Queta clamatio de una bovata terræ in Horneby juxta Appeltone, fol. 27 b.
16. Carta Cecilie de Appeltone de una bovata terræ cum filia sua, in libero maritagio, fol. 28.
17. Carta Rogeri filii Cecilie de terra in Appeltone super Wyske, ibid.
18. Carta Thomæ filii Rogeri de Appeltone de pacto venditionis, fol. 28 b.
19. Carta de molendino de Smethetone, ibid.
20. Carta Enisant Musard de ecclesia de Croft et quatuor carucatis terræ, fol. 29.
21. Carta Pigoti de Scurmetone, de terra in eadem; sc. ad emendum vinum ad missarum celebrationem in eadem ecclesia, ibid.
22. Compositio molendini de Smethetone, ibid.
23. Carta Roberti de Waterwyle de terra in Appeltone super Wyske, 18 Edw. I. fol. 29 b.
24. Carta Johannis de Longespeye de terra in Appeltone super Wyske, fol. 30.
25. Carta Crispi de Brinistone de terra in eadem, fol. 30 b.
26. Carta Roberti de Helbeke de uno rustico in Boltone, ibid.
27. De pastura de Slettholme, A. D. 1300, ibid.
28. Carta Ricardi filii Ricardi Persone, de terra in Berdene, fol. 31.
29. Carta Thomæ filii Roberti de terra in Bartone in Richmundscire, fol. 31 b.
30. Carta de redditu duorum solidorum in villa de Bartone in Richmundscire, fol. 32.
31. Carta de redditu duorum solidorum de Roberto filio Warde in Bartone, ibid.
32. Carta Roberti Musters de ecclesia et villa de Brinistone, ibid.
33. Carta Petri de Brus de redditu in Jarum super Tese, fol. 32 b.
34. Carta de Lemyng, et terra in eadem, ibid.
35. Carta de terra in Lemyng, fol. 33.
36. Carta Thomæ Humfray, de terra in Magna Appeltone, ibid.
37. Carta de terra in Brinistone, fol. 33 b.
38. Carta de Smethetone, fol. 34.
39. Carta prima de terra et capella de Boulton, ibid.
40. Carta secunda de terra et capella de Boulton, fol. 34 b.
41. Confirmatio de advocacione ecclesie de Boltone, 41 Hen. III. ibid.
42. Confirmatio de mesuagio terræ et advocacione ecclesie de Boltone, 8 Edw. I. ibid.
43. De diversis marisci de Brinystone, fol. 35.
44. Queta clamatio Joh. Marmyoun de marisco et calceto de Brinystone, A. D. 1307, fol. 35 b.

IV. Cartæ Abbatum S. Mariæ Ebor. concessæ diversis libere tenentibus in Richemundschire, Mitone, et Appeltone super Wyske.

1. Carta Clementis abbatis de una carucata terræ in Mitona, fol. 36.
2. Carta alia Clementis abbatis de Mitona, ibid.
3. Carta R. de Longo Campo abbatis de ij. bovatis terræ in Mitona, fol. 36 b.
4. Carta C. abbatis de Parva Daneby, ibid.
5. Carta ejusdem de Parva Daneby cum Mitone, ibid.
6. Carta ejusdem de Appeltone super Wyske, ibid.
7. Carta Roberti abbatis de Appeltone super Wyske, ibid.
8. Carta Roberti abbatis de Brinistone, fol. 37 b.
9. Carta Clementis abbatis de ij. bovatis terræ in Brinengestone, ibid.
10. Carta Roberti abbatis de Horneby, fol. 38.
11. Carta Roberti abbatis de Stokesley, ibid.
12. Carta Roberti de Longo Campo abbatis de ij. bovatis terræ in territorio de Smethetone, ibid.
13. Carta Roberti abbatis de Horneby, fol. 38 b.
14. Carta C. abbatis de Scodone, ibid.
15. Carta Rob. de Longocampo abbatis de Patricburtone, fol. 39.
16. Carta S. abbatis de Gilmanby, fol. 39 b.
17. Carta Clementis abbatis de Gilmanby, ibid.
18. Carta alia Clem. abbatis de Gilmanby, fol. 40.
19. Carta Roberti de Longocampo abbatis de decimis de Hundeswelle, ibid.
20. Carta Clementis abbatis de decimis in Brumtone, Aske, et Skyeby, fol. 40 b.
21. Carta C. abbatis sanctimonialibus de Marrike concessa de decimatione de dominio de Ravenswath, ibid.
22. Carta C. abbatis de decimis de Wallos, ibid.
23. Carta alia C. abbatis de eisdem decimis, fol. 41.
24. Carta Savrici abbatis de decima de Dalton super Tesse, ibid.
25. Carta Rob. abbatis de decimis de Langtone super Swale, ibid.
26. Carta Roberti de Longo Campo abbatis et Capituli S. M. Ebor. de capella de Hippswelle, fol. 41 b.

27. Carta Clementis abbatis de Risewyke, fol. 42.
28. Carta C. abbatis de terris in Rodeltona, ibid.
29. Carta ejusdem de terra in Crofte, ibid.
30. Carta Saverici abbatis de Risewyke, fol. 42 b.
31. Carta C. abbatis, &c. de Gillinge, ibid.
32. Carta Roberti de Longo Campo abbatis de Knetone juxta Mideltone, ibid.
33. Carta Clementis abbatis de Langethorn, fol. 43.
34. Carta Roberti de Longo Campo abbatis de ij. bovatis terræ in villa de Mideltone pertinen. ad ecclesiam ejusdem villæ, fol. 43 b.
35. Carta Rob. de Longo Campo abbatis de redd. in Lemyng, ibid.
36. Carta Clementis abbatis de Hotone-Roffe ultra Moras, ibid.
37. Carta conventionis de capellis de Wynandermere et Gressemere t. Rob. de Longo Campo abbatis, fol. 44.
38. Finalis concordia 11 Edw. I. de ecclesia de Burtone in Kendalle, fol. 44 b.
39. Carta Thomæ abbatis de terra in Kirkeby in Lonsdale, A. D. 1245, fol. 45.
40. Carta alia ejusdem de terra in Kirkeby in Lonsdale, ibid.
41. Carta tertia de eadem, fol. 45 b.
42. Carta Saverici abbatis de Mitone, ibid.
43. Carta Clementis abbatis de quatuor carucatis in Smethetone, fol. 46.
44. Carta conventionis de mesuagio in Jar. A. D. 1332, fol. 46 b.
45. Carta de pastura in Mitone, fol. 47.
46. Carta Willielmi de Mortuomari de pasturis inter Metone et Thoraldthorpe, A. D. 1285, ibid.

V. Cartæ tangentes manerium Abbatis S. Mariæ Ebor. apud Huddeswelle:

1. Carta Galfridi filii Galfridi de Hudeswelle, fol. 48.
2. Carta de homagiis et serviciis de Hudeswelle, fol. 48 b.
3. Queta Roaldi filii Alani constabularii Richem. de eisdem, fol. 49.
4. Carta alia ejusdem Roaldi de eisdem, fol. 49 b.
5. Carta tertia Roaldi, simili forma, ibid.

VI. Cartæ tangentes ecclesias de Kirkeby Lonesdalle, Kendalle, et Kirkeby Stephan ultra moras:

1. Compositio de terra ecclesie de Kirkeby in Lonsdale ultra moras, 15 Hen. III. fol. 51.
2. Carta de diversis terræ in Kyrkeby in Kendalle, fol. 51 b.
3. Compositio de divisio parochie de Kyrkeby in Kendalle, ibid.

VII. Placita coram Justiciariis de Banco a die S. Michaelis in xv. dies, anno regni regis Edwardi tertii, de ecclesia de Bannam, foll. 52 b, 53 b, 54 b.

VIII. Inquisitio capta apud Wysete, de vacatione prioratus de Rombourge, in adventu Johannis de Acastre, 1 Joh. fol. 55.

IX. Carta B. abbatis et conventus Ebor. qua concedunt domino Olivero de Wysete, unum mesuagium et sex acras terræ in villa de Wysete; reddendo inde annuatim priori cellæ eorum de Rombourge xiv. denar. fol. 55 b.

Bishop Tanner gives the following notices of transcripts relating to this monastery preserved among Dodsworth's manuscripts at Oxford:

"Vid. in MS. Dodsworth vol. vii. cartas viginti quatuor ad hanc Abbatiam spectantes hactenus ineditas: vol. viii. foll. 111, 216, tres cartas ineditas: Ibid. vol. ix. a fol. 55 ad 90, cartas centum et octodecim ineditas, ex Cartulario hujus abbatis in turre S. Mariæ remanente, A. D. 1630. Ibid. vol. xxiv. fol. 10, cart. 4 Edw. II. m. . Ibid. vol. xlv. fol. 25, vol. l. fol. 7, vol. lxiii. fol. 1, vol. lxxvi. fol. 122, de libertatibus eccl. S. Mar. Ebor. vol. lxxxviii. fol. 187, vol. clvi. foll. 1, 65, Collectanea ex cartis monasterii S. Mariæ Ebor. Ibid. vol. lxi. fol. 114, relaxation of some Injunctions given to this Monastery by the king's visitors. Ibid. vol. lxxvi. a fol. 55 ad 64, nine quarto parchment leaves, being part of an old leiger book of the abbey: vol. cxl. fol. 29, nomina Abbatum."

He has also the following references to public records:

"Cart. antiq. R. 3, 4.
 "Fin. Ebor. . . Ric. I. de advoc. capellæ de Martham. Plac. temp. R. R. Ric. I. et Joan. rot. 3, de commun. pastur. in Hoton, Farrendal, &c.
 "Cart. 1 Joan. p. 1, m. 15, n. 92, 93. Oblat. 2 Joan. m. 13, pro eccl. de Syreherst. Cart. 2 Joan. n. 66. Plac. 2 Joan. Mich. rot. 30, a. 5, d. 9, d. pro eccl. de Doncaster. Fin. Ebor. 2 et 3 Joan. de advoc. eccl. de Riston. Fin. Ebor. 2 Joan. rot. . . pro decem bovatis terræ in Redness. Cart. 5 Joan. m. 5, n. . de bosco vocat. Granes row in Everton imparcando. Ibid. m. 6, n. 34. Fin. Ebor. 7 Joan. m. 4, de commun. pastur. in Hoton et Spaunton. Plac. apud Ebor. 9 Joan. Mich. rot. 3, pro commun. pastur. in Hoton et Spaunton in Rydale, ex concess. Nic. de Stuteville. Fin. Ebor. 9 Joan. n. . de vi. carucat. terræ

3. A Register in the library of the dean and chapter of York.^a Probably the same which has been already noticed from Stevens, as presented to them by Mr. Hildyard, a bookseller: a folio Volume, imperfect both at the beginning and the end, and wanting leaves in different places.^b

4. "Ealredi Rhievallensis liber de fundatione abbatiarum S. Mariæ Ebor. et de Fontibus, MS. in bibl. Corp. Christi coll. Cantabr."^c

5. A Fragment of a Register in the Hatton library.^d

Various entries relating to the privileges of the abbat and convent occur in the Placita de Quo Waranto; viz. at Heselingfeld in Cambridgeshire, 27 Edw. I. p. 101: at

Kirkby, Whitehaven, &c. in Cumberland, 20 Edw. I. ibid. p. 122: at Eskeryck, Hornsee, and Cotyngwich, in Yorkshire, 8 and 9 Edw. I. ibid. p. 202: at Oselby in Yorkshire, 8 Edw. I. ibid. p. 404: at St. Botolph's, Bynbrok, Yreford, Hekefeud, Oselby, Osegoteby, &c. in Lincolnshire, 9 Edw. I. ibid. pp. 413, 415: in the advowsons of St. Laurence and St. Michael at Appelby in Westmoreland, 20 Edw. I. ibid. p. 787: of a market, fair, assize of bread and ale, &c. at Kirkeby-Lonsdale in Westmoreland, 20 Edw. I. p. 788: and of a market at Kirkeby-Stephen in Westmoreland, ibid. p. 794.

Of the privileges at Kirkeby-Lonsdale, also, see the Abbreviatio Placitorum, p. 233, 22 Edw. I.^e

in Useflete. Fin. Ebor. 10 Joan. n. . de piscaria in mara de Hornes, et de terris in Rednes.

"Plac. de jur. apud Apelby, 4 Hen. III. rot. . allocat. libertat. Fin. Ebor. 9 Hen. III. n. 69, pro advoc. eccl. de Bainton, et iv. bovatis terræ in Bramham, ex dono Petri de Malolacu et uxoris. Fin. Ebor. 10 Edw. III. n. 88, 127, 128, de cxxx. acris terræ in Eskerig, ex dono Picoti de Lascel. Plac. apud Westm. 11 Hen. III. Pasch. rot. de commun. pastur. in Hawton, Spaunton, et Farendel. Fin. Ebor. 14 Hen. III. n. 83, de ii. bovatis in Japum. Claus. 14 Hen. III. m. 13, et 15. Fin. Westmerland, 23 Hen. III. n. . de terris in Apelby. Fin. Ebor. 24 Hen. III. n. 221, de ii. bovatis in Munketon. Plac. assis. Ebor. 35 Hen. III. rot. . de piscaria in Watsand, Seton, &c. Fin. Ebor. 36 Hen. III. rot. . de terris in Munketon. Fin. Ebor. 37 Hen. III. n. . de terris in Redness. Cart. 41 Hen. III. m. 8, pro mercat. in Hornesey, et lib. war. in Haldenby, Useflete, et Egremund. Pat. 52 Hen. III. m. 32. Plac. Assis. apud Ebor. 52 Hen. III. rot. 48, de cccclxxx. acris brueriæ inter Seizerans et Brydeshale. Ibid. rot. 55 vel 85, de commun. pasturæ in Stiveton. Cart. 53 Hen. III. m. 1, de forestaria de Farendale ex concess. Hugonis Bigot. Fin. Ebor. 55 Hen. III. n. 94, de molendino et cc. acr. terræ in Apelton in Eynsty.

"Pat. 2 Edw. I. m. 9, d. de commun. pastur. in Wedeker. Rot. hundred. in com. Lincoln. 3 Edw. I. rot. . de terris in Belton et Feriby. [vide Dodsworth, vol. lxxxix. foll. 63, 83.] Pat. 3 Edw. I. m. 18, de terris in Dunford: et m. 26, dorso, de terris in Wormesworth. Fin. Ebor. 3 Edw. I. n. 31, de v. bovatis terræ in Apelton super Wiske. Pat. 6 Edw. I. m. . Plac. apud Ebor. 7 Edw. I. Trin. quo war. rot. 28, d. pro wrecco maris in maner. de Hornesey. Plac. assis. apud Ebor. 8 Edw. I. rot. 52, d. 53, d. &c. pro commun. pastur. in Overton, &c. Ibid. quo war. rot. 11, de allocatione parci et bosci inclusi apud Eskerig. Ibid. coron. n. 44, de terris in Apelton. Fin. Ebor. 8 Edw. I. n. 189, 198, 212, de piscaria in maris de Wassand, Hornesey, Horneseburton, &c. Plac. de quo war. apud Lincoln. 9 Edw. I. rot. 8, 13, 14, de terris in Oselby. Pat. 20 Edw. I. p. 2, m. 4, pro maner. de Whitgift, &c. Plac. apud Carloli, 20 Edw. I. rot. 2, d. pro commun. pastur. in Moreton. Plac. apud Appelby, 20 Edw. I. rot. 4, de terris in M. Stirkelond. Ibid. rot. 63, d. 67, d. de wrecco maris et aliis libertatibus in Kirkeby, &c. Pat. 29 Edw. I. m. 27, pro terris in Alhagh, &c. ex dono Will. Walton. Pat. 31 Edw. I. m. . Pat. 32 Edw. I. m. . Fin. Ebor. 33 Edw. I. n. 66, de duabus partibus decies mille acris moræ ex australi parte vici de la Moregate, ex concess. Hen. Lascy com. Lincoln. Pat. 33 Edw. I. p. 1, m. . p. 2, m. . Pat. 34 Edw. I. m. . Pat. 35 Edw. I. m. 41. Baga de quo war. Ebor. temp. Ed. I. rot. 28, d. allocat. inclausuræ boscorum.

"Cart. 1 Edw. II. n. 1, pro terris in Kudeston, &c. Ibid. n. 3, 4, 5, et 11. Claus. 2 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 16. Pat. 2 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 11 vel 12. Pat. 3 Edw. II. m. 1, de mess. et terris in Boutham, Foston, et Roucliff. Pat. 4 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 6, d. Ibid. p. 2, m. 23. Pat. 5 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 20, de mess. et terris in Apelby juxta Spainton, Hoton, &c. Brev. reg. 7 Edw. II. Mich. rot. 13. [bis.] Pasch. rot. 2, Mich. 8 Edw. II. rot. 2. Pat. 8 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 4. Ibid. p. 2, m. 9, de terris in Superton in Galtres. Pat. 9 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 23 vel 24. Pat. 10 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 7 et 11, pro villa de Fulford. Ibid. m. 12, de bladis in Belton, et eccl. de Bynbroke, Lincoln. Ibid. p. 2, m. 32 vel 33. Pat. 11 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 25, de mess. et terris in Wederhall et Wood Apleton. Pat. 12 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 15, pro ten. in Thorneton, Appleton, &c. Ibid. m. 23, de terris in Roucliff. Pat. 14 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 9, pro eccl. de Doncaster approprianda; et pro terris in Shupton, Mitton, &c. Pat. 16 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 8 vel 9, et m. 24 vel 25. Ibid. p. 2, m. 23. Claus. 17 Edw. II. m. 23. Pat. 20 Edw. II. m. 29.

"Plac. coram reg. 1 Edw. III. Pasch. rot. 46. Pat. 2 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 24, pro decima venationis in foresta de Galtres. Rec. in Scacc. 3 Edw. III. Trin. rot. de extensis maner. de Whitgift et Inglesmere. Plac. assis. apud Nottingh. 3 Edw. III. rot. 3, d. pro advocacione eccl. de Stretton in the Clay. Claus. 3 Edw. III. m. 24, abbas relaxavit dom. regi decimas venationis pro tota venatione in foresta de Spaunton, cujus custodia pertinet abbati. Cart. 4 Edw. III. n. 14 et 15. Rec. in Scacc. 4 Edw. III. Trin. rot. 4. Cart. 5 Edw. III. n. 66. Pat. 5 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 14. Plac. de banco, 6 Edw. III. Hill. rot. 24, pro libertat. allocandis. Rec. in Scacc. 8 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 9, pro terris in Henes ex concess. com. Warren. Ibid. m. 29 vel 30. Ibid. p. 2, m. 7 vel 8, et m. 30 vel 31, pro jurisdictione in Bouthom. Cart. 9 Edw. III. n. 34, pro mercat. et feria apud Kirkby Lonsdale super terr. eccl. S. Mariæ. Pat. 9 Edw. I. p. 1, m. . Ibid. p. 2, m. 6, pro foresta de Spaunton loco decim. venationis forestæ de Galtres. Ibid. m. 23 vel 24, pro burgo suo de Bouthom. Pat. 10 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 14, pro terris in Ethelingthorp. Cart. 11 Edw. III. n. 2, pro maner. de Whit-

gift. Fin. Ebor. 11 Edw. III. m. 7, de maner. de Whitgift. Pat. 12 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 3, pro excambio in Mortham. Fin. Ebor. 17 Edw. III. Hill. rot. 18, de reddit. in Wartham. Plac. coram rege 18 Edw. III. Pasch. rot. 32. Pat. 18 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 12 vel 13. Plac. coram reg. 19 Edw. III. Pasch. rot. 8. Pat. 20 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 21, et p. 3, m. 6, pro eccl. de Hornesey. Pat. 21 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 29 vel 30. Pat. 22 Edw. III. p. 3, m. 17 vel 18, pro advoc. eccl. de Rudestan. Pat. 24 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 29, de perambulatione faciendi inter libertates abbatibus S. Mariæ et majoris civitatis Ebor. viz. de Bouthom. Claus. 25 Edw. III. m. 6, de custodia forestæ de Spaunton. Ibid. m. 19, de marisco de Hornesey. Pat. 26 Edw. III. p. 3, m. 6, d. et m. 16. Pat. 27 Edw. III. p. 3, m. 7. Plac. de banco, 27 Edw. III. Hill. rot. 93, de loco vocat. Percheheyflatt pertinente ad maner. de Kirkby Misperton. Pat. 28 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 26, pro eccl. de Rudstan approprianda. Ibid. p. 2, m. 17. Pat. 29 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 18, pro ten. in Wetherall. Pat. 31 Edw. III. p. 3, m. 8. Cart. 32 Edw. III. n. 2, pro duabus feriis apud Hornesey. Escaet. Ebor. 33 Edw. III. n. 45, de terris in Edelingthorp pro manutentione pontis apud Mitton super Swale. Pat. 33 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 22. Rec. in Scacc. 38 Edw. III. Hill. rot. 14. Pat. 40 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 25. Claus. 42 Edw. III. m. 3, pro decimis garbarum villæ de Stapulton. Pat. 42 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 30, pro ten. in Ebor. ad inveniend. tres pauperes scholares. Claus. 43 Edw. III. m. 33.

"Cart. 5 Ric. II. n. 9. Pat. 7 Ric. II. p. 1, n. 13. Cart. 15 Ric. II. n. 9. Pat. 16 Ric. II. p. 2, m. 19, et m. 30. Pat. 18 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 24, pro bosco de Overton includendo. Rec. in Scacc. 20 Ric. II. Hill. rot. 8 et 10. Pat. 20 Ric. II. p. 2, m. 8, et m. 16.

"Cart. 1 Hen. IV. p. 3, n. 1. Pat. 1 Hen. IV. p. 6, n. 11 vel 12. Inquis. Ebor. 4 Hen. IV. n. 18, quod abbas S. Mariæ debet reparare pontem vocat. Kenambridge inter Skakelthorp et Pokelton. Inquis. Lincoln. 7 Hen. IV. n. 10, de placea in suburb. Lincoln. ad inveniend. duos monachos. Cart. 11 vel 14 Hen. IV. p. 3, n. 1. Pat. 14 Hen. IV. m. 2, pro ii. mess. iv. bovatis terræ, &c. in Over Popelton et Heahay, ex dono Agnetis uxoris Will. Brydforth.

"Cart. 2 Hen. V. p. 1, n. . de libertat. et custodia forestæ de Spaunton, cum limitibus dictæ forestæ.

"Pat. 1 Hen. VI. p. 4, m. 32, pro eccl. de Hornesey approprianda et vicaria dotanda, et pro xx. annui redditus e maner. de Scottow, ex dono Will. Nerfeld. Ibid. p. 6, m. 12. Pat. 12 Hen. VI. p. 2, m. 33. Pat. 22 Hen. VI. p. 2, m. 3, de maner. de Overton, et bosci ibidem imparcandis. Pat. 24 Hen. VI. p. 1, m. 20. Pat. 27 Hen. VI. p. 1, m. 25, pro eccl. de Eversham et Burton in Kendale approprianda. Cart. 27 Hen. VI. n. 45, pro returnis brevium, catalis felonum, wrecco maris, gaola infra abbatiam, &c.

"Cart. 5 Edw. IV. n. 15, pro imparcatione boscorum de Elinstow et Overton, mercato apud Hornesey, et aliis libertatibus. Claus. 20 Edw. IV. m. 26 vel 27, de maner. de Whitgift, &c. Pat. 20 Edw. IV. p. 2, m. 4. Claus. 21 Edw. IV. m. 13, de feodi firma dicti manerii a cc. marc. ad cxx. reducta."

^a Tann. Notit. Monast.

^b Stevens, Contin. of Monasticon, vol. ii. p. 389. See numerous extracts from it in the Appendix.

^c Tann. ut supr.

^d Ibid.

^e The following charters are given at length by Drake, in his Eboracum, p. 601—624.

1. Carta Rogeri filii Annæ de Smitchton de terra in Smitchton. B. 2, num. 11. (p. 601.)
2. Carta Philippi de Faukenberg militis de terris in Apilton. A. D. 1261. B. 2, num. 18. (ibid.)
3. Carta Roberti de Skegenesse militis de terris in Apilton. B. 2, num. 29. (p. 602.)
4. Carta Roberti filii Stephani de West-Cottingwic, de jure in fluvio de Derwent. B. 2, num. 31. (ibid.)
5. Carta Osborni de Archis de terris in Popiltona, Apiltona, et Hesseye. B. 2, num. 42. (ibid.)
6. Concessio Cantuarie in Monasterio S. Mariæ Eboraci, (sic) A. D. 1321. B. 3, num. 25. (p. 603.)
7. Carta Johannis filii Alexandri de Bundevelt, de terris et redditibus in Apilton. B. 4, num. 23. (ibid.)
8. Carta Roberti filii Walteri de Skegenesse militis de terris in Apilton. B. 4, num. 7. (ibid.)
9. Carta Willielmi de Doncaster de possessionibus in villa et territorio de Apilton. B. 4, num. 12. (p. 604.)
10. Carta regis Henrici tertii, anno regni quinquagesimo. B. 4, num. 35. (ibid.)
11. Carta Johannis Malebyse de terris in Utter-Acastre. B. 5, num. 16. (p. 605.)

Leland states himself to have found the following works in the LIBRARY of St. Mary York:

"In Bibliotheca Mariana.

Albertus Musacus Patavinus super Tragœdias Senecæ.
Trivet super Tragœdias Senecæ.
Hilasii Carmen de Hercule, quod vulgo ascribunt Verg. 'Oppressit Nemeæ.'
Hermannus de Compositione Astrolabii.
Vita S. Johannis archiepiscopi Eboracensis, per Folchardum monachum S. Trinitatis Cantuariæ ad Aldredum archi. Ebor."a

The ARMS of St. Mary's abbey are given in the initial letter to the present Account from the third of Bishop Tanner's plates: viz. Az. on a cross Gu. a bezant charged with the demi-figure of a king, crowned and holding a sceptre.

A key in the first quarter. These Arms also are given by Fuller. In the Procession Roll to Parliament, however, of 1512,^b as well as in another manuscript quoted by Cole,^c the Key is wanting.

Drake has given an engraving of a very ancient and rude SEAL of this abbey appendant to a Deed of the time of Edward the Fourth;^d the matrix of which seems to have been used as the common seal from a very early period to the Dissolution. The figure of the Virgin Mary, crowned and seated, with the infant Jesus in her lap, forms the device. He speaks of a faint counter seal on the reverse, like a gem, stamped in four different places.

In the Office of the Duchy of Lancaster is a SEAL of abbat Robert, to a deed without date, but apparently of the 13th century. It represents an abbat at full length, in his right hand a crozier, in his left a book: legend, SIGILLVM . ROBERTI . ABBATIS . BEATE . MARIE . EBOR. Colour of the wax, dark green.

12. Carta Ricardi Soudan de terris in Apelton. B. 6, num. 35. (ibid.)
13. Carta Ricardi de Malebyse de terris in Utter-Acastre. B. 7, num. 33. (p. 606.)
14. Carta Stephani de Haytefeld de jure et clamio in marisc' de Wassand, Seton, Hornese, et Anese-Burton. B. 8, num. 38. (ibid.)
15. Carta Thomæ vicarii ecclesiæ de Myton de ij. bovatis terræ in Myton, A. D. 1367. B. 8, num. 58. (ibid.)
16. Carta regis Henrici I. de bosco, et tota terra ab aqua Dune usque ad aquam quæ appellatur Sivena. B. 9, num. 3. (p. 607.)
17. Carta Johannis fil. Petri de Spaunton de terris in villa de Spaunton. B. 9, num. 19. (ibid.)
18. Carta Adam de Thornton de terris in Apilton supra Wyske, A. D. 1367. B. 9, num. 53. (ibid.)
19. Carta Ricardi de Galeby de terr. et grangia in Aynderby. B. 9, num. 63. (ibid.)
20. Carta Willielmi de Arel de ecclesia de Sezeie. B. 10, num. 7. (p. 608.)
21. Carta Johannis filii Nicholai de Erghum de terra in Erghum. B. 10, num. 20. (ibid.)
22. Carta Ricardi de Spineto de terris in Sutthorp. B. 10, num. 25. (ibid.)
23. Carta Ricardi Soudan, literatim ut antea in carta filii sui Ricardi. (vide 12.) B. 6, num. 35, cum testibus iisdem. (p. 609.)
24. Carta Ricardi Collan de via, cum libero introitu et exitu, ab Horwayt usque ad moram de Hensingh. B. 10, num. 36. (ibid.)
25. Carta Randulfi filii Roberti de Redness. B. 10, num. 46. (ibid.)
26. Carta Roaldi de Colebrunne de terris in Hyppleswell. B. 11, num. 31. (ibid.)
27. Carta Stephani Shampenes de terra in villa et territorio de Ruddestan. B. 11, num. 54. (p. 610.)
28. Carta Nicholai le Joene de terris in territorio et campo de Miton. B. 12, num. 66. (ibid.)
29. Carta Roberti de Mainil de villa de Mitone, t. Steph. abbatia. B. 13, num. 24. (ibid.)
30. Carta Philippi de Faukenberg militis de terris in Appelton, A. D. 1261. B. 14, num. 7. (p. 611.)
31. Carta Johannis de Reygate militis de terra in Apilton. B. 14, num. 12. (ibid.)
32. Carta Roberti de Skegenesse. (Eadem cum B. 2, num. 29.) B. 14, num. 32. (vide 3.) (ibid.)
33. Carta Elyæ de Flaunville militis de terris in Daleby. B. 14, num. 42. (ibid.)
34. Carta Ymanyæ de Flaunville de jure in bosco de Dalby. B. 15, num. 3. (p. 612.)
35. Carta Huberti de Newton de septem acris terræ in territorio de Neuton. B. 15, num. 36. (ibid.)
36. Carta Philippi de Faukenberg de terris in Apilton. B. 15, num. 48. (ibid.)
37. Carta Rogeri decani et capit. Lincoln. de cœmeterio concessa. Cellæ S. Mariæ Magd. juxta Lincoln. B. 16, num. 28. (p. 613.)
38. Carta Johannis de Danby de terra in Horneby juxta Smethton. A. D. 1367. B. 17, num. 29. (ibid.)
39. Carta Ricardi filii Willielmi de Esthoukeswelle de terris in Esthoukeswelle. B. 18, num. 4. (ibid.)
40. Carta Willielmi pore de sex acris terræ in territorio de Redness. B. 18, num. 13. (p. 614.)
41. Carta Johannis de Burringham de Redness, A. D. 1344. B. 18, num. 49. (ibid.)
42. Carta Willielmi de Grimeston de terra in Bradeheingham. B. 19, num. 22. (ibid.)
43. Carta Willielmi de Redness de placea terræ in campo de Redness vocat. les Plotes. B. 19, num. 29. (ibid.)
44. Carta Reginaldi Corvasser et Matildæ uxoris ejus de terra in Neubingings. B. 19, num. 42. (p. 615.)
45. Carta Philippi de Faukenberg mil. de quatuor acris bosci cum solio in Apilton. B. 19, num. 48. (ibid.)
46. Carta Roberti de Skegeness militis de Apilton. Eadem cum carta B. 4, num. 7, ut prius (num. 8,) nisi quod "ubi corpus meum legavi sepeliendum" omittitur. B. 19, num. 66.

47. Carta Rogeri de Mulbrai de libertatibus in Miton, &c. B. 19, num. 71. (ibid.)
48. Carta Johannis de Wytegift de terris in Stayneburn. B. 19, num. 75. (p. 616.)
49. Carta Philippi de Faukenberg militis. Literatim cum carta B. 19, num. 48. (vide 45.) ibid.
50. Carta Willielmi de Pontefracto de tofto in Buthum. B. 20, num. 4. (ibid.)
51. Carta Willielmi de Redness de ij. selion. in territorio de Redness. B. 20, num. 37. (ibid.)
52. Carta Radulfi de Oveortomuttum de terris in Suthorp. B. 23, num. 56. (p. 617.)
53. Carta Adami de Sesevans de dimid. carucata terræ in Sesevans. B. 20, num. 86.
54. Carta Johannis de Erghum de cultura terræ in territorio de Erghum. B. 21, num. 61. (ibid.)
55. Carta Galfridi de Harpham de una bovata terræ cum pertinentiis in territorio de Harpham. B. 21, num. 35. (ibid.)
56. Carta Matildis Nuvel de terris in Beningburg. B. 21, num. 58. (ibid.)
57. Carta Willielmi filii Radulfi de Lofthuses de terra in Lofthouse. B. 22, num. 28. (p. 618.)
58. Carta Gaufridi de Colebrun de cultura terræ quæ vocatur Norflatt in territorio de Hippleswell. B. 22, num. 58. (ibid.)
59. Carta T. Ebor. archiep. de ecclesia de Snaith. B. 23, num. 6. (ibid.)
60. Carta Roberti Gernum de terris in Bramham. B. 23, num. 11. (ibid.)
61. Carta Ricardi Soudan Deo et eccl. S. Mariæ Ebor. et prioratui S. Martini juxta Richemund concessa de terris in territorio de Magna Apeltona. B. 23, num. 29. (ibid.)
62. Carta Astini de Pickering, de terris in Sezewans, Scameston, et Kyrkeby-raveneswat. B. 23, num. 38. (p. 619.)
63. Carta Roberti de Scales de terris in Haselingfeld. B. 23, num. 44. (ibid.)
64. Carta Johannis le Grant de terris in Useflet. B. 24, num. 18. (ibid.)
65. Carta Walteri Aurifabris de terra in Eboraco juxta cœmeterium sanctæ Trinitatis in Guthurumgate. B. 24, num. 23. (p. 620.)
66. Indentura inter Simon. abb. et Johannem Bowes, A. D. 1260. (ibid.)
67. Carta Ricardi Soudan de terra super Laytric in territorio Majoris Appeltona. B. 24, num. 53. (ibid.)
68. Carta Roberti de Parlyngton de terris in campo de Gerford. B. 24, num. 80. (ibid.)
69. Carta Walteri de Smytheton de ij. bovatis terræ in territorio de Smythton. B. 25, num. 6. (p. 621.)
70. Carta Thomæ de Burg de ij. bovatis terræ in Magna Apeltona. B. 25, num. 28. (ibid.)
71. Carta Gilberti de Hothwayt de terra in campo de Hothwayt cum pertinentiis. B. 25, num. 32. (ibid.)
72. Carta Roberti de Canteburg de terris, &c. in villa et territorio de Auddestan. B. 25, num. 46. (ibid.)
73. Carta Henrici de Sezevans de dimidia carucata terræ cum toftis et croftis et omnibus aliis pertinentiis in Sezevans. (ibid.)
74. Indentura inter Thomam abbatem et conventum S. Mariæ Ebor. ex una parte, et dominum Philippum de Faukenberg ex altera, de jure et clamio in stagno de Appelton. B. 25, Num. 60. (p. 622.)
75. Carta indenturæ inter abbatem et conventum ex parte una et Willielmum Roundel vicarium ecclesiæ de Gaynesford ex altera de taxatione ejusdem ecclesiæ, A. D. 1210. (ibid.)
76. Ebor. Abbatia B. Mariæ ibidem pro bosco ipsorum de Overton includend. et parcum inde fact. per metas et bundas. Pat. 18 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 24, confirm. anno 22 Hen. VI. p. 2, m. 3. Turre Lond. (p. 623.)
77. Breve tempore vac. abbatis monasterii beatæ Mariæ Ebor. per mortem Thomæ Stayngreve, 21 Jan. 20 Ric. II. (ibid.)

^a Lel. Collectan. tom. i. p. 37.

^b MS. Cole, Brit. Mus. vol. xxx. p. 8.

^c Ibid. vol. xviii. fol. 213 b.

^d Drake, Append. p. ci.

In the Augmentation Office is a deed made by William abbat of St. Mary York, and the convent of the same place, whereby they release to the prioress and nuns of St. Michael near Staunford the sum of 11*l.* 5*s.* due to them for certain arrears arising from tithes in Ayncourt, within the limits of the parishes of Corby and Swafeld in Kesteven.

The deed is dated 5 Edw. IV. and has appendant to it the *official* seal of the abbat, the impression of which is on red wax; the subject, two female figures in two compartments, and under two Gothic canopies. All that remains of the legend is, SIGILLVM . PRIVATVM

In the Chapter-house Westminster, appendant to an instrument of the 21st year of the reign of Henry the Eighth, is a large oval seal of the then abbat, mitred, but without a crozier, standing between two shields of arms, under a rich Gothic canopy; at his feet, between two tassels, is another shield of arms, and underneath is a fish placed horizontally. The impression is on red wax: legend, S . DNI . EDMUNDI . WHALLEY . ABBATIS . ECCLESIE . BEATE . MARIE . JUXTA . EBOR.

Leland says, that before the Conquest malefactors were executed on the spot on which St. Mary's abbey was afterwards erected, and that the citizens laid the sweepings of their streets there.

The original fabric of the church, built in 1089, was destroyed in 1137, in a fire which ruined the greater part of the city of York.^a No particulars of any reparation immediately subsequent are any where noticed. In the *Annals* copied by Dugdale, it appears that, in 1270, abbat Simon de Warwick undertook a new church. Sitting in his chair, with mortar in his hand, the whole convent standing about him, he laid the first stone: and lived to see the work completed in twenty-two years. The small ruins which now remain (little more than a few arches, under the walls without the north side of the city) are the fragments of this edifice.

According to Drake's ichnography of it, the Abbey-Church was built in the form of a Cross; consisting of a nave and chancel, of equal length, with a cross-aisle, and central tower. The whole length of the building was three hundred and seventy-one feet, by sixty feet in breadth. The nave and chancel being each separated from their respective aisles by fourteen pillars.

In 1701, the ruins became a quarry for rebuilding the gaol of York. Stones were again carried from them in 1705, to repair the church of St. Olave: and a third time, in 1711, for the repair of the church of St. John of Beverley.

Of the Offices of the abbey we have no memorials.^b

In the abbey wall were two principal gates: one on the east side opening into Bootham, near the gate of the City: the other into Mary-gate.

At the north-east corner of the wall which once surrounded the abbey precinct, was St. Mary's Tower, in which all the records taken out of the religious houses at their dissolution, on the north side of Trent, are said to have been deposited, under the charge of the Lord President of the North. The date of the building of St. Mary's tower is uncertain: though it might probably have been the work of abbat Simon de Warwick. Dodsworth, in his preparations for the original edition of the present *Work*, before he was joined by Dugdale, had made numerous transcripts from the records preserved in it: and had just finished his labours, when, in 1644, at the siege of York, it was blown up with its contents.

The CELLS to St. Mary York were ST. BEES and WETHERALL in Cumberland, ST. MARY MAGDALEN at LINCOLN, SANDTOFT and HAINES in Lincolnshire, WARMINGTON in Northumberland, MARSHE in Nottinghamshire, ROMBURC (now Rumburgh) in Suffolk, and ST. MARTIN's at RICHMOND in Yorkshire. Of these, *St. Bees*, *Wetherall*, *St. Mary Magdalen at Lincoln*, *Sandtoft and Haines*, *Romburc*, and *St. Martin's Richmond*, will form distinct articles hereafter.

WARMINGTON in Northumberland appears to be mentioned only in Reyner, *Apostol. Benedict. Tr. ii. p. 211.*

Of MARSHE, Bishop Tanner merely informs us, that in the *Valuations of the Religious Houses in Nottinghamshire*, there is mention made of a cell to York in the Marshe at the chapel of St. Thomas, valued at 6*l.* 7*s.* 2*d.* per annum, according to Dugdale and a manuscript *Valor*: Speed, however, gives it at 63*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* which is hardly probable.

Cartae ad S. Mariae Eboraci Coenobium spectantes.

NUM. I.

*De Fundatione Abbatis Sanctae Mariae Virginis Eboraci
Anno ab incarnatione Domini mxxxviii.*

[Ex vetusto MS. in Bibl. Bodleiana, auctore Simone Warwicensi 8 W. 46, fol. 92 a.]

QUAMVIS sancta et una et universalis mater ecclesia per universum orbem longè latèque diffusa, à filiis suis quos

sibi virgo mater per aquam baptismatis generat, honoretur et prædicetur, multæ tamen ecclesie in unitate fidei catholice ex eo tempore quo ex latere Jesu Christi in cruce dormientis fabricata est, secundum devotionem fidelium ædificantur, atque à fundamentis jaciuntur, ut quos unius ecclesie sinus propter ampla spacia terræ et maris nequit comprehendere, in multis ecclesiis fidem rectam tenentes operari studeant, quæ post hanc vitam venientes cum exaltatione à Domino centuplicata recipiant.

^a Stowe's *Annals*, edit. 1592, p. 203.

^b The brass mortar used by the monks in the infirmary was in being when Mr. Drake wrote his *History of York*. "I saw it," he says, "at Mr. Smith's bell-founder in Micklegate, by whom it was afterwards

sold to Mr. Addington a perfumer in the Minster-yard. Round the verge was this inscription, in old capitals: MORTARIUM · SCI · JOHIS · EWANGEL · DE · INFIRMARIA · BE · MARIE · EBOR · FR · WILLS · DE · TOVTHORP · ME · FECIT · A · D · MCCC · VIII

Unde ego frater Stephanus, hujus sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filius, nullis meis præcedentibus meritis, sed sola Dei gratia fratrumque meorum unanimi mihi faventium electione abbas constitutus, qualiter ad hunc gradum pervenerim, vel qualiter ecclesia sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci cui, Deo auctore, primus abbas datus sum, fundata sit, ad posterorum memoriam literis mandare curavi, ut sciant præsentis et futuri posteri nostri, qui vel quales nostræ ecclesiæ fundatores, et quantas invidorum turbinibus impulsæ sustinuerit perturbationes. Anno Domini *mlxxviij.* regnante Anglorum rege, prudentia et armis strenuissimo viro, Willielmo, qui Angliam ditioni subjecit suæ, anno duodecimo regni ejus pontificante apud Eborum domino Thoma archiepiscopo, ego Stephanus, abdicatis pro Christo voluptatibus carnis, atque abjectis secularibus curis, de naufragio hujus seculi vix evasi, atque habitum monachicæ religionis apud Wyttebeiam, sicut postea declarabitur suscepi. Eo namque in loco quidam fratres, tunc temporis heremiticam vitam ducentes, ipsum locum in melius renovare cupiebant, qui priscis temporibus religiosorum virorum ac feminarum conversatione, ac prædiorum ampla possessione, fuit honorabilis, modò verò pene ad nichilum redactus erat, barbarorum ac prædonum incursionibus diversis, vel aliis fortè, quas nescio, malis causis.

Hiis verò fratribus quibus sociatus sum, præerat quidam Renfridus, bonis pollens moribus, virtutum cælestium dote insignitus, qui cujus meriti apud Deum fuerit testantur ejus opera, multis ejus vestigia sequi volentibus in ævum profutura.

Is quippe apud locum qui Gerva dicitur, in Northumbrorum partibus, priùs aliquanto tempore commoratus, ibique divinæ contemplationi vacans solitarius extitit, necnon postea multis sibi sociatis fratribus, qui ejus desiderio ad eum confluerant, Deo nostro sub districtione regulæ viriliter aliquandiu deservivit. Locus autem ille, quamvis ad ejus introitum fuisset ferarum et avium habitatio, olim tamen in eo extitit servorum Dei inibi degentium fertilis constipatio, inter quos etiam venerabilis presbiter Beda floruit, qui multa scripturarum sacramenta per Spiritum Sanctum disserens ad edificationem fidelium imperpetuum dereliquit.

Prædictus ergo Renfridus, desiderii sui non immemor, cum fratres qui cum eo morabantur in disciplinis regularibus instructos vidisset religionis monasticæ præceptis inhærere, deputans labores vitæ præsentis parvissimos ad comparationem æternæ retributionis, ipsius merentibus valedicens, solitariam vitam ducendi gratiâ Wyttebeiam venit, sed ibi quoque, auditâ ejus fama, plures ei sociati sunt, cum eo perpetualiter manere cupientes, quibus ego quoque conjunctus habitum sanctæ religionis soli Deo vacare cupiens, sub ejus magisterio et prioratu in eodem loco suscepi. Evolutis autem paucis diebus, totius monasterii procuratorem Renfridus pariter omnisque congregatio ipsius annuens consilio et imperio, mihi imposuerunt, ac demum, nescio quo Dei judicio, me invitum diuque repugnantem, tam regis præcepto quam archiepiscoporum venerabilium, Lanfranci videlicet Cantuariensis, Thomæ quoque Eboracensis obedientia sibi elegerunt.

Electus igitur ego abbas, cum vellem locum illum noviter inceptum nullisque rerum mundanarum redditibus refertum, auxiliante Domino, in pristinum honorem renovare, cœperunt multa adversa hujus mundi contra me excrescere, et desiderium meum à cœpto opere retardare. Nam quidam ex baronibus regiis, nomine Willielmus de Percy, qui locum ipsum nobis donaverat, videns locum nostrum nuper desertum in multis meliorari, multa adversa, tam per se quam per suos nobis ingerebat, ac boni pœnitens si quo modo nos ab eo effugare posset, arte qua poterat laborabat. Ex altera verò parte, piratæ maris, ac latrones regionis, quorum multa tunc habebatur copia, longè latèque discurrerent, nobis vim inferebant, quæ habere poteramus rapiebant, atque ad ultimum una nocte conglobati, facto impetu, omnes nos in fugam convertentes, omnia nostra diripuerunt, ac sublatis omnibus, quosdam ex nobis captos, ad ignotas terras perduxerunt. Ob quam rem usque ad mortem contristati, imminens periculum aliquo modo vitare cupientes, quæcunque nobis molesta erant regi intimare decrevimus, qui benigno satis ut erat miserationis affectu, necessitatibus

nostris propter Deum compatiens, promptum se ac voluntarium nobis ad subveniendum exhibuit.

Erat verò non longè à Wyttebeia in ipsius regis dominio locus quidam, qui vocatur Lestingham, tum nimirum vacans, sed olim monachorum in eo habitantium frequentia et religione egregius. Hunc ergo locum, à rege nobis datum, paulatim restaurare, et quæ habitationi monachicæ erant necessaria, cœpimus ædificare, quatinus scilicet prædictus Willielmus de Percy in cujus prædio morabamur, vel alii eo minus nobis adversa aliqua inferre præsumerent, quo nos refugium aliquod professioni nostræ congruum sub ipsius regis manu et ditione habere agnoviscent.

Cumque post hæc opportunitatis tempus adesset, quo manus pontificalis impositionem et abbatis benedictionem suscipere deberem, subiit animo ut ad Lestingham irem, quia sub sola regis potestate erat monachus professus, ejusdem quoque loci abbas consecraret. Quæ res pariter etiam congregationi nostræ et ipsi regi, dominoque Thomæ archiepiscopo nostro, necnon et omnibus quorum inde consilium querebam, bona et utilis visa est, ac tandem auctore Deo, illis volentibus usque ad actum perducta. At verò sæpe dictus Willielmus, sicut antea consueverat, et postea quoque, molestus nobis et adversus vehementer existerat, atque ut dictum est, de prædio suo in quo adhuc conventiculum nostrum degebat, modis omnibus expellere laborabat. Unde ego nimio dolore percussus, justiciarios regni hujus frequenter adire, miseriam nostram et oppressionem multorum auribus insinuare et auxilium adversum opprimentes nos flagitare compulsus sum; sed neque ita quicquam proficiens, tandem usque in Normanniam, in qua rex simul et Willielmus de Percy tunc fortè morabantur, transfretare, et qualiter nostra in pace ulterius haberemus, precibus apud regem, et modis quibus poteram, satagere curavi, et ita demum, accepto pacis chirographo, ad propria reversus, non longo tempore, cum nostris, et de nostris pacem optinui. Exarsit quippe, ex eo tempore multo vehementius adversum nos, animus et ira Willielmi, et quoadusque penitus nos de Wittebeya effugasset, pacem diuturnam vel quietem habere non permisit. Quid multa? hiis namque exigentibus causis, postremò tam ingruentium pressurarum longa molestia attriti, quam inevitabili totiens memorati Willielmi violentia coacti, jam quidem publicè et injustè ablata nobis Wyttebeya, ad prædictum locum qui dicitur Lestingham, ibi saltem manere cupientes, per jussionem regis transmigravimus. Sed quia non est via hominis in manu ejus, aliter de nobis omnipotens Deus disponebat, et quæ corporibus animabusque nostris profutura imperpetuum erant, salubriter preparabat. Nam ibi quoque, nescio quo Dei judicio, latrones circumquaque debacchantes nos persecuti sunt, et res nostras sæpè rapientes, mœrore irradicibili corda nostra perfuderunt.

Erat eo tempore quidam comes, nomine Alanus, nobiliorum Britannicæ prosapia exortus, Eudonis videlicet nobilis comitis Britannicæ filius, cum essem in seculo familiariter mihi in amicitia conjunctus; qui morum probitate ac divitiis hujus seculi valdè pollebat, atque quandam ecclesiam in honore S. Olavi constructam juxta civitatem Eboraci habebat; cui cum omnes nostræ persecutionis actus anxius enarrarem, nostræ pusillanimitati compassus, præfatam ecclesiam cum quatuor acris terræ, ad construendas officinas, nobis se daturum promisit; atque ut in ipsa ecclesia, inprimis licentia à rege accepta, sedem abbatie nostræ propter loci munitionem transferemus, dulciter persuasit, promittens se nobis, in multis, auxilium daturum, asserens etiam cives urbis ad quæque nobis agenda prope in auxilium fore. De qua re lætus effectus, cum bonam voluntatem ac promissionem comitis regi referrem, libenter rex assensum præbuit, ut, quia in eadem civitate iniquitas super habundaverat, multusque sanguis plus quam in cæteris Anglorum civitatibus effusus erat, divinæ lumen religionis in ea in eternum splenderet, atque ut homines barbari religiosorum virorum, qui in ea nostris, et multis post nos temporibus futuris erant, humillima conversatione et exemplis assueti, fidem veram cælesti Domino ac terrestri regi servare discerent, et ut bonis operibus insistentes animas suas crebra visione eorum et allocutione servare valerent. Hiis itaque secundum quod rex disposuerat, et prædictus comes promiserat, peractis, adversarius noster

diabolus etiam nos ex hoc loco expellere animum archiepiscopi nostri Thomæ adversum nos in iram accendit, atque super quatuor acras terræ, quas nobis comes ad construendas officinas dederat, calumpniam movit, disens eandem terram esse de beneficio suæ ecclesiæ, nosque eam per secularem potestatem injuste possidere. Quam calumpniam cum comiti Alano retulissem apud London, postea, coram rege et multitudine episcoporum, abbatum, atque baronum regis, præfatus comes Alanus eandem terram sui juris esse dirationavit, atque adhuc contradicenti archiepiscopo rex aliam terram in excambium, ut deinceps nobiscum pacem firmissimam haberet, se daturum esse promisit.

Post non multum verò temporis, mortuus est Willielmus rex Anglorum, cui successit Willielmus filius ejus in regnum, pietatem ac devotionem paternam retinens erga nos ac locum nostrum; qui cum non multò post ordinaturus de statu regni sui, magna procerum palatii multitudine vallatus Eboracum venisset, ecclesiam nostram, in qua tunc temporis morabamur, adiit, vidensque quod brevis et angusta nobis ad habitandum esset, terram ad jaciendum fundamentum alterius (ecclesiæ) primus apparuit; terras etiam (quas hic inserere non est necessarium) ad sustentationem monachorum ecclesiæ nostræ, liberas et quietas ab omni regali exactione perpetualiter possidendas tradidit atque ipsam ecclesiam nostram, cum omni possessione sua, regalis præcepti pagina, sigillo etiam regali, sicut moris est, cartæ impresso, liberam et quietam esse, in æternum confirmavit.

Comes etiam Alanus burgum quem extra civitatem, juxta ipsam civitatem habebat, libenter, annuente rege, nobis in perpetuum donavit, atque advocatorem abbatiæ nostræ in manus regis tradens, ut deinceps defensor et advocatus noster existeret, ipsum postulavit et postulando impetravit.

Actum est hoc anno incarnationis Dominicæ mxxxviiij.

Paucis admodum diebus transactis, mortuus est amicus noster comes Alanus. Atque rex, pro ejus anima, villas quæ dicuntur Cliftona et Overtona nobis dedit, quæ erant de beneficio ejus.

Interfuerunt foundationi etiam nostræ multi ex primoribus palatii, quorum ista sunt nomina. Thomas archiepiscopus. Odo Bajocensis episcopus ipsius regis patruus. Godefridus Constantiensis episcopus, qui eo quoque tempore Northanhumbrore consulum regebat, Willielmus Dunelmensis episcopus, comes Alanus, Odo comes de Campania, Willielmus comes de Warrenna, Henricus comes de Bello Monte, et multi alii nobiles quos hic inserere longum est.

Posthæc Thomas archiepiscopus videns nos magis ac magis de die in diem proficere invidiorum, ut plerique testantur, consilio impulsus, pro quatuor acris terræ supradictæ semper calumpniam movebat, nec ab intentione animi revocans nos quiescere in ullo permittebat.

Cumque super hæc Willielmum regem, senioris regis Willielmi filium consulerem, postulans etiam ut quod pater ejus de hoc archiepiscopo olim promiserat, ipse diutius reddere non differet; tandem in Nativitate Domini, in concilio apud Gloucestriam, ecclesiam sancti Stephani sitam in Eboraco, et quicquid ad eam pertinebat, rex Thomæ archiepiscopo, pro illis quatuor acris terræ, in excambium imperpetuum possidendam tradidit, atque calumpniam supradictæ terræ coram omnibus werpirie^a fecit. Et ne hoc aliquo modo oblivioni traderetur, rex scriptum regali sigillo signatum, tam archiepiscopo Thomæ, quam nobis fecit, quatinus non solum archiepiscopus Thomas, verum etiam successores ejus ecclesiam sancti Stephani sitam in Eboraco, cum rebus suis, pro illis quatuor acris terræ perpetuo jure possideant.

Actum est hoc in consilio apud Glocestriam, audientibus istis et videntibus quorum nomina hic inserta sunt. Anselmus Cantuar. archiepiscopus, Thomas Eboraci archiepiscopus, Willielmus Dunelmi episcopus, Robertus Cestrie episcopus, Robertus Herefordie episcopus, Osmundus Salesbrie episcopus, Walchelinus Wintonie episcopus, Mauritijs London. episcopus, Herbertus Tedfordie episcopus, Johannes Sumbresetæ episcopus, Gundulfus Rofecestrie

episcopus, Robertus Lincoln. episcopus, Herveus Sancti David episcopus, Radulphus Cicestrie episcopus, Thorstanus Glastoniae abbas, Gilbertus Westmonasterii abbas, Willielmus Cernæ abbas, Ingolfus Croilandie abbas, Rinaldus Abbendonie abbas, Godefridus Malmesbrie abbas, Serlo Gloucestrie abbas, Walterus Evesham. abbas, Hugo comes de Montegomerii, Ernulphus filius ejus, Bernardus de Novo-mercato, Normannus de Arecy, Durandus archidiaconus, Hugo decanus Eboracensis, Gilbertus archiepiscopi Thomæ capellanus, Osmundus archiepiscopi Thomæ dapifer.

Ego autem Stephanus abbas, perpendens quàm magnum malum sit Christianos et maxime divine religionis lumine insignitos, abinvicem discrepare, volens archiepiscopi animum nostri Thomæ, modis omnimodis placabilem facere, dedi ei sponte adhuc duas carucatas terræ, unam in Clifton, aliam in Heslington, quatinus archiepiscopus Thomas ejusque canonici deinceps pacem firmissimam nobiscum habeant, et ut nullam amplius nobis, summo regi Deo in quiete militare volentibus, de hac re calumpniam moveant. Volens verò posteris nostris notum facere, de quantis tribulationibus nos liberavit omnipotens Dominus, scripturam hanc ad omnium memoriam componere studui, quatinus præsentis et futuri hujus loci nostri habitatores pro me precibus indefessis Deum nostrum exorent, et ut sciant qualiter ecclesia nostra fundata sit, vel quantis turbinationibus impulsæ, divina nos protegente gratia, magis ac magis aucta et multiplicata sit per Christum Dominum nostrum.

Anno mclxx. eodem anno scilicet ix. kal. Apr. in vigilia Annuntiationis Mariæ, dominus abbas beatæ Mariæ Eboraci assedit cum calce, dataque benedictione, conventu circumstante, primum lapidem in fundo novi chori ejusdem monasterii cujus fundum erat novem pedum in altitudine et in aliqua parte xxiiij. pedum, et xxvj. pedum.

In festo vero Cathedræ sancti Petri ejusdem anni accidente per diem cinerum, dictus abbas assedit super terram primam petram modo quo supra.

Et eodem anno, scilicet anno lxxvj.^b idem assedit cum calce primum lapidem de columpnis ejusdem chori corporis.

ANNO m.cclxiiij. scilicet ad Pentecosten empta est villa de Buton, de domino Hugone de Neville per prædictum Simonem abbatem. Cujus manerium combustum fuit iiij. nonas Aprilis, anno m.lxxv.^c unde remotum est manerium in alium locum à dicta villa remotiorem.

NUM. II.

De Constructione Ecclesiæ. et Fundis eò collatis.

[Ex vetusta memb. in Turri S. Mariæ Eboraci, an. 1628.]

ANNO Domini millesimo octogesimo nono Willielmus Rufus rex Angliæ et filius Willielmi regis et conquestoris Angliæ, anno regni sui secundo, tenuit parliamentum suum apud Eboracum, ubi tunc, ad rogatum præclarissimi viri, Stephani comitis Richmundiæ, in propria persona, cum magnatibus, et proceribus suis ad monasterium sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci accessit (quod quidem monasterium, præfatus comes prius inchoaverat) vidensque ipsum nimis esse angustum, ecclesiam mutavit, et nomen ecclesiæ; ipseque primum lapidem posuit, et pro nomine sancti Olavi sanctæ Mariæ nomen contulit, et multa beneficia ac prædia dedit, et donationes Willielmi Conquestoris patris sui, et aliorum dominorum suorum, cum libertatibus, et liberis consuetudinibus cartâ regali confirmavit. In qua (inter cætera) talis habetur mentio, scil. 'Comes verò Alanus post me, et patrem meum hujus abbatiæ inceptor, &c. dedit, &c. ecclesiam Caterici^d et decimas castelliæ suæ per totam castellariam, et per totum Eborashire, præter partem ecclesiarum Francigenarum suarum, de illis terris, quas ab illo tenent in præscripta castellaria, &c.'

[Ibid.]

RIBALDUS, frater comitis Richmundiæ, et dominus de Middelham, qui simul cum ipso comite venit ad conquestum, inter cætera, dedit monasterio sanctæ Mariæ de Eboraco, et Stephano primo abbati in puram, et perpetuam elemosi-

^a for. werpiri, i. abjicere.

^b legend. for. 1276.

^c legend. for. 1275.

^d Caterike.

nam, &c. aliquas terras et mansuras juxta Richmond, videlicet tres bovatas terræ in Esby, cum pertinentiis. Et in inquisitione facta per dominum Johannem de Kyrkby, et socios suos justiciarios, de quo waranto, abbas sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci clamat habere terras et libertates, &c. Juratores, &c.

Item canonici de sancta Agatha tenent immediate de Roaldo constabulario, fundatore suo, et ipse Roaldus de comite Richmundiæ, et comes de rege, ut in libro vocato Domesday, et in Kirkbyes Inquest. Item secundum Cronicos autenticos, anno Domini mclxij. ordo Premonstratensis habuit initium. Et anno Domini mclxlvj. idem ordo primo venit in Angliam, videlicet, ad Anwick in Northumberland, anno regni Stephani quarto: et sic possumus prescribere per quinque annos. Item Eugenius tertius papa, inter cætera, confirmat cellam sancti Martini, cum suis appenditiis, et ecclesiam Caterici, cum suis capellis, cujus datum est tertio idus Augusti, indictione decima incarnationis Domini mclxlvj. pontificatus papæ octavo.

Item Eugenius tertius papa mclxlvj. confirmat ecclesiam de Richmond, et capellam de Castello, cum omnibus quæ ad eas pertinent per totam castellariam.

Item inquiratur qualiter dicti canonici capellam sive heremitorium de Bordelbi primitus obtinuerunt, et utrum ante Conquestum dictum Bordelbi, pro lupanari habebatur. Post Conquestum dicta capella, sive heremitorium, per abbatem sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci dictis canonicis propter fratres suos leprosos, intuitu caritatis fuerat collatum, ut creditur.

[Ibid.]

MEMORANDUM, quod dominus Galfridus de Hudwell dedit monasterio S. Mariæ Eboraci, et priori sancti Martini juxta Richmondiam, quandam culturam, de dominio suo, vocatum vulgariter Rambelridding, prout includitur, &c.

Et Johannes filius dicti domini Galfridi dat, et concedit, per cartam suam, Roberto de Scotia, totum vastum ad capitalia dominia terrarum quondam patris sui, domini Galfridi prædicti, tam in bosco quàm in plano, tam in bovatis quam in dominicis, exceptis culturis sancti Martini.

Item prior sancti Martini habet prædictam culturam de Rambelridding ut supra, de dono patris sui. Unde patet quod omne vastum, ad capitalia ejusdem culturæ versus boream et alibi, ac ad omnia capita culturarum suarum, pertinet ac pertinere debet dicto priori ut patet per cartam dicti domini Galfridi cum clausa warranti.

Item in carta regis Henrici, filii Willielmi regis, habetur talis clausula: Ut ne alicujus hæres vel successor quærat relevamen, vel dominium aliquod, præter elemosinam, de elemosinis quas aliquis dedit prædictæ abbatissæ. Et nos habemus omnes terras, et tenementa nostra, datas in puram et perpetuam elemosinam. Unde patet quod omnia vasta in terris nostris, et in fines earundem, nostra sunt et non alterius cujuscunque domini.

NUM. III.

Carta Willielmi II. Regis exemplificata.

[Pat. de an. 35 Edw. I. memb. 41.]

Rex omnibus ad quos, &c. salutem. Inspeximus cartam bonæ memoriæ domini Willielmi quondam regis Angliæ, progenitoris nostri, in hæc verba: Willielmus Anglorum rex, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, justiciariis, et omnibus hominibus suis et ministris per Angliam salutem. Sciatis, quod ego Willielmus Anglorum rex filius W. Anglorum regis, et Normannorum ducis, pro salute animæ meæ, pro salute quoque animarum Edwardi regis, et Willielmi regis patris mei, matrisque meæ Matildis reginæ, necnon pro statu regni mei, consilio et assensu Eboracen. archiepiscopi, qui aliquando inde movit questionem, autorizo sanctæ Mariæ Eborac. cænobii ecclesiam et situm loci ipsius cænobii, quantum est de extra civitatem, à Galmon usque ad filum aquæ Usiæ, cum sede molendini. Et confirmo et concedo in puram elemosinam, et dono Stephano abbati, et successoribus ejus, et prædicto cænobio, terras, ecclesias, decimas, silvas, plana, stagna, molendina, et alias

possessiones suas possidendas liberas et quietas ab omni terreno servicio in perpetuam possessionem, cum eisdem legibus, libertatibus, et dignitatibus, et consuetudinibus, quas habet ecclesia sancti Petri Eboraci, vel ecclesia sancti Johannis Beverlaci, aut sicut aliqua ecclesia in tota Anglia magis est libera, sit et hæc libera, et omnes terræ ad eam pertinentes, quas nunc habet, vel quas rationabiliter adquirere poterit: unde quædam hic subscribuntur.

Willielmus itaque pater meus dedit abbatissæ supra dictæ in Apilton iiij. carucatas terræ, in Northmanby tres, in Spanton duas, in Lestingham tres, in Eboraco ecclesiam sancti Michaelis, et sex mansuras terræ et quod Hernegrinus monachus tenuit, hoc est, Paines Thorp, et quicquam habuit in Kirkeby, et in Hunkelby et in Eboraco duas mansuras terræ, et ecclesiam S. Salvatoris. Ego quoque ex augmento doni mei addidi in Grimiston iiij. carucatas terræ et dimid. comes vero Alanus, post me et patrem meum hujus abbatissæ inceptor et institutor, dedit ecclesiam S. Olavi, in qua capud abbatissæ in honorem sanctæ Mariæ melius constitutum est, et burgum in quo ecclesia sita est, a Galmon versùs Cliftonam, et versùs aquam ix. carucatas terræ in Clifton et dimid. et villam de Sutton in Hoilandia: ecclesiam sancti Botulphi et quod ei pertinet, et unam carucatam terræ et sedem molendini: ecclesias Gillyng, Katricii, et decimas de dominio castellariæ suæ. Berengerus de Toden dedit in Lestingham unam carucatam terræ, in Spantona sex, in Misperton-Kirkeby viij. carucatas terræ et dimid. in Dalby iij. in Stakelden sex bovatas, in Lyndeshay unam carucatam terræ, et in Binnebrok ecclesiam, et iiij. vinz acras. Hugo Baldrici filius, in Hoton viij. carucatas terræ, in Northmanby iij. In Misperton iij. Osbertus de Arches, in Popelton iiij. carucatas terræ, in Apilton iij. et sedem molendini. In Hesei ij. et dimidiam. Odo balistarius in Grimiston iiij. carucatas terræ et dimid. Gilbertus de Gant in Fereby x. bovatas. W. de Stois ecclesiam et unam carucatam terræ in Banham. Ilbertus de Lacy in Strettona et in Gereford v. carucatas terræ et dimid. et ecclesiam.

Omnes istæ terræ, vel quas imposterum rationabiliter adquirere poterit prædicta abbacia, vel maneria, vel cellæ, vel quæcunque possessiones, sint quietæ de placitis et querelis et murthero, et latrocinio, et scutagio, et geldis et danegeldis, et hidagiis, et de operationibus castellorum, et pontium, et parcorum, et de ferdwyta. Concedo insuper eidem abbatissæ pacis fracturam et pugnam in domo factam, et domus invasionem, et omnes assultus hominum suorum, et soc et sac, et tol et tem, et infangthef et utfangthef. Concedo insuper, ut post obitum abbatis ejusdem ecclesiæ, ex eadem congregatione eligatur alius. Et si vicecomites vel ministri eorum habent querelam contra homines sanctæ Mariæ, dicant abbati Eboraci, et statuta die veniant ad hostium sanctæ Mariæ, et ibi habeant rectum de omnibus querelis. Et non eant homines sanctæ Mariæ, nec ire cogantur ad comitatus, vel schiras, vel trydinges, vel wapintakes, vel hundrez. Testibus comite Alano, Milone Crispin. Quam quidem cartam propter vetustatem ejusdem et debilitatem sigilli eidem cartæ appositum exemplificandam duximus per præsentem, quas sigillo nostro fecimus consignari. Teste rege apud Lanrecost primo die Januarii. Dupp.

NUM. IV.

Carta Stephani Comitissæ Britannicæ.

[Pat. 10 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 11, per Inspex.]

STEPHANUS Dei gratia comes Britannicæ, omnibus audientibus et videntibus literas has, tam præsentibus quàm futuris, salutem. Notum sit vobis me dedisse et concessisse ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, villam quæ vocatur Fusaforda, cum tota soca sua, quietam et liberam ab omni terreno servicio. Non solum autem hanc prædictam elemosinam, set et omnes tenuras et beneficia, scilicet in ecclesiis, terris, decimis, stagnis, aquis, pratis, molendinis, et foris, silvis, quæ antecessores mei, comites, vel ego ipse vel hæredes de feodo nostro prædictæ abbatissæ dederunt, concedo ab omni terreno servicio quietam et liberam, præter orationes et elemosinas, imperpetuum eidem abbatissæ

possidenda, pro anima domini Willielmi regis, et pro salute domini mei Henrici regis, et pro anima mea et comitissæ meæ, et liberorum meorum, et omnium fidelium defunctorum. Quæ subscribuntur hîc.

Ecclesiæ de Ricamunda et capella de Castello, cella sancti Martini, ecclesia de Cateris, et de Boletona, ecclesia de Gillinga, et una carucata terræ, et ecclesia de Forseta, et capella de Curtuna et de Argum: ecclesia de Rasweswaht, et una carucata terræ: ecclesia de Croft, et quarta pars ejusdem villæ. In Sivituna quinque carucatas terræ, et ecclesia ejusdem villæ: ecclesia de Patricbruntuna, et una carucata terræ: ecclesia de Torentuna, et una carucata terræ: ecclesia de Houceswell, et una carucata terræ: in Scottana quatuor carucatæ terræ: Parvam Daneby cum pertinentiis; quatuor carucatæ terræ in Langathorne, et in Finagala una carucata terræ: in Risewicke dimidium carucatæ terræ: villa quæ vocatur Bringestuna, et ecclesia ejusdem villæ: ecclesia de Hornabi, et una carucata terræ: ecclesia de Mideltona. Præterea, decimæ de dominiis meis sive hominum meorum castellariæ meæ de Ricamonda, præter partem ecclesiarum. In Hoilandia ecclesia sancti Botulphi et quod ei pertinet, et una carucata terræ in Scirebec et sedes molendini.

Concedo etiam præfatis monachis, ut in tempore nundinarum in cimiterio prædictæ ecclesiæ sancti Botulphi, et extra cimiterium suum in tota terra sua ejusdem villæ, commodum suum sine aliquo impedimento mei vel meorum pro libito suo faciant in perpetuum. In Grantabrigescira, in Heselingfelt duas hidas terræ, et decima mea de Basingburg, et de Abitona, et de Lintona, et de Witrena: et in Norfolcia decima de Lins. Hæc itaque omnia cum pertinentiis suis, et si quæ alia vel prædecessores mei comites, vel ego postea, vel homines de feodo nostro abbatiæ sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci dederunt, confirmo et præsentis chartæ testimonio corrobore, et illibata prædictis monachis et eorum usibus in perpetuum fore censeo, sicut aliqua abbatia in tota Anglia meliùs vel liberiùs aliquas elemosinas possidet.

Hanc verò chartæ auctoritatem, et sigilli mei confirmationem, si quis hæredum meorum, vel quilibet alius, diabolico furore instigatus, violare vel infirmare præsumserit, nisi citò emendaverit, maledictionem Dei et mei et omnis cœlorum militiæ, et totius catholicæ ecclesiæ possideat. Hæc omnia in die sepelicionis Johannis episcopi nepotis mei, in capitulo ejusdem ecclesiæ, coram abbate Galfrido et omnibus fratribus concessi, dedi, et perhenniter confirmavi, testimonio Conani archidiaconi, Richardi de Rullos, Radulphi Talebos, Scotlandi, Acharie, Wigani, Landrici filii Randulphi canonici Lington cognati mei, Goffridi de Silli, Brusselli capellani prædicti episcopi, Gocebini, magistri Thomæ, Fattegar, Hervei Ribaldi filii.

NUM. V.

Carta Regis Henrici Secundi.

[Ex Registro Cartarum Abbatæ S. Mariæ Eboraci in Bibliotheca Deuvesiana an. 1646; hodie (sc. A. D. 1821). MS. Harl. Mus. Brit. 236, fol. 6 b.]

HENRICUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ et dux Normanniæ et Aquitaniæ et comes Andegaviæ, omnibus archiepiscopis, &c. per Angliam salutem. Sciatis quod ego Henricus rex Angliæ pro salute animæ meæ, &c. concedo et dono in puram elemosinam Savarico abbati et successoribus ejus, et abbatiæ beatæ Mariæ Eboraci et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, terras, ecclesias, &c. liberas et quietas ab omni terreno servicio, in perpetuam possessionem, cum soch et sach et tol et theam et infangenthef, cum eisdem legibus et dignitatibus et libertatibus et consuetudinibus quas habet ecclesia sancti Petri Eboraci vel ecclesia S. Johannis Beverlaci: et nominatim quando Eboracscira fuerit summonita ire in exercitu regis, tunc inveniet prædictus abbas unum hominem tantum in exercitu regis cum vexillo S. Mariæ, sicut faciunt supradictæ ecclesiæ. Et ne eant homines S. Mariæ ad shiras vel tridingas vel wappentac. vel hundred. si etiam vicecomites vel ministri eorum habeant querelam contra homines S. Mariæ, dicant abbati et statuto die veniant in curia S. Mariæ, et ibi habeant rectum de capitali placito suo, et S. Mariæ habeat quicquid pertinet

ad curiam suam. Et ne alicujus hæres vel successor quærat relevamen vel aliquid dominium præter orationes et preces et elemosinam animæ suæ de beneficiis et elemosinis quas aliquis dedit prædictæ abbatiæ. Qui subscribuntur hîc. Willielmus itaque proavus, rex Angliæ, dedit abbatiæ supradictæ in Appultona quatuor carucatas terræ, in Normanby tres, in Spauntona duas, in Lestingham tres, in Eboraco ecclesiam S. Michaelis et quatuor mansuras terræ, et hoc quod Hernegrinus monachus tenuit, hoc est Pavescheria, et quicquid habuit in Kirekeby et Hunkelbye, quatuor carucatas terræ et sex bovatas, et in Eboraco duas mansuras terræ, et ecclesiam S. Salvatoris, in Huntynghona i. carucatam terræ, et ad Muncabridge unam carucatam terræ.

Willielmus quoque rex filius ejus qui etiam abbatiam illam in loco ubi modo sita est propria manu fundavit, dedit in Grymstona quatuor carucatas terræ, et dimidiam carucatam et villam de Elmeswelle.

Henricus verò rex avus meus dedit Ufflet et quicquid ei pertinet, et hoc quod est inter Ufflet et Ayrmyrn, et in Haldenby quantum habuit. Alanus comes Rufus, ecclesiam S. Olavi et burgum in quo ecclesia sita est, ubi à Willielmo rege abbatia competentius fundata est, quam apud Lestingham fuit, et in Hoylanda ecclesiam sancti Bothulphi et quod pertinet ad unam carucatam terræ in Skyrbeck, et sedem molendini, et ecclesiam Catricii, et ecclesiam de Richemund et capellam de castello, et decimas de dominio castellariæ suæ quam tenet in Eboracschira præter partem ecclesiarum; necnon etiam dedit tertiam partem decimarum hominum suorum de illis terris quas sub eo tenent in prædicta castellaria.

Alanus comes Niger ecclesiam de Gillinge, et unam carucatam terræ, et quicquid eidem ecclesiæ pertinet, et decimas suam de Basyngburgh, et in Heselyngfeld, duas hydas terræ, et in Skeltona duas carucatas terræ.

Stephanus (de Albemarla) Fulfordam cum tota soca sua, et Fostunam, et in Hiepetuna, et Chedestorp, et in Ascryk, duas carucatas terræ, in Acastra quinque bovatas, et in alia Fulford undecim bovatas terræ, in Thornton duas carucatas terræ, in Flaxtona undecim bovatas, in Bulford tres carucatas terræ, in Alwaldethorp unam carucatam terræ.

Odo comes (de Campania) et Stephanus filius ejus, manerium Horneshay, et ecclesiam ejusdem villæ, et Mararam ejus piscaturam et Thorp ibi juxta.

Berengerius de Todeneye in Lestingham unam carucatam terræ, in Spaunton sex, in Kyrkeby-Misperton octo et dimidiam, in Dalby tres, in Skakeldena sex bovatas terræ, in Lyndesey in Bek unam carucatam terræ, in Bynbruc quater-viginti acras terræ.

Hugo Baldrici filius, in Hotona octo carucatas terræ, in Normanby tres carucatas terræ, et in Kyrkeby-Misperton tres.

Osbernus de Arches in Populton tres carucatas et dimidiam. In Apilton tres et sedem molendini. In Hesteieia duas carucatas terræ et dimidiam, et in Eboraco duas mansuras terræ.

Odo Balistarius in Grimstona quatuor carucatas terræ et dimidiam et decimas suas de Scarpinbek et de Bugathorp.

Gilbertus de Gaunt in Fereby decem bovatas terræ.

Gilbertus Tisun in Runthorp tres carucatas terræ.

Alanus comes *Cellam* de ROMBURGH cum pertinentiis suis.

Normannus de Arcy in Brunnum tres carucatas terræ.

Lewinus monachus in Japum quatuordecim bovatas terræ, in Eboraco, i. mansuram terræ.

Wulstanus presbiter in Cauuda unam bovatom terræ.

Willielmus de Hestois ecclesiam de Banham, et j. carucatam terræ, cum ecclesia de Wylweby, et decimis de dominiis. Ostredus in Midletona unam carucatam terræ, in Dibe unam carucatam terræ.

Bareth filius Corby in Semera i. car. terræ.

Ilbertus de Laci in Mertona et in Gerford quinque carucatas terræ et dimidiam et ecclesiam quæ in eadem terræ de Gerford sita est.

Odo camerarius quatuor carucatas terræ in Langthorp et unam in Fingala.

Dunwald dimidiam carucatam terræ in Rysewyk.

Bardulfus ecclesiam de Pateryke-Brumpton, et i. carucatam terræ et ecclesiam de Ravenswath, et unam carucatam terræ.

Hervy, Mersk, et Flet.

Wymarus dapifer capellam sancti Martini de Riche-
mond et i. carucatam terræ; in Edelyngthorp quatuor carucatas terræ, et ecclesiam de Thornton, et dimidiam carucatam terræ. In Forseta i. carucatam terræ, et in Mitona quatuor carucatas terræ et decimam suam de Wera.

Robertus de Stutevilla in Edelyngthorp i. carucatam terræ. In Harton duodecim carucatas terræ, et decimas de dominio suo de Cukewald et Honingham, Kirkeby, Buttercram, et Straynham, et Langtuna; et unam bovatom terræ, in quaque villa, in Cucewald autem duas.

Robertus de Maisnil et Robertus de Stutavilla octo carucatas terræ in Mitona.

Et Robertus del Maisnil in Suttona duodecim bovatas terræ.

Galfridus Murdac in eadem villa duodecim bovatas terræ.

Oclemannus duas carucatas terræ in Knapton.

Enisant Musard ecclesiam de Croft, et quartam partem ejusdem villæ, id est, quatuor carucatas terræ.

Willielmus de la Mara i. carucatam terræ in Danby.

Hardwyn des Eschalers in Smethton quatuor carucatas terræ, et ecclesiam ejusdem villæ; et Bernald unam carucatam terræ in eadem villa.

Hernegrinus monachus Kyrkeby in Hundelvesdale, ecclesiam ejusdem villæ.

Berengerius de Todenei novem carucatas terræ, et dimidiam in Finmara, et quatuor carucatas terræ in Hunkleby et decimam suam de Dalton et juxta Chevermunt dimidiam carucatam terræ.

Willielmus Peverell octo carucatas terræ in Rudstan.

Hugo duodecim bovatas terræ in Scamston.

Robertus de Insula et uxor ejus Albreda in eadem villa alias duodecim bovatas terræ.

Walding i. carucatam terræ in Sproxtona.

Radulphus Painel sex carucatas terræ et unam bovatom in Millingtona, et in Hugeth ecclesiam et decimam suam, et terram ecclesiæ, et septem bovatas terræ in Howald.

Gilbertus duas carucatas terræ in Folkewarethorp.

Rogerus Hovechel in Gartuna dimidiam carucatam terræ et decem acras et decimam suam.

Robertus de Vescy duas bovatas terræ in Suthferiby.

Ivo de Vescy duas carucatas terræ in Gilling in Ridale.

Petrus de Ros duas carucatas terræ in eadem villa, et ecclesiam ejusdem villæ.

Humfredus i. carucatam terræ in Watton.

Rogerus de Sumeri dimidium hidæ terræ in Heselingfeld, et ecclesiam et decimam suam.

Sefredus novem acras terræ in eadem.

Gosfridus Bainard ecclesiam de Burton, et ecclesias et terras quæ ad eam pertinent, id est, de Arpham, et de Foxhola, et de Butterwyk, et decimam suam de Burtona.

Wydo de Baillol ecclesiam et unam carucatam terræ in Stocalea, et ecclesiam de Skaintuna et duas bovatas terræ, et ecclesiam de Gaynford cum suis pertinentiis.

Robertus de Musters quatuor carucatas, et ecclesiam de Brunnaton.

Ribald quatuor carucatas terræ in eadem villa, et aliquas mansuras juxta Richemonde.

Nigellus Fossard ecclesiam Sanctæ Crucis in Eboraco, et ecclesiam de Doncastro, et quicquid ei pertinet, et sexdecim mansuras terræ in eadem villa, et unam carucatam terræ in Kinermundeshale, et decem bovatas ad moras et i. carucatam terræ in Wermeswricha, et in Cottynghwyth duas carucatas. Et ecclesiam de Hoton, et unam carucatam terræ, in Thorntuna tres carucatas terræ, et ecclesiam de Baynetun, et unam carucatam terræ et decimas suas, et in Doncastro, et circa Doncastrum decimam suam, et in Carthorp quatuor carucatas terræ.

Gilbertus Tisun duas bovatas terræ in Helmelei.

Robertus Andegavensis decimam suam in Hesel et unam bovatom terræ.

Goselinus unam carucatam terræ in Watsanda; in

Eboraco quatuor mansuras terræ; in Lincolia octo mansuras; in Huldelvesdale quatuor carucatas terræ et dimidium.

Gamel de Grymstuna decem bovatas terræ in Kyrkeby.

Willielmus episcopus Dunelmie unam carucatam terræ in Rondaclive.

Ulf Fornesson unam carucatam terræ in Skertenbek. In Hawkeswell ecclesiam et unam carucatam terræ.

Alwredus quatuor bovatas terræ in Wintringtuna; et Rompharus septem bovatas terræ et decem bovatas de soca regis, pro quibus debent reddi quoquo anno xv. sol. et nihil omnino aliud sed quietas haberi.

Rompharus in Osoldby quatuor bovatas, in Osgodby quatuor bovatas terræ.

Picotus in Lincoln ecclesiam sancti Petri.

Normannus unam culturam terræ juxta Lincolniam.

Wygotus totam terram quam habuit in Eboraco in Usgate.

Robertus de Brus Apilton, et quod ad idem manerium pertinet, et Hornby, et totam terram illam quæ est inter prædictum manerium et regiam viam per quam itur de Eboraco ad Dunelmiam, quæ terra fuit de manerio quod Midelton vocatur.

Et in Sunderland-wic duas carucatas terræ, et unum molendinum.

Wiganus de Horneby ecclesiam ejusdem villæ et unam carucatam terræ.

Bertramus de Verduno ecclesiam et duas hidas in Bosward.

Robertus de Bridesdale ecclesiam ejusdem villæ, et quod ei pertinet, et duas carucatas terræ in Steresby.

Ivo Tallebois tres carucatas terræ in Claxtuna, et ecclesiam de Kirkby-Stephan, et tres carucatas terræ et decimam suam. In Wintona duas bovatas terræ, et decimas suas, et ecclesias de Kirkby in Kendal, et terras quæ ad easdem ecclesias pertinent, et villam quæ vocatur Hotonroft et ecclesiam de Bethum, et terram ejus quæ vocatur Haverbek, et ecclesiam de Burtuna cum pertinentiis suis, et unam carucatam terræ, et ecclesiam de Clapham et unam carucatam terræ.

Willielmus Aschetilli filius unum molendinum juxta Bunebroc. Colegrim duas carucatas et dimidium in Beltona, et dua molendina.

Alanus de Croun dimidiam carucatam terræ in eadem villa.

Walterus de Daincourt ecclesiam ejusdem villæ, et tres carucatas et dimidiam, et duo molendina, et decimas suas de Hanawarda, et de Blankanaie, et de Coreby, et de Cotes, et de Turgaston, et de Greneby, et de Hikalinga, et de Cnapthorp, et de Cartuna. Matildis uxor ejus unam carucatam terræ quæ fuit Brutinæ in Corby, et silvam quæ pertinet ad eandem terram. Decimam de dominio de Abbingtuna, et de Lins, et de Thudesham, et decimam Ribaldi de Pikenham de altera Lins; et decimam de Herinthorp, decimam Normanni de Fliccaburh, decimam Gerrardi in Apelby et Gamesthorp, et terram quæ vocatur Northuuda juxta Burtunam in Lincolschira.

Rompharus in Lincolnia, terram suam et domos et unum croftum et unam mansuram terræ.

Anca unam mansuram terræ in comitatu Lincolnensi.

Osbertus Goldrun unam mansuram, et terras et decimas infra murum Lincolnie et extra quas Ermetrude uxor Ricardi et filii eorum dederunt.

Picotus filius Colsuani in Lincolnia duas mansuras terræ et quatuor acras in campis et le Hevedland.

Rompharus, totam terram quam habuit in campis Lincolnie, et pratum quod vocatur Inglanda.

Ascatillus Swata unam mansuram in Lincolnia, Suaneburg tres mansuras et Alexander filius ejus unam, et in Lincolnia terram quam Gerardus tenuit et eam quam Gostardus tenuit in Lincolnia, et duas terras quas Hugo nepos Romphari tenuit, et unam mansuram quam Girardus frater ejusdem Hugonis dedit in Lincolnia, et duas mansuras quas Ailricus frater eorum dedit in Lincolnia, et unam mansuram terræ quam Rodni dedit et unam terram quam Alanus filius Wigoti dedit, quæ videlicet jacet inter terras, et omnes terras quas habent in Lincolnia et in

Eboraco. In Dunsford unam carucatam terræ et dimidiam, in Bramtona duas carucatas.

Gosfridus de Stutavilla insulam de Wreth et piscarias.

Gosfridus de la Wyrch insulam de Santoft.

Willielmus de Warennia insulam de Henes et piscarias ejus.

Robertus filius Meschin. manerium de Wederhal, et ecclesiam ejusdem villæ, cum molendino et piscaria, et boscis, et cæteris pertinentiis, capellam de Warthwyk, terram quæ camera sancti Constantini dicitur. In Corceby duas bovatas terræ. Aquam de Edene versùs Corceby, nec non et ripam versùs Corceby in qua stagnum firmatum est, omnino videlicet liberas et quietas sine diminutione.

Radulphus Meschin ecclesias de Apelby, scilicet sancti Michaelis et sancti Laurentii et terras earum cum decimis de dominiis ejusdem villæ ex utraque parte aquæ.

Adam filius Suani heremum S. Andreæ.

Utredus filius Ligolfi tertiam partem Crogeline cum ecclesia et cæteris pertinentiis, et duas bovatas terræ in Elstuna et molendinum de Stotby.

In Cunctintina dimidiam carucatam terræ. In Saurby decimam de dominio. Enisant filius Walteri unam carucatam terræ quæ fuit Durandi in Colby.

Ketellus filius Elredi ecclesiam de Moyland, et tres carucatas terræ.

Waltheff filius Gospatrici ecclesiam de Brounfeld et corpus ejusdem manerii.

In Salchild decimam de dominio in Coupland.

Willielmus Meschin, Chirkbibeceoch, hoc est septem carucatas terræ cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et ecclesiam S. Bægæ et quicquid ad eam pertinet, sicut carta prædicti Willielmi testatur.

Radulphus filius ejus villam de Ananderdale et dimidiam carucatam terræ in Egermond. Regnaldus faber aliam dimidiam carucatam terræ in eadem villa.

Ketellus filius Elredi ecclesiam de Wirchintuna et duas carucatas terræ, et unum molendinum in eadem villa, et villam de Preston cum bosco et cæteris pertinentiis.

Waltheff filius Gospatrici villam de Stainburn.

Gospatricius filius eorundem villam de Saltergh, et communam in bosco et pastura sua de Whyrkingtona illis qui manent in terra monachorum in eadem villa.

Rogerus filius Gilberti in Hilsingham duas bovatas terræ.

Willielmus filius Gilberti totam terram de Snacheved.

Rainerus dapifer duas bovatas terræ in Rotingtuna.

Godardus dapifer ecclesias de Botle, et de Whittingham, cum tota parochia quæ est inter Esk et parochiam de Millum.

Matildis uxor ejus villam de Amerseta cum omnibus quæ ad eam pertinent.

Willielmus filius Duncani libertatem pannagiorum, et salinarum infra divisas terræ quæ pertinet ad ecclesiam S. Begæ in commune forestæ suæ, tam porcis monachorum quam hominum suorum et terram de Hothneth.

Alanus filius Waldevi duas bovatas terræ in Goseford, et quatuordecim salmone unoquoque anno in Quadragesima, scilicet de piscaria sua de Cocheremutha.

Radulphus de Lindesai ecclesiam de Loveneswater.

Patricius de Gauges dimidiam carucatam terræ in Kyrkeby-Misperton.

In Suttona, juxta pontem de Nortuna, duas carucatas terræ, et duas bovatas. In Bridesghala unum molendinum. In Mortuna tres carucatas terræ.

Turgisius de Rodeham tres carucatas terræ in Nunington.

Walterus de Renningword viginti duas bovatas terræ in Onloneby.

Petrus de Walins unam mansuram terræ in Lundonia.

Berengerius de Todenii ecclesiam de Bunibruc.

Uctredus Ulfson ecclesiam de Mideltona in Richmond-schira.

Hæc itaque omnia subscripta Deo et ecclesiæ prædictæ in perpetuum optinenda, regia autoritate et regali sigillo confirmo sicut hæc præsens carta testatur. Testibus hiis Thoma Cantuariensi archiepiscopo, &c.

NUM. VI.

Carta Conani Ducis Britanniae, &c.

[Pat. 10 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 11, per Inspex. ut supr.]

NOTUM sit omnibus legentibus et audientibus literas has quod ego Conanus, dux Britanniae, et comes Richmondiæ, Alani comitis filius, concessi et dedi et præsentī charta confirmavi ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, pro meipso et pro salute patris et matris meæ, et pro animabus avunculorum patris mei, comitum videlicet Alani Rufi et Alani Nigri, quicquid ipsi avunculi patris mei, comitis, et avus meus, comes Stephanus, et pater meus Alanus dederunt sive confirmaverunt, et quicquid barones mei et vavasores, et milites et drenges dederunt eidem ecclesiæ, et in terris, et in ecclesiis, et in decimis, in foris, in silvis, in planis, et in aquis, in pratis, in pascuis, in piscariis, in stagnis, in molendinis, et nominatim villam de Fuleford, cum tota soca sua, et omnes tenuras et beneficia quæ antecessores mei comites prædictæ abbatiæ dederunt; concedo ab omni terreno servitio quæta et libera, præter orationes et elemosinas, in perpetuum eidem ecclesiæ possidenda. Quæ subscribuntur hic.

Ecclesias de Richemund, et capellam de castello, cellam sancti Martini, ecclesiam de Cateriz, et de Boletona, ecclesiam de Gillinga et unam carucatam terræ, et ecclesiam de Forseta et capellas de Cutuma et de Argum: ecclesiam de Raveneswath et unam carucatam terræ. Ecclesiam de Crofth et quartam partem ejusdem villæ. In Sivituna quinque carucatas terræ et ecclesiam ejusdem villæ. Ecclesiam de Patrichbruntuna et unam carucatam terræ, ecclesiam de Torentina et unam carucatam terræ, ecclesiam de Hocheswella et unam carucatam terræ. In Stoctuna quatuor carucatas terræ. In Daneby unam carucatam terræ. In Langhetorn quatuor carucatas terræ. In Finagala unam carucatam terræ. In Risewyth dimidiam carucatam terræ. Villam quæ vocatur Brimmingstona cum ecclesia ejusdem villæ. Ecclesiam de Horneby et unam carucatam terræ. Ecclesiam de Middeltona: præterea decimas de dominiis meis sive hominum meorum castellarie meæ de Richmund, præter partem ecclesiarum. In Hoiland ecclesiam sancti Botulphi cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et unam carucatam terræ in Scirebec et sedem molendini. Concedo etiam præfatis monachis ut in tempore nundinarum in cimiterio prædictæ ecclesiæ sancti Botulphi, et extra cimiterium in tota terra sua ejusdem villæ, commodum suum sine aliquo impedimento mei vel meorum pro libito suo faciant in perpetuum. In Grantebriggescira, in Heselingafeld duas hidas terræ, et decimam meam de Bassingbur, et de Abbittona, et Lintona, et de Wicre: et in Norfolcia decimam de Lins, et cellam de Romburgh, quam pater meus eidem ecclesiæ dedit, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis.

Hæc itaque omnia, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et si quæ alia vel prædecessores mei comites, vel ego postea, vel homines de feodo nostro præfatæ abbatiæ dederunt, confirmo, et præsentis chartæ testimonio corroboro, et illibata prædictis monachis et eorum usibus in perpetuum fore censeo, sicut aliqua abbatia in tota Anglia melius vel liberius aliquas elemosinas possidet. Hiis testibus, Roberto de Gant, Petro Boterell, Roberto camerario, Hamelino cancellario, Herveo filio Acheris, Gaurnerio filio Summari, David. Lardenario, Willielmo vicecomite, Wigano filio Cades, Gaurfrido Boniface, Willielmo filio Roaldi, Arnaldo clerico, Eudone le mareschall, et aliis multis apud Eboracum.

NUM. VII.

Carta Hugonis filii Baldrici.

[Ex autographo nuper in turri beatæ Mariæ Ebor.]

Ego Hugo filius Baldrici, omnibus fidelibus, tam præsentibus quam futuris, salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse Deo, et abbatiæ sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci, et Stephano abbati et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, quatuor carucatas terræ in Kirchebi-Misperton, et tres carucatas in Normanebi, in Hoton, octo carucatas terræ, in bosco et in plano, in moris et in pascuis,

in stagnis et in aquis, et in omnibus pertinentiis suis, ab aqua Dune usque ad divisam quæ est inter Swantum et Hotun, et in mora usque ad divisam quæ dividit eandem terram à Cliflandia. Hanc elemosinam dedi, ut sit libera et quieta ab omni terreno servitio, pro anima domini mei regis Willielmi, et pro memetipso, et pro animabus omnium parentum meorum. Testibus hiis, Berengario de Thoneio, Willielmo filio Tirri, Roberto capellano, Richardo milite, et aliis multis.

NUM. VIII.

Carta Bernardi de Baillol.

[Ex autographo in bibliotheca Hattoniana.]

BERNARDUS de Baillol omnibus literas istas videntibus atque audientibus, tam clericis quàm laicis, tam præsentiibus quam futuris, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et carta mea confirmasse Deo et ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus ecclesiam de Gainford cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et ecclesiam de castello Bernardi cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et ecclesiam de Mideltun cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et in eadem villa de Mideltun duas bovatas terræ cum tofto et crofto. Sciendum est autem, quod ecclesiæ prænominatæ, scilicet de castello Bernardi et de Mideltun, fuerunt capellæ in tempore patris mei. His testibus, domino Huberto Eboracensi decano. Magistro Bartholomeo decani clerico. Magistro Thoma de Melsa. Rogero filio Hugonis. Willielmo filio Willielmi. Rogero de sancto Germano. Johanne persona de Bolum. Nicholao de Heddun. Gilberto de Hetun. Roberto clerico Bernardi de Baillol. Widone de Beaureim. Hugone de sancto Germano. Petro de Wimbis. Reginaldo de Hornei. Thoma filio Nicholai: et pluribus aliis.

NUM. IX.

Carta Odonis Camerarii Comitis Richmundiæ.

[Ex fragmento Registri S. Mariæ Ebor. in bibl. Hattoniana.]

ODO camerarius, universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis, tam præsentiibus quàm futuris, salutem. Sciatis me dedisse, et hac carta mea confirmasse Deo, et abbatiæ sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, quatuor carucatas terræ in Langethorne, et unam in Fingala, et duas partes decimationum de dominio meo in Fletham, pro salute animæ meæ, et pro animabus patris et matris meæ, et omnium parentum meorum tam præsentiū quàm futurorum. Testibus hiis, Roberto filio meo, Picoto de Lascels, Bardulpho et Bodino fratre ejus, &c.

NUM. X.

Carta Roberti Camerarii.

[Ibid.]

ROBERTUS camerarius comitis, omnibus legentibus, et audientibus literas has, salutem. Notum sit vobis quod ego concedo et do ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, in puram elemosinam quatuor carucatas terræ in Langethorne, et unam in Fingala, quas pater meus dedit eidem ecclesiæ, in pura elemosina. Et hoc concedo pro anima mea, et parentum meorum, et volo ut fratres prædicti possideant ita quietè, et ita honorificè, hanc patris mei et meam elemosinam, sicut debet possideri elemosina, et sicut quietiùs et honorificentius possident quamlibet elemosinam parium meorum. Valete.

NUM. XI.

Carta Ribaldi Domini de Midelham.

[Ibid.]

OMNIBUS videntibus vel audientibus literas has, Ribaldus frater comitis, salutem. Sciatis me dedisse Deo et

sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci, et Stephano abbati, et monachis ejus in elemosina pro anima Alani comitis, et Beatricis uxoris meæ, et omnium parentum meorum, et pro salute mea, et omnium dominorum, necnon liberorum, et omnium amicorum meorum, quatuor carucatas terræ in Brinistona, liberas et solutas ab omni terreno servitio. Et sciatis me clamasse quietam Gosfrido abbati Eboraci, et monachis ejusdem ecclesiæ, unam carucatam terræ quæ est una de illis, quæ pertinent ad Brinistunam, quam videlicet, tenebam de prædictis monachis, et quæ est juxta divisam quæ est inter Sueneby, et Brinistonam ab australi parte viæ quæ ducit de Sueneby, versus Brinistonam. Et iccirco clamavi illam quietam, ne elemosina mea per posteros meos aliquo modo impediretur. Et concedo ut prædicti monachi amodo faciant de eadem carucata proficuum suum juxta voluntatem suam, &c.

NUM. XII.

Carta Nigelli Fossard.

[Ibid.]

Ego Nigellus Fossard omnibus fidelibus salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse Deo, et ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, in puram, et perpetuam elemosinam, ecclesiam sanctæ Crucis in Eboraco, et ecclesiam de Donecastra, et quicquid ei pertinet, et xvj. mansuras terræ in eadem villa, et unam carucatam terræ in Kymundesale, et quinque bovatas terræ ad moras, et unam carucatam terræ in Wermesworth, et in Cotingwith, duas carucatas terræ, et ecclesiam de Hoton, et unam carucatam terræ, et in Thorneton, tres carucatas terræ, et ecclesiam de Baynton, et unam carucatam terræ et decimas suas, et in Donecastra, et circa Donecastram, decimam meam totam, et in Carthorp, quatuor carucatas terræ. Hanc donationem feci pro anima mea, et uxoris meæ, et omnium parentum meorum, et omnium fidelium defunctorum, liberè et quietè ab omni terreno servitio in perpetuum. Hiis testibus, Roberto Fossard, Aschetillo de Bulmere, Waltero Fossard, &c.

NUM. XIII.

Carta Wigani filii Landrici de Horneby.

[Ex autographo in turri beatæ Mariæ Eboraci.]

NOTUM sit omnibus videntibus vel audientibus literas has, quod ego Wiganus filius Landrici, concessi, et dedi in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, Deo et abbatiæ sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, ecclesiam de Horneby, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, pro anima patris et matris meæ, et omnium parentum meorum, et pro salute animæ meæ. Volo itaque, et omnibus hæredibus meis præcipio, ut præfati monachi hanc elemosinam quietam, et ab omni terreno servitio liberam in perpetuum possideant. Hiis testibus, Hugone decano, Petro canonico nepote ejus, &c.

NUM. XIV.

Carta Enisant Murdake.

[Ibid.]

SCIANT omnes tam præsentes, quam futuri, quod ego Enisant Murdake dedi, concessi, et hac præfati carta mea confirmavi Deo et ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, ecclesiam de Croft, et quatuor carucatas terræ in eadem villa, scilicet, quartam partem villæ, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et aysiamtam, infra villam et extra, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, pro salute animæ meæ, et animabus omnium amicorum meorum, liberam et quietam ab omni terreno servitio. Et ut hæc mea donatio et concessio rata et stabilis et inconcussa permaneat in posterum, sigilli mei appositione roboravi. Hiis testibus, Radulfo Taylboys, Wigano Landrici filio, et aliis.

NUM. XV.

Confirmatio Ricardi Regis de Terris, Ecclesiis, &c. Abbatiae Sanctae Mariae Eboraci.

[Transcript. Regist. de Wetherhale olim penes rev. Hug. Todd, p. 9. Stev. Contin. Monast. tom. ii. p. 306.]

RICARDUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dux Normanniæ et Aquitaniæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, comitibus, abbatibus et omnibus baronibus, et justiciariis, et vicecomitibus et ministris suis, et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis per Angliam salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse et dedisse in puram elemosynam pro salute animæ nostræ, et pro salute animarum patris nostri regis Henrici, et matris nostræ Alionoræ reginæ, et omnium antecessorum nostrorum; necnon pro statu regni nostri Roberto abbati et successoribus suis et abbatibus sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus terras, ecclesias, cellas, maneria, decimas, sylvas, plana, stagna, molendina, et alias possessiones suas possidendas liberas et quietas ab omni servitio in perpetuam possessionem, sicut unquam melius temporibus antecessorum nostrorum tenuerunt cum eisdem legibus, et libertatibus, et dignitatibus, et consuetudinibus quas habet ecclesia sancti Petri Eboraci, vel ecclesia sancti Johannis Beverlaci. Et ne homines sanctæ Mariæ eant ad comitatus, vel ad schiras, vel tidings, vel wapentachs vel hundreds. Nec etiam pro vicecomitibus vel ministris eorum; sed si vicecomites vel ministri habent querelam contra homines sanctæ Mariæ dicant abbati Ebor. et statuto die veniant in curiam sanctæ Mariæ et ibi habeant rectum de capitali placito suo; et sancta Maria habeat quicquid pertinet ad curiam suam; et sicut aliqua ecclesia in tota Anglia magis est libera, sit et hæc libera. Et omnes terræ ad eam pertinentes, quas nunc habet vel quas rationabiliter acquirere poterit, vel maneria vel cellæ, vel quæcunque possessiones, sint quietæ de placito et querelis et murthero et latrocinio et scutagio et geldis et danegeldis et hidagiis et assisis, et de operationibus castellorum et pontium et parcorum et de ferdwita et hengwita et flemenefrenich et de averpeni et de blodwita et de suchwita et de hundredpeni et de fethingeni et de legerwita et de thelonio et de passagio et de pontagio et sessagio et stalagio. Concedimus insuper eidem abbatibus pacis facturam et pugnam in domo factam et domus invasionem et omnes assultus hominum suorum et forestel et gridelbreke et soch et sach et tol et theam et infangenthiefe et utfangentheif. Post obitum vero abbatis ejusdem ecclesiæ ex eadem congregatione eligatur alter abbas qui dignus sit, alioquin nullus, nisi ibi inveniri nequirit qui dignus sit tali fungi officio; quod si evenierit, de alio noto et familiari loco potestatem liberam habeant eligendi abbatem idoneum. Testibus Hugone Dunelmensi episcopo, et multis aliis apud Westmonasterium.

Breve Ricardi Regis supra prædictam Chartam suam.

[Ibid. p. 11.]

RICHARDUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dux Normanniæ et Aquitaniæ, comes Andegaviæ, justiciariis et vicecomitibus de Karleolo salutem. Præcipimus vobis quatenus teneatis abbati et monachis Ebor. jura sua et libertates et dignitates suas. Et eisdem habere faciatis in pace et quiete pasturam suam intra Dribec et Edene et regiam viam quæ ducit de Karleolo ad Appelby, sicut carta mea eis confirmat. Testibus Willelmo Cantuariensi, Willielmo Eliensi electo, ix. die Octobris.

NUM. XVI.

Confirmatio Johannis Regis Privilegiorum, &c. ejusdem Abbatiae Sanctae Mariae Ebor.

[Ibid. p. 12. Stev. tom. ii. p. 307.]

JOHANNES Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, dux Normanniæ et Aquitaniæ, comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, præpositis et omnibus ballivis suis

salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse et præsentem carta nostra confirmasse Deo et beatæ Mariæ Eboracensi et Roberto abbati et successoribus suis, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, pro salute nostra et omnium antecessorum et successorum nostrorum omnes donationes et libertates et liberas consuetudines quæ eis ab antecessoribus nostris vel ab aliis collatæ sunt. Quare volumus et firmiter præcipimus quod ipsi habeant et teneant omnia prædicta bene et in pace, libere et quiete, integre, plenarie et honorifice, sicut cartæ donatorum rationabiliter testantur. Hiis testibus comite D. D. Willelmo comite de Arundel, Rogerio de Joveny, Gylando de Fornival, Gaufrido de Broillon, Pagano de Rochefort, Willelmo de Cantilupo, Huberto de Burg camerario. Dat. per manum H. Cant. archiepiscopi cancellarii nostri apud Liram, viii. Septembris, anno primo regni nostri.

NUM. XVII.

Confirmatio Henrici Tertii Regis super donatione Axi sui eidem Abbatiae Sanctae Mariae Eboraci.

[Ibid. p. 13. Stev. ut supr.]

HENRICUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, et dux Aquitaniæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, prioribus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, præpositis, ministris et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem. Inspeximus cartam quam inclitæ recordationis Henricus quondam rex Angliæ avus noster fecit abbati et monachis sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci in hæc verba:

Henricus Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dux Normanniæ et Aquitaniæ, comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus et omnibus comitibus, baronibus et justiciariis et vicecomitibus et ministris suis, et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis per Angliam salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse et dedisse in puram et perpetuam elemosinam pro salute animæ nostræ et pro salute animarum avi nostri regis Henrici et matris nostræ et omnium antecessorum nostrorum, necnon pro statu regni nostri Roberto abbati et successoribus ejus et abbatibus sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus terras, ecclesias, cellas, maneria, decimas, silvas, plana, stagna, molendina et alias possessiones suas possidendas liberas et quietas ab omni terreno servitio in perpetuam possessionem, sicut unquam melius in temporibus antecessorum nostrorum tenuerunt, cum eisdem legibus et libertatibus et dignitatibus et consuetudinibus quas habet ecclesia sancti Petri Eboraci, vel ecclesia sancti Johannis Beverlaci. Et ne homines sanctæ Mariæ eant ad comitatus vel schyras vel tridignas vel wapentas vel hundredos. Nec etiam pro vicecomitibus vel ministris eorum; sed si vicecomites vel ministri eorum habent querelam contra homines sanctæ Mariæ dicant abbati Eboraci et statuto die veniant in curiam sanctæ Mariæ, et ibi habeant rectum de capitali placito suo, et sancta Maria habeat quicquid pertinet ad curiam suam; et sicut aliqua ecclesia in tota Anglia magis est libera, sit et hæc libera, et omnes terræ ad eam pertinentes quas nunc habet, vel quas rationabiliter acquirere poterit, et maneria et cellæ, et quælibet aliæ possessiones sint quietæ de placitis et querelis et murthero et latrocinio et scutagio et geldis et danegeldis et hidagiis et assisis et de operationibus castellorum et pontium et parcorum, et de fredwita et hengwita et flemenefrenith et de wardpeni et de overpeni et de blodwita et de fictwita et hundredpeni et de tethingpeni et de legwita et de thelonio et de passagio et pontagio et lestagio. Concedimus insuper eidem abbatibus pacis facturam et pugnam in domo factam, et domus invasionem et omnes assultus hominum suorum et forestal et grudbreke, haymsoke, et soch et sach, et tol et theam, et infangentheife et utfangentheife. Post obitum vero abbatis ejusdem ecclesiæ, ex eadem congregatione eligatur alter abbas qui dignus sit, aliunde vero nullus, nisi ibi inveniri nequirit qui dignus sit tali fungi officio; quod si eveniret, de alio noto et familiari loco potestatem liberam habeant eligendi abbatem idoneum. Testibus hiis, Gaufrido Eliensi, Hugone Dunelmensi episcopis, Willielmo comite de Maundevill, Ranulpho de Glaunvil, Hugone Barduffe apud Wudstock.

Nos autem prædictas concessionem et donationem ratas habentes et gratas, eas, quantum in nobis est, pro nobis et hæredibus nostris imperpetuum concedimus et confirmamus, sicut prædicta carta rationabiliter testatur. Volentes insuper prædictis abbati et monachis pro salute nostra et animarum antecessorum et hæredum nostrorum gratiam facere uberiores, ut quietantiæ et libertates prædictæ sibi et successoribus suis integræ et inconcussæ remaneant in futurum, præcipimus et concedimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, quod prædicti abbas et monachi et eorum successores universis et singulis libertatum et quietantiarum articulis supradictis, libere et sine occasione et impedimento nostri vel hæredum nostrorum, justiciariorum, et omnium ballivorum nostrorum uti valeant de cætero quodcumque voluerint, et ubicunque sibi viderint expedire; quanquam prædictis libertatibus vel quietantiis in aliquo articulo minus plene usi fuerint prout fecisse poterant et debeant secundum continentiam cartæ prædictæ temporibus retroactis. Et prohibemus super forisfacturam nostram, ne quis præfatos abbatem et monachos contra prædictam concessionem et quietantiam in aliquo vexare, vel molestare præsumat. Hiis testibus, venerabili patre Waltero Bathoniensi et Wellensi episcopo, Henrico filio regis Alemanniæ nepote nostro, Rogerio de Leyburn, Johanne de Verdun, Willelmo de Grey, Roberto Aquiltun, Willelmo de Aecle, Nicholao de Leukenor, Galfrido de Pei, Radulpho de Bakepus, Petro de Squidemor, Bartholomeo de Bigod, et aliis. Dat. per manum nostram apud Kenyllewurth octavo die Septembris anno regni nostri 1^o.

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Qualiter ea quæ donantur a pluribus probis hominibus recitantur et scribuntur in Charta Henrici Regis.

[Ibid. p. 16. Stev. p. 308.]

IN carta domini Henrici regis hæc scribuntur. Ranulphus de Meschyn manerium de Wederhal et ecclesiam ejusdem villæ, cum molendino et piscaria et bosco et certis pertinentiis, capellam de Warthewick, terram quæ camera sancti Constantini dicitur, in Corkeby duas bovatas terræ, aquam de Edene versus Corkeby, necnon et ripam versus Corkeby in qua stagnum firmatum est; omnino viz. liberas et quietas sine diminutione. Randulphus Meschyn ecclesias de Appelby sancti Michaelis et sancti Laurentii et terras earum cum decimis de dominiis ejusdem villæ ex utraque parte aquæ. Adam filius Suani heremium sancti Andrea; Uched filius Lyolf tertiam partem Cropline cum ecclesia et cæteris pertinentiis et duas bovatas terræ in Estuna et molendinum de Scotby in Cumquintina; dimidiam carucatam terræ in Saureby; decimam de dominico. Constantinus filius Walteri unam carucatam terræ quæ fuit Durandi in Coteby; Ketellus filius Elreth ecclesiam de Morland et tres carucas terræ; Walef filius Gospatricii ecclesiam de Brumfeld et corpus ejusdem manerii, in Salchild decimam de dominio. Et confirmo totam pasturam inter Edene et regiam viam quæ ducit de Karlolo ad Appelby et ad Wederhal usque ad Dribec. Et concedo eis et confirmo forestam meam ad porcos suos de Wederhal sine pannagio. Et præcipio quod abbas Eboraci et monachi prædicti teneant omnes terras et res suas quæ per cartam regis H. patris mei et meam firmatæ sunt, et in pace possideant; et non disseasentur inde, nec ponantur in placitum nisi coram me. Et si de aliqua harum rerum dissaesiati fuerint justiciarii mei et vicecomites eos faciant resaesiri et in pace tenere. Nec dampnum eorum capiatur nisi abbas prius de recto defecerit in quo juste facere debuerit.

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Stemma Ivonis de Tayleboyse.

[Ex Registro Abb. S. Mariæ Ebor. fol. 124.]

PRIMO fuit Ivo Tayleboyse, qui genuit Eltredum: iste Eltredus genuit Ketellum. Iste Ketellus genuit Gilbertum, dictum filium Ketelli. Iste Gilbertus genuit Willielmum primum, dictum de Lancastre, et habuit uxorem, scilicet

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Gundredam comitissam de Warwik. De isto Willielmo et Gundredâ venit Willielmus secundus. Iste Willielmus secundus habuit uxorem Helewisiam de Stotevil; de quâ genuit filiam, nomine Helewisiam tantum, quæ fuit maritata Gilberto filio Rogero, filii Raineфриdi. Isti habuerunt unum filium, quem cognominaverunt Willielmum de Lancastre, et fuit tertius et ultimus, qui habuit uxorem Agnetem de Brus, et non habuerunt hæredem de se. Sed iste Willielmus tertius habuit tres sorores, Helewisiam primogenitam, quæ fuit maritata Petro de Brus seniori; Alicia quæ fuit maritata Will^o. de Lindesay, et serotam quæ fuit maritata Alano de Multono. Ista tertia obiit sine hærede, et terræ partitæ sunt inter prædictas sorores. De prædicto Petro seniore exiit Petrus junior, qui habuit quatuor sorores. Iste Petrus junior, obiit sine hærede, et hæreditas partita fuit inter prædictas sorores; quarum prima maritata fuit Roberto de Ros domino de Werke; secunda Waltero de Faucunberge; tertia Marmaduco de Twenge; quarta domino Johanni Belewe. De Will^o. de Lindesaye et Aliciâ prædictâ exit Walterus: de Waltero Willielmus: de Will^o. Christiana.

NUM. XX.

Carta Ivonis de Talliebois de diversis Ecclesiis et Decimis.

[Ibid.]

SCIANT omnes tam præsentis quàm futuri, quod ego Ivo Talliebois, pro salute animæ meæ necnon et uxoris meæ Lucie, et pro animâ patris mei, et matris meæ, omniumque fidelium animabus, concessisse et dedisse in puram et perpetuam elemosinam Deo et ecclesiæ S. Mariæ Ebor. et Stephano abbati, omnibusque fratribus ibidem imperpetuum Deo servientibus, dimidium domini mei de Cherkaby-Stephan, ac ecclesiæ ejusdem villæ, et decimam meam: in Wyntunâ duas bovatas terræ, et decimam meam: et ecclesias de Cherkaby-Kendale, et Eversham, et Cherkeby-Lonnesdala, et terras ac communias, quæ ad easdem ecclesias pertinent: et villam, quæ vocatur Hutton; et ecclesiam de Bethome, et terram quæ vocatur Halfrebek: et ecclesiam de Burton, et unam carucatam terræ, cum communiâ; et ecclesiam de Clepeam, et unam carucatam terræ. Hiis testibus Luciâ uxore meâ, Ribaldo genero meo, Radulpho Taillebois, Roberto clerico, Girardo de sancto Albano, et multis aliis.

[Ex Libro Feod. milit. penes Remem. Regis in Scacc.]

Ivo de Tailbois tenet in capite de domino rege baroniam de Hephall, cum uxore suâ, quæ fuit filia Willⁱ. de Bardolfe, quam habuit ex dono domini regis: et omnes antecessores sui tenuerunt dictam baroniam in thenagio; et reddidit domino regi inde per annum 1^o. dominus verò rex primus; viz. Willielmus Conquestor removit illud thenagium tempore Willⁱ. Bardolf ad feodum unius militis.

NUM. XXI.

Carta Ricardi filii Radulphi de Camera, de uno Messuagio cum edificiis Abbatie Sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci concesso.

[Ex Registro Abbatie Sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci in Bibl. Eccl. Cath. Eboracensis, fol. 118.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus præsens scriptum visuris vel audituris Ricardus filius Radulphi de Camera clericus salutem in Domino. Noveritis me concessisse, reddidisse, remisisse, et hoc præsentis scripto meo confirmasse Deo et beatæ Mariæ Ebor. et Simoni abbati et conventui ejusdem loci, pro salute animæ meæ, et antecessorum meorum, capitale messuagium meum, cum edificiis in eodem constructis, in villa de Shupton, et sex bovatas terræ in territorio ejusdem villæ, cum dominio tertiæ partis dictæ villæ, et annualem redditum quinque solidorum, cum homagio et servicio Willielmi filii Johannis de duabus bovatis terræ cum pertinentiis in eadem, et annualem redditum trium solidorum, cum homagio et servicio Laurentii de Etton et

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Ceciliæ uxoris suæ, et hæredum suorum de duabus bovatis terræ cum pertinentiis in eadem, et annualem redditum quatuor denariorum cum homagio et servicio Petri filii Adæ le Gaoler de quatuor acris terræ cum pertinentiis in eadem, et annualem redditum sex denariorum, cum homagio et servicio Willielmi filii Simonis de quatuor acris terræ cum pertinentiis in eadem. Quas quidem sex bovatas terræ, cum messuagio, dominio, redditibus, homagiis, et serviciis liberorum prædictorum tam in dominico quàm in servicio de eisdem abbate et conventu tenui; tenenda et habenda eisdem abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus universis totum prædictum tenementum, cum messuagio et dominio, redditibus, homagiis, wardis, releviis, et omnibus aliis serviciis et escaetis, cum omnibus libertatibus, et aisiamenis infra prædictam villam et extra, ad dictum tenementum pertinentibus, liberam, puram, et perpetuam elemosinam quiete de me et hæredibus meis imperpetuum. Ita quod nec ego Ricardus, nec aliquis hæredum meorum, nec aliquis ex parte nostra aliquod jus vel clamium in prædictis sex bovatis terræ, messuagio, dominio, et aliis pertinentiis necnon in redditibus, homagiis, wardis, releviis, escaetis, vel aliquibus aliis serviciis dictos libere tenentes, vel eorum tenementa tangentibus de cætero aliquo casu contingente exigere vel vindicare poterimus. In cujus rei testimonium huic præsentis scripto meo sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus dominis Willielmo de Sancto Quintino, Paulino de Gilling, Ivone de Etton, militibus; Thoma le Gardener, Johanne le Gardener, Baldewyno de Shupton, Roberto filio Stephani de Shupton, Waltero filio Petri de eadem, Ricardo de Cutterwicks, David de Rouclif, Willielmo Bell de eadem, et aliis.

NUM. XXII.

Carta ejusdem Ricardi de uno Tofto et uno Crofto eisdem concessio.

[Ibid. fol. 118.]

OMNIBUS hoc scriptum visuris vel auditoris Ricardus de Camera de Shupton salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noveritis me dedisse, concessisse, et hac præsentis carta mea confirmasse Simoni abbati sanctæ Mariæ Ebor. et ejusdem loci conventui unum toftum et croftum quondam Adæ filii Garvil ex parte una, et toftum et croftum dicti domini abbatis ex altera. Tenendum et habendum prædictis abbati sanctæ Mariæ Ebor. et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, et ecclesiæ suæ prædictæ, de me et hæredibus meis in liberam, puram, et perpetuam elemosinam, libere, quiete, pacifice, et integre, cum omnibus pertinentiis, libertatibus, et aisiamenis prædicto tenemento infra villam de Shupton et extra pertinentibus. Et ego Ricardus et hæredes mei prædicta toftum et croftum cum pertinentiis prædictis abbati sanctæ Mariæ Ebor. et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, et ecclesiæ suæ prædictæ, ut prædictum est, contra omnes homines warrantizabimus, acquietabimus, et defendemus imperpetuum. In cujus rei testimonium præsentis cartæ sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus, Stephano le Gardener de Skelton, Thoma le Gardener de eadem, Baldewino de Skipton, David de Rouclif, Willielmo de eadem, Ricardo de Adam de Popilton, et aliis multis.*

NUM. XXIII.

Carta Davidis de Longo Campo de tota Terra sua concessa Abbati et Conventui Sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci.

[Ibid. fol. 119.]

OMNIBUS hoc scriptum visuris vel auditoris David. de Longo Campo salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas

vestra me dedisse, concessisse, et hac præsentis carta mea confirmasse Simoni abbati et conventui sanctæ Mariæ Ebor. totam terram meam cum messuagio meo, et omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis in Shupton in Galtris tam in dominiciis quàm in serviciis, scilicet cum serviciis et redditu duodecim denariorum annuatim percipiendo de Emma sorore mea et hæredibus ejus de uno tofto, et tredecim acris terræ, cum pertinentiis quas de me tenuit in eadem, scilicet sex denarios ad Pentecostem, et sex denarios ad festum sancti Martini in hieme; habendam et tenendam totam prædictam terram, cum messuagio, servicio, et redditu duodecim denariorum de prædicta Emma et hæredibus suis percipiendo eisdem abbati et conventui, et eorum successoribus universis cum omnibus et omnimodis pertinentiis, aisiamenis suis, tam infra villam de Shupton quàm extra, libere, quiete, et integre sine aliquo retenemento, in liberam, puram, et perpetuam elemosinam imperpetuum. Et ego David et hæredes mei warrantizabimus, acquietabimus, et defendemus totum prædictum tenementum, cum servicio et redditu duodecim denariorum, cum omnibus et omnimodis pertinentiis suis et aisiamenis prædictis, abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus universis in liberam, puram, et perpetuam elemosinam contra omnes homines et fœminas imperpetuum. In cujus rei testimonium huic scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus, domino Johanne de Raigat, domino Willielmo de Sancto Quintino, militibus, Stephano de Shupton, Ricardo de Camera de eadem, Roberto dispensario, Petro filio Edwardi de eadem, et aliis multis.

NUM. XXIV.

Carta Stephani de Shupton de duabus Carucatis Terræ Abbatie Sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci concessis.

[Ibid. fol. 120.]

OMNIBUS hominibus tam præsentibus quàm futuris literas has visuris vel auditoris Stephanus de Shupton salutem. Noveritis me consilio et assensu hæredum meorum, reddidisse et quietum clamasse imperpetuum Deo et abbatiæ sanctæ Mariæ Ebor. et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, de me et hæredibus meis totum jus et clamium meum quod habui in duabus carucatis terræ in Shupton, illis videlicet super quibus movi calumpniam versus Ricardum filium Eustachii per breve domini regis de recognitione de morte antecessoris, pro salute animæ meæ et antecessorum meorum. Istam vero quietam clamationem de prædictis carucatis terræ, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, absque aliquo retenemento in Shupton concessi et feci inter me et prænominatum factum in curia domini regis apud Ebor. coram justiciariis domini regis confirmavi et in curiæ prædictæ abbatie prænominatas carucatas terræ, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, de me et hæredibus meis imperpetuum abjuravi. Et ut hæc quieta clamatio rata firma in æternum permaneat, eam præsentis scripto et sigilli mei appositione roboravi. Hiis testibus, Henrico decano Ebor. Radulpho archidiacono . . . reforensi, Hugone Gardulf, Willielmo de Estutevilla, Henrico de Wicketon, Willielmo filio Adelmi, Galfrido Hageth tunc justiciario domini regis, Radulfo filio Radulfi, Radulfo Gardulf, Waltero de Goington, Rogero Gathnert, Thoma filio Thomæ, Thoma Gardener, Hugone filio Ypoliti, Radulfo Howel, Thoma de Holteby Bartholomeo de . . . , Waltero de Elerby, Sewallo forestario, Rolando de Chelyngthorp, . . . de Serenas, Willielmo de Santon, Roberto Gatheler, Turgisto clerico, Osberto portario, Johanne coco, Ricardo de Spinnet, Waltero de Masham, Willielmo de Mowbray, Willielmo de Killam, Willielmo Parturet, Willielmo de Popilton, et Willielmo filio ejus, Thoma filio Adæ, et . . . ejus Galfrido de Clifton, Willielmo de Rudrton, Wigano de Miton, et Thoma et Ricardo filiis ejus.^b

* Hugo de Longo Campo concessit Helenæ filiæ Ricardi de Richemund duas bovatas terræ in territorio de Shupton, reddendo inde annuatim abbatie sanctæ Mariæ Ebor. duos solidos annuatim.

Eadem Elena filia Ricardi de Richmund concessit easdem duas

bovatas terræ in Shupton Davidi filio suo, sub eadem conditione reddendi abbatie prædictæ duos solidos annuatim.

^b Abbas sanctæ Mariæ Ebor. prædictas duas bovatas terræ dimisit ad firmam, pro sexdecim solidis annuatim, Richardo filio Eustachii, ut patet per literas ejusdem abbatis ibidem.

NUM. XXV.

Alia Carta ejusdem Stephani de Shupton de duabus Bovatis Terræ, cum Toftis et Croftis, &c. eisdem Monachis Sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci concessis.

[Ibid.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus has literas visuris vel audituris Stephanus de Shupton salutem. Sciatis me de assensu hæredum meorum concessisse et dedisse, et præsentī carta mea confirmasse, intuitu caritatis et pro salute animæ meæ, et Agnetis uxoris meæ, et omnium antecessorum et successorum meorum, Deo et sanctæ Mariæ Ebor. et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, duas bovatas terræ cum pertinentiis in Shupton, et quinque toftos cum croftis ad eosdem pertinentibus in eadem villa, scilicet illam bovatom quam Hugo de Stakelthorp tenuit, et illam bovatom quam Johannes de Skelton tenuit, et toftum illum cum crofto quem Thomas Carpentar tenuit, et illos toftos et croftos quos Willielmus Pedder et Galfridus Muarius, Yuveday et Hugo Carbonarius tenuerunt cum prædictis Hugone de Stakelthorp et Johanne de Skelton, cum omnibus catallis ejus et cum tota sequela sua. Et prædicti monachi tenebunt et habebunt totam prædictam terram cum duobus hominibus prædictis, et cum tota eorum sequela, cum omnibus pertinentiis et aisiamentis ad eandem terram pertinentibus, infra villam et extra, sine ullo retenemento, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, libere, honorifice, integre, et quiete ab omni seculari servicio et exactione imperpetuum. Et sciendum est quod hæredes mei non reddent minorem firmam annuatim de tenemento quod ipsi tenent in prædicta villa de Shupton, abbatīæ sanctæ Mariæ Ebor. occasione hujus doni quod prædictis monachis caritative feci, quia nichilominus solvent singulis annis plenariam firmam ejusdem monachis de tenemento quod modo ibi habent, sicut ego feci de toto tenemento illo ante hoc donum meum, scilicet, quatuordecim solidos et octo denarios per annum. Et ego et hæredes mei totam prædictam terram cum pertinentiis, et duos homines supradictos cum tota eorum sequela warrantizabimus imperpetuum prædictis monachis contra omnes homines, sicut puram et liberam elemosinam nostram. Hiis testibus, Thoma de Wilton, Waltero de Earl, Roberto de Apelton, Roberto Bachelor, Gervasio de^a

NUM. XXVI.

Carta Willielmi le Gaoler de uno Tofto, uno Crofto, et una Bovata Terræ Abbatīæ Sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci concessis.

[Ibid. fol. 121.]

OMNIBUS hoc scriptum visuris vel audituris Willielmus filius Johannis filii Walteri le Gaoler de Shupton salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra me dedisse, concessisse, et hac præsentī carta mea confirmasse Simoni abbati sanctæ Mariæ Ebor. et ejusdem loci conventui unum toftum cum crofto, et unam bovatom terræ, cum pertinentiis in Shupton. Illam scilicet bovatom terræ, cum tofto et crofto, et aliis pertinentiis suis quæ fuit de libero maritagio Agnetis matris meæ filiæ Radulfi de Camera, et quam Johannes pater meus michi reddidit et quietum clamavit tanquam jus meum et hæreditatem pro quadam summa pecuniæ quam mihi dederunt præ manibus, habendam et tenendam prædictam bovatom terræ, cum tofto et crofto et omnibus aliis pertinentiis et aisiamentis infra villam de Shupton et extra, tam in boscis, pratis, pascuis, et pasturis, quam in moris et turbariis et omnibus aliis locis sine aliquo retenemento, eisdem abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus universis, in liberam, puram, et perpetuam elemosinam contra omnes homines tam Judeos quam Christianos imperpetuum. Et ut hæc mea donatio stabilis et firma imperpetuum permaneat, huic præsentī scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus domino Johanne de Rygate, Ri-

cardo de Multon tunc seneschallo domini abbatis sanctæ Mariæ Ebor. Ricardo de Camera de Thornton, David. Gardinar juniore, Stephano de Schupton, Petro filio Edwardi de eadem, Thoma filio Gervasii de Rouclif, Ricardo Maunsel de Hoton, Thoma de Pangtofts, Johanne le Cerf, et aliis. Actum quarto idus Julii anno Domini millesimo ducentesimo septuagesimo.

NUM. XXVII.

Carta Willielmi le Gaoler de omnibus Terris avunculi sui, et aliis in Villa de Schupton, Abbatīæ Sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci concessis.

[Ibid. fol. 122.]

UNIVERSIS Christi fidelibus ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit, Willielmus filius Johannis le Gaoler de Schupton salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra me concessisse, remisisse, et pro me et hæredibus meis imperpetuum quietum clamasse religiosis viris abbati et conventui monasterii beatæ Mariæ Ebor. et eorum successoribus totum jus et clamium, quod habui, habeo, vel habere potero in omnibus terris et tenementis quæ ipsi habent in villa de Smytheton, quæ aliquo tempore fuerunt Adæ de Schupton avunculi mei in prædicta villa de Smytheton, et etiam in omnibus terris et tenementis quæ iidem abbas et conventus habent ex dono et concessione Petri de Schupton in eadem villa de Schupton. Ita quod nec ego Willielmus nec hæredes mei, nec aliquis nomine nostro, aliquid juris seu clamii in prædictis terris et tenementis in prædicta villa de Smytheton, nec etiam in prædictis terris et tenementis in prædicta villa de Schupton exigere seu vindicare poterimus quoquo modo. In cujus rei testimonium præsentī scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus, domino Thoma de Houks, Willielmo Graa, Roberto de Ancotes de Shupton, Johanne de Hunkelby, Ricardo le Messenger, et aliis. Datum apud Overton die Mercurii proxima post festum sancti Thomæ apostoli, anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis Edwardi nono.^b

NUM. XXVIII.

Carta Rogeri de Thornton Clerici de uno Tofto et uno Crofto et una Bovata Terræ, Abbatīæ Sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci concessis.

[Ibid. fol. 124.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit, Rogerus de Thornton clericus salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra me dedisse, concessisse, et hac præsentī carta mea confirmasse Simoni abbati et conventui sanctæ Mariæ Ebor. unum toftum et croftum, et unam bovatom terræ, cum pertinentiis, in villa et territorio de Shupton in Galtris quæ habui de dono Willielmi filii Johannis de Middlethorp et Matildæ uxoris suæ, tenendum et habendum totum prædictum tenementum eisdem abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus universis libere, quiete, et integre, cum omnibus et omnimodis pertinentiis et aisiamentis suis tam infra villam de Shupton quam extra, sine aliquo retenemento, in liberam, puram, et perpetuam elemosinam imperpetuum. Et ego Rogerus et hæredes mei, vel assignati prædictum tenementum prædictis abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus universis, sicut prædictum est, contra omnes homines et feminas warrantizabimus, acquietabimus, et defendemus imperpetuum. In cujus rei testimonium huic præsentī scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus, dominis Johanne de Rygate, Willielmo de Sancto Quintino, militibus; Stephano de Shupton, Petro filio Everardi de eadem, Roberto le Dispenser, Johanne de Alne de Overton, Johanne le Jouen de Miton, et aliis.

^a Cetera desunt.

^b Cecilia filia Willielmi de Shupton, in viduitate sua quietum cla-

mavit idem conventui omne jus suum in duabus acris terræ arabilis in villa et territorio de Shupton, quas dicti religiosi habuerunt de dono mariti sui.

NUM. XXIX.

Carta Emmae de Kent de una Acra et una Roda Terræ Abbatie Sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci concessis.

[Ibid. fol. 125.]

OMNIBUS hoc scriptum visuris vel audituris Emma de Kent salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noveritis me in viduitate mea constitutam dedisse, concessisse, et hac præsentī carta mea confirmasse Simoni abbati monasterii sanctæ Mariæ Ebor. et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, unam acram et unam rodam terræ cum pertinentiis in villa et territorio de Shupton, sicut jacent in duobus selionibus in uno loco qui vocatur le Intak, inter terram Simonis ad ecclesiam de Shupton ex una parte, et terram Petri filii Eduardi de eadem ex altera, tenenda et habenda prædictis abbati et monachis et ecclesiæ suæ prædictæ in liberam, puram, et perpetuam elemosinam, libere, quiete, pacifice, et integre cum omnibus pertinentiis, libertatibus et aisiamentis prædictæ terræ infra villam et extra pertinentibus, ab omni servicio, seculari exactione, consuetudine et demanda. Et ego Emma et hæredes mei prædictas acram et rodam terræ cum pertinentiis prædictis abbati et monachis et ecclesiæ suæ prædictæ contra omnes homines warrantizabimus, acquietabimus, et defendemus imperpetuum. In cujus rei testimonium huic præsentī scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus dominis Johanne de Rygate, Willielmo de sancto Quintino, Paulino de Gilling militibus, Gandewyno de Shipton, Thoma le Gardiner, Johanne le Gardiner, Roberto de Shupton, Petro filio Eduardi de eadem, Simone ad ecclesiam de eadem, Willielmo filio Johannis de eadem, Johanne de Henyngburgh, et aliis.

NUM. XXX.

Carta Marjoriæ viduæ Rogeri de Wighton de uno Tofto, duabus Bovatis Terræ et quatuor Solidatis Redditus Abbatie Sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci concessis.

[Ibid. fol. 127.]

SCIANT omnes tam præsentēs quam futuri, quod ego Marjorina, quæ fui uxor Rogeri de Wighton, dedi, concessi, et hac præsentī carta mea confirmavi religiosis viris abbati et conventui monasterii beatæ Mariæ Ebor. dominis meis capitalibus, unum toftum, duas bovatas terræ et quatuor solidatas redditus, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis, quod et quas habui in villa de Shupton in Galtris sine ullo retinemento michi et hæredibus meis; habenda et tenenda eisdem abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus imperpetuum libere, quiete, bene et in pace cum communi pastura, et cum omnibus libertatibus, aisiamentis, proficiis, liberis consuetudinibus et aliis suis pertinentiis quibuscunque prædictis tofto, duabus bovatis et quatuor solidatis redditus infra prædictam villam de Shupton et extra qualitercunque pertinentibus de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per servicia inde debita et consueta. Et ego vero Marjorina prædicta, hæredes mei et assignati prædictum toftum et prædictas duas bovatas terræ et quatuor solidatas redditus cum omnibus suis pertinentiis, ut prædictum est, prædictis viris religiosis abbati et conventui monasterii sanctæ Mariæ Ebor. et eorum successoribus contra omnes gentes warrantizabimus, acquietabimus, et imperpetuum defendemus. In cujus rei testimonium præsentī cartæ sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus dominis Thoma de Honk, Roberto Constabulario militibus, Philippo de Gilling, Johanne de Foston, Roberto Cadman, Roberto de Mouthum, Willielmo de London, Johanne filio Roberti Corett, Thoma le Skynner, Wyndon de Appilton, et aliis.^a

^a Eadem carta sequitur in registro verbatim repetita, nisi quod inter testes ponitur Robertus Cadman de Skelton, et Thomas le Skynner, de Fulford.

^b sc. Benyngburgh.

^c Carta Walteri filii Willielmi de Genyngburgh in eodem Registro est confirmatio donationis supradictæ de sex bovatis supradictis.

Supradictus Johannes filius Walteri de Marisco per aliam cartam

NUM. XXXI.

Carta Willielmi de Couthorp et Matildis Uxoris ejus de quatuor Acris Terræ Abbatie Sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci concessis.

[Ibid. fol. 127.]

OMNIBUS hoc scriptum visuris vel audituris Willielmus de Couthorp et Matildis uxor ejus salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra nos concessisse, remisisse, et pro nobis et hæredibus nostris imperpetuum quietum clamasse religiosis viris abbati et conventui monasterii beatæ Mariæ Ebor. et eorum successoribus totum jus et clameum quod habemus, habuimus, vel aliquando habere potuimus in quatuor acris terræ cum suis pertinentiis in villa et territorio de Shupton juxta Galtris, videlicet, duas acras quas iidem abbas et conventus habent ex dono et concessione Emmae de Kent in villa de Shupton, et dimidiam acram quam habent ex dono Petri de Shupton, et unam acram et dimidiam quas habent ex dono magistri Willielmi de Gramp-ton in prædicta villa de Shupton. Quæ quidem quatuor acrae terræ fuerunt aliquo tempore Emmae de Kent in eadem villa de Shupton. Ita quod nec nos Gulielmus de Couthorp, nec Matildis prædicta, nec hæredes nostri, nec aliquis nostro nomine aliquid juris seu clamii in prædictis quatuor acris terræ cum suis pertinentiis de cætero exigere vel vindicare poterimus quoquo modo. In cujus rei testimonium præsentī scripto sigilla nostra apposuvimus. Hiis testibus, Roberto de Amcotes, Thoma de Eton, Johanne de Shupton, Roberto Cadman, Ricardo de Escrik, Willielmo de London, et aliis.

NUM. XXXII.

Carta Johannis filii Walteri de Marisco de sex Bovatis Terræ in Genyngburgh^b Abbatie Sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci concessis.

[Ibid. fol. 130.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus hanc cartam visuris vel audituris Johannes filius Walteri de Marisco salutem in Domino. Sciatis me concessisse et dedisse, et hac præsentī carta mea confirmasse, caritatis intuitu, Deo et ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Ebor. et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, sex bovatas terræ in Genyngburgh^b quas Walterus pater meus tenuit, cum toftis et croftis et cum omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis, tenenda et habenda imperpetuam elemosinam. Et ut hæc mea concessio, et donatio stabilis et firma imperpetuum permaneat, eam sigilli mei appositione corroboravi. Hiis testibus, Thoma de Wilton, Radulpho Houel, Willielmo Fairfax, Johanne de Hamerton, Roberto de Apilton, Roberto Gatheler, Roberto Supe, Paulino de Moub-ray, Willielmo Thurkill, Radulfo filio Ricardi de Camera.^c

NUM. XXXIII.

Carta Willielmi filii Walteri de Genyngburgh^b de una Bovata Terræ in Territorio de Genyngburgh^b Abbatie Sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci concessa.

[Ibid. fol. 131.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus præsentēs literas visuris vel audituris Willielmus filius Walteri de Genyngburgh^b salutem in Domino. Noveritis me concessisse, dedisse, et hac præsentī carta mea confirmasse Deo et ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ Ebor. et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, unam bovatom terræ cum pertinentiis in territorio de Genyngburgh^b, quæ jacet inter terram Johannis de Marisco et terram Willielmi filii Hugonis, tenendam et habendam

confirmat suam donationem supradictam de dictis sex bovatis terræ, cum pertinentiis, et totum Grianriding cum adjacentibus super moram et assartum quod vocatur Patecrofts, et assartum quod vocatur Hughriding, et quinque seliones terræ super Langlandes, cum una bovata prati.

Willielmus filius Henrici de Gedyngburgh carta sua confirmat prædictam donationem Johannis filii Walteri de Marisco.

dictis ecclesiæ et monachis in liberam, puram, et perpetuam elemosinam imperpetuum cum omnibus pertinentiis et aisiamentis. Et ego Willielmus et hæredes mei dictam bovatom terræ cum omnibus pertinentiis et aisiamentis dictis ecclesiæ et monachis in liberam, puram, et perpetuam elemosinam contra omnes gentes warrantizabimus, defendemus, et acquietabimus imperpetuum. In cuius rei testimonium præsentis scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus, Willielmo persona ecclesiæ de Neuton, Johanne de Marisco, Johanne de Clifford, Waltero filio Hugonis, Clemente de Shupton, Radulfo de Camera, Waltero le Gaoler, Eduardo filio Sewali, Ricardo de Camera, Willielmo Cervo, Willielmo de Lyllyng, Thoma Janitore, Ricardo de Sartrio, Johanne de Seleby, Johanne Malet, et aliis.

NUM. XXXIV.

Carta Roberti Albi de Genyngburgh^a de tota Terra sua in eadem Villa Abbatie Sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci concessa.

[Ibid. fol. 131.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit Robertus Albus de Genyngburgh^a salutem in Domino. Noveritis me pro salute animæ meæ et antecessorum et successorum meorum dedisse, concessisse, et hac præsentis carta mea confirmasse Deo et ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Ebor. et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, totam terram meam cum omnibus pertinentiis; scilicet, illam quæ jacet inter novum gardinum quod fuit quondam Ricardi Malebis et exitum villæ de Genyngburgh^a versus orientem, tenendam et habendam in liberam, puram, et perpetuam elemosinam dictis monachis imperpetuum de me et hæredibus meis, libere, pacifice, integre et quiete absque omni seculari servicio et exactione, cum omnibus libertatibus et aisiamentis, et cum omnibus pertinentiis ad prædictam terram infra villam et extra et in omnibus locis absque aliquo retenemento pertinentibus. Et sciendum est quod ego Robertus Albus et hæredes mei totam prædictam terram cum omnibus suis pertinentiis dictis monachis warrantizabimus, defendemus, et acquietabimus contra omnes gentes imperpetuum. In cuius rei testimonium præsentis scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus, domino Roberto de Skegnesse tum senescallo abbatis, magistro Johanne de Hamerton, magistro Roberto de Saham, domino Johanne de Marisco, Willielmo filio Hugonis, Waltero Gaoler, Radulfo de Camera, David Gardiner, Thoma de Overton, Johanne Wandelard, et aliis.

NUM. XXXV.

Carta Petri de Gruse^b de sex Bovatis Terræ in Genyngburgh^a Abbatie Sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci concessis.

[Ibid.]

OMNIBUS hoc scriptum visuris vel auditoris Petrus de Gruse^b salutem. Noveritis me caritatis intuitu et pro salute animæ meæ et antecessorum necnon et successorum meorum concessisse et confirmasse Deo et ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Ebor. et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, sex bovatas terræ in villa de Genyngburgh^a quas habent de dono Johannis Nuvel; quas scilicet idem Johannes de eis tenet cum toftis et croftis et omnibus pertinentiis eisdem bovatis terræ pertinentibus infra villam et extra, et tres bovatas terræ cum pertinentiis in eadem villa quas Willielmus filius Hugonis de prædictis monachis tenet; habendas et tenendas de me et hæredibus meis in liberam, puram, et perpetuam elemosinam libere et quiete ab omni consuetudine, servicio seculari et exactione imperpetuum. Et ut hæc mea concessio et confirmatio perpetuam firmitatem optineat, præsentis scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus, Willielmo de Thamton, Hione de Humet, Ricardo de Hoton, Willielmo de Hamerton, Gerardo de Fontibus, Roberto de

Kethouhe, magistris J. de Hamerton, et Eustachio de Kyma, Roberto de Skegnesse tunc temporis senescallo abbatis, Willielmo Cervo, Ricardo del Puncel, Thoma Janitore, Waltero de et aliis.^c

NUM. XXXVI.

Carta Magistri Hugonis Rectoris Hospitalis Sancti Leonardi Eboraci et Fratrum ejusdem Hospitalis de Terra in Genyngburgh^a Abbatie Sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci concessa.

[Ibid. fol. 132.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit magister Hugo rector et fratres hospitalis sancti Leonardi Ebor. salutem. Noverit universitas vestra nos concessisse abbati et conventui sanctæ Mariæ Ebor. pro quadam summa pecuniæ quam nobis dederunt, quod ipsi teneant imperpetuum de nobis totam terram illam cum pertinentiis ejus quam Johannes Nuvel aliquando jure hæreditario de nobis tenuit in Genyngburgh^a libere, integre, et quiete, reddendo inde nobis annuatim pro omni consuetudine et exactione ad nos pertinente sex denarios ad duos terminos, videlicet, medietatem ad Pentecostem, et aliam medietatem ad festum sancti Martini in hieme; salvis nichilominus nobis omnibus terris cum pertinentiis suis quas tempore prædicti Johannis in Genyngburgh^a pacifice possedimus. In cuius rei testimonium huic scripto chirographato sigillum nostrum apposuimus. Hiis testibus, fratre Roberto tunc celerario, fratre Willielmo de Eskelby, magistro Johanne de Hamerton, magistro Rogero Pepyn, domino Roberto de Skegnesse, Willielmo de Gillyng, Radulpho rectore ecclesiæ de Neuton super Usam, magistro Nicholao de London, Michaele capellano, et multis aliis.

NUM. XXXVII.

Carta Walteri filii Gulielmi de Genyngburgh^a de tribus Bovatis Terræ Abbatie Sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci concessis.

[Ibid. fol. 133.]

OMNIBUS ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit Walterus filius Gulielmi de Genyngburgh^a salutem. Noverit universitas vestra me pro salute animæ meæ et antecessorum meorum concessisse, dedisse, et hac præsentis carta mea confirmasse, Deo et beatæ Mariæ Ebor. abbati et conventui ibidem Deo servientibus, tres bovatas terræ in territorio de Genyngburgh^a quas Willielmus filius Hugonis de me tenuit, tenendas et habendas in liberam, puram, et perpetuam elemosinam. Ego vero et hæredes mei warrantizabimus prædictas tres bovatas terræ cum omnibus pertinentiis suis infra villam et extra in bosco, in plano, et in omnibus aliis locis prædicto abbati et conventui ut nostram puram et perpetuam elemosinam contra omnes homines imperpetuum. Et ad majorem securitatem huic scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus, Roberto de Skegnesse tunc senescallo, Johanne de Marisco, Clemente de Shupton, Radulpho de Camera, Waltero le Gaoler, Everardo filio Sewalli, David le Gardener, Gervasio de Rouclif, Willielmo de Gilling, et multis aliis.

NUM. XXXVIII.

Carta Johannis de Nittel de tota Terra sua, &c. in Genyngburgh^a Elemosinarie Abbatie Sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci concessa.

[Ibid.]

OMNIBUS hanc cartam visuris vel auditoris Johannes de Nittel salutem in Domino. Sciatis me dedisse, concessisse, et hac præsentis carta mea confirmasse Deo et ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ Ebor. et elemosinarie ejusdem loci totam

^a sc. Benyngburgh.

^b sc. Bruse. vid. Drake, p. 586.

^c Rogerus Lovel per cartam suam concessit eidem abbati quatuor particatas terræ in Corhou.

terram meam et totum servitium cum omnibus pertinentiis in Genyngburgh^a ex dono domini mei Petri de Grus; habendam et tenendam dictæ ecclesiæ et dictæ elemosinariæ in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam, libere, integre, et quiete, cum omnibus libertatibus et aisiamentis et cum omnibus aliis pertinentiis infra villam et extra et in omnibus locis absque aliquo retenemento, reddendo inde annuatim michi et hæredibus meis unum denarium ad Natale Domini apud Genyngburgh^a pro omni servicio et exactione, et faciendo sectam comitatus et wapentachii quæ ad dominum regem pertinet. Et ego Johannes et hæredes mei totam prædictam terram et totum prædictum servitium cum pertinentiis dictæ ecclesiæ et dictæ elemosinariæ in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam imperpetuum warantizabimus. Et in hujus rei testimonium præsentis scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus, Roberto de Skegnesse tunc senescallo abbatihæ, Johanne Lovel, Stephano Shupton, Ricardo de Camera, Waltero le Gaoler, Willielmo de Gilling, Nicholao janitore, Roberto Supe clerico, Thoma clerico grammatico, et aliis.^b

NUM. XXXIX.

Carta Roberti de Mainil de Villa de Miton Abbatihæ Sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci concessa.

[Ibid. fol. 137.]

NOTUM sit omnibus tam præsentibus quàm futuris, quod ego Robertus de Mainil dedi ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Ebor. abbatihæ villam quæ vocatur Miton in elemosinam liberam ab omni re quæ ad me vel ad hæredes meos pertinet, ita ut nichil amplius ex illa exigere debeam, sed meam donationem super altare præscriptæ ecclesiæ ponens sic liberam concessi sicut aliquis rem a se possessam liberius donare potest, coram hiis testibus, Stephano primo abbate ejusdem ecclesiæ, Laurencio grammatico, Willielmo Senerli, et ejus fratre Hugone, Hamone camerario, Malgero de Rodestem, Gerardo cementario, Daniele Rogero portario, Renerio Conger, Gernan. Hii sunt testes qui cum multis aliis fuerunt in ecclesia cum monachis quando prædictus R. donum hoc super altare posuit, pro qua elemosina ipse et uxor sua Gertrudis et filius suus Stephanus in elemosinis et orationibus et omnibus ecclesiæ beneficiis ab omni conventu monachorum recepti fuerunt.

NUM. XL.

Confirmatio Donationis suprascriptæ per Stephanum de Maisnil.

[Ibid.]

NOTUM sit omnibus tam futuris quàm præsentibus, quod ego Stephanus de Maisnil dedi ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Ebor. abbatihæ villam quæ vocatur Miton in elemosinam liberam ab omni re quæ ad me vel hæredes meos pertinet, ita ut nichil amplius ex ea exigere debeam, sed meam donationem super altare præscriptæ ecclesiæ ponens sic liberam concessi sicuti aliquis rem a se possessam liberius donare potest. Hoc concedo perpetualiter in puram elemosinam pro anima patris mei Roberti de Maisnil qui prius hanc donationem fecit prædictæ ecclesiæ, et pro anima matris meæ, et pro mea anima et uxoris meæ et liberorum meorum et omnium parentum et amicorum meorum. Concedo etiam simili modo eidem ecclesiæ unam carucatam terræ et

dimidiam in Suttuna juxta pontem de bello in illa parte Dernenti fluminis quæ est versus civitatem Eborum; pro qua elemosina receptus fui in fraternitatem ab omni conventu monachorum in capitulo suo, testimonio vicecomitis Bertranni, Herberti clerici, Aalard filij cunestarii, Serlonis, Roberti fratris vicecomitis, Walteri præpositi, Walteri filii Radulphi, Walteri Fraunces, Radulphi capellani, Willielmi Despenser, Nicholai, Achardi, Stephani, Abraham, Albert Romer.

NUM. XLI.

Libertates concessæ Monachis Sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci a Roberto de Moubray.

[Ibid. fol. 138.]

UNIVERSIS ecclesiæ filiis Rogerus de Moubray^d salutem. Quoniam tam per me quàm per meos multa dampna multotiens abbatihæ Eborum^e illata sunt,^f in recompensationem et satisfactionem eorum firmam et perpetuum pacem futuris temporibus a me et hæredibus meis et omnibus qui ad me pertinent prædictæ ecclesiæ concessi et præsentis cartula confirmavi; videlicet, ut ipsa ecclesia deinceps libera et quieta sit ab omni exactione mei et meorum tam de operibus castrorum quam de tensariis quæ^g violenter et injuste a castrensibus exigi^h solent. Concessi etiam præfatæ ecclesiæ ut habeant apud Mitonⁱ villam suam, molendinum, et stagnum, et piscariam suam, sicut unquam melius præteritis temporibus habuerunt. Quoniam vero pontem ejusdem villæ destruxi, ad proprium transitum suum et suorum, et omnium, salva pace^k castris mei,^l transire volentium, et ab^m deferenda sive referenda quæcunque eis necessaria sunt, navim eis concessi donec eis pontem suum quem in tempore patris mei et meo habuerunt, reparare licuerit. Omnem communem quoque illamⁿ quæ diu habita fuit inter Genyngburgh^o et duas villas eorum, Overton scilicet et Schupton^p de terra interjacente in bosco et plano per juramentum duodecim legitimorum virorum quos abbas prædictæ ecclesiæ supposuit, præsentis Augustino priore de Novo Burgo, et hominibus Willielmi de Arches ad cujus fedum^q prædicta villa de Genyngburgh^o pertinet, Widone scilicet de Wivelesthорpe, Alberico de Merston, Fulcone de Hamerton, qui ex præcepto meo ad diem statutum interfuerunt, prorsus pacificando removi, ita videlicet ut terram illam ab omni calumpnia deinceps quietam et liberam futuris temporibus possideant. Terram etiam de Uflet^r in prato et in terra culta quam Normannus et Willielmus filii Mazelme ob patrociniū et tuitionem meam michi dederunt præfatæ ecclesiæ libere et quiete redditu. Hanc conventionem et pacem inviolabiliter tenendam propria manu affidavi, et Robertus de Payvil^s et Hugo . . .^t scilicet affidavit.^u

NUM. XLII.

Concordia facta inter Johannem le Joven de Miton ex una parte et Abbatem et Conventum Sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci ex altera.

[Ibid. fol. 140.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus hoc scriptum visuris vel audituris Johannes le Joven de Miton salutem. Noveritis me habere scriptum abbatis et conventus sanctæ Mariæ Ebor. de concordia in hæc verba. Hæc est concordia facta apud Ebor. in curia beatæ Mariæ Ebor. die Sabbati vigilia beati Petri ad vincula anno Domini m.cc. quinquagesimo quarto,

^a sc. Benyngburgh.

^b Robertus de Usegate rector ecclesiæ sanctæ Crucis Eboraci per cartam suam concessit abbati et conventui sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci tres acras et tres rodas prati in villa de Genyngburgh [Benyngburgh], in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam.

^c f. Rogero.

^d Eboracensi. Ibid.

^e qui. Ibid.

^f Mitonam. Ibid.

^g castra mea. Ibid.

^h Contentionem quoque illam. Ibid.

ⁱ Beninburg. Ibid.

^j feudum. Ibid.

^k Mulbrai. Drake, ex autogr. p. 615.

^l fuerunt. Ibid.

^m erigi. Ibid.

ⁿ pace et indemnitatem. Ibid.

^o ad. Ibid.

^p Shipetonam. Ibid.

^q Usaflath. Ibid.

^r Daivalla. Ibid.

^s Hugo Mala Bissa.

^t similiter affidaverunt. Ibid.

Eustachius Conesacius in puram elemosinam quietum clamavit eisdem monachis totam calumpniam quam pater suus et ipse movere solebant super terram quæ jacet inter Miton et regiam viam quæ ducit ad Eboracum versus Richemund per Flathwaith et per Gyrtre et per Lundam Michaelis et per Gradfarton.

Stephanus filius Radulphi de Miton dedit eisdem monachis tres acras terræ in campo de Miton, et per aliam cartam duas acras terræ in eadem villa.

Johannes le Joven de Miton dedit eisdem monachis quinque acras terræ et unam acram prati in campo de Miton.

inter Thomam abbatem et conventum sanctæ Mariæ Ebor. ex una parte, et Johannem le Joven de Miton ex altera, de serviitiis et consuetudinibus quas dictus Thomas abbas et conventus exigebant de dicto Johanne de una carucata terræ cum pertinentiis in Miton; scilicet, tres solidos de firma et octo gallinas et duas percarias cum carucia sua per annum et unam herciam per unam diem, et auxilium ad voluntatem abbatis; videlicet, quod prædictus abbas et conventus concesserunt dicto Johanni et hæredibus suis et assignatis suis dictam carucatam terræ cum pertinentiis in Miton, tenendam et habendam dicto Johanni et hæredibus suis, et assignatis suis de dictis abbate et conventu et successoribus eorum per istas consuetudines et servicia superscripta; videlicet, per octo gallinas per annum infra Natale et sexaginta ova ad Pascha, et duas percarias carucarum, unam in yvernagio et aliam in termesio, et unam herciam per annum in yvernagio, et tres solidos firmæ per annum, medietatem ad festum sancti Martini in hieme, et medietatem ad Pentecostem, et tres solidos per annum solvendo nomine tallagii ad festum sancti Michaelis pro omni servicio seculari, consuetudine, exactione, et demanda, salvo tamen dicto abbati et conventui et successoribus suis quod possint approbare vastum suum de villa de Miton; salvis dicto Johanni et hæredibus suis et assignatis suis libero introitu et exitu et pastura sufficiente quantum pertinet ad dictum tenementum. Sed non licebit dicto Johanni et hæredibus suis, vel assignatis suis dictam terram vendere, dare, vel invadiare viris religiosis, nec Judeis. Et pro hac concordia et remissione dictus Johannes pro se et hæredibus suis remisit et quietum clamavit prædictis abbati et conventui totum jus et clamium quod habuit vel habere potuit in quinque toftis cum pertinentiis in prædicta villa; scilicet, de illo tofto quod Henricus Lesay tenuit, et illo tofto quod Alanus de Munesford tenuit, et illo tofto quod Agnes Thurkill tenuit, et illo tofto quod Walterus Chaunceller tenuit, et illo tofto quod Ricardus Molendinarius tenuit; habendum et tenendum dicto abbati et conventui in puram et perpetuam elemosinam imperpetuum; et ad faciendum inde commodum suum secundum quod melius sibi viderint expedire. Hoc autem eidem Johanni et hæredibus suis et assignatis suis concessimus quam diu se legaliter erga nos habuerint, et prædictam firmam bene reddiderint. Si vero contingat quod dictam terram vi vel ratione amiserit, non dabimus eis excambium. In cujus rei testimonium præsentis cartæ sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus, domino Johanne de Outon tunc . . . sanctæ Mariæ Ebor. Simone de Lilling militibus, Alexando de Kyrkeby, Willielmo de Dimesford, Stephano de Shupton, Thoma filio Thomæ de Miton, Stephano Garn de eadem, et aliis.^a

NUM. XLIII.

De Capella de Miton.

[Ibid. fol. 149.]

Quod semel recte finitum est literarum solet commendari memoriæ, ut sublata litium materia, omnis quoque litigandi amputetur occasio. Inde est quod veterem et diu agitatam controversiam inter ecclesiam beati Petri Ebor. et monasterium beatæ Mariæ amicabili compositione interveniente hoc modo decidere et terminare utriusque loci capitulo placuit. Petebat siquidem Ebor. ecclesia per J. thesaurarium suum, ad cujus videlicet honorem rem quæ in controversiam deducebatur, specialiter pertinere dicebat, in subjectionem ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ de Alna, capellam de Miton quæ in territorio prædictæ abbatiæ sita est asseverans quod omnes capellæ illius ordinatio tam in sacerdote ibi constituendo, quam in decimis percipiendis,

vel mortuis sepeliendis, ad ecclesiam de Alna modis omnibus pertinere deberet, et per multorum annorum curricula pertinuerit. E contra dominus S. qui tunc abbas erat, et monachi, non capellam illam, sed matrem ecclesiam esse et ab omni omnis ecclesiæ subjectione liberam, necnon et assensu bonæ memoriæ H. archiepiscopi . . . consecratione honoratam fuisse dicebant; dumque cimeterio careret se parochianorum corpora libere sepelienda transportasse quocunque volebant. Sed hac contentione nondum terminata contigit memoratum thesaurarium, de suscepti honoris melioratione sollicitum, molendinum quoddam quod super aquam quæ fossa dicitur . . . ad ejus honorem pertinere, a loco quo prædecessorum suorum tempore immobile fuerat ad commodum suum movere, illudque molendino monachorum in eadem . . . plus solito vicinum facere; quod quidem monachi ei non licere asserebant dampna ex hoc facto monasterio suo imminere proponentes. Qui etiam . . . fœdera de eisdem molendinis inter utramque ecclesiam antiquitus . . . venire, et insuper piscariam in qua molendinum suum firmaverat . . . locum quo prius sedem suam habuit ex integro juris sui esse dicebant. Dum itaque thesaurarius de prænominata capella ecclesiæ suæ injuriam fieri quæreretur; et eidem ab abbate et monachis de molendini sui transpositione . . . tandem in hanc pacis formam decursum est, ut abbati et monachis liberum sit in præfata capella clericum quem voluerint constituere, qui decimas omnium parochianorum recipiat, et eosdem cum viam universæ carnis ingressi fuerint in eodem loco sepeliat, et thesaurarius qui pro tempore erit molendinum suum in loco ad quem translatum supermemoratur inconcusse possidere liceat. Quod sicut iidem monachi de prænominata capella trium solidorum pensionem thesaurariis annuatim persolvent, dimidium videlicet ad Pentecostem et dimidium ad festum sancti Martini, sic decimam partem totius emolumenti molendini thesaurarii obtinebunt, in optione sua habentes vel eandem partem in manu sua retinere, vel de monasterio suo pro annua pensione tenendam cui voluerint concedere. Sciendum quoque est neutrum molendinorum a loco quo hac lite sopita firmata fuerunt alteri approximando debere moveri, nec cujuslibet molendini stagnum cum alterius detrimento magis eminens quam tempore compositionis contractæ fuerit posse fieri. Et ut omnis occasio litigandi amputetur, piscaria a molendino monachorum usque ad pontem solis eorum usibus debetur, illa vero quæ a ponte versus aquilonem est thesaurario tum Ebor. ex tunc mancipata fuisse dinoscatur. Sicut igitur monachis prædictam pensionem non licet minuere vel subtrahere, nec in præfato molendino ultra quam superius diffinitum est aliquid exigere; sic nec canonicis nec thesaurariis qui pro tempore erunt licebit aliquid ulterius in prænominata capella sibi petere, nec quod in eodem molendino monachis concessum est quicquam mutare, nisi forte thesaurario Ebor. visum fuerit molendinum suum ad pristinum locum transferre. Quod si contigerit, ex tunc monachi de sæpedita capella xiii. solidorum pensionem ad prædictos terminos thesaurario supramemoratæ ecclesiæ annuatim persolvent, manus suas ad hoc quod in molendino suo habebant ex toto continentes, cæteris quidem omnibus ratis, quæ de capella superius diffinita sunt et utroque molendino et piscaria quantum ab uno ad alterum extunc extendatur in suo antiquo statu permanentibus. Hæc itaque omni ad perpetuam utriusque ecclesiæ pacem provisa, utriusque capituli sigillo roborata omnibus diebus firma et inconcussa permaneant. Testibus hiis, Roberto decano, Johanne thesaurario, magistro Simundo, Nicholao de Tailli, Thoma de Ramavilla, Beroldo canonico, Willielmo Bayocensi, Willielmo filio Holdeby.^b

^a Ricardus Molendinarius de Miton et Elena uxor ejus per cartam suam concesserunt abbatiæ supradictæ unam toftum, sex acras terræ et unam acram prati cum pertinentiis, in villa et territoria de Miton.

Sequuntur in hoc registro aliæ multæ cartæ confirmatoriæ supradictarum acrarum, et aliorum donatorum de una vel duabus et etiam quatuor acris, de uno tofto, de una roda, de una messuagio, quas omnes cartas hic inserere vel saltem nominare nimis longum esset et tedium generaret.

Willielmus de Grampton dedit eidem abbatiæ duo messuagia et sexaginta acras terræ cum pertinentiis in Miton.

Johannes de Hellebek dedit eisdem quatuor tofta et quatuor bovatas terræ in villa de Miton.

^b Sequitur quieta clamatio Nicholai de Miton capellani de uno tofto, duabus acris terræ, et tribus rodibus terræ, et medietate unius acrae et dimidiæ rodæ prati in territorio de Miton.

Item quieta clamantia Willielmi filii Stephani le Yong de uno messuagio et tribus acris terræ et dimidia.

Item carta indentata Sigani de Miton de duabus bovatis terræ in eadem villa eidem ab abbate et conventu beatæ Mariæ Eboraci in hæreditatem ad firmam dimissis, cum aliis ejusdem generis.

NUM. XLIV.

Littera Inductionis Vicarii de Miton.

[Ibid. fol. 152.]

B. PERMISSIONE divina abbas monasterii beatæ Mariæ Ebor. dilicto sibi in Christo filio de Tollerton salutem cum dilectione paterna. Cum nuper vicariam ecclesiæ de Miton vacantem et ad nostram collationem spectantem domino Thomæ de Acum capellano contulimus de consensu nostri conventus, ipsumque canonice institutus in eadem, ac in corporalem possessionem ejusdem fecimus induci prout incumbabat, nonnulli tamen iniquitatis filii ipsum dominum Thomam super possessione ejusdem vicariæ et domuum ad ipsam pertinentium molestant ut intelleximus et perturbant, in animarum suarum periculum et dicti Thomæ prejudicium ac contemptum ecclesiasticæ libertatis; quocirca vobis committimus et mandamus quatinus amoto a dicta vicaria et domibus ejusdem quolibet illicito detentatore præfatum dominum Thomam et suos gaudere faciatis pacifica possessione dictæ vicariæ, cum suis pertinentiis, et de fructibus ejusdem integraliter respondere, contradictores et rebelles si quos inveniatis per suspensionis et excommunicationis censuris compescendo. Dat. Ebor. iij. id. Junii anno Domini m.ccc. tertio.

Carta Elyæ de Flamvill de Dalby militis, per quam concedit abbatiæ sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci totam terram suam in villa de Dalby, cum villanis et eorum sequela, molen-dinum cum secta et cum advocacione et jure patronatus ecclesiæ, &c. Est etiam alia carta ejusdem de advocacione ecclesiæ.

Emma de Humaxe concessit abbati et conventui sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci viginti marcas ardeni annuatim percipiendas de ecclesia de Shirefhoton per manum ipsius qui persona fuerit ejusdem ecclesiæ, quæ donatio confirmatur a filiis suis.

Walterus persona de Shirefhoton per cartam suam obligat se annuatim reddere in tota vita sua prædictas viginti marcas eisdem abbati et conventui.

Abbas et conventus sanctæ Mariæ quietum clamaverunt advocacionem prædictæ ecclesiæ de Shirefhoton prædictæ Emmæ de Humaxe et hæredibus ejus, salvis viginti marcis annuatim quas dicta Emma et filii ejus eidem abbatiæ concesserunt de dicta ecclesia.

Galfridus de Thornton dedit abbati et conventui beatæ Mariæ Eboraci duas bovatas terræ in Thornton, et per aliam cartam quietum clamavit et remisit totum tenementum et jus quod habuit in eadem villa de Thornton.

Adam de Gutterwik dedit eisdem duas bovatas terræ cum tofto et crofto in Thornton.

Ricardus de Morlund dedit unum toftum et duas bovatas terræ in villa de Foston.

Willielmus filius Willielmi de Barton dedit sex bovatas terræ cum duobus toftis in villa de Barton.

Herbertus de Etton concessit abbatiæ sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci duas carucatas terræ ad perpetuam firmam, reddendo ei et hæredibus suis xx. solidos annuatim, pro quo servitio abbatiæ acquietavit ab omni alio servitio, præter commune geldum regis.

Lambertus filius concessit eidem abbatiæ duas bovatas terræ in villa de Hoton.

Simon filius Walteri Sikelyng donavit eidem abbatiæ capitale messuagium suum et quatuor bovatas terræ, cum pertinentiis in Hoton.

Hugo filius Henrici filii Rogeri de Hoton concessit duas bovatas terræ cum uno tofto et crofto et pertinentiis in villa de Hoton.

Dominus Walterus Percehay dedit et concessit eidem abbatiæ in liberam, puram, et perpetuam elemosinam totam

terram suam in longitudine super Houthwit quod dicitur le Biding juxta Hoton subtus le Hegh.

Rogerus Moubray carta sua concessit et confirmavit eidem abbatiæ in puram et perpetuam elemosinam totam villam de Hoton in Ridale, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis.

NUM. XLV.

Carta Henrici Regis de Foresta de Spaunton.

[Ibid. fol. 177.]

H. REX Anglorum, et dux Norman. et Aquit. et comes Andeg. justiciariis et omnibus ministris et baronibus suis, Francis et Anglis, Ebor'shire salutem. Præcipio quod abbas et monachi de Ebor. teneant bene et in pace et honorifice totum boscum suum et totam terram suam ab aqua de Gonne usque ad aquam quæ appellatur Syvene sicut melius tenuerunt tempore Henrici regis avi mei; et de feodo forestariis meis ne se inde intromittant, sed abbas Ebor. faciat custodiri cervum et cervam, aprum et ancipitrem, sicut fecit in tempore regis Henrici avi mei. Teste Thoma cancellario apud Godestok.

NUM. XLVI.

Littera directa Archiepiscopo Eboracensi de Inspectione Cartarum et Instrumentorum Abbatis et Conventus Sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci de Confirmatione Regum.

[Ibid.]

REVERENDO domino et patri in Christo karissimæ W. Dei gratia Ebor. archiepiscopo etiam Angliæ primati suis devotus clericus S. de Eglesfeld salutem et tam debitam quam devotam obedientiam. Noverit reverenda paternitas vestra me inspexisse quædam instrumenta abbatis et conventus sanctæ Mariæ Ebor. in hæc verba:

Henricus rex Anglorum archiepiscopo Ebor. et vicecomiti, et omnibus ministris et baronibus D'Everwickschira, Francis et Anglis, salutem. Concedo Deo et sanctæ Mariæ et abbati abbatiæ sanctæ Mariæ Ebor. imperpetuum habere totum decimam totius venationis meæ de Everwickschira in carne, scilicet et coriis quicunque capiat et lardenarii mei eis liberent totam, et vicecomes meus de Everwik videat ut sine labore et molestia semper habeant prædicti monachi. Testibus Unfredo Byng capellano et Everardo dapifero apud Piking.

— Rex Anglorem, dux Normanniæ et Aquitaniæ, et comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopo Ebor. vicecomiti, et omnibus ministris et baronibus de Eboracshire, Francis et Anglis, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et præsentem cartam mea Deo et sanctæ Mariæ et abbati et monachis Ebor. confirmasse totam, &c. verbatim sicut superius.

— Rex Angliæ, et dux Normanniæ et Aquitaniæ, et comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, comitibus, abbatibus, et omnibus baronibus et justiciariis et ministris suis, et omnibus fidelibus suis, Francis et Anglis, salutem. Sciatis quod ego Ricardus rex Angliæ, pro salute animæ meæ et pro salute animarum Henrici regis patris mei et Henrici regis proavi mei, et redemptione animarum patris et matris meæ, et omnium parentum meorum, necnon pro statu regni mei, concedo et dono in perpetuam elemosinam Roberto abbati et successoribus ejus, et abbatiæ sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, terras, decimas, &c. Et infra. Præterea concedo et confirmo prædictis monachis totam decimam venationis meæ, &c. ut supra.*

* Sequitur etiam alia carta regis Henrici in eadem verba:

Carta Johannis filii Petri de Spaunton concedit et confirmat eidem abbatiæ unum messuagium et unum toftum cum duabus bovatis terræ in villa de Spaunton.

Robertus Chaunceller per cartam suam remisit et relaxavit eidem abbati totum jus et clamium quod habuit in omnibus terris et tene-mentis quæ habuit in villa et territorio de Spaunton.

Sic etiam Jacobus vicarius de Popilton et de Pikenham capellanus quietum clamaverunt totum jus quod habebant in tribus acris et una roda terræ arabilis in campo de Spaunton.

Johannes de Gilling concessit et confirmavit eidem abbati unum messuagium et novem acras terræ arabilis in territorio de Spaunton.

Robertus Page dedit, concessit, et carta sua confirmavit eidem abbatiæ totam terram quam habuit in villa et territorio de Apilton.

Willielmus filius Savarici de reddidit et imperpetuum quietum clamavit eidem abbatiæ totam terram cum capitali messuagio et cum omnibus pertinentiis quæ tenuit de eis in territorio de Apilton; et per aliam cartam eidem abbatiæ dedit tres acras terræ in Apilton; et per aliam cartam dedit eisdem monachis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam unam bovatom terræ in Apilton cum omnibus pertinentiis.

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ABB. BE. MAR. EBOR.

Linc.	£.	s.	d.
Pens. abb. be. Mariæ Ebor. in eccl. de Bynnebrok	12	0	0
Pens. in ecclia de Ferreby	3	6	8
Pens. in ecclia de Cadeby	0	9	0
Temporal. in dec. Linc.	8	0	0
Temporal. in dec. Jordeburch	4	17	4
Temporal. in dec. Graham	14	11	2
Temporal. in dec. Walyscroft	1	10	0
Temporal. in dec. Avelund	1	10	0
Temporal. in dec. Langhou et Boby	0	3	0
Temporal. in dec. Hoyland	2	5	8
Temporal. in dec. Belteslaw	0	15	0
Temporal. in dec. Coryngham	1	9	2
Temporal. in dec. Manlak	3	6	0
Rotel.			
Temporal. in dec. Roteland	0	1	0
Ebor.			
Pens. in ecclia S. Crucis Ebor.	1	0	0
Pens. in ecclia S. Salvatoris	0	10	0
Portio decimarum in ecclia de Harewode assignata fabricæ eccl. B. Mariæ Ebor.	1	0	0
Pens. in ecclia de Gillyng	2	13	4
Pens. in ecclia de Normanby	0	10	0
Pens. in ecclia de Langeton	0	2	0
Portio de dominicis ejusdem ad fabricam eccl. B. Mar. assignata	2	0	0
Pens. in ecclia de Scraingham	3	6	8
Portio in ecclia de Skirkenbek de dominicis in eadem parochia ad erogand. pauperibus	3	6	8
Portio in ecclia de Kirkeby Hondolsdale	10	13	4
Pens. in ecclia de Kirkeby Hondolsdale	1	0	0
Portio in ecclia de Rudestan de dominicis	4	0	0
Pens. in ecclia de Rudestan de dominicis	1	10	0
Pens. in ecclia de Burton Anneys	10	13	4
Pens. in ecclia de Foxholes	8	0	0
Pens. in ecclia de Hornesse	5	0	0
Temporal. in archid. Ebor. 600%. sed debet esse	533	6	8
Pens. in ecclia de Kyrkeby Raveneswath	2	2	0
Pens. in ecclia de Middelton	3	6	8
Pens. in ecclia de Croft	10	0	0
Pens. in ecclia de Rychemund	5	0	0
Pens. in ecclia de Smytheton	5	0	0
Pens. in ecclia de Caterige	0	13	4
Pens. in ecclia de Haukeswell	1	0	0
Pens. in ecclia de Brunston	0	13	4
Pens. in ecclia de Everesham	2	0	0
Pens. in ecclia de Warton	0	10	0
Pens. in ecclia de Kyrkeby Kendal	2	0	0
Pens. in ecclia de Bethum	2	0	0

Thomas Cotibald dedit eidem abbatiæ toftum suum et totam terram suam in villa de Dweldapilton in puram et perpetuam elemosinam. Radulphus de . . . concessit et confirmavit huic abbatiæ boscum quod vocatur Calangia, a Christianakelda usque ad Copaeik et a Copaeik usque ad Nerkeldale, et a Nerkeldale per vallem viam et sic usque ad Harestemes et sic usque ad Depedale. Simon le Bret relaxavit et quietum clamavit eidem abbatiæ totum jus et clamium quod habuit in villa de Normanby cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Thomas de Wilton remisit et quietum clamavit eidem abbatiæ omne jus et clamium quod habebat vel habere poterat in duabus bovatis terræ cum pertinentiis in villa de Normanby. Gilbertus de Hoby recepit ab abbate beatæ Mariæ Eboraci quadraginta solidos argenti pro recognitione et quieta clamatione sua de parco de Normanby, unde contentio inter eos mota fuerat per breve novæ disaisinæ: et de una acra terræ in eadem, unde similiter contentio mota fuerat inter eos per breve de utrum.

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Ebor.	£.	s.	d.
Pens. in ecclia de Burton	40	0	0
Westm.			
Pens. in ecclia de Wynandermer	1	13	4
Pens. in ecclia de Gressemere	1	13	4
Nott.			
Pens. in ecclia de Cothum	1	4	0
Pens. in ecclia de Hirling	1	6	8
Portio in ecclia de Graneby	5	6	8
Ebor.			
Pens. in ecclia de Gerford	1	10	0
Pens. in ecclia de Neuton	3	6	8
Pens. in ecclia de Hoton	13	6	8
Pens. in ecclia de Kirkby Mysperton	0	10	0
Pens. in ecclia de Patrik Brumton	0	16	8
Portio in ecclia de Kirtelyngton	0	8	0
Pens. in ecclia de Doncastre, videlicet in parte quæ fuit Begonis	5	0	0
Pens. ejusdem abbatis in parte quæ fuit Rogeri in eadem ecclia	5	0	0

NUM. XLVIII.

Compositio facta inter dominum Thomam abbatem Monasterii Beate Mariæ Eboraci et dominam Elizabetham de Latimer de Itinere habendo ultra moram de Syvelyngton.

[Reg. ut. supr. fol. 288.]

CESTE endenture faite entre Elizabeth que fu la femme William Latymer d'une parte, et Thom. abbe nostre Dame Deverwik d'autre parte, tesmoigne come le dit abbe et ses predecessours, leur servants et leur tenaunts leur nayfe terre tenants du temps dount y ny ad memoire ount eu et usee d'avoir chymyn outre la more de Syvelyngton de Normanby a Spaunton; ceo est a savoir au pee et chival, chace et rechace ad tote manere des bestes, charres et charettes, et de carier et recarier tutte manere de choses a leur volentes. La dite Elizabeth grant, ratifie, et conferme audit abbe et ses successours leur servaunts et leur tenaunts leur nayfe terre tenants le dit chymyn en la manere come avant esse dit, sauve en bleds et en prees si que le dit abbe ne ces successours, leur servaunts, ne leur tenaunts leur nayfe terre tenants du dit chymyn desormes par la dite Elizabeth ne nul des soens soient destourbes en nul temps. Done a Everwik le xvj. jour d'Octobre, l'an du regne nostre seignur le roy Edward tiers apres le Conquest disme.

NUM. XLIX.

Carta A. filii Geroldi de Ecclesia de Kirkeby Misperton.

[Ibid. fol. 209.]

A. filius Geroldi omnibus suis dominis et amicis celestia adipisci. Notifico vobis tam futuris quam presentibus quia ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Ebor. do ecclesiam [de] Kirkeby, cum tota decima ipsius villæ et mei domini, et cum una carucata terræ de meo proprio similiter in elemosinam, concedo sine servitio et aliqua consuetudine. Testibus existentibus tunc temporis, scilicet, L. sua uxor et suus frater Wido, et G. suus dapifer, et A. frater Luponis, et R. de Grai villa.^a

^a Alanus filius Alani supradicti carta sua hanc donationem confirmavit.

Amicia quondam uxor Laurentii de Kirkeby Misperton dedit eidem monachis unum toftum cum crofto in villa de Kirkeby Misperton, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam; et per aliam cartam dedit eisdem sex bovatas terræ in eadem villa, cum tofto, et prato pertinente ad alias sex bovatas, sed hoc tantum pro vita sua.

Robertus filius Laurentii de Kirkeby Misperton dedit et concessit eisdem monachis unam carucatam terræ cum pertinentiis in villa de Kirkeby Misperton; et per aliam cartam dedit eis tres bovatas terræ.

Thomas filius Ricardi Barre dedit eisdem dimidiam carucatam terræ in eadem villa; idem per aliam cartam dedit eis unum toftum in eadem villa, cum omnibus ædificiis et cum gardino.

Eustachius filius Johannis dedit eisdem quatuor carucatas terræ in Gilling in Ridale.

Radulphus de Surdeval dedit ecclesiam de Gilling in Ridale, et totam terram suam in eadem villa.

NUM. L.

Conventio facta inter Abbatem et Conventum Sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci et Dominam Mariam de Nevill Dominam de Midelham super Metis et Divisis in Marisco.

[Ibid. fol. 232.]

Hæc indentura testatur quod cum contentio orta esset inter abbatem et conventum beatæ Mariæ Ebor. ex una parte, et dominam Mariam de Nevill dominam de Midelham ex altera, super quibusdam metis, bundis, et divisis inter mariscum ipsorum abbatis et conventus in Grymston, et mariscum dictæ dominæ Mariæ dominæ de Midelham in Snape. Ita concordatum est quod metæ, bundæ, et divisæ prædictæ linialiter se teneant del Suthgrenhill usque le Northgrenhill inter mariscos de Snape et Grymston prædictos; ita quod nec prædicti abbas et conventus nec successores sui de cætero aliquid juris vel clamii in prædicto marisco de Snape ultra dictas divisas versus Snape, nec aliquam communiam, herbagium, seu aliquod aliud proficuum exigere, habere, vel vindicare poterunt imperpetuum. Et dicta domina Maria de Midelham concedit pro se et hæredibus suis, quod ultra divisas prædictas versus Grymston nullum jus vel clamium in marisco de Grymston prædicto clamabunt, nisi tantum communia pasturæ ad omnimoda animalia sua, et hominum suorum herbagium, et arundinem pro se, hæredibus, et hominibus suis de Snape, Welle, et Faverwald. Et hoc ad comitandum et capiendum in prædictis divisis inter mariscos prædictos usque quandam divisam quæ vocatur Quenhilgote quæ est ad finem calceti de Grymston in marisco de Grymston prædicto. Et quod prædicti abbas et conventus habeant et teneant totum residuum prædicti marisci versus Grymston in suo separali imperpetuum, absque reclamacione et contradictione juris vel clamii dictæ dominæ et hæredum suorum imperpetuum. In cujus rei testimonium præsentibus scriptis ad modum chirographi confectis dictæ partes, videlicet, præfati abbas et conventus parti hujus indenturæ penes prædictam dominam residenti sigillum capituli sui apposuerunt; et dicta domina parti penes prædictos abbatem et conventum residenti sigillum suum apposuit. Hiis testibus dominis Roberto de Plumpton, Johanne de Garton, militibus; Roberto de Wyclif, Johanne de Helleck, Roberto de Amcotes, Willielmo de Gaytenby, Johanne de Thenton, et aliis.

NUM. LI.

Scriptum Domini J. de Marmyon de Marisco de Grymston.

[Ibid. fol. 233.]

UNIVERSIS Christi fidelibus pateat per præsentem, quod cum placitum fuisset notum coram domino rege per breve de transgressionem inter religiosos viros abbatem et conventum monasterii beatæ Mariæ Eborum quærentes, et dominum Johannem Marmyon dominum de Carthorp juxta

Grymston defendentem; videlicet, de diversis transgressionibus sive injuriis per tenentes ipsius domini Johannis de Carthorp vi et armis factis infra divisas marisci ipsorum abbatis et conventus apud Grymston, tandem mediantibus communibus amicis placitum illud amicabili concordia in modum infrascriptum conquievit. Videlicet, quod prædictus dominus Johannes Marmyon pro se et hæredibus suis recognovit mariscum et calcetum marisci de Grymston esse jus ipsorum abbatis et conventus, et successorum, et ecclesiæ prædictæ beatæ Mariæ Eborum, sicut calcetum de villa de Grymston prædicta se extendit a solo prædictorum religiosorum ab oriente versus occidentem usque medium marisci ad quandam locum qui dicitur Suthgrenhill, et ab illo calceto de Grymston usque divisas de Thexton, in latitudine versus boream ad quandam locum qui dicitur Northgrenhill, renunciando insuper et penitus remittendo pro se et hæredibus suis imperpetuum omni juri et actioni quod ultra calcetum prædictum versus boream, vel in illo calceto aliquo tempore vendicaverat quoquomodo, vel quod ipse, vel hæredes sui, vel assignati vindicare poterunt in futurum. Ita quod nec ipse, nec hæredes sui, vel assignati aliquod jus vel clamium in prædicto marisco vel calceto per divisas prædictas de cætero exigere poterunt vel vindicare in futurum. Et pro hac recognitione et quieta clamacione prædicti abbas et conventus remiserunt prædicto domino Johanni et tenentibus suis de Carthorp omnes expensas in placito prædicto factas, et omnem actionem quam erga prædictos habuerunt nomine transgressionis et injuriæ eis et suis illatæ usque ad diem confectionis præsentium. In cujus rei testimonium præsentibus scriptis cirographatis tam prædicti abbas et conventus pro se et successoribus suis sigillum capituli sui, quam dictus dominus Johannes Marmyon pro se et hæredibus suis sigillum suum alternatim apposuerunt. Hiis testibus, dominis Arstulpho de Cleseby, Radulpho filio Radulphi, Thoma de Lascels, Roberto de Goynton, Henrico de Watlons, militibus; Roberto de Monsters, Johanne de Helbek, Henrico de Staynford, Willielmo de Gaytenby, Willielmo Manlovel, Petro de Swyngthwayt, Johanne de Thexton, et multis aliis. Dat. apud Canfeld septimo idus Februarii anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo septimo.*

NUM. LII.

Littera de Homagio Johannis filii Arnaldi de Terra in Huddeswell.

[Ibid. fol. 246.]

UNIVERSIS Christi fidelibus pateat per præsentem, quod ego Johannes filius Arnaldi filius Huberti de Huddeswell feci homagium et fidelitatem domino meo domino Johanni abbati monasterii beatæ Mariæ Eborum pro uno tofto et crofto et duabus bovatis terræ quas de eo teneo in Huddeswell in camera prædicti abbatis in die Paschæ ante prandium, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. octavo, et regni regis Edwardi filii regis Edwardi primo, astantibus et præ-

Ricardus filius Beatricis de Butterwik dedit eisdem monachis duas bovatas terræ cum pertinentiis in territorio de Butterwik in Ridale.

Emma filia Walteri de Butterwik dedit duas bovatas terræ in territorio de Butterwik in Ridale, et per aliam cartam unam bovatom terræ cum duobus toftis et croftis in eadem villa, et filius ejus Ricardus confirmavit hanc donationem.

Rogerus de Craven dedit monachis unum toftum in villa de Midelton, et unam acram terræ.

Rogerus de Clere dedit eisdem monachis sex bovatas et triginta acras terræ in territorio de Marton, et quinque toftos in villa de Marton, et quinque acras prati cum omnibus pertinentiis suis infra villam et extra in puram et perpetuam elemosinam; et idem per aliam cartam concedit eisdem septem acras terræ et dimidiam in eadem villa.

Emma de Benefeld dedit eisdem dimidiam bovatom terræ cum pertinentiis in villa de Marton, et per aliam cartam dedit unam bovatom terræ in eadem villa.

Robertus Bateman de Marton dedit sex bovatas terræ.

Robertus filius Willielmi dedit eisdem unum toftum in Boston, et totam terram et pratum suum in Markewod, et totam terram suam inter Bracanehaves, et totam terram suam in valle Burlehau, et quatuor perticatas in latitudine in Almuselecarlewic et in longitudine sicut vicinæ terræ se extendunt.

Nicholaus filius Benedicti clerici de Pikering dedit eisdem monachis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam unum toftum in Wicham.

Ribaldus frater comitis dedit quatuor carucatas terræ in Grimston in puram et perpetuam elemosinam.

Robertus de Musters confirmavit eisdem monachis ecclesiam de Grymston quam avus ejus Robertus donavit dicto conventui in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, et quatuor carucatas terræ in eadem villa.

* Clemens filius Stephani de Edelingthorp dedit eisdem monachis unum toftum, videlicet quantum pertinebat ad duas bovatas terræ, et dimidiam acram terræ in crofto illius tofti et dimidiam acram in Thothelands: et per aliam cartam concedit duas bovatas terræ cum tofto et crofto; et per aliam cartam dedit eis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam unum pratum in Swaledale quantum pertinebat ad unam carucatam et ad tertiam partem unius bovate terræ, et aliud pratum quod jacet ad caput de Swaledale juxta Crakethorn.

Agnes quæ fuit uxor Alexandri de Edelingthorp confirmavit eisdem monachis pratum cum pertinentiis in Edelingthorp.

Stephanus de Ponte concessit eidem conventui in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam pratum suum quod habebat in Praeria de Edelingthorp ad sustentationem pontis de Miton.

Johannes Rabot de Honyngham dedit eisdem monachis messuagium et terram arabilem et pratum in villa de Edelingthorp.

Rogerus de Sutton dedit unum messuagium, unam bovatom, et quatuordecim acras terræ et dimidiam in villa de Edelingthorp.

Arnaldus filius Huberti de Huddeswell dedit abbatibus sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci, et prioratui sancti Martini juxta Richemund, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, unum toftum cum crofto in villa de Huddeswell.

sentibus domino Harchulpho de Clesby milite, Johanne de Helbeck, Simone Stotevill, Willielmo de Ellerton fratribus, Willielmo de Tollerton et Thoma de Sutton monachis, Johanne de Ayrmyrn, Johanne filio Willielmi de Clesby domino de Dunum, Hardulpho fratre ejus domino de Mersk, et Alano de Kendal camerario abbatis. In cujus rei testimonium præsens litteris sigillum meum una cum sigillis astantium et præsens est appensum. Dat. Ebor. in camera prædicti abbatis domini mei die et anno supradictis.*

NUM. LIII.

Carta Eustachii de Fauconberg de una Marca Nomine Vicarie Ecclesiæ de Katerik solvenda Abbati Beatæ Mariæ Eborum annuatim.

[Ibid. fol. 248.]

NOVERINT præsentes et futuri quod ego Eustachius de Fauconberg teneor solvere annuatim abbatiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Ebor. unam marcam argenti nomine vicariæ ecclesiæ de Katerik quam Robertus de Longo Campo abbas et conventus de Ebor. mihi contulerunt. Exceptis omnibus garbis totius parochiæ ecclesiæ prædictæ de Katerik, cum tota terra pertinente ad eandem ecclesiam, nec quod in qualibet villa ubi capellani manere consueverunt habeam capitale messuagium. Concedo etiam quod prior de Richemond percipiat minutas decimas in parochia de Katerik sicut percipere consuevit. Ego autem Eustachius promisi fideliter adjuvare prædictos monachos de Ebor. pro posse meo si quis eos super tertia parte garbarum quæ debent ad ipsam ecclesiam de Katerik pertinere præsumpserit fatigare. Episcopalia autem acquietabo et omnia onera sustinebo. Hanc autem conventionem fideliter tenendam tactis sacrosanctis in capitulo monachorum de Ebor. coram multis juravi, et hujus scripti testimonium sigillo meo roboravi. Hiis testibus Waltero de Boynton, Hugone de Longo Campo, Roberto Bacheler, Johanne de Rungeton, Roberto Suye, Pagano de Ely, Radulpho de Longa Villa, Waltero Coco.

NUM. LIV.

De Cantaria concessa Harstulpho de Clesby Militi in Villa de Ellerton juxta Swale in Parochia de Katerik.

[Ibid.]

UNIVERSIS præsens scriptum visuris vel auditoris Harstulphus de Clesby miles salutem in eo qui est omnium vera salus. Noverit universitas vestra me habere cartam religiosorum virorum abbatis et conventus monasterii beatæ Mariæ Ebor. tenorem qui sequitur continentem. Universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis has litteras visuris vel auditoris J. permissione divina abbas monasterii beatæ Mariæ Ebor. et ejusdem loci conventus salutem in Domino sempiternam. Pia justorum desideria eo libentius benigna exauditione convenit adimplere quo ea ad exittacionem devotionis fide-

lium ad superna animarumque suarum salutem, ac divini cultus continuum incrementum tendere manifestius declarat. Devotionem igitur nobilis viri domini Harstulphi de Clesby militis favorabiliter inclinati, et eo favorabilius quo nobis antecessores prædicti domini Harstulphi tres acras terræ in villa de Ellerton super Swale juxta Bolton in parochia nostra de Katerik in puram et perpetuam elemosinam antiquitus contulerunt, ut in capella sua de Ellerton prædicta infra parochiam prædictam sine nostro vel nostrorum successorum impedimento habere possit perpetuam cantariam, et facere ibidem divina celebrari sumptibus suis propriis per proprios capellanos, qui vicario nostro ecclesiæ prædictæ qui pro tempore fuerit canonicam obedientiam faciant ut est justum, ad quod faciendum sine difficultate per vicarium hujusmodi admittantur, sibi et successoribus suis de consensu domini Johannis nunc vicarii ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ liberam quantum in nobis est concedimus licentiam et donamus, jure matris ecclesiæ nostræ de Katerik prædictæ in omnibus semper salvo. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum capituli nostri una cum sigillo prædicti domini Johannis vicarii præsens est appensum. Dat. in capitulo nostro Ebor. vij. idus Februarii, anno Domini millesimo ccc. quinto, in præmissorum vero testimonium ego Harstulphus supradictus sigillum meum apposui huic scripto, penes eos religiosos permanenti. Dat. Ebor. die et anno superius annotatis.^b

NUM. LV.

Carta Regis Edwardi de Permutatione Terræ in Mortham.

[Ibid. fol. 265.]

EDWARDUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, dux Aquitaniæ, omnibus ad quos præsentes litteræ pervenerint salutem. Licet de communi concilio regni nostri statutum sit quod non liceat viris religiosis seu aliis ingredi feodum alicujus, ita quod ad manum mortuam deveniat sine licentia nostra et capitalis domini de quo res illa immediate tenetur; volentes tamen dilecto et fideli nostro Thomæ de Rokeby gratiam facere specialem, concessimus et licentiam dedimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris quantum in nobis est eidem Thomæ, quod ipse unum messuagium et tres acras terræ cum pertinentiis in Mortham in comitatu Eborum dare possit et assignare dilectis nobis in Christo abbati et conventui beatæ Mariæ Eborum, habenda et tenenda eisdem abbati et conventui et successoribus suis imperpetuum, in escambium pro uno messuagio et una acra terræ cum pertinentiis in eadem villa de Mortham eidem Thomæ per prædictos abbatem et conventum danda et concedenda, habenda et tenenda eidem Thomæ et hæredibus suis imperpetuum. Et tam eisdem abbati et conventui quod ipsi prædicta messuagium et tres acras terræ cum pertinentiis sibi per prædictum Thomam sic danda et assignanda ab eodem Thoma habenda et tenenda eisdem abbati et conventui et successoribus suis prædictis, quam præfatus Thomæ quod ipse prædicta messuagium et unam acram terræ cum pertinentiis sibi per prædictos abbatem et

* Idem Johannes per duas cartas reddidit et quietum clamavit eisdem monachis prædictum toftum et croftum, et prædictas duas bovatas terræ, Willielmus nepos ejus confirmavit hanc donationem, et abbas et conventus de sancta Agatha juxta Richmond in eodem comitatu Eboracensi quietum clamaverunt eidem abbati et conventui sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci totum jus et clamium quod unquam habuerunt in homagio et servicio prædicti Willielmi, et in omnibus terris ejus in Huddeswell.

^b Willielmus de la Mara dedit huic abbatiæ unam carucatam terræ quæ vocatur Parva Danby cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam.

Ricardus de Grastavilla et Willielmus filius ejus de consilio domini sui Willielmi de la Marre concesserunt eidem abbati in perpetuam elemosinam totam terram de feodo suo in Parva Danby prædicta, et extra eandem villam intra fossatam usque ad pontem lapideum, retinentes sibi de eadem terra duodecim denarios annuatim sibi persolvendos a prædictis monachis.

Hermannus et Briennus Brito dederunt eidem abbatiæ duodecim acras terræ et quasdam mansuras in Parva Danby in puram et perpetuam elemosinam.

Ricardus de Gretevilla dedit eisdem sexdecim acras terræ de suo feodo Parvæ Danby, quæ acræ vocabantur Westcroft, et etiam tria tofta cum omnibus pertinentiis, scilicet cum prato et pastura versus occidentem, et tribus toftis.

Magister Johannes de Aseby rector ecclesiæ de Thornton Stiward recognoscit se teneri solvere conventui supradicto viginti solidos sterlingorum annuatim nomine pensionis. Sequuntur aliæ sex cartæ de eadem ecclesia.

Adam filius Willielmi de Richemond dedit eisdem monachis septem acras terræ et toftum et croftum in villa sua de Erethorp.

Ricardus Carpentarius dedit eisdem unam bovatom terræ in Sturveton.

Magister Gilbertus de Lincoln per cartam suam recognoscit se teneri annuatim solvere abbati et conventui sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci nomine pensionis de vicaria ecclesiæ de Gilling centum solidos argenti; et quod nihil juris sibi vendicabit in decima fœni totius parochiæ ecclesiæ de Gilling, nec etiam in terra sive in edificiis spectantibus ad elemosinariam dictæ abbatiæ in villa de Couton; et quod sustinebit insuper omnia onera dictæ ecclesiæ de Gilling in Richemundshire.

Johannes de Erghom dedit eidem abbatiæ totam culturam suam in territorio de Erghom.

Philippus de Erghom quietum clamavit eidem conventui totum jus et clamium quod dicebat se habere in advocacione capellæ de Erghom in Richmundshire.

Rogerus de Lascels dedit eidem conventui in puram et perpetuam elemosinam tertiam partem decimationum de dominio suo de Thirtoft.

conventum danda et concedenda ab eisdem abbate et conventu habenda et tenenda eidem Thomæ et hæredibus suis prædictis recipere possint et tenere in escambium prædictum imperpetuum, sicut prædictum est tenore præsentium, scilicet, licentiam dedimus specialem; nolentes quod prædictus Thomas vel hæredes sui, aut præfati abbas et conventus seu successores sui ratione statuti prædicti per nos vel hæredes nostri inde occasionentur, molestentur in aliquo, seu graventur. Salvis tamen capitalibus dominis feodi illius serviciis inde debitis et consuetis. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium vicesimo tertio die Aprilis, anno regni nostri duodecimo.*

NUM. LVI.

Abbas et Conventus Sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci concesserunt Laurentio de Wilton clerico Ecclesiam de Stokesley.

[Ibid. fol. 298.]

SCIANT omnes qui viderint vel audierint literas has, quod ego Robertus de Longo Campo abbas sanctæ Mariæ Eborum, cum consilio et assensu capituli nostri, concessi et dedi intuitu caritatis Laurentio de Wilton clerico nostro ecclesiam de Stokesley cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, tenendam tota vita sua; reddendo inde annuatim ecclesiæ nostræ sexaginta solidos nomine pensionis, medietatem ad festum sancti Martini, et medietatem ad Pentecostem. Præterea idem Laurentius faciet ibi abbati singulis annis unum hospitium, quando ipsi abbati placuerit, episcopalia persolvat, et omnia onera ad eandem ecclesiam sustinebit. Hoc ei concedimus quamdiu se legaliter erga nos habuerit, et prædictam pensionem reddiderit. Si vero contigerit eum vi vel ratione prædictam ecclesiam amittere, non dabimus ei exambium. Hiis testibus, Waltero de Boyngton, Guidone de Fontibus, Johanne de Hamerton, Roberto de Apilton, Johanne de Fulford, Roberto et Adam et Sampsona clericis, Roberto Supe, Radulpho de Longa-villa, et multis aliis.

* Gaufridus de Forset per cartam suam dedit et confirmavit huic abbatiæ sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci duas bovatas terræ Estlaton, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam.

Ricardus filius Simonis de Dalton concessit et confirmavit eidem abbatiæ duas acras terræ cum pertinentiis in villa et territorio de Kirkeby Raveneswath.

Enisant Musard dedit, concessit, et confirmavit eidem abbatiæ ecclesiam de Croft et quatuor carucatas terræ in eadem villa, scilicet quartam partem villæ cum omnibus pertinentiis, &c. in puram et perpetuam elemosinam.

Crucius persona ecclesiæ de Croft per cartam suam recognoscit se juramento personaliter præstito teneri solvere annuatim abbati et conventui sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci decem libras argenti, quas sibi tenuerunt nomine pensionis solvendas de ecclesia de Croft ipsi ab eis concessa. Salvis decimis ad prioratum sancti Martini Richemund inde spectantibus; salvis etiam decem marcatis bladi de decimis ecclesiæ ejusdem magistro Johanni de Hamerton a prædictis abbate et conventu, de assensu ejusdem Crucii ei in vita sua annuatim concessis; salvis dictis decimis eidem Crucio post decessum vel resignationem ejusdem magistri Johannis de Hamerton.

Hermerus filius Archilli dedit eidem abbatiæ duas bovatas terræ in Bolton in puram et perpetuam elemosinam.

Gudes, quando devenit monachus, dedit huic abbatiæ in purum et perpetuam elemosinam capellam suam de Bolton, cum duabus bovatis terræ.

Thomas filius Ranulphi dedit duas rodas et dimidiam terræ in Bolton.

Ricardus de Rullos dedit ecclesiam de Bolton, et duas bovatas terræ quæ prius pertinebant ad eandem ecclesiam, et insuper alias duas bovatas terræ.

Acaris de Tunstal dedit terram in Bolton quæ appellatur Sarcum-waltheof, et continet in se duas acras et unam pericam, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam.

Adam Clericus de Caterik dedit unam rodam et quartam partem rodæ in campo de Bolton.

Amicia filia Roberti de Bellerby dedit dimidiam acram terræ in campo de Bolton.

Willielmus de la Mara dedit unam rodam et quartam partem rodæ in campo de Bolton.

Ricardus filius Thomæ de Gilmanby dedit eidem abbatiæ unum toftum et unum croftum in villa de Gilmanby.

Ricardus de Gilmanby dedit eidem totam terram quam habuit in villa de Gilmanby in puram et perpetuam elemosinam.

Willielmus de Scobes dedit unam bovatom terræ cum uno tofto in Gilmanby.

NUM. LVII.

De Altaragio Ecclesiæ de Stokesley Guidoni de Fontibus concessio nomine Vicariæ.

[Ibid.]

SCIANT omnes qui viderint vel audierint literas has, quod ego R. de Longo Campo abbas sanctæ Mariæ Eborum, cum communi consilio et assensu capituli nostri, et de assensu Laurentii de Wilton personæ ecclesiæ de Stokesley, concessi intuitu caritatis Guidoni de Fontibus altaragium ecclesiæ de Stokesley cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, scilicet, cum terra et domibus ad eandem ecclesiam pertinentibus, et cum obventionibus et decimationibus villarum de Stokesley et de Tameton, tenendum tota vita sua, imperpetuam vicariam; reddendo inde annuatim prædicto Laurentio et successoribus suis unum Bisancium nomine vicariæ infra octabas Pentecostes. Et ut hæc nostra concessio rata et inconcussa permaneant, eam sigilli nostri appositione roboravimus. Hiis testibus, Waltero de Boyngton, Guidone de Fontibus, Johanne de Hamerton, Roberto Supe, Radulpho de Longa-villa, Roberto de Appilton, Sampsona clerico.

NUM. LVIII.

Carta Laurentii de Wilton de Pensione sexaginta solidorum annuatim solvenda Abbati et Conventui Sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci pro Ecclesia de Stokesley.

[Ibid.]

SCIANT omnes has literas visuri vel audituri, quod ego Laurentius de Wilton persona ecclesiæ de Stokesley, nomine pensionis, medietatem ad festum sancti Martini et medietatem ad Pentecostem, præterea singulis annis faciam unum hospitium domino abbati, quando ipsi placuerit. Ego etiam episcopalia jura persolvam et omnia onera ad eandem ecclesiam pertinentia sustinebo. Et hoc me fideliter observaturum tactis sacrosanctis juravi. Hiis testibus, Waltero de Boyngton, Guidone de Fontibus, Johanne de Hamerton, Roberto de Appilton, Roberto Supe.^b

Ricardus filius Thomæ de Gilmanby dedit unum toftum et unam acram terræ et unam acram prati, et alibi unum toftum et dimidiam acram prati, et etiam unum toftum et dimidiam acram prati, et aliam dimidiam acram prati in puram et perpetuam elemosinam.

Robertus Pridic de Multon dedit eidem abbatiæ in puram et perpetuam elemosinam unum toftum in eadem villa de Multon.

Alma de Midelton dedit quandam terram in Midelton.

Ricardus filius Thomæ de Midelton dedit duas bovatas terræ in villa de Kneton cum tofto et crofto et omnibus pertinentiis, et alias tres acras terræ cum tofto et crofto.

Idem Ricardus dedit eidem abbatiæ totam terram suam in Walewrtes, et unum toftum cum crofto in villa de Kneton, et tres acras terræ juxta Gamelesthorn; et totam terram suam in quadam cultura quæ vocatur Lynacredale, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam.

Walterus de Kelwingham dedit eidem monachis molendinum suum de Magna Smythton situm super aquam de Teyse juxta Pilcot-wath, et totam terram de Bingham cum pertinentiis, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam.

Gaufridus filius Ranulphi de Magna Smythton dedit eidem in puram et perpetuam elemosinam sex bovatas terræ in villa et in territorio de Smythton, cum quatuor toftis et croftis ad dictas carucatas terræ pertinentibus, et quinque alios toftos in eadem villa de Smythton, cum croftis eidem adjacentibus, et duas acras terræ, cum pratiis, &c.

^b Deest supra in Charta mentio Pensionis, sed sic habetur in Registro unde hæc desumpta sunt.

Sequuntur aliæ cartæ, per quas constat quod advocatio prædictæ ecclesiæ de Stokesley ad prædictos abbatem et conventum beatæ Mariæ Eboraci de jure pertinebat. Inter quas duæ sunt chartæ Guidonis de Balliolo, per quas concedit eidem dictam ecclesiam de Stokesley, et unam carucatam terræ in eadem villa, et decimam de dominio ejusdem villæ, et ecclesiam de Gaynesford, et duas bovatas terræ, et decimam de suo dominio ejusdem manerii, et ecclesiam de Steynton, et duas bovatas terræ, et decimam de dominio suo ejusdem villæ. Et hæc donatio facta fuit tempore regis Henrici primi.

Hugo de Balliolo confirmavit dictam donationem de ecclesia de Gaynesford cum capella de Castro Bernardi et de Midelton et omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis, et duas bovatas terræ cum tofto et crofto in Midelton, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam; et etiam ecclesias de Stokesley, et de Staynton cum terris supradictis.

Sunt et aliæ plures cartæ confirmatoriæ ejusdem donationis quas hic inserere supervacaneum videtur; confirmatio autem archiepiscopi Cantuariensis sequitur [Num. LIX].

NUM. LIX.

Confirmatio Thomæ Cantuariæ Archiepiscopi de Ecclesiis de Gaynesford et Steynton, et Stokesley, &c.

[Ibid. fol. 305.]

THOMAS Dei gratia Cantuariæ archiepiscopus, Anglorum primas, et apostolicæ sedis legatus, universis sanctæ ecclesiæ fidelibus salutem. In amplificationem honoris ecclesiæ Dei studium et diligentiam adhibere et in usus divinos pie collata fovere et firmare, pium et sanctum est, et ad nostram præcipue spectat sollicitudinem. Inde est quod donationem ecclesiarum et decimarum et terrarum quam Guido de Baillo dedit et concessit in perpetuam elemosinam ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ Eborum et monachis ejusdem loci, scilicet ecclesiam de Stokesley, et unam carucatam terræ in eadem villa, et decimam domini ejusdem villæ, et ecclesiam de Geynesford, et duas bovatas terræ, et decimam domini ejusdem manerii, et ecclesiam de Steynton, et duas bovatas terræ, et decimam domini ejusdem villæ, nos concedimus et auctoritate qua fungimur eis imperpetuum confirmamus, prohibentes sub anathemate, ne quis in bona illa manum violentam extendat, nec fratribus prædictis injuriam inferre, vel inquietationem movere attemptet. Valete.^a

NUM. LX.

Inspectio Cartarum facta per Willielmum Archiepiscopum Eboracensem de præsentatione Ecclesiæ de Midelton in Tesdale, et Confirmatio ejusdem.

[Ibid. fol. 314.]

UNIVERSIS pateat per præsentem, quod nos Willielmus permissione divina Eborum archiepiscopus, Angliæ primas, visis antiquis libris monasterii beatæ Mariæ Eborum, quos ejusdem monasterii registram fore asserunt, de quorum veritate tam propter eorum vetustatem quam gravitatem exhibentium est verisimiliter præsumendum in serie dictorum librorum tenorem cujusdam literæ contineri, inspeximus sub hiis verbis. Venerabili in Christo patri domino A. Dei gratia Dunelmensi episcopo, suus devotus S. permissione ejusdem abbas sanctæ Mariæ Eborum, salutem et reverentiam omnimodam tam debitam quam devotam ad ecclesiam de Midelton in Tesdale vacantem et ad nostram præsentationem spectantem, dilectum nobis in Christo dominum Johannem filium Henrici reverendi viri domini F. de Balliolo regis Scotiæ illustris clericum diaconum præsentamus vestræ paternitati, supplicantes humiliter quatinus ipsum ad ecclesiam antedictam admittere velitis intuitu caritatis ac instituere in eadem. Vos conservet altissimus ad regimen ecclesiæ suæ per tempora longa. Dat. apud Eboracum iij. nonas Februarii anno Domini m^o.cc^o. nonagesimo tertio. In cujus inspectionis testimonium sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Dat. apud Thorp juxta Ebor. ij. kalendas Martii anno Domini m^o.cc^o. tricesimo secundo, et pontificatus nostri sextodecimo.

NUM. LXI.

Littera Præsentationis de Ecclesia de Midelton in Tesdale.

[Ibid.]

REVERENDO patri in Christo domino S. miseratione divina abbati sanctæ Mariæ Eborum, Alexander de Balliolo dominus de Balliolo salutem in eo qui est vera salus. Ad ecclesiam de Midelton in Tesdale vacantem per mortem Reginaldi de Sesselio ultimi rectoris ejusdem, vobis dilectum clericum meum magistrum Willielmum de Pothou præsentem supplicans attentius quatinus ipsum ad eandem ecclesiam secundum formam finalis concordie olim apud Stadbergh coram justiciariis factæ inter bonæ memoriæ W.

^a Reliquas cartas ad ecclesiam parochialem de Gaynesford pertinentes, et huic conventui spectantes, vide inter ecclesias parochiales sub ecclesia de Gaynesford.

Sunt et aliæ variæ chartæ de ecclesia de Steynton, quam iidem VOL. III.

quondam abbatem beatæ Mariæ Eborum. et quondam dominum Johannem patrem meum super eadem ecclesia domino B. Dei gratia Dunelmensi episcopo præsentare dignemini. In cujus rei testimonium præsentem scripto sigillum meum apposui. Datum apud Castrum Bernardi anno Domini m^o.cc^o.lxxiiij. xvj. kalendas Februarii.

Sequuntur in eodem registro præsentationes Johannis et Edwardi regum Scotiæ, et postea vacante eadem ecclesia Thomas comes Warewyk nominavit ad eandem. Inquisitione capta per officialem et commissarium Ludovici episcopi Dunelmensis, anno m^o.ccc.xxxiii. jurati dixerunt quod præsentatio ad hanc ecclesiam pertinebat ad abbatem et conventum beatæ Mariæ Eboraci, et dictus episcopus ad eorum præsentationem tunc admisit Walterum de Langcester.

NUM. LXII.

Carta Marmeducis Darell de Ecclesia de Cessay Monachis Sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci concessa.

[Ibid. fol. 316.]

SCIANT omnes qui viderint vel audierint literas has, quod ego Marmeducus Darell dedi in puram et perpetuam elemosinam ecclesiam de Cessay cum omnibus pertinentiis suis ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Eborum, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, pro anima mea et pro animabus patris et matris meæ et fratrum meorum, et pro animabus parentum meorum. Et volo ut eam habeant et possideant libere et quiete. Testibus hiis Waltero filio Famolf, Thoma filio Wliivet, Serlone Brim, Godfrido filio Romundi, Hugone filio Havan.

NUM. LXIII.

Alia Carta ejusdem Marmeduci de eadem Ecclesia.

[Ibid.]

OMNIBUS sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit Marmeducus Darell salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et hac præsentem cartam meam concessisse Deo et ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ Eborum, et abbati et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, pro salute animæ meæ et omnium parentum meorum in puram et perpetuam elemosinam ecclesiam de Cessay cum omnibus pertinentiis suis libere et quiete sine aliquo retenemento mei vel aliquorum hæredum meorum. Et ut hæc donatio mea rata et inconcussa permaneat, eam sigilli mei testimonio corroboravi. Testibus hiis, Jocelino capellano, Waltero de Kirkeby, Adam Lovel, Gervasio constabulario, Galfrido janitore, Turgisio dispensatore, Willielmo de Elmeswell, Reginaldo filio ejus, Willielmo clerico de Athelingflet, Waltero filio ejus, et multis aliis.^b

NUM. LXIV.

Carta Willielmi filii Thomæ de Rouchecluf de uno Tofto et duabus Bovatis Terræ in Villa de Rouclyf Abbati et Monachis Beate Mariæ Eboraci concessis.

[Ibid. fol. 320.]

Hoc scriptum cyrographatum testatur quod Willielmus filius Thomæ de Rouchecluf juxta Ebor. concessit et dimisit domino J. abbati monasterii beatæ Mariæ Ebor. et ejusdem loci conventui, unum toftum et duas bovatas terræ cum pertinentiis suis in villa et territorio de Rouclyf pro quadam summa pecuniæ quam idem abbas et conventus prædicto Willielmo solverunt præ manibus. Quod quidem toftum Willielmus le Tynkeler quondam tenuit, sicut jacet inter toftum quondam Cecilie de Rouclyf ex una parte, et toftum quondam magistri Henrici de Skipton ex altera parte, in latitudine et in longitudine a via villæ usque ad

monachi similiter habebant in proprios usus, et vicarius ejusdem reddebat eis annuatim unam marcam argenti nomine pensionis.

^b Willielmus filius supradicti Marmeduci hanc donationem carta sua in eadem fere verba confirmavit, sicut et etiam Marmeducus filius ejusdem Willielmi.

fossatum versus moram de Clyfton, et illas duas bovatas terræ quas dominus Galfridus de Limin vicarius in ecclesia beati Petri Ebor. quondam ad terminum annorum de eodem Willielmo tenuit, quarum una bovata jacet in le Southfeld particulariter inter divisam ex una parte et terram Mariote filiæ prædicti Willielmi ex altera. Et quia dicta bovata minus plene inter bundas prædictas assignata, concedit prædictus Willielmus quod dicti abbas et conventus habeant duos seliones in le Nethercroftes abuttante super le Menegates inter terram dictæ Mariote et divisam ad complementum ejusdem bovatae quatenus sufficere poterit. Et alia bovata jacet in le Northfeld a loco qui dicitur Menegate usque ad campum de Skelton, sicut jacet inter terram Cecilie de Denton ex una parte et terram dictorum abbatis et conventus ex altera, tenenda et habenda prædicto abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus universis ad terminum quadraginta annorum plenarie completorum, termino incipiente ad festum Paschæ anni Domini millesimi trecentisimi decimi, salva prædicto domino Galfrido de dictis bovatis vestura istius anni. Ita tamen quod prædicti abbas et conventus commodum suum de toto warecto ad illas bovatas pertinente ad proximum Pascha facere valeant sine alicujus impedimento. Et prædictus Willielmus et hæredes sui prædictum toftum cum duabus bovatis terræ prænominatis præfatis abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus universis usque ad prædictum terminum contra omnes homines warrantizabunt, adquietabunt, et defendent. In cujus rei testimonium parti penes præfatos abbatem et conventum remanenti prædictus Willielmus sigillum suum apposuit, et parti penes prædictum Willielmum remanenti præfati abbas et conventus sigillum capituli sui apposuerunt. Hiis testibus Roberto de Lochington, David de Roucheclyf, Hugone de Selby de Eskerike, Johanne filio Radulphi de Clyfton, Ricardo Pistore de eadem, Hamundo de Heworth, Johanne de Hunkilby, Jacobo de Milington, Richardo Brette, et aliis. Dat. Ebor. die Lunæ in crastino Conversionis Sancti Pauli, anno Domini m°. trecentesimo nono.*

NUM. LXV.

Carta Gilberti filii Remfredi de quibusdam Ecclesiis Monachis Sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci concessis.

[Ex Orig. penes Dom. Walterum Calverley de Calverley, Baronetum.]

OMNIBUS sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit; Gilbertus filius Remfredi, et Helewisæ uxor ejus, salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra nos intuitu caritatis concessisse et hac præsentī carta nostra confirmasse Deo et ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Eborum, et monachis ibidem Deo servantibus, ecclesias de Clapham et de Kirkeby in Lonesdale, de Burton in Kendale, de Biethum, de Guerheim, de Kirkebi in Kendale, de Murlund, de Brunefeld, et ecclesiam de Wirkintan. Has autem prædictas ecclesias confirmamus eis cum capellis, molendinis, terris, pasturis, possessionibus, libertatibus, et omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis, sicut cartæ antecessorum nostrorum testantur. Hiis testibus Ricardo de Marisco, Ada de Biechum, Rogero de Heuerheim, Nicholao de Kendale, Johanne de Lonesdale, magistro Hugone Rufo, Gualtero de Amcort, Henrico de Bedenam, Waltero de Bovinton, Johanne de Hedunerton, Petro Blain, Johanne Blein, Roberto Ba-

* Idem Willielmus postea, viz. anno millesimo trecentesimo decimo, per aliam cartam dedit easdem duas bovatas cum tofto eisdem monachis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam.

Thomas vicarius ecclesiæ de Miton dedit eisdem monachis duo messuagia et duas bovatas terræ et omnia alia quæ habuit in villa de Miton in liberam, puram, et perpetuam elemosinam, anno MCCCLXVII. et per aliam cartam confirmavit eandem donationem.

Johannes de Danby vicarius ecclesiæ de Brymston dedit abbati et conventui beatæ Mariæ Eboraci unum toftum et croftum et duas bovatas terræ, cum pratis, pasturis, et aliis pertinentiis in Thornton, et xvi. denariatas redditus de uno tofto et sex acris terræ in puram et perpetuam elemosinam.

Adam de Thornton clericus et Johannes Pothowe dederunt eisdem unum toftum et croftum et unam bovatom terræ cum pertinentiis in villa de Critor de Gylling in Rydale.

Johannes Harald capellanus dedit eisdem unum messuagium, tria cotagia et quatuordecim bovatas terræ cum pertinentiis in Foston juxta

cheler, magistro Gregorio de Eboraco, Roberto Sure, Johanne et Waltero Coets, Waltero de Aistin, Osberto janitore, Turgistro granetario, Samsone clerico, et aliis multis.^b

NUM. LXVI.

Dimissio Abbatis et Conventus Monasterii Beatæ Mariæ Eboraci, pro Ecclesiis, Pensionibus, et Portionibus suis.

[Ex Archivis Archiepisc. Ebor. Libro Zouch, fol. 9.]

IN Dei nomine Amen. Cum nos, Willielmus, permissione divina Eboraci archiepiscopus, Angliæ primas, sedis apostolicæ legatus, in nostræ visitationis progressu, quam in et de diocesi nostra nuper exercuimus, et adhuc eandem visitationem continuamus, comperimus, quod religiosi viri, abbas et conventus monasterii beatæ Mariæ Eboraci, nostræ diocesis, ecclesias parochiales et capellas, portiones, et pensiones, et decimas parochiales infrascriptas, videlicet in archidiaconatu Eboraci, ecclesiam, sive capellam sancti Olavi, cum capella de Fulford, de Popilton, de Askam-Bryan et Knaptan, item ecclesiam de Doncaster, pensiones, portiones, et decimas parochiales, videlicet, de ecclesia sancti Michaelis ad pontem Use Eboraci xxxvj. solidos, de ecclesia sancti Salvatoris Eboraci x. solidos, de ecclesia sancti Wilfridi Eboraci, dimidium marcam, de ecclesia sanctæ Crucis Eboraci xx. solidos, item infra parochiam de Granneby duas partes decimæ garbarum de dominicis terris domini Edmundi de Daincourt, domini dictæ villæ.

Item infra parochiam de Hykelinge, duas partes decimæ garbarum, de terris dominicis de Hykelinges, item infra parochiam de Harewood, duas partes decimæ garbarum, de terris dominicis domini de Harewod, item infra parochiam de Newton in le Wylighes, decimas proventus de terris dominicis, et pratis, ac molendini et manerii domini Simonis de Kyme, domini ejusdem villæ, pensiones in ecclesia de Gerford, xxx. solidos, item in archidiaconatu Est-Riding, ecclesiam de Burton Anneys, in proprios usus, pensiones de vicaria in eadem, xvj. marcas, pensiones de ecclesia de Rudstane, xxx. sol. et duas partes decimæ garbarum de terris dominicis abbatis et conventus monasterii prædicti infra dictam parochiam de Rudstane existentibus, de ecclesia de Hornsey, c. solidos, de ecclesia de Hugates, xl. solidos, de ecclesia de Kyrkeby in Hundol dale, xx. solidos, ac medietatem decimæ garbarum feni, et agnorum dictæ parochiæ, ac decimam quatuor bovatarum terræ in eadem parochia. Et decimas majores, et minores quatuor carucatarum terræ et dimid. in eadem parochia, quas iidem religiosi colunt, ac decimam lanæ et agnorum eorundem religiosorum in eadem parochia.

Item infra parochiam de Langton, prope Malton, decimam garbarum de septem carucatis terræ, de dominicis terris domini de Vescy, item infra parochiam de Skirpenbeck duas partes decimæ garbarum domini de Skirpenbek, et de xvij. bovatis terræ et decimam de tribus culturis per baronem et dominum de Skirpenbek prædicta ad culturam redactis, item duas partes decimæ garbarum de terris dicti domini de Skirpenbek infra parochiam de Bugthorp, item duas partes decimæ garbarum de terris dominicis domini de Scraingham, infra parochiam de Scraingham, item duas partes decimæ garbarum de terris dominicis domini de

Kyrkham, et unum messuagium, unam bovatom et tres acras terræ cum pertinentiis in Scituomdunil, cum omnibus aliis terris et tenementis et possessionibus suis in eisdem villis.

Johannes de Rosse rector ecclesiæ sancti Salvatoris in Eboraco et Johannes Harrald vicarius ecclesiæ de Oulton dederunt eisdem religiosi unam bovatom terræ in villa et territorio de Shupton.

Johannes Harrald et Symon de Wodappylton dederunt eidem conventui totam terram suam in villa et territorio Appylton juxta Spaunton, scilicet unum messuagium vocatum toftum cum crofto et unam bovatom terræ cum omnibus pertinentiis, &c.

Hugo filius Danielis de Appylton dedit eidem conventui tres bovatas terræ in Appylton cum omnibus pertinentiis.

Adam de Thornton clericus per cartam suam concessit eisdem religiosi tria messuagia et tres bovatas terræ cum pratis et pasturis et omnibus aliis pertinentiis in Appelton super Wysk.

^b Unum sigillum deest, aliud remanet tantum in parva parte.

Buttercramb, infra parochiam de Buttercramb. Item duas partes decimæ garbarum de terris dominicis abbatis et conventus monasterii prædicti de Elmeswell. Item pensiones in ecclesia de Foxholl, xij. marchas. Item pensiones in prædicta ecclesia de Langton, prope Malton, duos solidos. Item in archidiaconatu Cliveland, ecclesiam de Overton, ecclesiam de Lestingham, ecclesiam de Mitton in proprios usus, pensiones in ecclesia de Kirkby-Misperton x. solidos.

Item in ecclesia de Normanby decem solidos, in ecclesia de Foston dimidiam marcam. Item in ecclesia de Scherifhoton xx. marchas. Item in ecclesia de Gillinge in Ridall quatuor marchas. Item in archidiaconatu Nottinghamiæ pensiones in ecclesia de Cowton xx. quatuor solidos. Item in ecclesia de Hikeling xxvj. solidos et octo denarios. Item in ecclesia de Graneby viij. marchas. Item in ecclesia de Stratton in le Clay dimidiam marcam. Item in ecclesia de Kirtlington. Item in archidiaconatu Richmundiæ cellam sancti Martini juxta Richmond, et S. Begæ in Coupland, cum suis juribus et appenditiis. Item ecclesias de Brington, de Katerike, de Gillinge, de Kirkby-Kendall, et Kirkby in Lonesdale, cum capellis de Boulton, Hippswell, et Hudeswell, ab ecclesia de Katerike, et capellis de Forsette, et Honton, Barton, Cowton, Berford, Erghom, Mortham, ab ecclesia de Gillinge, prædictis dependentibus, necnon portiones seu decimas parochiales in parochiis ecclesiarum, videlicet, de Wells, duas partes decimæ garbarum de terris dominicis. In Eastwitton, et Multon, in parochia de Middleton, duas partes decimæ garbarum. In Carleton in Coverdale, in parochia ecclesiæ de Coverham, duas partes decimæ garbarum. In Speningthorne, in Thornton Watlous, duas partes decimæ garbarum de dominicis quondam Ribaldi.

Item in Leyburne in parochia de Wendesly, in Dalton super Teese in parochia de Croftes, de duabus carucatis terræ. In Hatlow Cowton, de dominicis quondam Wymari dapiferi, duas partes decimæ garbarum. In Fletham, in Stuanbridge, in parochia de Kyrkby, in dominicis quondam Odonis camerarii, duas partes decimæ garbarum. In Londe in parochia de Kirkby Ravenswath, in Wycliffe, duas partes decimæ garbarum. In Scotton, de octo carucatis terræ omnes decimas garbarum, cum medietate fœni de dominicis quondam Hillarii. In Aynderby, in Morton, duas partes decimæ garbarum. In Warlowby, in Thirntoft, tertiam partem decimæ garbarum de dominicis quondam Asketelli. In Croft Barton, Halnathby, Stapleton, Clesseby, Aldburgh, Caldewell, Brumpton, Skyteby, Burton Constabularia, et Bellerby, tertiam partem decimæ garbarum de dominicis quondam Nisardi Musard. In Langedon, tertiam partem decimæ garbarum de dominicis quondam Hugonis Jarnegam. In Kirkam, in Aske, in Brethanby, Carleton, Berford, tertiam partem decimæ garbarum de dominicis. In parochia de Scurveton, et West Tanfeld, de dominicis, tertiam partem decimæ garbarum. In Est Tanfeld et Aynderby, in parochia de Kirtlington, et de Pichehale, duas partes decimæ garbarum de dominicis. In Stuanby, de duabus carucatis terræ, de decimis in dicta parochia de Pikehale, tertiam partem decimæ garbarum de dominicis Roberti et Willielmi de, et in Middleton, in parochia de Wath, duas partes decimæ garbarum, et tertiam partem decimæ garbarum de dominicis Eliæ filii Morkeri. In Melmorby, in Magna Crakhale, duas partes decimæ garbarum in dominico domini

In Scorton de minutis decimis de domo Henrici filii Johannis duas partes, de domo Gilberti de Walton tertiam partem, de molendino ejusdem villæ, nomine decimæ, quinque solidos, scilicet, de domo dicti Henrici filii Johannis duas partes, de domo dicti Gilberti tertiam partem, de molendino de Colburne duos solidos, et sex denarios, et duas partes minutarum decimarum de domibus vel maneriis Johannis de Breton et Adæ de Manughby in dicta villa de Colburne. In villa de Ellerton, de domo Hugonis Malebys duas partes minutarum decimarum, et de domo Alani filii Briani de Kilwardby tertiam partem. In Couplanda, de dominicis domini Couplandæ omnes decimas per totam Couplandam. Decimas quas hactenus rector ecclesiæ de Eggermond percipere consuevit, duntaxat exceptis mortuariis in Goderickby, et decimas de Holme, et de piscariis de Egnore et de Eske.

Pensiones autem annuas in partibus Richmundiæ: de ecclesia de Richmond centum solidos et xx. libras ceræ, de ecclesia de Kirkby-Ravenswath xl. et duos solidos, de vicaria ecclesiæ de Gillinge centum solidos, de vicaria ecclesiæ de Katerick unam marcam, de vicaria ecclesiæ de Middleton quinque marchas et dimidiam, de ecclesia de Crofte decem libras, de ecclesia de Smythton centum solidos, de ecclesia de Paterick-Brumpton septemdecim solidos, et quatuor denarios, de Hawkswell viginti solidos, de vicaria ecclesiæ de Bruniston unam marcam ultra moras sæpediti archid. de ecclesia de Whiteneham decem solidos, de Whitewikes quinque solidos, de Botill quatuor solidos, de Corney duos solidos, de Egremounde viginti duos solidos, de Haverington duos solidos, de Wirkington quatuor marchas, de capella de Clifton duos solidos, de vicaria de Kirkby-Kendall quatuor libras, de capellis de Gresmere et Winandermers quinque marchas, de Eversham quatuor solidos, de Bethome quatuor solidos, de Burton viginti tres solidos: in et de dicta nostra diocesi existentes, contra jus commune detinent, fructus proventus et obventiones de ipsis ecclesiis et capellis provenientes de facto percipiunt, et de eisdem disponunt pro suæ libito voluntatis.

Nos verò de titulis suis, et juribus (si qui, vel quæ sibi competant, vel ostendere valeant) quare dictas ecclesias, capellas, portiones, et pensiones, et decimas parochiales, contra juris communis tenorem, sicut præmittitur percipiunt, et detinent occupatas, volentes effici certiores, dictos abbatem, et conventum certis die et loco ad ostendendum hujusmodi titulos, et jura (si quæ habeant, vel sibi competant) coram nobis mandavimus, et fecimus evocari. Quibus quidem religiosis per procuratorem suum legitimè constitutum coram nobis die et loco assignatis comparentibus, ac quasdam literas apostolicas, literasque quorundam prædecessorum nostrorum, et decani et capituli ecclesiæ nostræ beati Petri Eboraci, nec non alia instrumenta et munimenta nonnulla, ceterasque probationum generalium evidentiis manifestas, coram nobis exhibentibus, cum effectu: ipsisque literis, instrumentis, munimentis, et aliis probationibus, et evidentiis, per nos, et consilium nostrum, recensitis, examinatis diligenter, et discussis, datoque die ipsis religiosis, ad proponendum, ostendendum, et probandum omnia, et singula jura sua, quibus uti vellent ad eorum defensionem in hac parte: nos Willielmus, Eboraci archiepiscopus supradictus, advertentes jura, et bonam fidem ipsorum religiosorum, habitis deliberatione, et consilio nobiscum, et cum juris peritis: dictos abbatem et conventum, tanquam de dictis ecclesiis, capellis, portionibus, pensionibus, ac decimis parochialibus legitimè munitos, et earum canonicos possessores, ab officio nostro, et omni impetitione, seu fatigatione ejusdem, salvo jure cujuscunque alterius, ad totam vitam nostram, et pro toto tempore nostro, dimittimus in his scriptis: dignitate, jurisdictione, et honore nostris, et ecclesiæ nostræ Eboraci, omnibus semper salvis. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Cawood, xxj. die mensis Augusti anno Domini mcccxluij. et pontificatus nostri tertio.

NUM. LXVII.

Indentura de Manerio de Bromfeld concessa ad Firmam Willielmo Osmundrylake per Abbatem et Conventum Beatæ Mariæ Eboraci.

[Ex Orig. penes eundem.]

Hæc indentura facta inter dominum abbatem beatæ Mariæ Eborum et ejusdem loci conventum ex parte una, et Willielmum Osmundrylawe de Bromfeld, in comitatu Cumbriæ, gentylman, ex parte altera, testatur, quod prædicti abbas et conventus concesserunt, tradiderunt, et ad firmam dimiserunt præfato Willielmo manerium et dominium suum de Bromfeld, cum ejus amerciamentis, finibus, gressumis, et fine partium, exceptis wardis, maritagis, releviis, eschaetis, et homagiis præfatis abbati et conventui reservatis. Ac etiam prædicti abbas et conventus similiter concesserunt præfato Willielmo omnes decimas suas garbarum et fœni pertinentes ecclesiæ parochiali de Bromfeld prædicto. Habendum et tenendum totum prædictum manerium et dominium cum pertinentiis suis, ac etiam omnes decimas suas

garbarum et fœni dictæ ecclesiæ pertinentes præfato Willielmo ad terminum sex annorum proxime futurorum et plenarie completorum, exceptis prius exceptis. Reddendo et solvendo inde annuatim præfatis abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus quadraginta libras legalis monetæ Angliæ infra monasterium prædictum, termino primæ solutionis incipiente ad festum sancti Petri quod dicitur ad vincula quod erit in anno Domini millesimo cccc^{mo}. tricesimo quinto, et sic de anno in annum ad prædictum festum sancti Petri quadraginta libras durante termino prædicto. Et prædictus Willielmus, hæredes, et executores sui prædictum manerium et dominium, cum omnibus libertatibus ac domos omnium tenentium ibidem bene et competenter in omnibus suis necessariis reparabunt, sustentabunt, et manutenebunt sumptibus suis propriis et expensis durante termino prædicto, et eas sic competenter reparatas in fine termini prædicti sursum liberabunt et dimittent. Et si contingat quod prædictæ decimæ garbarum et fœni postquam fuerint inoriatæ et hospitata per puplicam guerram Scociæ publice proclamata, vel domi ibidem destructæ et crematæ fuerint, tunc per considerationem duodecim proborum et legalium hominum parochialium juratorum dampna prædicta erunt allocata præfato Willielmo per prædictos abbatem et conventum durante termino prædicto. Et si contingat dictam summam quadraginta librarum a retro fore in parte vel in toto post aliquem terminum supradictum per tres menses non solutum, quod bene licebit præfatis abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus in prædictum manerium et dominium cum pertinentiis suis et similiter in decimas prædictus reintrare, rehabere, ut in pristino statu habuerunt, hiis indenturis in aliquo non obstantibus. Et similiter prædictas Gulielmus, hæredes, et executores sui omnes tenentes dictorum abbatum et conventus ibidem bene et fideliter sustentabunt et supportabunt in omnibus suis causis et negotiis suis justis secundum suum posse durante termino prædicto. Et ad istas conventiones omnes et singulas ex parte præfati Willielmi bene et fideliter observandas, et modo prædicto in omnibus perimplendas præfatus Willielmus Osmundrylawe de Langrygg, Thomas Osmundrylawe de eadem, Robertus Osmundrylawe de Hyldekyrk, Thomas Keldsyck de Gelermy, in comitatu Cumbriæ, gentylmen, et Thomas Duns de Carlell mercer, obligant se, hæredes, et executores suos in centum marcis legalis monetæ Angliæ solvendis eisdem abbati et conventui, aut eorum successoribus, certo die, prout in scripto quodam obligatorio plenius continetur, cujus datum est primo die mensis Julii anno millesimo cccc^{mo}. tricesimo quarto. In cujus rei testimonium parti harum indenturarum penes prædictum Willielmum remanenti præfatus abbas sigillum suum apposuit, et parti penes abbatem et conventum prædictis remanenti prædictus Willielmus sigillum suum apposuit. Datum primo die mensis Julii anno Domini millesimo cccc^{mo}. tricesimo quarto.^a

NUM. LXVIII.

Carta R. de Appeltun de sex Bovatis Terræ in Appeltun Monachis Sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci dimissis.

[Penes Radulphum Thoresby, de Ledes, arm.]

SCIANT omnes tam præsentis quam futuri quod ego R. de Appeltun dimisi abbati et monachis sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci per sex annos duas bovatas de terra mea in Appeltun, illas scilicet quæ proximæ sunt illi bovata quam abbas et monachi tenent de me; et præterea unum toftum, quod ultimum est de quatuor quæ habeo in eadem villa, cum crofto et tofto, et omnibus pertinentiis suis, et Orm qui in eodem tofto manet, cum filiis suis, et tota sequela sua usque ad terminum sex annorum; et hoc sciendum quod nullum facio retenementum de prædicto Orm, neque de sequela sua. Finitis autem sex annis prædictæ duæ bovata quietæ et liberæ mihi remanebunt. Hæc conventio incepit ad Pentecosten proximum, postquam dominus rex suscepit crucem Domini. Testibus hiis, Roberto de Appeltun filio meo, Roberto Bachiler, Osberto camerario, Ricardo de Beverlaco, domino Stephano de Scirleu, Willielmo Pincerna, Turgisio, Ricardo de Borvile, et aliis.^b

^a Cera rubra sigilli appendet, sed impressio nulla.

NUM. LXIX.

Licentia appropriandi sibi Ecclesiam de Bromfeld, concessa Abbati et Conventui Beata Mariæ Eboraci ab Edwardo primo.

[Ex orig. penes Walterum Calverley bar.]

EDWARDUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, et dux Aquitaniæ, omnibus ad quos præsentis litteræ pervenerint salutem. Licet per inquisitionem, quam per vicecomitem nostrum Cumbriæ fieri fecimus, acceperimus quod non est ad dampnum vel præjudicium nostrum aut aliorum, si concedamus dilectis nobis in Christo abbati et conventui beatæ Mariæ Eborum, quod ipsi ecclesiam de Bromfeld Karliolensis diocesis quæ est de patronatu suo proprio sibi in proprios usus possidendam appropriare, et eam sic appropriatam sibi ecclesiæ suæ et successoribus suis tenere possint in perpetuum, nisi in hoc quod si vacante abbacia beatæ Mariæ Eborum et in manu nostra existente prædicta ecclesia vacaret, nos ad eandem ecclesiam præsentare non possemus ratione vacationis abbatiæ prædictæ; per finem tamen quem prædictus abbas fecit nobiscum coram dilecto clerico nostro Philippo de Wylgheby tenente locum thesaurarii nostri et baronibus nostris de scaccario, concessimus et licentiam dedimus præfatis abbati et conventui quod ipsi prædictam ecclesiam de Bromfeld sibi in proprios usus possidendam appropriare, et eam sic appropriatam sibi ecclesiæ suæ et successoribus suis tenere possint in perpetuum, sicut prædictum est, sine obstructione vel impedimento nostri vel hæredum nostrorum, justiciariorum, escaetorum, vicecomitum, aut aliorum ballivorum seu ministrorum nostrorum quorumcunque, salvo jure cujuslibet. In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud villam Sancti Johannis de Perth decimo die Julii anno regni nostri tricesimo primo.

Per breve de privato sigillo.^c

NUM. LXX.

Littera Regis Henrici Quinti, Thomam Spofford, Abbatem Sanctæ Mariæ Eborum, associans Ambassiatoribus, ad interessendum in Concilio Constanciensi.

[Fœd. et Convent. vol. ix. p. 169, A. D. 1414, A. 2, H. 5, Franc. 2, H. 5, m. 11.]

REX omnibus ad quos, &c. salutem. Sciatis quod, cum nuper constituerimus, fecerimus, et creaverimus, venerabiles patres Nicholaum Bathon. et Wellen. Robertum Sarum Johannem Meneven. Dei gratia, episcopos, ac carissimum consanguineum nostrum Ricardum comitem Warwicæ, et religiosum virum Willielmum abbatem Westmonasterii, ac dilectum et fidelem nostrum Henricum dominum Fitz-Hugh, camerarium nostrum, necnon religiosum virum priorem Wigornia, ac dilectos et fideles nostros Walterum Hungerford et Radulphum Rocheford milites, dilectum clericum nostrum magistrum Honyngham legum professorem, prothonotarium nostrum, nostros ambassiatores, oratores, veros et indubitatos procuratores, actores, factores, et nuncios speciales, ad interessendum, pro nobis et nomine nostro, in concilio generali celebrando in civitate Constanciensi, et incipiendo die primo mensis Novembris proximo jam futuro, cum continuatione et prorogatione dierum subsequentium, necnon ad tractandum, communicandum, et concludendum, de et super reformatione universalis ecclesiæ, tam in capite, quam in membris, ad consentiendum etiam, agendum, et dissentiendum non fiendis, juxta deliberationem dicti concilii, et prout eis pro utilitate ecclesiæ videbitur faciendum, prout in literis nostris patentibus, inde confectis, plenius continetur, nos, de fidelitate, circumspectione, et industria, dilecti nobis in Christo, religiosi viri Thomæ Spofford, abbatum beatæ Mariæ Eborum, plenius confidentes, associavimus ipsum abbatem præfatis episcopis, comiti, abbati Westmonasterii, camerario nostro, priori, Waltero, Radulpho, et Johanni, ad tractandum, communicandum, et concludendum de et super præmissis, et quolibet præmissorum, una cum eisdem episcopis, comite, abbate

^b Non habet sigillum.

^c Deest sigillum.

Westmonasterii, camerario nostro, priore, Waltero, Radulpho, et Johanne, juxta tenorem et effectum literarum nostrarum prædictarum, promittentes, bona fide, nos ratum, gratum, et firmum perpetuo habituros totum, et quicquid per prædictum abbatem beatæ Mariæ Eborum, una cum ambassiatoribus, oratoribus, et procuratoribus nostris prædictis, aut majori parte eorundem, actum, factum, sive gestum fuerit in præmissis et singulis præmissorum, et hoc idem, cum de eo certiorati fuerimus, quantum ad nos, ut Christianum principem, attinet, executioni debitæ curabimus demandare. In cujus, &c. Dat. in palatio regis Westmonasterii xxj. die Octobris.

Per ipsum regem.

NUM. LXXI.

Series quorundam Abbatum Sanctæ Mariæ Eboracensis.

[Ex vetusto MS. in Bibl. Bodleiana, authore Sim. Warwicen.]

Anno M.LXXXVIII. fundata fuit abbatia sanctæ Mariæ Virginis Eboraci per Alanum comitem, Gudonis, nobilis comitis Britanniae filium.

M.C.XII. Stephanus Wittebiensis abbas primus obiit, qui præfuit xxiv. annis.

M.C.XII. Richardus abbas secundus ob. pridie kal. Jan. M.C.XXXI.

M.C.XXXI. Godfridus abbas tertius electus. Tempore istius, viz. 2 non. Octobr. M.C.XXXII. egressi sunt duodecim monachi presbiteri et unus subdiaconus de abbatia prædicta.

Eodem anno fundata est abbatia de Fontibus per prædictos monachos vi. kal. Jan.

De his tredecim octo fuerunt abbates. De Fontibus duo, Richardus prior, et Ricardus sacrista. De Kyrksted duo, Robertus de Stutevyll, et Walterus elemosinarius. De Parco duo, Gervasius subprior, et Ranulphus de Norwegia. De Kyrkstell, Alexander, Galfridus abbas de Melsa.

Eodem anno facta est abbatia Rievallis per Walterum de Speke anno M.C.XXXI.

Godfridus abbas ob. xvi. kal. Aug. M.C.XXXII.

M.C.XXXII. Savaricus electus . . . ob. iii. non. Apr. M.C.LXI.

M.C.LXI. Clemens electus fuit lupus rapax omnia vastans quæ alii impetrarunt ob. xv. kal. Septembr. M.C.LXXXIV.

M.C.LXXXIV. Robertus de Harpham electus ob. xiii. kal. Maii M.C.LXXXIX.

M.C.LXXXIX. Robertus de Longo-campo electus ob. iii. idus Jan. M.C.CXXXIX.

M.C.CXXXIX. Willielmus Rondele electus ob. iii. kal. Dec. M.C.CXLIV.

M.C.CXLIV. Thomas de Waterhille electus ob. xvi. kal. Jan. M.C.CLVIII.

M.C.CLVIII. Simon de Warwik electus die nat. sancti Johannis Baptistæ ob. iv. non. Julii M.C.CXCVI.

M.C.CXCVI. Benedictus de Menton (potius Malton) electus postridie festi sancti Jacobi resignavit vii. kal. Aug. M.CCC.III.

M.CCC.III. Johannes de Gillyngs electus vi. id. Aug. ob. ix. kal. Junii M.CCC.XIII.

M.CCC.XIII. Alanus de Nesse electus iv. non. Julii.

NUM. LXXII.

[From a Book of Pensions in the Augmentation Office.]

Comitatus Ebor.

MONASTERIUM NUPER BEATÆ MARIE JUXTA CIVITATEM EBOR.

PENCIONES assignatæ nuper abbati et conventui ibidem super dissolutionem dicti nuper monasterii per comissionarios domini regis vicesimo nono die mensis Novembris anno regni prædicti domini regis Henrici octavi tricesimo primo. videlicet.

Willielmo Dente nuper abbati ibidem . . .	cccc. m̄rc.
Guidoni Kelsaye nuper priori ibidem . . .	xx. m̄rc.
Richardo Wodd presbitero . . .	vij ^{li} .
Willielmo Musham presbitero . . .	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Thomæ Clynte nuper subpriori ibidem . . .	x ^{li} .
Johanni Mathew presbitero . . .	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Richardo Berwyke presbitero . . .	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Thomæ Syngleton presbitero . . .	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Thomæ Jakeson presbitero . . .	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Thomæ Ketland presbitero . . .	x ^{li} .
Nicholao Berwyke presbitero . . .	vj ^{li} .
Willielmo Walton presbitero . . .	vj ^{li} .
Willielmo Crowe presbitero . . .	vj ^{li} .
Johanni Alanby presbitero . . .	vj ^{li} .
Johanni Tompson presbitero . . .	vj ^{li} .
Johanni Birkehed presbitero . . .	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Thomæ Marse presbitero . . .	vj ^{li} .
Johanni Coke presbitero . . .	v ^{li} . vj ^s . viij ^d .
Johanni Elmer theologie doctori . . .	xx. m̄rc.
Willielmo Hapton presbitero . . .	vj ^{li} .
Richardo Adamson presbitero . . .	vj ^{li} .
Richardo Watson presbitero . . .	vj ^{li} .
Briano Warde presbitero . . .	vj ^{li} .
Roberto Lowthroppe presbitero . . .	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Willielmo Tompson presbitero . . .	vj ^{li} .
Johanni Sympson presbitero . . .	vj ^{li} .
Johanni Baitson presbitero . . .	v ^{li} . vj ^s . viij ^d .
Roberto Underwodd presbitero . . .	v ^{li} . vj ^s . viij ^d .
Thomæ Esse presbitero . . .	vj ^{li} .
Edmundo Metcallffe presbitero . . .	vj ^{li} .
Johanni Potts presbitero . . .	vj ^{li} .
Nicholao Coup presbitero . . .	v ^{li} .
Jacobo Tatam alias Fulcrofte presbitero . . .	v ^{li} .
Thomæ Pearson presbitero . . .	v ^{li} .
Rogero Tomlynson alias Newson presbitero . . .	vj ^{li} .
Johanni Wyn presbitero . . .	v ^{li} .
Adamo Sheperd presbitero . . .	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Richardo Donatson presbitero . . .	v ^{li} .
Roberto Redshawe presbitero . . .	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Jacobo Bukelay presbitero . . .	v ^{li} .
Anthonio Hyk presbitero . . .	vj ^{li} .
Thomæ Berker presbitero . . .	vj ^{li} .
Thomæ Baynes presbitero . . .	v ^{li} .
Georgio Armorer presbitero . . .	v ^{li} .
Thomæ Brisewodd presbitero . . .	v ^{li} .
Johanni Nicollson presbitero . . .	v ^{li} .
Edmundo Hallowes presbitero . . .	v ^{li} .
Roberto Deane presbitero . . .	v ^{li} .
Radulpho Collyer novic' . . .	v ^{li} .
Roberto Bekwith presbitero . . .	vj ^{li} .

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WALTER HENDLE.

THOMAS LEGH.

RYCHARD BELASSES.

R. WATKINS.

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 32 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

NUPER MONASTERIUM BEATÆ Mariæ SCITUATUM IN SUBURBIIIS CIVITATIS EBORACI.

Civit' Ebor'		£.	s.	d.
Firma Scitus cum Terris Dominicalibus		2	13	4
Redditus et Firmæ Tenementorum et Cotagiorum infra Civitatem Eboraci et in Sub- urbiiis ejusdem		2	3	4
Ousegate		0	6	6
Hoseyer Lane		0	6	4
Fosse Gate		0	7	0
Mikell Gate		0	2	0
North Street		0	2	0
Thursday Market		0	2	0
North Street		0	6	0
Fisser Gate		14	19	0
Newbygynge		13	10	9
Saynt Maries Street		16	14	8
Sanctus Olavus infra Civitatem Eboraci	Rectoria	0	10	0
Com' Ebor'				
Dominium de Clifton cum Membris	Redd' et Firm'	40	2	9½
- - - - -	Redd' Mobil'	0	5	2½
- - - - -	Terr' Dominical'	7	7	0
- - - - -	Firm' Molend'	7	0	0
- - - - -	Rectoria	7	7	0
Dominium de Skelton cum Membris	Redd' et Firm'	5	10	5½
Roclyff	Redd' et Firm'	5	8	8
- - - - -	Redd' Mobil'	0	4	7
Skelton	Rectoria	8	0	0
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'			null
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'			null
Dominium de Shupton cum Membris	Redd' Assis' lib' Tenen'	0	9	2
- - - - -	Redd' Tenen' ad Vol'	11	18	2
Benyngbrough	Redd' et Firm'	4	8	4
Shupton	Rectoria	5	6	8
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'			null
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'			null
Dominium de Myton cum Membris	Redd' Assis' lib' Tenen'	2	7	3½
- - - - -	Redd' et Firm'	25	11	7½
- - - - -	Firm' Molend'	15	0	0
- - - - -	Firma Passagii Aquæ de Miton	0	16	8
- - - - -	Firma Clausi vocati Myton Close	16	13	4
Netherdonforde	Redd'	5	10	2
Overdonforde	Redd' et Firm'	4	16	4
Ellyngthorpe	Redd' et Firm'	10	1	9
- - - - -	Terr' Dominical'	13	18	4
- - - - -	Rectoria de Miton	14	6	8
- - - - -	Redd' Mobil'	0	5	9½
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'			null
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'			null
Spawnton cum Membris	Redd' lib' Tenen'	1	7	10
- - - - -	Redd' Tenen' ad Vol' cum diversis minutis Firmis in Spawnton	14	16	2
Lastynghame	Redd' et Firm'	5	19	1
Rossedale	Redd' et Firm'	13	1	10
Hoton cum Dowthwayte	Redd' et Firm'	9	1	8½
Appleton	Redd' et Firm'	13	17	4
Middilton	Redd' et Firm'	1	7	3

Com' Ebor'		£.	s.	d.
Middilton	Spiritualia	14	11	1
- - - - -	Redd' Mobil'	0	12	8½
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Dominium de Normanby cum Membris	Redd' Assis' lib' Tenen'	0	13	0
- - - - -	Redd' et Firm'	14	13	3
Marton	Redd' et Firm'	3	6	5½
Kirkeby Oveker	Redd' et Firm'	4	9	0
- - - - -	Redd' Mobil'	0	1	10
- - - - -	Pensio	0	10	0
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Dominium de Foston cum Membris	Redd' Assis' lib' Tenen'	1	19	4
- - - - -	Redd' et Firm' per Copiam Curiae pro termino vitæ	16	4	1
Thornton	Redd' et Firm' per Copiam Curiae pro termino vitæ	4	10	6
Flaxton	Redd' et Firm'	1	0	0
Claxton	Redd' et Firm'	3	17	0
Foston	Pensio Rectoriae	0	13	4
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Dominium de Harton cum Membris	Redd' Assis' lib' Tenen'	0	19	4
Herton	Redd' et Firm' per Copiam Curiae pro termino vitæ	21	9	6
Barton	Redd' et Firm'	2	4	10
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Dominium de Grymston cum Membris	Redd' lib' Tenen'	0	12	10½
- - - - -	Redd' et Firm'	32	12	2
Kirkeby	Redd' et Firm' per Copiam Curiae pro termino vitæ	7	1	6
Panesthorp	Redd' et Firm'	5	5	0
Hunkelby	Redd' et Firm'	3	15	0½
Syxendale, alias Thyxendale	Redd' et Firm'	3	16	2
Grymston	Rectoria	4	16	8
- - - - -	Redd' Mobil'	0	17	8½
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Fymber cum aliis	Redd' et Firm' in Fymber	5	8	11
Raystrobe		0	14	0
Byrdalls		1	2	0
Millyngton		1	6	7
Acaster Selby		3	5	6
	et un' lib' cumin'			
Over-Acastre		0	16	8
Huntyngton		2	5	0½
Saunston		1	17	8
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Dominia de Rudston et Helmeswell cum Membris	Redd' Assis' lib' Tenen'	1	7	6
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad Vol'	7	11	11
Helmeswell	Manerium sive Dominium	29	7	0
Rudston	Rectoria	21	13	4
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Dominium de Hornesey cum Membris	Redd' et Firm' in Hornesey	67	16	6
Hornesey Beck	Redd' et Firm'	7	3	9
Hornesey	Rectoria cum Manerio et Piscaria et Aucupatione ibidem	44	6	8
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Pensiones et Portiones Decimarum diversarum Ecclesiarum	Pensiones	14	12	8
- - - - -	Portiones	37	11	8
Terræ et Tenementa scituata in Marshe Land	Redd' Assis' lib' Tenen'	26	8	9
Whitgyfte	Redd' et Firm'	34	4	6

Com' Ebor'			£.	s.	d.
	Redenes	Redd' et Firm'	16	9	9
	Lounde et Grene		4	15	0
	Swynsfflete		14	12	4
	Howke et Gowle		0	18	4
	Ufflete		1	1	8
	- - - - -	Exit' Turbar'	2	9	6
	Dominium de Armyn cum Membris	Firm' Terr' Dominical'	36	3	8
	- - - - -	Redd' Tenen' ad Vol' cum diversis			
	- - - - -	Minut' Firm' dimissis per Inden-			
	- - - - -	turam	51	12	0
	- - - - -	Spiritual'	1	0	0
	- - - - -	Redd' Turbar'	3	16	10
	- - - - -	Redd' Mobil'	1	3	3
	- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
	Rectoria de Doncastre cum Warmesworth	Spiritual'	29	6	8
	Exthorpe et Dalby	Terr'	0	11	0
	Warmesworth	Redd' et Firm'	5	6	10
	Barford et Bramham cum Membris	Redd' Assis' lib' Tenen'	0	19	6 et
	- - - - -				unum Acum
	- - - - -	Firm' in Garford cum Redd' et Firm'			
	- - - - -	in Kirkegarford	4	19	8
	Bramham		3	0	0
	- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
	- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
	Dominium de Est Cottingwith cum Membris	Redd' Assis' lib' Tenen'	1	14	8
	Est Cottingwith	Redd' et Firm'	25	16	8
	- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
	- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
	Dominium de Dighton	Firm' Maner'	8	3	0
	- - - - -	Redd' et Firm'	17	6	1
	- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'	0	8	1½
	- - - - -	Redd' Mobil'	0	5	1½
	- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
	- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
	Dominium de Fulford	Redd' Assis' lib' Tenen'	0	1	0
	- - - - -	Redd' Tenen' ad Vol' cum diversis			
	- - - - -	Minut' Firm' dimissis per Inden-			
	- - - - -	turam	41	4	4
	- - - - -	Redd' Prator' et Pastur'	3	19	11
	- - - - -	Firm' Molend'	2	4	0
	- - - - -	Redd' Mobil'	0	8	10½
	Fulford	Rector'	24	0	0
	- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
	- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
	Dominium de Popleton cum Membris	Redd' Assis' lib' Tenen'	1	14	6 una
	- - - - -				Rosa et unus Acus
	- - - - -	Redd' et Firm' in Popleton cum Redd'			
	- - - - -	Minut' Firm' dimissis per Inden-			
	- - - - -	turam	40	1	9
	- - - - -	Redd' et Firm' in Nether Popleton			
	- - - - -	cum diversis Minut' Firm' dimissis			
	- - - - -	per Indenturam	19	11	6½
	Knapton	Redd' et Firm'	2	8	0
	Hessey	Redd' et Firm'	2	11	8
	Monketon	Redd' et Firm'	8	16	8
	- - - - -	Spiritual'	10	0	0
	- - - - -	Redd' Mobil'	0	14	3½
	- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
	- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
	Diversæ Villatæ	Redd' Assis' lib' Tenen'	4	7	1½
	- - - - -	Redd' et Firm'	8	2	11
	Dalby cum diversis aliis Firmis	Redd' et Firm'	28	17	0
	- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
	Gillynge, Langton, Newton, Kyme et Everton, et Tylehouses	Redd' et Firm'	17	8	0

Com' Richm'				£.	s.	d.
Dominium de Burneston cum Membris			Redd' et Firm'	39	10	5
- - - - -			Penc'	0	13	4
- - - - -			Spiritual'	29	4	8
- - - - -			Perquis' Cur'	nult		
Dominium de Catteryk cum Membris			Redd' Assis' lib' Tenen'	1	3	6
- - - - -			Redd' et Firm'	3	16	10
- - - - -			Penc'	0	13	4
- - - - -			Spiritual'	43	7	2
- - - - -			Perquis' Cur'	nult		
Dominium de Appulton			Redd' Assis' lib' Tenen'	0	8	1½
- - - - -			Redd' et Firm'	26	17	5
- - - - -			Perquis' Cur'	nult		
Dominium de Horneby cum Membris			Redd' Assis' lib' Tenen'	1	16	4
Horneby			Redd' et Firm'	6	4	8
Smeton			Redd' et Firm'	10	13	4
Munkende				5	6	8
- - - - -			Penc'	5	5	0
- - - - -			Vendic' Bosc'	nult		
Dominium de Gillynge cum Membris.						
Gillynge			Redd'	0	6	8
- - - - -			Rector'	42	5	4
- - - - -			Penc'	5	0	0
Corn' Ebor'						
Dominium de Kirkeby cum Membris			Redd' Assis' lib' Tenen'	2	10	10
Kirkeby			Redd'	0	10	0
- - - - -			Penc'	2	2	0
Corn' Richm'						
Dominium de Gilmanby.						
Gilmanby			Redd' et Firm'	12	0	0
- - - - -			Perquis' Cur'	nult		
Rectoria de Gaynforde in Episcopatu Dunelmensis cum Pensionibus diversarum Ecclesiarum.						
Gaynforde			Rector'	65	0	4
- - - - -			Penc'	17	10	0
Diversa Hamelletta cum Portionibus Decimarum			Redd' et Firm' in diversis Villatis cum diversis Minutis Firmis dimis- sis per Indenturam	9	14	0
- - - - -			Portiones Decimarum	18	5	0

Priory of St. Bee,

IN

CUMBERLAND:

A Cell to the Abbey of St. Mary York.



EGA, a holy woman from Ireland, is said to have founded, about the year of our Lord 650, a small monastery in Copeland, where, afterwards, a Church was built in memory of her. This religious House being destroyed by the Danes, was restored by William, son to Ranulph de Meschin earl of Cumberland, in the time of Henry the First,^a and made a Cell to the Abbey of St. Mary York.

William de Meschin, the founder, appears to have granted three Charters to St. Bees. The first, called "*Carta prima Willielmi Meschyn*" in the Chartulary preserved among the Harleian manuscripts, gives to God, St. Mary, and St. Bega six carucates of land in Cherchebi, with the manor which had belonged to William Balistarius.^b The second grants the church of St. Bee to St. Mary's York, with seven carucates of land in Copeland; the chapel of Egremont; the tithe of the demesne of Copeland; and the tithe of the founder's hogs, venison, pannage, and vaccaries in Copeland. It also confirms various other gifts by his homagers: as Stainburn by Wallef, Preston by Chatell, two bovates of land and a nativus in Rotington by Rayner, the churches of Witingham and Bothla with their parishes and tithes by Godard, and Swartahef by William the son of Gilbert of Lancaster. Stipulating that a prior and six monks, at the least, should be maintained at St. Bees by the abbat and convent of York.^c The third charter grants to the monks of St. Bees all the woods within their boundaries, with every thing within them except hart and hind, boar and hawk, together with all such liberties as the founder himself had a claim to in Copeland.^d

Ralph Meschin, the son of the founder, confirmed his father's donations, together with those of the different homagers; adding the manor called Auenderdale. The woods within the boundaries of the monks are stated in this

charter to extend from Cuningshow to the brook between Preston and Hensingham, and so to Whitehaven.^e

The Harleian Chartulary preserves a separate grant of Auenderdale from Ralph Meschin,^f exclusive of the mention of it in the general confirmation.

Among possessions of the larger kind, Cecily countess of Albemarle gave four carucates of land between Esk and Duden; with two bovates of land, and the chapel of Lodeswater. David, king of Scotland, gave Everset. Guthred, king of the Isles, gave Eschedala; and Ragdnald, another king of the Isles, a portion of land in Ormeshan.^g The monks of St. Bees had also the church of Hafryngton, lands in Kyrkby le Kogh, &c. Other possessions of a smaller kind will be enumerated, as far as the names of the places are concerned, in the abstract which will presently be given of the Harleian Register.

William Forz, or de Fortibus, earl of Albemarle, granted the monks of St. Bees a confirmation of all that had been given to them by his ancestors in Alledale and Copeland. He names fourteen salmon which they had of the gift of Alan son of Waldef, with half a carucate of land in Aspatric, and six acres in another part of the same vill; six salmon of the gift of the Lady Alice de Romely; half a mark of silver, of the same donation, out of the fulling-mill of Cokermouth, and a manse in the same vill. He further gives a rent of a mark of silver out of the fulling-mill of Cokermouth, payable, half-yearly, at the feasts of Pentecost and St. Martin.^h

PRIORS of ST. BEES.

ROBERT is said by Leland to have been the name of the first prior.ⁱ

WALERAN occurs about 1197.

NICHOLAS, who is also called NICHOLAS LANGTON, and NICHOLAS DE LANGTONA, occurs A. D. 1257, 42 Hen. III., again in 1279, and lastly in 1282.^k

BENEDICT also occurs prior in 1282.^l

WILLIAM occurs prior in 1288.^m

JOHN occurs "*anno illo quo Odo rex Allemanniæ venit in Angliam.*"ⁿ

^a Tanner says, "This, being within a mile of Egremont, is the same monastery, probably, which Gervase of Cant. or Sulgrave and Stevens, vol. i. p. 38, describe by '*Prioratus de Egremunde S. Brigidæ monachi Nigri*' in Richmondshire; but that it is not, though within the archdeaconry of Richmond. Cressy will have St. Bees to have been the same monastery with Heortu, but Leland, Coll. tom. iii. p. 39, makes them different; and both Leland and Camden think Heortu to have been Hartlepoole."

^b See the Append. Num. II.

^c See Num. III.

^d Num. IV.

^e See Num. V.

^f Num. VI.

^g These were, apparently, kings of the western islands of Scotland.

^h See Num. VII.

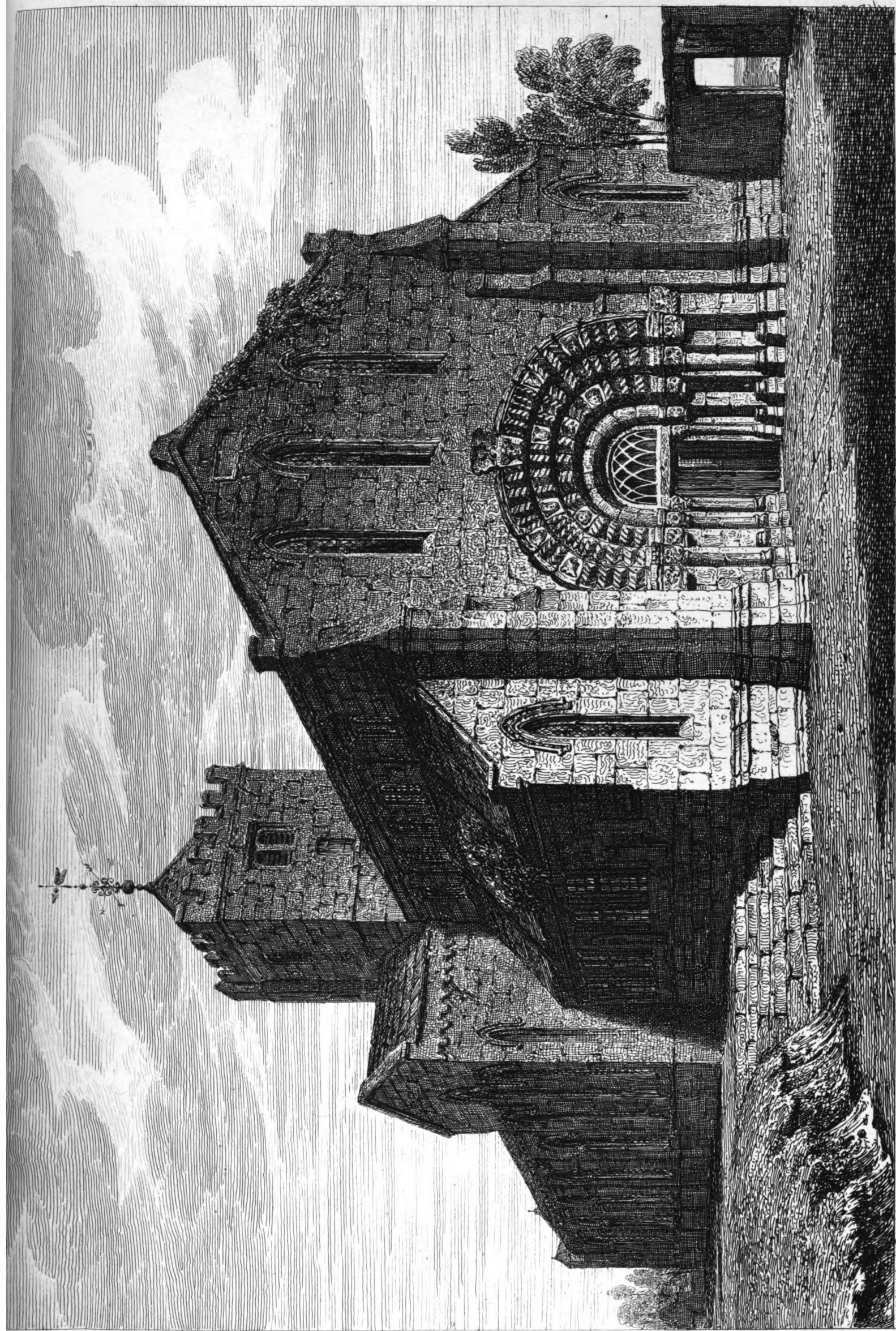
ⁱ Lel. Collect. tom. i. p. 24. "*Robertus prior ejusdem, ut colligo primus.*"

^k Reg. S. Bega, MS. Harl. 434.

^l Ibid.

^m Ibid.

ⁿ Ibid.



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Priory of St. Bees, Cumberland R. W. View.

ROGER KIRKBY was promoted from the priorate of St. Bees in 1437 to be abbat of St. Mary's York.^a

ROGER ARMYN was prior in 1485.^b

EDMUND SMYTH occurs in 1496.^c

THOMAS BARWYKE is called "Custos Cellæ S. Begæ, 1498."^d

ROBERT ALANBY was prior in 1523: see a letter from him, in that year, to the Lord Dacre, in Hearne's Appendix to Otterbourne, p. 583, expressing his fear of a descent on the coast by the duke of Albany.

The priors of St. Bees were probably appointed or removed at the pleasure of the abbats of St. Mary's York.

Tanner, from King's Account of the Isle of Man at the end of his Vale Royal, p. 9, says, the prior of St. Bees, having lands in the Isle of Man, was a baron of that island, and obliged to attend as such upon the kings or lords thereof whenever they required it, or at least upon every new succession in the government, upon penalty of forfeiting his interest in the lands.

At the Dissolution of Religious Houses the revenues of St. Bees cell, according to Dugdale, amounted to 143*l.* 17*s.* 2*d.*; according to Speed, to 149*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.*^e

In the 7th Edw. VI. the king granted the manor, rectory, and Cell of St. Bee to Sir Thomas Chaloner, knt. accompanied by all rights, members, and appurtenances thereto belonging, with all possessions of the cell in Enderdale, and elsewhere in the county of Cumberland; to him, his heirs, and assigns, in fee-farm for ever; to be held of the king, his heirs, and successors, as of his manor of Sheriff-Hutton in Yorkshire, in free and common socage, by fealty only, and not in capite; paying to the crown, yearly, the fee-farm rent of 143*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.*^f

^a Excerpta e Reg. archiep. Ebor. Harl. MS. 6972, fol. 29.

^b Reg. S. Begæ, ut supr.

^c Ibid.

^d Ibid.

^e A Survey of this Cell, taken in the time of K. Henry VIII., will be found in the Appendix of Instruments, Num. X. The only entry relating to it in the Roll of Annuities still payable in the 2d and 3d of Phil. and Mar. is,

"SCÆ BEGÆ nuper Mon. Feod. Domini Wharton senescall. general. omnium possessionum nuper monasterii præd. ex concessione nuper abbatis ibidem per annum xxvj. vij*d.*"

^f See Nicolson and Burn's Hist. of Westm. and Cumb. vol. ii. p. 41. In the Abstracts of the Originalia in the British Museum, vol. vi. fol. 85, we read,

"Cumb. Ebor.—7 Edw. VI. rex xvj. die Junii concessit Thomæ Chaloner mil. maner. rectoriam, et Cellam de sancta Bega, vulgariter voc. Seynt Bees in Cowpland, ac manerium de Snyttall cum al. terr. ibidem spect. habend. sibi et hæredibus suis ad feodi firmam."

^g Nicolson and Burn, ut supr.

^h The following are the titles of the more important Instruments in this volume. Those marked with an asterisk are given in the Appendix to the present Account.

- * 1. Carta prima Willielmi Meschyn.
2. Carta Willielmi filii Ranulfi de Meschines de vij. carucatis terræ, et tota parochia de Kirkeby, et de capella Egremont, et de decimis domini sui. [Ut in Append. Num. VI.]
3. Carta alia ejusdem Willielmi filii Ranulphi de vij. caruc.
4. Carta Ranulphi fil. Willielmi fil. Ranulphi Meschyns de vij. car. terræ in Copland.
- * 5. Carta Ranulphi Meschyn filii W. de manerio de Auenderdala.
6. Carta Aliciæ Rumelly de terris, decimis, boscis, libertatibus, et dignitatibus in Coupland.
7. Carta ejusdem de decimis dominiorum suorum in Coupland.
8. Carta Willielmi nepotis regis Scotiæ de pannag. de Coupland.
9. Carta Willielmi comitis Albemariæ de vj. vaccis de nowtegeld in Coupland.
10. Carta Cecilæ comitissæ Albemariæ de iij. caruc. terræ inter Esk et Duden.
11. Carta ejusdem de capella de Lodeswater et ij. bovat. terræ.
12. Carta David regis de Everset.
13. Carta Guthredi regis Insularum de Eschedala in bosco, plano, pastura, et omnibus aliis.
14. Carta Ragdnaldi regis Insularum de dimidia parte de Ormesham.
15. Confirmatio domini Antonii patriarchæ de Asmundertoft, A. D. 1307.
16. Carta Godardi de ecclesiis de Witingham et de Bothle cum ij. mansuris, et totis parochiis et decimis ad easdem pertinentibus.
17. Carta Roberti Hafryngtona de ecclesia de Hafryngtone.
18. Instrumentum sive Placitum de Whittebek.
19. Inquisitio de capella de Clifton.

In the 4th of King Philip and Queen Mary, the king and queen granted to Cuthbert bishop of Chester and his successors the said yearly rent, paying thereout annually to the crown 43*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.*^g

After Sir Thomas Chaloner, the manor and rectory of St. Bees became the property of the Wybergh family, who, being great sufferers in the civil wars during the reign of Charles the First, mortgaged their estate here to Sir John Lowther. It is now the property of the Earl of Lonsdale.

The only REGISTER of St. BEES Priory now extant is the one which has been already referred to. It was formerly in the possession of Sir John Lowther of Whitehaven, afterwards in that of the Rev. John Strype, and is now preserved among the Harleian manuscripts in the British Museum, num. 434. It forms a volume of some thickness in folio, written upon vellum, apparently toward the latter end of the fourteenth century. A few instruments are inserted in it in a later hand.^h

Tanner refers to numerous original charters belonging to this and other monasteries of Cumberland, formerly in the possession of Francis Salkeld, Esq. of Whitehall in that county.ⁱ

There is an imperfect, or rather a mutilated Roll of Charters, relating to St. Bees, preserved among the Cottonian Instruments in the British Museum, marked XIII. 21. It contains,

1. Carta Johannis de Curci ecclesiæ S. Mariæ Ebor. et S. Begæ de Couplanda de duabus partibus insulæ quæ vocatur Neddram, et duabus partibus villæ ejusdem insulæ, et duabus partibus omnium beneficiorum ecclesiæ quæ in eadem insula fundata est, et de terris in Duffren, cum privilegiis.
2. Carta Jurdani de Curci de xv. carucatis terræ.

20. Indentura facta inter abbatem monasterii beatæ Mariæ Ebor. et Radulphum de Langplogh, A. D. 1337.

21. Carta Edwardi regis de terris in Kyrkby le Kogh.

22. Carta de terris in comitat. Cumb. 16 Ric. II.

23. Carta Nicholai Stayngref et al. de terris in diversis locis, 16 Ric. II.

24. Carta regis Edwardi de terris mortisatis in Staynburn.

25. Conventio de pastura in Staynburn, A. D. 1227.

26. Carta David regis Scotiæ in Euresete.

27. Carta Clementis abbatis Ebor. contra Thomam de Dene de capella de Clifton.

28. Bund. franchises. sanctæ Begæ.

29. Carta Willielmi abbatis et conventus Ebor. de capella de Everdale, A. D. 1534.

30. De capella de Lowsewater.

31. Obligatio abbatis de Holmcoltram.

32. Conventio inter Nicholaum priorem de sancta Bega et Benedictum de Rottington de barcaia cum pertinentiis apud Howthberwe, 42 Hen. III.

33. Carta Alani fil. Waltheri de xiiij. salmon. in Kokirmowth.

34. Appellatio contra abbatem de Furneys pro decimis juxta Millom.

35. Copy of an Instrument, in old English, from William abbat of St. Mary York, announcing a royal confirmation of the lands and privileges of his monastery, 25 Hen. VIII.

The Charters, exclusive of these, are of very small portions of land, messuages, single acres, &c. They relate to

Bolton,	Lampton,
Bonelton,	Le Keldlands,
Botelton,	Maykstubbs,
Botil,	Morthaitbek,
Burgh juxta le Sands,	Murton,
Clethergh,	Newtona,
Cokirmowth,	Pinchunby,
Gosford,	Ranglass,
Hale,	Rottington,
Hayringthwait,	Saltergh,
Hensingham,	Seton,
Hothwait,	Strikland,
Houthakon,	Talentyr,
Houtheberghe,	Walton,
Hyton,	Witemyr,
Kaldir,	Wittofthaven,
Kelton,	Wyndergh,
Kirkehaven,	Wyrkyngton.

Leland, in his Collectanea, tom. i. p. 24, says, "Anno D. 1312. Dominus Joannes de Laneploch miles fecit homagium priori S. Begæ pro quodam tenemento in Arloughden."

ⁱ Notit. Monast.

3. Carta Rogeri de Dunseforth ecclesiæ S. Mar. Ebor. et monachis de Neddrum de ecclesia de Avelori, et omnibus ecclesiis aliis de tota terra sua, scil. de feodo decem militum, excepta ecclesia de Dunesford, A. D. 1194.

4. Carta Brieni de Eschalers ecclesiæ B. M. Ebor. et S. Begæ de Neddrum, de terr. in Balichatlan.

5. Carta Malachii episc. Lunensis monachis de S. Begæ de ecclesia de Neddrum.

6. Carta Eugenii Ardmachani archiep. Wallerano monacho, priori de Neddrum, de compositione facta inter ipsum et Malachiam Lunensem episc. de villa de Neddrum, tam de ecclesia tam de terris.

7. Carta T. Ardmachani archiep. Wallerano monacho, priori de Neddrum de compositione facta inter ipsum et Malachiam Lunensem episcopum de villa de Neddrum tam de ecclesia tam de terris.

8. Carta Johannis tituli S. Stephani in Celio Monte presbyteris et cardinalis, confirmans ut supra, A. D. 1197.

9. Bulla Honorii papæ, confirmans ut supra, A. D. 1216.

The ARMS of *St. Bees Priory* are given in the initial Letter of the present Account. They occur in Tong's Visitation of the Northern Counties, A. D. 1530, in the Harleian MS. 1499, fol. 80, with this remark; "Be yt notid that Wylliam Myschen son of Ranolf lord of Egremont founded the monastery of Saint Beysse of blake monks; and heyres to the sayd Mischin ys the Lord Fytzwat', the Lord Haryngton, and the Lord Lucy; and so restyth

founders of the said monastery therle of Sussex, the Lord Marques Dorset, and therle of Northumberland as heyres to the lords aforesaid."

There is in the office of the duchy of Lancaster an ancient Deed to which a prior of St. Bees was a party, and to which the abbey SEAL is attached. It is small and mean; consisting only of a plain cross without any charges in the shield, and a few words round it no longer legible.

The monastery of St. Bees, itself, four miles from Whitehaven, was situated in a narrow dell, with low and marshy lands to the east; the west exposed to storms from the Irish channel. The CHURCH was built in the form of a cross, of red free-stone, but without side aisles; consisting of a nave, transept, and chancel only. The nave is at present used as the parish church; the transept, as a place of sepulture; the east end is unroofed, and in ruins. The great west door seems a part of the founder's building: it is ornamented with grotesque heads and chevron mouldings. The east end of the chancel, with three long narrow windows, enriched with double mouldings and pilasters, is apparently of the thirteenth century.* Considerable remains of the monastic buildings are to be seen on the south side.

The PRIORY of NEDDRUM in *Ulster* is said to have been made a CELL to St. BEES by John de Curcy, temp. Hen. II.^b

Cartae ad S. Begae Coenobium in agro Cumbrensi, Cellam Sanctae Mariae Eboraci, spectantes.

NUM. I.

Ex Vita S. Begae velatae Virginis.

[Lelandi Collectan. tom. iii. p. 36.]

BEGÆ nata in Hibernia.

Begæ primum humile monasteriolum construxit in Cauplandia (versus Carlelm in extremis Angl. finibus) ubi nunc sunt aliquot monachi Mariani urbis Ebor. et vulgo vocatur saint Beges.

Deindè ad septentrionalem partem Wiræ fluminis monasterium construxit.^c

Tertio Herutey,^d qui locus Latine sonat Cervi Insula, commigravit, coenobiumque virginum ibi condidit, pauloque post Hildæ sacræ virginis cessit, quæ post victoriam Oswi regis accepit Eanfledam virginem ejus filiam, voto promissam cum annuo agrorum censu, unde postea animos sumpsit edificandi monasterium in Streneshale, et posito ibidem coenobio, monachos induxit, et sacras virgines, quibus ipsa abbas præfuit.

Begæ autem, relicta insula de Herutey, contulit se

Calcariam quæ à Saxonibus vocatur Helcacester et novum sibi monasterium condidit, [Leiland] ubi sit Calcaria civitas hactenus à nemine potui discere. Tamen si Antonini itinerarium rectè scriptum est, dubio procul est in provincia Eboracensi.

Begæ tandem à Calcaria peregrè proficiscens, obiit apud Hacanos monasterium velatarum virginum [Leyland] Hacanos est tertio à Scardoburgo miliario.

NUM. II.

Carta prima Willielmi Meschyn.

[Ex Registro Cartarum Mon. S. Begæ, MS. Harl. Mus. Brit. 434.]

WILLIELMUS filius Randulfi omnibus has litteras videntibus et audientibus salutem. Notum nobis facio quod dedi Deo et sanctæ Mariæ et sanctæ Virgini Begæ, pro salute mea et uxoris meæ, et filiorum meorum, et parentum meorum vj. carucatas terræ in Cherchebi, et ad incrementum prædictæ elemosinæ concedo manerium quod habuit

^a Dugd. Bar. tom. i. p. 451.

^b According to Leland, the church and possessions of St. Bees received considerable injury during an incursion from Scotland in 1315. "Anno D. 1315. Robertus Brus obsidebat Carleolum. Quo tempore Jacobus Douglas multa mala fecit apud Egremont, et spoliavit ecd. S. Begæ, ac maneria de Cletter et Staineburne prioris S. Begæ combusserunt." Lel. Collect. tom. i. p. 24, ex libro auctoris incerti nominis, sed monachi coenobii S. Mar. Ebor. de abbatibus et rebus in eo gestis.

^c Greveson. Est humilis ecclesia inter ostia Tini et Deræ, D. Hildæ dicata, iii. leugis distat à Vedra, nam à Tina sita est ut est in quadam prominentia quam vulgus Sower vocat. Forsan hic olim fuit Begæ monasteriolum.

^d Vulgo jam Herpoole appellatur in ore Tesæ fluminis. Heleprior non longe à Tadcaster, in quo nomine antiqui nominis vestigia Saxonice Helecester, dicebatur Latine Calcaria.

Willielmus balistarius in pura elemosina sine aliquo terreno servitio. Valet. Insuper, ut sciatis ut quicumque ex militibus meis aliquod incrementum terræ de suis propriis terris dare voluerit concedo. Hujus rei testes sunt Waltheus, Reinerus, Godardus, Ketellus, Willielmus capellanus, Coremac, Gille becoe.

NUM. III.

Carta alia Foundationis Cella Sanctæ Begæ, in Comitatu Cumbriæ per Willielmum Meschines filium Ranulphi dominum de Couplandia.

[Ex autographo in Turri Beatæ Mariæ Ebor.]

WILLIELMUS filius Ranulphi Turstino Eboraci archiepiscopo, et omnibus sanctæ matris Eboraci ecclesiæ parochianis, tam clericis quàm laicis, præsentibus et futuris, salutem. Pium est ut sancta Dei ecclesia, et filii et filii suis, dilatetur et amplificetur. Eapropter dedi et præsentem chartula confirmavi ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Eboracensis cœnobii, ecclesiam sanctæ Begæ quæ est sita in Caupalandia, et septem carucatas terræ, quietas et solutas ab omni seculari servitio. Reddidi etiam, et dedi eidem ecclesiæ parochiam suam sicut testimonio proborum virorum in dedicatione ejusdem ecclesiæ, probata est, videlicet, quicquid continetur à Witohona usque ad Chechel, et sicut eadem Chechel cadit integrè, et egrè in mare; et nominatim capellam de Egremund quæ est sita inter prædictos terminos; et decimas domini mei et omnium hominum meorum, qui manent in Egremunt, et decimas piscariarum meorum de Caupalandia, necnon et decimas porcorum, et carnis venationis meæ, per totam Caupalandiam, et decimam pannagii mei, et decimam vaccariarum meorum per totam Caupalandiam. Et si quis ex mea permissione, vel donatione, infra forestam meam pecuniam suam habebit, ex ea, sicut ex mea, monachi habebunt decimationem; et insuper unoquoque anno viginti solidos de decima census mei de Caupalandia sive crescat, sive decrescat; concedo etiam donum quietum quod Wallef dedit eidem ecclesiæ, videlicet, Stainburnam; et quod Chatellus donavit, videlicet Prestonam; et quod donavit Raynerus, videlicet duas bovatas terræ in Rotingtona, et unum rusticum manentem in eadem villa; et quod donavit Godardus, videlicet, ecclesias de Witingham, et Bothla, cum duabus mansuris, et totis parochiis, et decimas eisdem ecclesiis pertinentes; et quod donavit Willielmus filius Gilberti de Lancastria, videlicet, Swartahef, omnia quæ in elemosinam; et sine omni terreno servitio. Et sciendum, quod omnes has elemosinas, dedi prædictæ abbatiæ Eboraci, consilio Turstini archiepiscopi, et uxoris meæ Cecilie, et hominum meorum, et concessione Ranulphi filii mei, tali conventionem, et pacto, ut ibi sit Cella monachorum. Et abbas Eboraci et capitulum semper mittant, et habeant in ecclesia sanctæ Begæ priorem, et cum eo sex monachos ad minùs residentes, et servientes ibidem Domino. Concedo etiam quicquid homines mei imposterum ibi, consilio meo vel hæredum meorum dabunt. Hanc autem elemosinam feci pro salute domini mei Henrici regis Angliæ, et pro anima Matildis reginæ, et Willielmi filii eorum, et pro salute Turstini archiepiscopi, et pro remedio antecessorum meorum, et meo et uxoris meæ, et liberorum meorum, et fidelium meorum. Testibus hiis, Turstino archiepiscopo, et Willielmo archidiacono, Aufredo, et Richardo capellani ejus, Rainaldo capellano meo, Siwardo presbitero, Godardo, Rainero, Wallef, Chetello, Odardo, Richardo, et multis aliis.

NUM. IV.

Carta tertia Willielmi le Meschin.

[Ibid.]

WILLIELMUS le Meschin, omnibus hominibus, et amicis suis, Francis et Anglis, tam futuris, quam præsentibus, salutem. Sciatis me dedisse, et præsentem carta meam confirmasse, Deo et sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci, et sanctæ Begæ, et monachis ibidem servientibus, omnes boscus qui sunt infra divisas suas, et quicquid in eisdem boscis continetur,

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exceptis cervo et cerva, apro, et ancipitre, et nullus in eis nisi priore concedente possit succedere. Præterea dedi prædictis monachis, et concessi, habere ubique infra terminos suos, tam in terra, quam in aquis dulcibus, et salsis, omnes libertates et consuetudines, quas habeo in Caupalandia. Hæc autem omnia dedi et concessi prædictis monachis liberè et quietè in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, pro salute domini mei Henrici regis Angliæ, et pro anima Matildis reginæ, et pro salute mea, et uxoris meæ, et liberorum meorum, et fidelium meorum. Testibus hiis Rainaldo capellano meo, Siwardo presbitero, Godardo, Rainero, Wallef, Chetell, Odardo, Richardo, et multis aliis.

NUM. V.

Carta Confirmationis Prioratus Sanctæ Begæ.

[Ibid.]

RANULPHUS Meschinus, filius Willielmi, filii Ranulphi, omnibus videntibus, vel audientibus literas has, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse, et præsentem carta confirmasse abbatiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Eboraco ecclesiam sanctæ Begæ quæ est in Couplandia et septem carucatas terræ, et totam parochiam suam, et quicquid pater meus eidem ecclesiæ dedit vel concessit, sicut carta ipsius testatur, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, liberè, et quietè ab omni terreno servitio. Et nominatim, capellam de Egremunt, et decimam domini mei in tota Couplandia, et omnium hominum meorum qui manent in Egremunt, et decimas piscariarum meorum de tota Couplandia, necnon decimas porcorum meorum, et carnis venationis meæ per totam forestam meam in tota Couplandia; et decimam pannagii mei, et decimam vaccariarum meorum per totam Couplandia; et si quis ex mea donatione vel concessione, infra forestam meam, pecuniam suam habebit, monachi habebunt decimationem de ea, sicut de mea. Et insuper dedi, et præsentem carta meam confirmavi ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ et sanctæ Begæ, manerium quod vocatur Auenderdale, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam solutam et quietam ab omni terreno servitio. Concessi etiam donum quietum quod Waltheof dedit eidem ecclesiæ, videlicet, Steinburn, et quod Chetellus dedit, videlicet Preshun, et quod dedit Rainerus, videlicet, duas bovatas terræ in Rotington, et unum rusticum manentem in eadem villa. Et quod donavit Godardus, videlicet ecclesias de Witingam, et Botela, cum duabus mansuris, et totis parochiis, et decimas eisdem ecclesiis pertinentes, et quod dedit Willielmus filius Gilberti de Lancastria, videlicet Swarthoft. Concedo etiam prædictis monachis omnes boscus qui sunt infra divisas suas, videlicet, à Cuningshow usque ad rivulum inter Preston et Hensingham, et descendit usque ad Witheshaven, et ibi cadit in mare, et quicquid in eisdem boscis capere potuerint, exceptis cervo, et cerva, apro, et ancipitre. Omnes verò alias dignitates, et libertates quas habeo in Couplandia dono eis et concedo habere infra divisas suas sicut et pater meus dedit et concessit eisdem: concedo etiam quicquid homines mei in posterum ibi consilio meo, vel hæredum meorum, dabunt. Hæc omnia concessi, et præsentem carta meam confirmavi in puram et perpetuam elemosinam solutam et quietam ab omni terreno servitio, pro salute animæ meæ, et pro anima patris mei, et omnium parentum meorum, necnon et dominorum meorum, per consilium et testimonium hominum meorum, videlicet Fulconis avunculi mei, et Reineri dapiferi, et Godardi et Ranulfi vicecomitis, Siwardi presbiteri, Willielmi capellani, et Willielmi de Archis.

NUM. VI.

Carta Ranulphi Meschyn filii W. de Manerio de Anenderdala.

[Ex Registro S. Begæ, MS. Harl. 434.]

RANULPHUS Meschinus filius Willielmi filii Ranulphi omnibus videntibus literas vel audientibus salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse Deo et sanctæ Mariæ de Eboraco et sanctæ Begæ manerium quod vocatur Avenderdala in pura elemosina, soluta et quæta ab omni terreno

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servitio, pro anima mea et pro anima patris mei et omnium parentum meorum, necnon et dominorum meorum, per consilium et testimonium hominum meorum, videlicet Fulconis avunculi mei, et Reineri dapiferi, et Godardi et Rann. vicecomitum, et Siwardi presbyteri, et Gaufridi presbyteri, et Willielmi capellani, et Willielmi de Arcis.

NUM. VII.

Carta Willielmi Forz Comitis de Albemaria.

[Ex ipso autographo in bibl. Hatton.]

WILLIELMUS de Forz, comes Albemariae, omnibus hominibus has literas visuris vel audituris, salutem. No- verit universitas vestra me concessisse et hac praesenti carta mea confirmasse Deo et ecclesiae sanctae Begae de Coupland, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, pro salute animae meae et antecessorum et successorum meorum, omnes donationes quas habuerunt praefati monachi de antecessoribus meis in feodo meo de Allerdal et de Coupland; scilicet, quatuordecim salmone, quos habent de dono Alani filii Waldef, et de eadem donatione dimidiam carucatam terrae in villa de Ascpatric, et sex acras terrae in alio loco in eadem villa, sicut continetur in carta ipsius Alani; et sex salmone quos habent de dono dominæ Aliciae de Romely, et dimidiam marcam argenti de eadem donatione, scilicet, in molendino fulonum de Cokermutha, et unam mansuram in eadem villa, illam scilicet quam dudum tenuit Huctredus de Derham, sicut continetur in carta ipsius Aliciae. Præterea, dedi, concessi, et hac praesenti carta mea confirmavi Deo et ecclesiae beatæ Begae de Coupland, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, unam marcam argenti in dicto molendino fulonum, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam singulis annis reddendam, scilicet medietatem ad Pentecosten, et aliam medietatem ad festum sancti Martini recipiendam per manum ballivorum meorum de eadem villa. Volo etiam ut hæc omnia prædicta habeant praefati monachi de me et hæredibus meis, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam sicut prædictum est. Hiis testibus: domino Galfrido de Chandever. Domino Thoma Keret. Domino Willielmo de Ireby. Willielmo de Drif- feld tunc senescallo de Cokermutha. Alano persona de Caldebec. Hugone de Moricebi. Ada de Haverington. Galfrido de Talentir. Johanne de Brigham; et multis aliis.

NUM. VIII.

Tax. Eccl. P. Nicholai IV. A. D. 1291.

PRIOR' S. BEGÆ.

Dec' de Coupland.

	Antiq. Tax ^o .	Nova Tax ^o .
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Ebor'		
Ecclia scæ Begæ priori ap- propr'	66 13 4	10 0 0
Pens' in ecclia de Bothil .	0 4 0	
Pens' in ecclia de Wyting- ham	0 10 0	
Pens' in ecclia de Egremond	1 2 0	
Pens' in ecclia de Wyrking- ton	2 15 4	
Pens' in ecclia de Wytebek	0 5 0	

Temporalia in Archid' Richemund.

Bona religiosorum prior' de scæ Bega	12 9 3	3 6 8
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NUM. IX.

[Pat. 8 H. IV. memb. 21.]

REX, &c. Sciatis quod cum xxviij. die Novembris, proximo præterito, dederimus et concesserimus dilecto nostro Rob. Hunte custodiam liberæ capellæ de Staynburne tunc vacantis et ad nostram donationem spectantis: habendam ad totam vitam suam, &c.

Ac monstrante nobis Thoma abbate monasterii beatæ Mariæ Eboracensis, quod cum tempore H. filii regis Willielmi, quondam regis Angliæ, progenitoris nostri, quidam Willielmus Meschyn filius Ranulphi Meschyn tunc dominus de Coupeland, per cartam suam dedisset et confirmasset prædictæ ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ Eboracensis, per nomen ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Eboracensis cænobii, ecclesiam sanctæ Begæ in Coupelandia, ac certas terras in Coupelandia, ad intentionem et effectum quod esset ibidem quædam Cella monachorum Deo servientium, prout extat in præsentī. Concedendo etiam per eandem cartam suam prædictæ ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ Eboracensis illud donum quietum, quod quidam Walthef, filius Gospatricii, per nomen Wallef, tantum dedit eidem ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ Eboraci, videlicet, Staynburnam. Postmodumque dominus Stephanus quondam rex Angliæ progenitor noster, per cartam suam recitando in eadem quod præfatus Walthef dedit prædictæ ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci, ecclesiam de Brunfeld, et corpus ejusdem manerii, et tres caracutas terræ in Stainburne, hoc est totam villam in Stainburne, donationem illam confirmaverit. Subsequenterque diversi alii progenitores nostri quondam reges Angliæ donationes, &c. prædictas, &c. confirmaverunt prout, &c. Virtute quarum donationum, &c. Prior dictæ cellæ S. Begæ, pro tempore existens, ut in jure prædictæ ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ Eboraci, ac nominibus abbatum ejusdem, pro tempore existentium, prædictam villam de Staynburnam, ut villam suam propriam à tempore earundem donationum, concessionum, et confirmationum semper hactenus tenuit et occupavit pacificè et quietè. Et licet prædicta villa de Staynburne, in dictis literis nostris specificata, ac dicta villa de Stainburne, prædictaque villa de Staynburnam una et eadem villa existant, et non diverse, ac aliqua capella libera sive alia apud villam prædictam præterquam quoddam oratorium duntaxat, ac per quandam priorem cellæ prædictæ, pro consolatione spirituali ipsius nuper prioris et monachorum suorum, ex ejus pia devotione jam tardè erectum et constructum minimè fuerit situata, sive aliquàlter fundata, prout præfatus nunc abbas, viis et modis quibus convenit paratus est edocere; idem tamen nunc abbas per præfatum Robertum colore dictarum literarum nostrarum sibi ut præmittit confectarum indebitè vexatus et inquietatus, &c. existit, &c. et nobis supplicante ut dictas literas nostras eidem Roberto sic factas revocari et annullari jubere vellemus: per breve nostrum præceperimus vicecomiti nostro Cumbriæ quod scire faciat præfato Roberto quod esset coram nobis in cancellaria nostra, ad certum diem jam præteritum, ubicunque tunc foret, ad ostendendum si quid pro nobis, aut pro seipso haberet, vel dicere sciret, quare literæ nostræ prædictæ, sibi ut præmittitur factæ, revocari et annullari non deberent, &c. Ad quem diem tam prædictus Robertus, &c. quam prædictus nunc abbas, &c. comparuerunt, et prædictus Robertus Hunt nichil scivit dicere in effectu, quare dictæ literæ nostræ sibi ut præmittitur factæ revocari et annullari non debeant, &c. Nos volentes considerationem prædictam effectui debito mancipari, dictas literas nostras, præfato Roberto Hunte ut præmittitur factas, tenore præsentium, duximus revocandas, &c. Teste rege apud Westmonasterium xxx. Aprilis.

NUM. X.

Paper Surveys temp. Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.

Com' Cumb' et infra Archonatus Richemond.

MONASTERIUM DE SCÆ BEGÆ.

IN Supervisione sup' dissolutionem dicti nuper Monasterii inter alia continetur, prout postea patet,

The Demanez.

First, the scite of the late house, with a towre koveryd w^t. lead callyd the Yatehouse, and other edificez with garthings lienge within the utter walls, contenyng one acre and di. and is worth by the yere ov' and above the repacōns w^t. one dufe cote w^tin the same scite . . .

v^t.

Itm ther is a close callid Holme lyenge nere the seebanks contenyng xvj. acres, xvj^s. j. close of medoo callyd Sikerre contenyng xij. acrez, xij^s. A close callyd the Milneflatte contenyng xxiiij. acrez, xxiiij^s. A close called Pete Groves cont. viij. acres, viij^s. A close callyd Middellwallflatt cont. by estimacōn xx. acrez, xx^s. A close callyd Grenehowflatt contenyng by estimacōn xxx. acrez, xxx^s. A close callyd Swarthow and Hye Demane cont. l. acrez, l^s. A close callyd Benehowe cont. v. acrez, v^s. A close callyd Park Pastor w^t. xiiij. acrez in medoo ther contenyng in all xxx. acrez, xl^s. iiij^d. A close of woodd callyd Stanylathe sett w^t. oke and underwod cont. by estimacōn lxx. acrez, the herbage wherof is worthe by yere x^s. A medoo lyeng nere the bridge contenyng by estimacōn ix. acrez, xiiij^s. vj^d. A close callyd Wraybank cont. by estimacōn vj. acrez, x^s. in all by the yere

Itm a pasture for shepe upon the morez or hefe callyd Sandwith Marshe, x^s. and a shepe pasture upon the morez at Lowsewater, x^s. in all, late in the hands of the same lat monastery . . .

Demanez and Graunges.

Itm ther is a graunge callyd Salter Graunge, with lands, medoos, and pastot'stherunto belonging, and the pannage for swyne within the wodd of the seyd graunge, late in the hands of the sade late monastery, and is worth by the yere cxiiij^s.
S^m xix^u. iiij^s. x^d.

Kirkeby Beycok Rectoria.

Itm the tythe cornez, hey, wolfe, and lambe, with all other minute tythes and offryngs of the hole pishe of Kirkeby Beycok with all maner of profetts belonging unto the same psonage, and with the profetts of the chapells of Lowsewater, Ennerdalle, Eshedalle, and Wasedale, with all man' of profetts thereto belonging, late in the hands of the same late monastery, and be worth by the yere lxxix^u. vij^s.
S^m pz.
S^m tollis pcell predict' iijxviij^u. xj^s. viij^d.
Ex^r. p me, JACOBUM ROKEBY, auditorem.

VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Transcript of Return, 26 Hen. VIII. First Fruits Office.)

Com' CUMBR'

CELLA SANCTÆ BEGÆ.

JOH'ES POULE Incumbens.

Temporalia valent in

Com' CUMBR'

Scit' Cellæ prædict' valet in Terr' dñic' cum Claus' ibidem per annum xv^u.
Libis Firm' diſs' liberor' Tenencium in diſsis Dñiis et Villatis subscriptis; viz. in Villat' de Hemsyngham xxiiij^s. Rybton cum Ptin' p annum xx^s. Harras p annum xv^d. et pro dñic Terr' inter aquas de Eske et Dodyn lxxij^s. iiij^d. Et Reddit' et Firm' diſs' Dñior', Terr' et Teñtor' Tenencium ad volunt' Dñi per annum, viz. Manerium de Stanburne cum Ptin' per annum xj^u. vij^s. x^d. Kyrkeby Becok cum Molendino et Pratis xv^u. ij^s. iiij^d. Lowkerige p annum vj^s. vij^d. ob. Wodend p annum x^s. Catgill p annum xvij^d. Wray p annum ij^s. Walton cum Ptin' p annum xxx^s. Sandwath cum Ptin' p annum vij^u. xj^s. iiij^d. Rotyngton cum Ptin' p annum vij^s. iiij^d. Preston Howse cum Ptin' p annum xxiiij^s. Whithanewod p annum xij^s. iiij^d. Rostowe Pke p annum x^s. Arathwayte cum Ptin' p annum liiij^s. Flatt cum Ptin' p annum xxvj^s. viij^d. Blakenthwayte p annum viij^s. Cockgill p annum iij^s. Hensyngham cum Ptin' xxxvj^s. viij^d. Wynder et Rowray cum Ptin' p annum lxxvij^s. viij^d. Clifton cum Ptin' iij^s. Wyrkyngton cum Ptin' p annum xxj^s. Cokermouth xv^s. Talantyre cum Ptin' ix^s. Aspatry cum Ptin' p annum viij^s. viij^d. Whynbanke cum Ptin' p annum vj^s. vj^d. Molendin' Bladal' xl^s.
In toto p annum lxij^u. vij^s. x^d. ob.

Temporalia valent in

Com' Westm̄l'

Reddit' et Firm' de una Claus' in Kendall p annum x^s.

Spiritualia valent in

Com' Cumbr'	Exit' et profic' decim' Garbar' et Feni ac aliar' decimabil' et Oblac'		
	Eccle S ^c e Bege et de Capellis infra Pochiam i ^h m viz. de Capellis de Lowsvater, E ^v dale, Esshdale, et Wasdall coibz annis	lxx ⁱⁱ . v ^s .	} lxxj ⁱⁱ . xj ^s . viij ^d .
	P ^r quis' Cur' i ^h m singulis annis	xxvj ^s . viij ^d .	
	S ^m Valoris hujus Celle	cxlix ⁱⁱ . xix ^s . vj ^d . ob.	

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 36 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

SANCTA BEGA NUPER PRIORATUS.

Com' Cumbr'			£.	s.	d.
S. Bega	Terr' D ⁿ ical'		19	3	10
Kirkby Becocke	Redd' et Firm'		7	12	9½
- - - - -	Prat'		4	9	6
- - - - -	Redd' Mobil'		1	17	5½
- - - - -	Mess' et Terr' in Lokerigge		0	6	9½
- - - - -	Teñt' et Terr' in Wodend		0	10	0
- - - - -	Teñt' et Terr' in Skilhill		0	5	0
- - - - -	Terr' in Catgill		0	1	6
- - - - -	Terr' in Wraye in Hensingham		0	2	0
- - - - -	Terr' voc' Bierlewland in Wraye		0	2	0
- - - - -	Teñt' et Terr' in Kirkby Becocke		1	10	0
- - - - -	Molend'		4	6	8
Sandewaith	Tenementa		5	10	0
- - - - -	Prat'		2	13	6
Rowray	Terr' et Ten'		1	8	4
Wyndeomere	Terr' et Ten'		2	2	0
Rotton	Terr' et Ten'		0	11	8
Rotyngton	Terr' et Ten'		0	12	0
Whithaven et Brakenwaithe	Terr' et Ten'		4	1	2
Henlingham	Tria Tenementa		1	16	0
Preston	Mes' et Terr'		1	4	7
Woodhouse in Leecote	Terr' et Ten'		1	15	4
Corkegileflate cum Arthvaitte	Tenementa		3	3	8
Staneborne	Terr' et Ten'		11	6	4
Redd' et Firm' in diversis Villis			6	7	8
Redd' Mobil' in diversis Villis			4	0	1½
Parve Firme in diversis Villis			5	4	2
Kirkby Becocke	Rectoria		79	7	10
S. Bega	Recept' pro Scit' Mañrij		19	3	10
- - - - -	Offic' Coll' Redd' Temporal'		21	7	8½
- - - - -	Offic' Ball' de Sandwaith		52	16	6½
Summa Totalis Oneris cum Arreragijs			280	2	0

Wetherall Priory,

IN

CUMBERLAND : a

A Cell to the Abbey of St. Mary York.



ISHOP TANNER justly says, "There seems to be great confusion in the memorandums and charters printed in the Monasticon out of the Register of this priory, concerning the time of its foundation: 1. There is a charter of King William the Conqueror confirming this cell to St. Mary's and its abbat Richard, whereas St. Mary's was not founded under William the

Conqueror, nor was Richard abbat till 12 Hen. I. and among the witnesses Lucia his wife and Henry his brother being named, shew plainly that this could not be a grant of the Conqueror. 2. This priory is said to have been founded *temp.* Will. Rufi, and we are referred to the charter of Ranulf for proof; which charter, with the same witnesses, and inscribed 'Carta prima de Wetherall,' being printed in the other (that is the next) column, mentions expressly the giving of this manor of Wederhall to St. Mary's 'pro anima domini mei regis Henrici.'"^b In fact, the first charter alluded to, though called the Conqueror's, must be ascribed to King William Rufus; in whose reign, or early in that of King Henry the first, Ranulph de Meschin, earl of Cumberland, must have founded the cell of Wetherall, which he appears to have annexed to the abbey of St. Mary York while Stephen de Whitby, the first abbat, was at the head of that monastery.^d

The priory of Wetherall was dedicated to the Holy Trinity, St. Mary, and St. Constantine. Its inhabitants consisted of a prior and eight monks.

Stevens has been so very copious in his supplemental extracts to Dugdale from the Register of this priory, that we shall refer to the Appendix for a minute account of its

possessions. The greater benefactors, after Ranulph de Meschin, appear to have been William Fitz Udard,^c Earl David,^f William de Crogelin,^g David king of Scotland,^h Earl Henry son of the king of Scotland,ⁱ Alexander de Crevaquer,^k and Simon de Morvill.^l

In the compromise of a dispute between the bishop of Carlisle and the abbat of St. Mary York, in 1261, it was determined that the abbat should have the guardianship of the priory of Wetherall upon every vacancy.^m

The names of few of the

PRIORS of WETHERALL,

it is probable, have been preserved.

RICHARD DE REME, according to Leland, was the first prior.ⁿ

WILLIAM DE TANFIELD occurs in 1292.^o

JOHN DE GILLINGES, prior of Wetherall, was elected abbat of St. Mary York in 1303.^p

ADAM DE DALTON occurs in 1340.^q

THOMAS BOTHE in 1455.^r

RICHARD WODERHALL in the 26th of Hen. VIII.^s

RALPH HARTLEY was the last prior. He surrendered his monastery to the king in 1539, and received a pension of 12*l.* per annum. He was still alive in 1553.^t

In the 26th of Henry VIII. according to Dugdale, the priory of Wetherall was valued at 11*l.* 11*s.* 10½*d.* per annum: according to Speed, at 12*l.* 5*s.* 3½*d.*

The site, with the possessions in and about the same, were granted in 1541, 33d Hen. VIII. to the dean and chapter of Carlisle.^u The advowsons of the churches of Wetherall and Warwick, and the chapels of St. Anthony

^a Reyner and Speed place this monastery, erroneously, in Yorkshire.

^b Notit. Monast. Cumberl. xii.

^c Compare Stevens's Extracts from Dr. Todd's Transcript of the Wetherall Register. See the Append. Num. XLII.

^d See the Append. Num. III.

^e Compare Num. VII.

^f Num. IX.

^g Num. XII.

^h Num. XXXIII.

ⁱ "Richardus de Reme primus inter Priores ibi numeratus." Lel.

Collect. tom. i. p. 25.

^o See Num. XXXVI. In Hutchinson's Cumberland, vol. ii. p. 348, the seal of this prior is engraved.

^p See the present Volume, p. 538.

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^q Harl. MS. 6971, fol. 165.

^r Num. XLI.

^s See the abstract from the Valor Ecclesiasticus in p. 600.

^t The Roll of Payments to the Religious, of the 2d and 3d of Phil. and Mary, so often quoted, says,

"WETHERALL nuper Mon. Annuit. Edwardi Waller per annum x*l.* Pence. Radulphi Hartley per annum xij*l.*"

^u Nicolson and Burn, vol. ii. p. 329, and Hutchinson, vol. i. p. 159, describe this grant as consisting of all the site of the priory or cell of Wetherall, with the church-steeple, church-yard, and all other lands and possessions in and about the same; and also the manor of Wetherall and sundry parcels of land there; St. Anthony's chapel, with two enclosures; the water-mill and the fishery at the bay of Wetherall; and also all those manors, mesuages, lands, and tenements in the several parishes or hamlets of Corby, Camwhinton, Botcherby, Morehouse,

and St. Severin, were subsequently granted to the Dean and Chapter by another charter from the same king.

The only REGISTER of Wetherall priory now extant is that in the possession of the Dean and Chapter of Carlisle, formerly belonging to William Lord Howard of Naworth. Stevens quotes a Transcript, or rather Extracts from this Chartulary,* formerly in the possession of Dr. Hugh Todd. A volume in the Harleian Collection of Manuscripts, num. 1881, entitled "*Cartæ fundatoriae et dotatoriae Prioratus de Wedderall et abbatiæ de Holm-Cultrum, in comitatu Cumbriæ*," agrees very much, as far as Wetherall is concerned, with the extracts copied in Stevens; except that in some instances the latter are abridged, and Stevens's references, as to pages, do not agree with the Harleian transcript. This volume, which was given to the Harleian library by Dr. Todd, appears to have been one of four. Bishop Tanner notices some Collections of Dr. Todd relating to this priory in the cathedral library at Carlisle. Other extracts from the Wetherall Register, by other hands, are preserved among the Harleian manuscripts, num. 294, foll. 209, 214; num. 2044, fol. 105. See also Dodsworth's Collections in the Bodleian library at Oxford, vol. x. fol. 171; vol. clx. fol. 138.

Tanner gives the following references to public Records relating to this priory:

"Pat. 11 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 25. Claus. 17 Edw. III. m. 38.

"Cart. 5 Edw. III. n. 66, pro omnibus libertatibus

quas ecclesiæ S. Petri Ebor. vel S. Joannis Beverlac. habent pro mortuo bosco in foresta de Carliol, pastura inter Edene et regiam viam a Carliol ad Apelby, &c. Pat. 29 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 18. Pat. 31 Edw. III. p. 3, m. 8. Pat. 40 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 34 d. Claus. 43 Edw. III. m. 33. "Pat. 16 Ric. II. p. 2, m. 30."

The Surrender of this abbey, dated 20 Oct. 30 Hen. VIII. remains in the Augmentation Office, and professes to be sealed with the Common SEAL, but has upon it nothing more than the initials R. H. of the last prior Ralph Hartley.

A turretted gate-house of considerable strength is now the only remain of the CONVENTUAL BUILDINGS. The rest of the priory was pulled down in the last century by order of the Dean and Chapter of Carlisle, who, according to Hutchinson, directed a prebendal house in Carlisle to be constructed from the materials.

Not far from the site of this monastery are three Cells, communicating with each other by means of a gallery in front; cut out of a rock at the height of above forty feet from the summer level of the river Eden. They are called Wetherall Safeguard by the country people, but more commonly by the name of St. Constantine's Cell. See an account of them in the *Archæologia* of the Society of Antiquaries, vol. i. p. 84. What might have been their connection with the monastery does not appear.

Cartæ ad Wetherhalense Coenobium in Comitatu Cumbriæ (Cellam Abbatiæ Sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci) spectantes.

NUM. I.

Carta Willielmi Regis, Conquestoris dicti.

[Ex Collectionibus Augustini Vincent à Registro de Wedderhale.]

WILLIELMUS rex Angliæ archiepiscopo T. Eboraci, et justitiariis, vicecomitibus, et omnibus baronibus et fidelibus suis, Francis et Anglis, de Eboraciscire et de Carleolo salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse Deo et ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci, et abbati Ricardo, et monachis ibidem Deo servantibus Cellam S. Constantini cum manerio de Wedderhale, et cum capella de Warwic, et cum exclusagio, et stagno, et piscaria, et molendino de Wedderhale quod est fixum et firmatum in terra de Corkeby, quas quidem terras habuerunt de dono Ranulphi Meschine comitis Cumbriæ, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam. Et confirmo eis ex dono meo totam pasturam inter Eden et regiam viam quæ ducit de Karliolo ad Appelby, et à Wedderhale usque ad Dribeke. Quapropter prohibeo ut nulli alii perturbent nec violent hanc nostram confirmationem sive donationem prædictis monachis factam. Testibus hiis,

Holmehouse, Trodelcrooke, Penreithcottys, Bridgend, Cryngledyke, Anstable, Armathwaite, Brodwall in Gilsland, Newby, Farlame, Kaybridge, Gallowfield, Ruke, Skallmelock, and St. Mary's and St. Cuthbert's Carlisle; the rectories and advowsons of the churches of Morland, and St. Michael and St. Laurence in Appleby; the tithes of corn and hay in the villis of Bolton, Mykelstry, Reland, Thrimby, Thrimby Grainge, Morland, Sleagill, Newby in the Stones, King's Meaburn, Little Strickland, Skytergate, Langton, Crackenthrope, Hilton, Bond-

uxore mea Lucia, et Henrico fratre meo, et Otero, et Hudedredo militibus, et Enesaunt Muserdde, cum aliis.

NUM. II.

De Tempore Foundationis Cænobii S. Mariæ et ejus Fundatore.

[Ex Regist. de Wetherhall, penes D. Williel. Howard de Naworth, an. 1638, hodie in Bibl. Eccl. Cath. Carliol.]

ANNO Domini mxxxviiij. fundata fuit abbatia sanctæ Mariæ per dominum Stephanum, primum abbatem ejusdem, anno regni regis Willielmi filii regis Willielmi Conquestoris primo, tempore domini Thomæ archiepiscopi Eboracensis. Qui quidem Stephanus abbas præfuit prædicto monasterio viginti quatuor annos.

Anno Domini mcxij. et coronationis regis Henrici primi duodecimo, electus fuit in abbatem dicti monasterii, Richardus, qui præfuit eidem octo annis, et quasi quinque mensibus.

gate, Moreton, Drybeck, Fallowfield, Barwis Rutter, and Coleby; and a pension of 15s. out of the rectory of Great Salkeld.

A Survey of the site and demesnes of the monastery, taken in the 30th of Henry VIII. is preserved in the Augmentation Office. A copy of it will be found in the Appendix, Num. XLIV. Another Survey of its general possessions and their value, taken in the same reign, but without date, will be found, Num. XLV.

* See the Append. Num. XVII.—XLII.

Anno Domini mcxxxj. et coronationis regis Henrici primi xxxi. electus fuit in abbatem dicti monasterii Godfridus qui præfuit vj. annis et vj. mensibus.

NUM. III.

Carta prima de Wetherall.

[Ibid.]

R. DE Meschin, Richerio vicecomiti Karleoli, et omnibus hominibus suis, Francis et Anglis, qui in potestate Karleoli habitant, salutem. Sciatis me dedisse in pura elemosina, et sine omni terreno servitio, quietum et liberum, manerium quod vocatur Wederhala, et cum aliis terris ad manerium illud pertinentibus Stephano abbati, et abbatiæ S. Mariæ Eboracensis in perpetua possessione, pro anima domini mei regis Henrici, et pro animabus patris et matris meæ, et Richardi fratris mei, et pro anima mea, et uxoris meæ Lucie, et pro animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum. Testibus Osberto vicecomite, et Walteof filio Cospatricii comitis, et Forno Sigulfi filio, et Chetello Ectredi filio, et Hervico Morini filio, et Silef de Penred.

NUM. IV.

Hæc sunt Metæ et Bundæ Territorii et Villæ de Wederhall, ac proprium solum ejusdem Domini de Wedderhall.

[Ibid. fol. 147.]

PRIMA meta ejusdem territorii incipit ad mediam partem aquæ de Eden, subtu pontem, vulgariter vocatum Warwykebrig, sicut in eadem prædicta aqua de Eden ibidem decurrit versus occidentem, et ab inde ascendit usque ad unum torrentem vocatum Dawbeke, usque ad quandam crucem quæ vocatur Woodhalgarthcrosse, versus occidentem, et stantem supra prædictum torrentem prius nominatum, et abhinc percurrit ad Holmesmire, versus Carsike, sicut Grithcrossis de Woddhall extenditur, et abhinc ascendit usque ad Scotbybek, et ab eadem fossa usque ad Cumwhyntyngbek, et ab inde ascendit usque ad mariscum, quæ vocatur Wragmyre, et ab eodem percurrit, usque ad Meresike, et hoc ex parte australi, et ab inde usque ad Sandewath, et ab eodem usque ad Takingake, et abinde percurrit per stratam regiam quæ vocatur Heestrete, quæ ducit de Karlil usque ad Apilbyway, et abinde usque ad Drybek, et à Dribek descendit usque ad mediam aquæ de Eden, et hoc ex parte orientale et sic descendit per mediam aquæ de Eden usque ad prædictum pontem vocatum Warwykbryg versus boream.

NUM. V.

Carta Ranulfi Meschyn de exclusagio Stagni, Piscariæ, et Molendini de Wederhall.

[Ibid. fol. 7.]

NOTUM sit omnibus legentibus, vel audientibus literas has, quod ego Ranulfus Meschines concessi et dedi in puram et perpetuam elemosinam Deo, et sanctæ Mariæ, et sancto Constantino de Wederhale, et monachis, ibidem Deo servientibus, exclusagium et stagnum de piscaria, et molendino de Wederhale, quod factum est et firmatum in terra de Chorkeby. Quapropter prohibeo ut nec dominus de Chorkeby, nec aliquis alius violet ipsum stagnum, nec disturbet illud firmari in terra de Chorkeby. Prohibeo etiam ne aliquis piscetur infra stagnum, et munchewat præter monachos. Testibus, hiis, Meschino, Willielmo archidiacono, Odardo, Hulredo milite, Westribit, Goardo, et aliis.

NUM. VI.

Carta Ranulphi Meschyn super Fundatione de Wederhall, Anno primo Regis Willielmi, filii Regis Willielmi Conquestoris.

[Ibid. fol. 26.]

MEMORIÆ merito commendandum, quod anno Domini

mlxxxvj.* fundata fuit abbatia sanctæ Mariæ juxta Eboracum per dominum Stephanum primum abbatem ejusdem anno regni regis Willielmi, filii Willielmi Conquestoris primo, et eodem anno Ranulphus Meschynes fundavit, et dedit in pura elemosina, et sine omni terreno servitio quietum et liberum manerium suum quod vocatur Wedderhala, prædicto Stephano abbati, et abbatiæ sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci in perpetua possessione. Hiis testibus, Osberto vicecomite, Waltheof filio Cospatricii comitis, et Forno Sigulfi filio, et aliis.

NUM. VII.

Carta Willielmi filii Udardi.

[Ibid. fol. 29.]

NOTUM sit omnibus, &c. quod ego Willielmus filius Udardi, et dominus de Chorby, consilio, et assensu domini mei Roberti de Vals, et Osannæ uxoris meæ, et Johannis filii mei, quietum clamavi Deo et ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci, et sancti Constantini de Wederhale, totam terram illam quæ jacet inter Wederhal et Warthewic, quæ vocatur Camera Constantini, et duas bovatas terræ in Chorkeby, et concedo quod non licebit mihi vel hæredibus meis impedire prædictos monachos firmare stagnum suum, in ripa de Chorkeby, &c. Testibus, Christiano episcopo Candidæ Casæ, Waltero de Wyndleshouer, Roberto juvene de Vals, Richardo de Herize, Simone de Tyliol.

NUM. VIII.

Carta Davidis Comitis.

[Ibid. fol. 57.]

OMNIBUS videntibus vel audientibus literas has David comes, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Deo et sanctæ Mariæ et abbatiæ Eboraci in pura elemosina, villam quæ vocatur Karkarevil, et ecclesiam ejusdem villæ, quam dedit Robertus Brus prædictæ abbatiæ, pro salute mea et uxoris meæ, et pro salute animarum patris, et matris meæ, et pro animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum. Valet.

NUM. IX.

Carta Willielmi de Crogelin.

[Ex autographo in Curia Augmentationum.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit, Willielmus de Crogelin salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra me, divinæ charitatis intuitu, pro salute animæ meæ et antecessorum successorumque meorum, dedisse, concessisse, et hac præsentī carta mea confirmasse Deo et beatæ Mariæ de Eboraco, et beato Constantino de Wederhal, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, duas bovatas terræ in villa mea de Crogelin, cum tofto, et crofto, et cum prato, quod jacet inter terram Ybri, et terram Walteri Portarii, descendens usque ad rivulum, qui cadit in rivulo molendini ejusdem villæ, versus orientem; illas scilicet bovatas terræ quas Elvina vidua quondam tenuit; habendas et tenendas, in puram, liberam, et perpetuam elemosinam, cum omnibus communis libertatibus, et asiamentis infra villam et extra, adeo liberè, honorificè, et integrè, sicut aliqua elemosina liberiùs possit dari, vel consideri. Ego vero Willielmus, et hæredes mei, hanc elemosinam prædictis monachis, sicut prædictum est, contra omnes homines warantizabimus, adquietabimus, et defendemus inperpetuum. Et ut hoc scriptum perpetuæ firmitatis robur obtineat, ego illud sigilli mei impressione corroboravi. Hiis testibus, Roberto de Hamton tunc vicecomite Cumberlandiæ, Roberto filio Willielmi, Willielmo de Ulsiby, Ada de Cumreuhe, Michael de Valle, Johanne de Ermin, Thoma de Rafnewic, Waltero janitore, Johanne filio Willielmi, Johanne de Agulunbie, Johanne clerico, et aliis.

* sc. mlxxxvij.

NUM. X.

Carta A. Episcopi Carleolensis.

[Ex autographo nuper in Turri beatæ Mariæ Eboraci.]

A. DEI gratia Carleolensis episcopus, omnibus legentibus vel audientibus literas has salutem. Notum sit vobis me, intuitu pietatis et religionis, concessisse et confirmasse monachis sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci et usibus eorum, ecclesias quæ in diocesi nostra noscuntur possidere, videlicet, cellam de Wederhala, cum parochia de Warthwic, et tota decima de Scottebi, et ecclesias sancti Michaelis et sancti Laurentii de Apelbi, et ecclesias de Kirchebi-Stephan, et de Ormesheved, et de Morlund, et de Cliburn, et de Brunefeld, et de Crogelin, et heremitorium sancti Andreæ, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Prædicti verò fratres de beneficiis ecclesiarum talem proportionem presbyteris provideant, unde decenter sustentari queant, et sinodalia jura persolvi valeant.

NUM. XI.

Carta Davidis Regis Scotiæ.

[Ibid.]

DAVID rex Scotiæ, comitibus, justiciariis, baronibus, vicecomitibus, ministris, omnibus probis hominibus suis totius Cumberlandiæ, Francis et Anglis et Cumbrensibus, salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse, in elemosinam, Deo, et sanctæ Mariæ de Wederhal, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, unam marcam argenti per annum, de redditu molendini mei de Scottebi. Volo itaque, et firmiter ministris meis præcipio, quatinus marcham istam, dictis monachis, sine disturbance habere faciant ad terminos de firma molendini statutos. Præcipio etiam, ut habeant decimam villæ de Scottebi, sicut ab antiquo data eis fuit, ita nè aliquis eis illam injustè detineat. Testibus Eustachio filio Johannis, Hugone de Marvall, Radulfo Hosberto camerario, Jordano clerico. Apud Carliolum.

NUM. XII.

Carta Henrici Comitiss, filii Regis Scotiæ.

[Ibid.]

HENRICUS comes, filius regis Scotiæ, justiciæ suæ, baronibus, vicecomitibus, ministris, et omnibus probis hominibus suis, salutem. Sciatis me dedisse monachis de Wederhal, suum tolneum de suis propriis rebus, per totam terram meam. Quare prohibeo ut nullus vestrum illos inde injustè disturbet, nec de suis propriis rebus tolneum ab eis exigat. Testibus, Gileberto de Umfravill, et Willielmo de Heriz. Apud Carl.

NUM. XIII.

Carta Alexandri de Crevaquer.

[Ibid.]

NOTUM sit omnibus legentibus vel audientibus literas has, quod ego Alexander de Crevaquer concessi et dedi monachis de Wederhale ibidem Deo servientibus Kircandreas, cum omnibus libertatibus suis, et pertinentiis, quæ sunt in terris, sive in silvis, sive in aquis, in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam, pro me et pro uxore mea, et liberis meis, et pro animabus antecessorum meorum. Insuper et molendinum de Culgarth illis pariter concessi, scilicet illam medietatem quæ ad me pertinet. Si verò contigerit commutationem illis fieri pro prædicto molendino, fiet illis ad opportunitatem eorum, etiam quod æquè valeat, et compendium suum reddetur quod posuerunt in alleviatione ipsius molendini, videlicet quinque marcas, et octo solidos, et quatuor nummos. Testibus his, Ada de Montebegun, Roberto vicecomite, Warino presbitero, Simone de Crevaquer, Jacobo presbitero, Ada le

Bretun, Rogero de Planea, Warino de Scacargil, Roberto de Thorasbi, Rainero filio Ulf, Willielmo Walegrim, Rainero clerico, Gamello Hoystino, Simone de Boivilla, Herveo Magno, Ada le Brun, Alexandro de sancto Andrea.

NUM. XIV.

Alia Carta Alexandri de Crevaquer.

[Ex Regist. de Wederhall penes Dominum Will. Howard. de Naworth Castro, an. 1638, fol. 97.]

NOTUM sit omnibus legentibus vel videntibus literas has, quod ego Alexander de Crevaquer concessi et dedi monachis de Wederhal ibidem Deo servientibus, Kirc-Andreas, cum bosco, usque ad locum qui dicitur Pere-Kyttoc, cum terris, et cum omnibus libertatibus eidem loco pertinentibus in perpetuam elemosinam. Insuper et molendinum meum de Culgait illis pariter dedi et concessi in perpetuum; scilicet illam medietatem quæ ad me pertinet in perpetuam elemosinam sine omni terreno servitio, cum tota sequela pertinente. Et volo quod prædicti monachi habeant cum prædicto loco liberam communam ubique in campo et bosco de Culgait, &c. Teste Ada de Montebegonis, Simone Warino de Crevaquer, Roberto de Thoresby.

NUM. XV.

Carta Ranulfi Meschines.

[Ibid. fol. 7.]

R. MESCHINES omnibus Catholicæ fidei cultoribus salutem. Nottum sit omnibus quod ego Ranulfus dedi abbatiæ sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci ecclesiam sancti Michaelis, et ecclesiam sancti Laurentii castelli mei de Apelby cum omnibus quæ ad eas pertinent, sicut Radulphus capellanus meus tenuit quietas et liberas ab omni terreno servitio. Teste uxore mea Lucia, et Willielmo fratre meo, et Gilberto Tysun, et Godardo.

NUM. XVI.

Cronicon Cumbriæ.

[Adhuc ex Registro de Wederhall.]

REX Willielmus cognomine Bastardus, dux Normaniæ, conquestor Angliæ, dedit totam terram de comitatu Cumbriæ Ranulpho de Meschines, et Galfrido^a fratri ejusdem Ranulphi totum comitatum Cestriæ, et Willielmo^b fratri eorundem terram de Copland, inter Duden et Derwent. Ranulphus de Meschines feoffavit Hubertum de Vaux de baronia de Gillesland, et Ranulphum fratrem ejus de Sowerby, Carlaton, et Habbrughtly, et Robertum fratrem eorundem de baronia de Dalston, et feoffavit Robertum de Strivers de baronia de Burgo, et Richerum de Boyvile de baronia de Lemynghon, et Odardum de Logis, de baronia de Staynton, et feoffavit Waldevum filium Cospatricii de Dunbar, comitem in Scotia, de tota baronia de Allerdale, inter Wathenpole et Derwent. Prædictus Willielmus de Meschines, dominus de Coupland, feoffavit Waldevum filium Cospatricii de tota terra inter Cocar et Derwent, simul cum quinque villis, scilicet, Brigham, Eglysfeld, Dene, Bramthwaite, Gisothon, et duo Cliftons, et Stainburne, et feoffavit Odardum le Clerke de quarta parte de Crosthwait pro custodia asturcorum suorum. Galfridus^c de Meschines comes Cestriæ obiit sine hærede de corpore suo, et Ranulphus de Meschines fuit comes Cestriæ, et reddidit domino regi totum comitatum Cumbriæ tali conditione ut singuli feoffati sui tenuissent terras suas de domino rege in capite. Prædictus Waldevus filius comitis Cospatricii feoffavit Odardum de Logis de baronia de Wygton, Dondragt, Waverton, Blencogo, et Kirkebrid, qui fundavit ecclesiam de Wigton, et dedit Odardo filio Liolfe, Talentire, et Castlerige cum foresta inter Caltre, et Greca: et priori et conventui de Gisburne, Appleton, et

^a rectius Hugoni.^b Fundator de Wederhall.^c rectius Hugo.

Briorkirke cum advocacione ejusdem ecclesiæ. Et dedit Adæ filio Liolfæ Uldell, Gilcruce. Et dedit Gamello filio Brun Bothill. Et dedit Waldevo filio Gileminii cum Ethreda sorore sua Broughton, Ribton, et Parvam Broughton, et Dunwaldofe ac Bowaldofe, ad unam logeam. Et dedit Ormo filio Ketelli Seton, Camberton, Flemingbi, Craiksothon, cum Gurwelda sorore sua; et Dolfino filio Alwardi, cum Matilda sorore sua, Applethwaite, et Parva Crosby, Langrige, et Brigham, cum advocacione ejusdem ecclesiæ. Et dedit Melbeth medico suo, villam de Bromefeld, salva sibi advocacione ejusdem ecclesiæ. Alanus filius et hæres ejusdem Waldevi dedit Ranulpho Lyndesey, Blenerhasset, et Uckmanby, cum Etheldreda sorore sua. Et dedit Ugthredo filio Fergus, domino Galwedie, cum Guynolda sorore sua, Torpenhow, cum advocacione ecclesiæ. Et dedit Catello Despenser Threpland. Et dedit Hereberto villam de Thoresby pro tertia parte unius villæ. Et dedit Cospatricio filio Ormi altam Ireby pro tertia parte unius villæ. Et dedit Gamello le Brun Rugthwaite. Et dedit Radulpho Engaine Issaell, cum pertinentiis, Blencrakern, cum servitio de Newton.

Et idem Alanus habuit unum fratrem bastardum, nomine Cospatricium, cui dedit Bolton, Bastinthaite, et Esterholme. Et dedit Odardo, Newton cum pertinentiis. Et dedit tribus venatoribus suis scilicet Sleth et sociis suis Hayton. Et dedit Uctredo unam carucatam terræ in Aspatrike ut esset summonitor in Allerdale. Et dedit Dolfino sex bovatas terræ in alta Crosby, ut esset serviens domini regis in Allerdale. Et dedit Simoni de Sheftelyngs medietatem de Derom, et Dolfino filio Cospatricii aliam medietatem. Et dedit Waldevo filio Dolfini Brakanthaite. Et dedit prioratui S. Begæ Stainburne, et dedit prioratui Karlioli, cum corpore Waldevi filii sui, crucem sanctam quam adhuc possident, et Crosby cum advocacione ejusdem ecclesiæ, et cum servitio Uctredi et advocacione ecclesiæ de Aspatrike, cum servitio Alani de Brayton, cum advocacione ecclesiæ de Ireby cum servitio Waldevi de Longthwaite. Idem Alanus filius Waldevi dedit domino Henrico regi landas forestæ de Allerdale, una cum venatione quando hospitavit apud Holmcoltrane. Cui Alano successit Willielmus filius Doncani, comes de Murrayse, nepos ipsius Alani, et hæres, procreatus ex Ethreda sorore Waldevi patris sui. Idem Willielmus filius Doncani disposavit Aliciam filiam Roberti de Romeney, domini de Skipton in Craven. Qui Robertus quondam desponsaverat filiam Willielmi de Meschinis, domini de Coupland. Idem Willielmus procreavit ex eadem Alicia uxore sua, Willielmum puerum de Egremund, qui infra ætatem obiit, et tres filias. Quarum prima nomine Cecilia maritata fuit cum Honore de Skipton Willielmo le Grossus, comiti Albemariæ per dominum Henricum regem Angliæ. Item secunda nomine Amabilla maritata fuit Reginaldo de Lucy, cum Honore de Egremund, per eundem regem. Et tertia, nomine Alicia, maritata fuit Gilberto Pipard cum Aspatrike, et baronia de Allerdale, et libertate de Cokermouth per eundem regem; et iterum per reginam Roberto de Courtenay, et obiit sine hærede de se. Willielmus Grossus comes Albemariæ genuit ex ea Ceciliam, et Hawysiam. Cui successit Willielmus de Fortibus comes Albemariæ. Cui successit alter Willielmus de Fortibus. Cui successit Avelina, quæ fuit desponsata Edmondo fratri domini regis E. et obiit sine hærede, &c. Reginaldus de Lucy genuit ex Amabilla Amabillam, et Aliciam, et successit Amabillæ Lambertus de Multon. Cui successit Thomas de Multon de Egremund. Et successit Aliciæ Thomas de Lucy, cui successit Thomas filius ejus, cui successit Antonius frater ejus.

TRANSCRIPT, REGIST. DE WETHERHALE penes Rev. Hug. Todd.

NUM. XVII.

Confirmatio Regis Henrici primi de Cella Sancti Constantini cum Manerio de Wederhala.

[Pag. 3. Stev. Contin. tom. ii. p. 305.]

HENRICUS rex Angliæ archiepiscopo Eboraci, et justiciariis, et vicecomitibus, et omnibus baronibus et fidelibus suis, Francis et Anglis, Eboraciscir et de Karleolo salutem.

Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse Deo et ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci et abbati Gaufrido et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus Cellam sancti Constantini, cum manerio de Wederhale, et cum capella de Warthwic, et cum exclusagio et stagno de piscaria, et de molendino de Wederhale quod est scitum et firmatum in terra de Chorkeby, sicut habuerunt quando Randulphus comes Cestriæ habuit Karleolum. Et confirmo eis ex dono meo totam pasturam inter Edene et regiam viam quæ ducit de Karleolo ad Appelby, et a Wederhale usque ad Drybec. Et concedo eis forestam meam ad porcos suos de Wederhale sine pannagio. Et concedo eis et confirmo ecclesias, res, possessiones, terras, et omnia quæ eis data sunt et confirmata per cartas meorum proborum vivorum; et prohibeo ne aliquis eis inde contumeliam faciat. Et præcipio ut ita habeant consuetudines suas, et terras suas et res, quietas ab auxiliis et tellagiis et ab omnibus rebus sicut habet ecclesia sancti Petri in Eboraco, vel ecclesia sancti Johannis in Beverlaco, et omnes easdem libertates habeant quas habent istæ duas ecclesiæ. Testibus Roberto de Sigillo, et Pagano filio Johannis, et Eustachio fratre ejus, et Pagano Puereel apud Windeshores.

NUM. XVIII.

Carta Henrici Regis de Exclusagio, Stagno, &c. de Wederhale.

[Ibid. p. 7.]

HENRICUS rex Angliæ archiepiscopo Ebor. et justiciariis et vicecomitibus et omnibus baronibus et fidelibus suis, Francis et Anglis, de Eboraschira, et de Karleolo salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse in elemosynam Deo et ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci, et abbati Gaufrido, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, exclusagium et stagnum de piscaria et de molendino de Wederhal, quod est factum et firmatum in terra de Chorkeby sicut ibidem scitum et stabilitum fuit tempore quo Ranulphus comes Cestriæ Honorem de Carliolo habuit, et tempore Wesluthuid. Et concedo eidem ecclesiæ terram in Eboraco quam Wigalus Lint eis dedit et concessit et Alanus filius suus. Et concedo eidem ecclesiæ ecclesiam de Hornebia, cum terris et decimis et omnibus rebus adjacentibus eidem ecclesiæ sicut Radulphus et Wiganus filii Londrici dederunt et concesserunt eis in elemosynam. Et volo et firmiter præcipio, ut ipsi eas bene et in pace et honorifice et quiete teneant in elemosyna, sicut melius et quietius alias suas res tenent. Testibus Roberto de Sigillo et Pagano filio Johannis et Eustachio fratre suo et Pagano Puereel, apud Windesores.

NUM. XIX.

Confirmatio Henrici Regis de Ecclesiis de Appelby, &c. Abbatie Sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci, et concessio Bosci mortui Monachis de Wederhal.

[Ibid. p. 8.]

HENRICUS rex Angliæ Thurstano archiepiscopo Ebor. et omnibus fidelibus et ministris suis de Westerland et de Cumberland salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse Richardo abbati et conventui sanctæ Mariæ de Eboraco ecclesias de Appelby, scilicet sancti Michaelis et sancti Laurentii, et terras earum cum decimis ejusdem villæ, ex utraque parte aquæ; et decimas de dominico de Meubrun et de Salchild, sicut carta Ranulphi Meschin testatur. Concedo autem ex dono meo proprio dicto abbati et conventui et monachis suis de Wederhale, quod ipsi monachi de Wederhale et homines sui habeant semper mortuum bos cum in foresta mea de Karliolo, ad ædificandum et comburendum. Et prohibeo ne aliquis super hoc eis faciat impedimentum. Testibus E. filio Jo. et Jordano Paganel apud Radings.

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NUM. XX.

Confirmationes Episcoporum Karliolensium de Ecclesiis et Possessionibus Prioratus de Wederal.

[Ibid. p. 18.]

ATHELWOLDUS episcopus Karliolensis confirmavit abbati Eboracensi et monachis de Wederhale ecclesiam de Wederhale, cum capella de Warthewick in proprios usus, cum decimis et obventionibus et omnibus aliis ad illam pertinentibus; et insuper ecclesiam de Crokelyn et tertiam partem ejusdem villæ et heremitorium sancti Andreæ, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis.

[Ibid. p. 19.]

Idem episcopus Athelwoldus per aliam cartam confirmavit monachis sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci omnes ecclesias quas in sua diœcesi possidebant, viz. cellam de Wederhale, cum parochia de Warthewick, et tota decima de Scoteby, et ecclesias sancti Michaelis et sancti Laurentii de Appelby, et ecclesias de Kirkeby Stephan et de Ormesheved et de Morlund et de Clibburn et de Brumfeld et de Crokelyn, et heremitorium sancti Andreæ, cum omnibus pertinentiis.*

[Ibid. p. 20.]

Bernardus episcopus Karliolensis confirmavit easdem donationes.

[Ibid. p. 22.]

Hugo episcopus Karliolensis confirmavit eisdem ecclesiis de Kirkebystephan et de Morlund cum omnibus capellis ad eas pertinentibus et cum omnibus aliis pertinentiis in proprios usus eorum, viz. ecclesiam de Kirkebystephan ad sustentationem pauperum et peregrinorum, et ecclesiam de Morlund in usus proprios monachorum de Wederhale; et etiam ecclesias de Appelby et sancti Laurentii; ita tamen ut vicarius sancti Michaelis reciperet quinque marcas, et vicarius sancti Laurentii sex marcas, et ipsi jura episcopalia et archidiaconalia persolverent.

[Ibid. p. 27.]

Idem Hugo episc. Karliol. per aliam cartam confirmavit eisdem monachis sanctæ Mariæ Ebor. omnes possessiones et pensiones omnium ecclesiarum suarum in diœcesi Karliolensi.

[Ibid. p. 28.]

Idem Hugo episc. Karliol. per aliam cartam confirmavit eisdem monachis et de Wederhale omnes decimas de dominiciis quas habebant in sua diœcesi.

[Ibid. p. 29.]

Idem episcopus per litteras suas mandavit omnibus clericis beneficiatis solvere solitas pensiones abbati et monachis dicti monasterii.

Idem episcopus per aliam cartam confirmat monachis de Wederhale ecclesiam de Wederhale cum capella de Warthewick, ecclesiam de Morlund, ecclesiam sancti Michaelis et ecclesiam sancti Laurentii de Appelby cum omnibus pertinentiis earum in proprios usus.

[Ibid. p. 32.]

Silvester episcopus Karliolensis confirmavit omnes concessiones prædecessoris sui Hugonis.

NUM. XXI.

Bulla Honorii Papæ de Confirmatione Ecclesiasticarum Possessionum et Reddituum per Episcopos Karliolenses Abbati et Monachis Sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci concessorum.

[Ibid. p. 21.]

HONORIUS episcopus servus servorum Dei dilectis

filiis abbati et conventui sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci salutem et amplissimam benedictionem. Justis petentium desideriis dignum est nos facilem præbere assensum, et vota quæ a rationis tramite non discordant effectu prosequente complere. Eapropter, dilecti in Domino filii vestris justis postulationibus grato concurrentes assensu, Cellam de Wederhale cum parochia de Warthewick, et alias ecclesias vestras, quas de concessione bonæ memoriæ Athelwoldi et Bernardi Karliolensium pontificum, capituli sui accedente consensu, canonice proponitis vos adeptos; necnon possessiones, redditus, et alia bona vestra, sicut ea juste, canonice, et pacifice possidetis, et in prædictorum episcoporum et capituli literis exinde confectis dicitur contineri, vobis et per vos monasterio vestro, auctoritate amplifica confirmamus, et præsentis scripti patrocinio communimus; nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostræ confirmationis infringere, vel ei ausu temerario contraire. Si quis autem hoc attemptare præsumpserit, indignationem omnipotentis Dei, et beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum ejus se noverit incursurum. Dat. Laterani vj^{to}. idus Aprilis, pontificatus nostri anno decimo.

NUM. XXII.

Bulla Gregorii Papæ de concessione ingrediendi Possessionem Ecclesiæ Sancti Michaelis de Appelby, Rectore cedente.

[Ibid. p. 30.]

GREGORIUS episcopus servus servorum Domini dilectis filiis abbati et conventui monasterii sanctæ Mariæ Ebor. ordinis sancti Benedicti, salutem et amplificam benedictionem. Referentibus vobis accepimus quod bonæ memoriæ Bernardus et Hugo Karliolenses episcopi, monasterium vestrum favore benivolo prosequentes, ecclesiam sancti Michaelis de Appelby Karliolensis diœcesis, in qua jus patronatus habetis, cujusque institutio ad episcopos dictos pertinebat, capituli sui accedente consensu monasterio vestro ipsi pietatis intuitu contulerunt, in usus monachorum prioratus vestri de Wederhale ejusdem diœcesis, cedente vel decedente persona ipsius ecclesiæ convertendam, quæ interim vobis annuam solveret pensionem. Quare nobis humiliter supplicastis, ut ingrediendi possessionem ecclesiæ prædictæ, post cessionem vel decessum personæ ipsius vobis licentiam largiremur, nos igitur vestris supplicationibus inclinati ingrediendi possessionem eandem, persona cedente seu decedente prædicta, contradictione diœcesani episcopi non obstante (si præmissis veritas suffragatur) vobis auctoritate præsentium liberam concedimus facultatem. Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostræ concessionis infringere, vel ei ausu temerario contraire. Si quis autem hoc attemptare præsumpserit indignationem omnipotentis Dei et beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum ejus se noverit incursurum. Dat. Lateran. ii^o. idus Martii, pontificatus nostri anno tertio decimo.

NUM. XXIII.

Taxatio Vicariæ Ecclesiæ Sancti Michaelis de Appelby.

[Ibid. p. 33.]

UNIVERSIS Christi fidelibus ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit Thomas permissione divina Karliolensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Ad universitatis vestræ notitiam pervenire volumus, quod cum inter viros religiosos abbatem et conventum sanctæ Mariæ Eborum per fratrem Thomam de Scyreburn monachum et Galfridum de Grangiis procuratores suos, sub alternatione constitutos, priorem et monachos de Wederhale personaliter comparentes, ex parte una; et Walterum de Scalwelle perpetuum vicarium ecclesiæ sancti Michaelis de Appelby personaliter comparentem ex altera, super taxatione vicariæ ejusdem ecclesiæ coram nobis esset accitatum; nos de comuni consensu utriusque partis, non obstante aliqua taxatione perhibita, vicariam memoratæ ecclesiæ taxavimus in hunc modum, viz. quod prædictus Walterus et successores sui, qui ministraturi erunt in dicta ecclesia, habeant nomine

* Vide Num. X.

vicariæ omnes agnos, lanam, omnimodas oblationes, decimas quadragesimales lini, ortorum, totius albi pullorum, vitulorum, denario venientes; cum pane benedicto; decimas fœni totius parochiæ, molendinorum, cervisiæ, et sponsalia, mortuaria, decimas porcellorum, et omnimodas decimas et obventiones ad altaragium qualitercunque contingentes, et medietatem totius terræ arabilis et prati. Ita tamen quod tota terra arabilis et pratum per viros fidedignos ad hoc ex utraque parte communiter electos in duas equales partes dividantur et sorte dirimantur. Item dictus vicarius et successores sui habebunt totam decimam proveniente de hospitali beati Nicholai in eadem parochia, et omnes toftos et croftos a domo Assini usque ad domum Roberti Waldi ex australi parte dictæ ecclesiæ continuatos, et dictus prior habebit omnes toftos et croftos residuos, similiter ad ecclesiæ pertinentes cum capitali messuagio. In cuius rei testimonium una cum signis dictorum prioris et vicarii, mutuis scriptis utriusque partis sigillum nostrum apponi fecimus. Dat. apud Bellum Locum^a in crastino Annunciationis Dominicæ, A. D. M.CCLV^{to}.

Et sciendum est quod dictus vicarius et successores sui omnia onera ordinaria, consueta, et debita sustinebunt. Ex præcepto autem episcopi et de consensu partium post consignationem hujus literæ, fuit ista clausula apposita.

NUM. XXIV.

Confirmationes Prioris et Conventus Sanctæ Mariæ Karliolensis, eisdem Monachis Sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci et de Wederhale concessæ.

[Ibid. p. 35.]

WALTERUS prior et conventus sanctæ Mariæ Karlioli per cartam suam confirmant omnes concessionem huic prioratui de Wederhal, et sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci factas per Adelwaldyn episcopum Karliolensem.

[Ibid. p. 36.]

Bartholomeus prior et conventus ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Karliolensis confirmant omnes concessionem Hugonis episcopi sui.

[Ibid. p. 37.]

Idem prior Bartholomeus et conventus per aliam cartam confirmant omnes donationes et concessionem prædicti episcopi Hugonis.

[Ibid. p. 38.]

Johannes prior et conventus Karliolensis quietum clamaverunt monachis de Wederhale totum jus quod unquam habuerunt in decimis in campo de Scotebi.

[Ibid. p. 39.]

B. archiepiscopus Eboracensis excommunicat omnes infringentes pacem de Wederhale.

NUM. XXV.

Bulla Alexandri III. Papæ concedens quod Ecclesiæ Abbatæ Sanctæ Mariæ Eboracensis non taxatæ deserviantur per Capellanos suos.

[Ibid. p. 40.]

ALEXANDER episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilectis filiis abbati et conventui monasterii sanctæ Mariæ Eboracensis, ordinis sancti Benedicti, salutem et amplificam benedictionem. Ordinis nostri meretur honestas, ut votis vestris, quantum cum Deo possumus, favorabiliter annuamus. Sane petitionis vestræ series continebat, quod vos in ecclesiis et capellis eis annexis, quas in usus proprios canonice obtinetis, in quibus non fuerunt taxatæ hactenus vicariæ, nec perpetui vicarii instituti, a tempore cujus memoria non existit, continue fecistis et facitis per capellanos proprios deserviri.

Nos itaque vestris supplicationibus inclinati, ut in eisdem ecclesiis et capellis (veris existentibus supradictis) sicut hactenus, sic et in posterum possitis facere per capellanos hujusmodi deserviri; quodque vobis invitis in futurum vicariæ taxari, seu institui perpetui vicarii non valeant in eisdem, auctoritate vobis præsentium indulgemus. Non obstantibus si aliquibus a sede apostolica sit indultum, vel in posterum indulgeri contigerit, ut in ecclesiis et capellis, quas religiosi in suis civitatibus et diocesibus in usus proprios optinent taxare perpetuas valeant vicarias et perpetuos instituere vicarios in eisdem, seu quibuscunque literis vel indulgentiis a sede impetratis eadem, aut etiam impetrandis, nisi eadem impetrandæ de indulgentia hujusmodi plenam et expressam fecerint mentionem. Nulli ergo omnino, &c. Siquis autem, &c.^b

NUM. XXVI.

Quieta Clamatio Episcopi Karliolensis facta Priori de Wederhale de jure custodiæ Prioratus de Wederhale ipso Prioratu carente Priore.

[Ibid. p. 42.]

In nomine Domini nostri Jesu Christi, Amen. Orta demum inter venerabilem patrem dominum R. Dei gratia Karliolensem episcopum ex parte una, et religiosos viros abbatem et conventum sanctæ Mariæ Ebor. ex altera, super custodia Prioratus de Wederhale, dicto prioratu carente priore, et super institutione et destitutione ejusdem prioris ac quibusdam aliis articulis, materia quæstionis, tandem mediis communibus amicis, A. D. M.CC.LXI. pridie nonas Februarii conquievit hujusmodi controversia super dicta custodia in hunc modum, viz. quod idem episcopus sollicite considerans quanta dampna et pericula per hujus custodiam dictis religiosis possent accidere, et præcipue Cellæ seu Prioratui de Wederhale antedicto, et quod longi temporis quæstum per hujus custodiam brevis hora consumeret; attendens insuper hujus occasione parum emolumenti posse sibi seu episcopatu Karleolensi accrescere, memoratus episcopus nomine suo et ecclesiæ Karliolensis, de consensu capituli sui expresso, omne jus, si quod sibi compeciit, super custodia dicti prioratus et bonorum ejusdem dictis abbati et conventui favore religionis, tam in possessorio quam in petitorio, undecunque proveniens, pro se et successoribus suis imperpetuum remisit et quietum clamavit. Dicti etiam abbas et conventus, nolentes erga tam pium patrem filii degeneres reputari, eidem episcopo et successoribus suis amicabiliter dederunt et concesserunt, ac etiam remiserunt imperpetuum, duas marcas et dimidiam, sibi prius annuatim debitas de ecclesia de Denton (quæ de patronatu domini Karliolensis episcopi existit) dictis religiosis et prioratui de Wederhale prius debitas, nomine pensionis, in utilitatem dicti episcopatus convertendas. Convenit etiam inter easdem partes, quod dicto prioratu de Wederhale carente priore, abbas beatæ Mariæ Ebor. qui pro tempore fuerit, monachum quem suo periculo dictæ domui crediderit esse utilem sive dignum dabit priorem, et loci diocesano vel ejus officiali (eo absente) præsentabit eundem; quem dictus episcopus sine difficultate admittet, et curam animarum parochialium ecclesiarum duntaxat eidem committet, recepta ab eodem canonica obedientia, salva dicto abbati obedientia regulari. Quod si dictus episcopus in diocesi Karliolensi præsens non fuerit, dictus officialis eundem præsentatum absque difficultate admittet. Ita quod per adventum dicti episcopi in diocesim dictus præsentatus eidem episcopo infra tres dies, utroque existente in diocesi, personaliter præsentabit, canonicam obedientiam eidem facturum, curamque animarum parochialium ecclesiarum recepturum. Quod si dictus episcopus Karliolensis, vel ejus officialis dictum præsentatum sine difficultate non admittat, liceat eidem dictum prioratum libere ingredi et ibidem ut prior commorari; ita quod ad mandatum diocesani veniat dictam curam (ut dictum est) recepturum et obedientiam facturum sine mora. Si vero processu temporis dictus abbas priorem de Wederhale, ex causa aliqua, quam idem abbas crediderit sufficientem, providerit amovendum, dictus abbas literas suas patentes, super amo-

^a Beaulieu, in com. Westmorl.

^b Sicut in aliis bullis hujusmodi.

tione ejusdem, prædicto episcopo destinabit, causam, quam crediderit sufficientem inserendo, quam dictus episcopus sine difficultate aut contradictione approbabit; et quod per dictæ cartæ receptionem et obedientiam eidem episcopo factam abbati Ebor. nullum in amotione hujus fiat prejudicium. Lectis siquidem præmissis, dictæ partes huic compositioni assensum præbentes, renunciaverunt omnibus processibus et literis impetratis et impetrandis, omni exceptioni, cavillationi et specialiter in integrum restitutioni, ac omni juris remedio, per quod poterit præsens compositio imposterum infirmari, seu aliquatenus impugnari. In cujus rei testimonium huic compositioni dictæ partes alternatim sigilla sua apposuerunt. Nos vero prior et conventus Carlioli supradictam compositionem ratam et gratam habentes, ipsam quatenus in nobis est confirmamus et sigilli nostri munimine roboramus. Ad majorem securitatem nos abbas et conventus Ebor. dictas duas marcatas et dimidiam de ecclesia de Denton nobis debitas eidem episcopo et successoribus suis imperpetuum damus, conferimus, et assignamus in forma supradicta. Dat. apud Bellum Locum anno et die supradictis. Ponebatur hoc interlineare (volentes) ante consignationem. Teste eadem manu.

NUM. XXVII.

Excerpta è Cartis variorum Donatorum.

[Ibid. p. 45.]

OSBERTUS filius Wardi dedit ecclesiæ sanctæ Trinitatis et sancti Constantini de Wederhale et monachis ibidem Deo famulantibus totam partem piscationis in Edene quæ ad villam suam de Chorkeby pertinebat, et totam ripam contra piscationem usque ad illum locum qui dicitur Munchewat de terra quousque ad mensam suam dominicam pertinebat; et insuper duas bovatas terræ in eadem Chorkeby quietas ab omni servitio terreno.

[Ibid. p. 46.]

Willelmus filius Odardi, confirmavit eisdem monachis omnia bona quæ antecessores sui eis dederunt, scilicet piscationem, ripam, et duas bovatas ut supra; et ex suo proprio dono tres bovatas terræ in Warthwic, unam quam mater ipsius dederat, et duas alias in compactione pacis quam contraxit cum monachis, liberas et ab omni exactione terrena quietas. Præterea homagium Thomæ propter quod controversia inter eos erat, qui Thomas de terra quam de eo tenebat xij^d. eidem ecclesiæ reddere debebat.

[Ibid. p. 48.]

Robertus filius Willelmi filii Udardi confirmavit eisdem monachis omnes donationes antecessorum suorum, ut supra.

Willelmus filius Udardi quietum clamavit eisdem monachis totam terram quæ jacet inter Wederhale et Warthwic quæ vocatur Camera Constantini, a fossato quod est juxta domum quæ fuit Edwini versus Wederhale sicut fossatum vadit in aqua Edene, et in occidentali parte tendit versus mariscum quod est inter terram de Wederhale et de Warthwic, et prædicti monachi quietas clamaverunt ei duas bovatas terræ quas habebant in Warthwic et xij^d. quos annuatim habere debebant de terra ipsius de Chorkeby. Octavum vero piscem quem ipse et antecessores sui de coffino monachorum habere solebant, in manu sua retinuit; sed nec ei nec hæredibus suis licitum foret piscari nec hamo neque reti, nec aliquo modo piscandi inter Munchewat et stagnum molendini monachorum, nec impedire monachos firmare stagnum suum in ripa de Chorkby. Duas vero bovatas terræ, quas antea habebant in Chorkby similiter eis imperpetuum concessit.

[Ibid. p. 50.]

Willelmus filius Odardi quietum clamavit Deo et sanctis de Wederhale et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus quicquid juris clamavit in præsentatione capellani de Warthwic; qui capellanus a monachis præsentatus debebat in eadem villa assidue manere ad divina officia Deo et sancto

Leonardo celebranda. Monachi vero concesserunt ei et patri et filio et uxori ejus anniversarium perpetuum in ecclesiis suis, sicut pro monachis suis.

[Ibid. p. 51.]

Ideim Willelmus filius Odardi de Corkeby concessit eisdem monachis totam decimam pannagii sui de porcis hominum suorum et extraneorum omnium qui porcos suos in sylva de Chorkby ponebant pascendos.

[Ibid. p. 52.]

Johannes filius prædicti Willelmi concessit eisdem monachis messuagium unum in Warthwic, cum tofto et crofto, et cum omnibus pertinentiis, et hominibus suis in eadem villa.

[Ibid. p. 53.]

Robertus filius Willelmi de Chorkeby quietum clamavit eisdem monachis octavum piscem quem ipse et antecessores sui solebant habere de coffino monachorum de Wederhale, et totam partem piscationis in Edene, quæ ad villam suam de Chorkeby pertinebat, totamque ripam in qua piscaria firmata erat, et alia sicut in cartis suprascriptis. Et concessit quod monachi caperent petram et ramum sufficientem ad reparandum stagnum suum in terra de Chorkeby. Insuper confirmavit omnes donationes antecessorum suorum.

[Ibid. p. 55.]

Idem Robertus filius Will. de Chorkeby eisdem monachis concessit totam partem piscationis in Edene a Munchewat supra memorato ad fossatum quod fuit juxta domum quæ fuit Edwini, et monachi ei concesserunt eadem aisiamenta in aqua sua; et notat quod dicti monachi nihil juris subtus fossatum Edwini in piscatione de Edene potuerunt exigere nisi concessu suo vel hæredum suorum. Convenit etiam inter eos quod ipse Robertus et sui in prædicta piscatione non possunt amplius habere nisi quinque naviculas tantum, et prædicti monachi nisi quinque naviculas.

[Ibid. p. 57.]

Clemens abbas sanctæ Mariæ Ebor. concessit licentiam Willielmo filio Odardi ædificandi capellam in curto suo de Corkeby, et quod missa celebraretur in eadem bis in ebdomada, scilicet Dominica die et feria sexta, excepta Dominica in ramis palmarum, solummodo eidem Willielmo et uxori suæ et domesticis familiæ de domo sua et hospitibus suis; parochianis autem de Chorkeby non permisit ire ad dictam capellam, sed omnes debebant ire ad matricem ecclesiam de Wederhale; et nullus presbyter nisi proprius capellanus vel monachus prioris de Wederhale debebat ibi missam celebrare, nec ullus ingredi dictam capellam sine licentia prioris de Wederhale. Ipse Willielmus etiam, et uxor ejus cum omni familia tenebantur ire cum oblatione ad ecclesiam de Wederhale in præcipuis festivitibus, sed si legitime impediti non poterant ire tenebantur mittere xij. denarios pro oblatione sua.

[Ibid. p. 59.]

Robertus filius supradicti Willielmi confirmavit conventionem suprascriptam.

[Ibid. p. 61.]

Conventum est inter priorem et monachos de Wederhale et Robertum filium Willielmi domini de Chorkby, quod si aliquis hominum utriusque partis convictus fuerit quod aliquo modo piscatus fuerit in aqua alterius fuerit, dabit parti conquerenti unam marcam argenti nomine pœnæ; si autem non suffecerit ad solutionem, tunc per unum annum fugabitur a terra domini sui, ita quod in ea nec hospitium, nec receptaculum, nec aliquod auxilium habeat, donec annus integer terminetur. Quod si utra pars hominem sic fugatum receperit obligabitur ad solutionem unius marcæ argenti, ad opus sanctæ Mariæ Karliolensis.

[Ibid. p. 63.]

Willielmus Sutor et Hauwisia uxor ejus quietum clamaverunt monachis de Wederhale totum jus et clamium quod habuerunt in quatuor acris terræ in feodo de Chorkeby.

[Ibid. p. 64.]

Willielmus filius Udardi dedit eisdem monachis omnem piscationem in aqua de Edene ex utraque parte ripæ. Octavum vero piscem quem solebat habere de coffino monachorum retinuit in manu sua.

[Ibid. p. 65.]

Willielmus filius Odardi de Korkby concessit eisdem monachis quod possent firmare stagnum suum de Wederhale in ripa de Chorkby, et capere petram et alia necessaria ad idem stagnum faciendum. Concessit insuper quod ubicumque faceret molendinum suum de Warthwic super aquam de Edene, non posset facere stagnum molendini de solis, vel plankys, vel grossis lignis, nec de aliis nisi tantum de polis et ingis, nec posset claudere aquam de Edene nisi ad medium filum prædictæ aquæ vel minus si minus aquæ possit sufficere, ita ut piscis nullum habeat impedimentum veniendi ad piscariam monachorum.

[Ibid. p. 68.]

Robertus filius Willielmi de Corkby dedit eisdem monachis totam terram cum tofto uno in Constantinedene quam Robertus filius Gerardi de eo aliquando tenuit, cum servitio ipsius Roberti et hæredum suorum, cum omnibus pertinentiis, quietam ab omni seculari servitio.

[Ibid. p. 71.]

Christiana filia Radulphi quietum clamavit totum jus et clamium quod habuit in quatuor acris terræ cum pertinentiis in feodo de Corkeby, quas Willielmus Tustezemer dedit in puram elemosinam monachis de Wederhale.

[Ibid. p. 72.]

Robertus filius Willielmi de Chorkeby carta sua confirmavit eisdem monachis quandam portionem terræ in villa de Korkeby juxta curiam suam ad faciendam ibi grangiam et ad includendum ad curiam faciendam; quæ portio se extendebat in latitudinem a semita quæ ducebat de Korkeby ad aquam de Edene usque ad sepem curiæ suæ; et in longitudine a dicta sepi usque ad quandam fraxinum, quæ stabat extra curiam suam juxta angulum sepi, et a prædicta fraxino linealiter ex obliquo usque ad finem fossati juxta prædictam semitam ducentem de Korkeby ad Edene.

[Ibid. p. 74.]

Willielmus filius Udardi dedit monachis de Wederhale, unam bovatom terræ in villa de Warthwick, scilicet, quinque acras in Westcroft et duas acras in Graistanflat, et unam acram juxta Holm, cum prato ad prædictam terram pertinente, et cum communia pasturæ et omnibus aisiamentis ejusdem villæ. Dedit etiam totam decimam pannagii sui, et molendini sui. Et quietum clamavit dictæ domui totum jus et clamium quod habuit in marisco, quod jacet inter terram de Wederhale et terram quæ dicitur Camera Constantini. Et prædicti monachi concesserunt quod dictus Willielmus quod in capella de Warthwic per capellanum jugiter manentem in dicta villa divina celebrari facerent, et eum et uxorem suam et filios in spirituali fraternitate domus suæ receperunt.

NUM. XXVIII.

Compositio inter Abbatem Eboraci et Robertum filium Willielmi, et Willielmum filium Johannis, dominos de Warthwic, de Marisco de Wederhale.

[Ibid. p. 76.]

HÆC est compositio facta inter abbatem et conventum

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sanctæ Mariæ Ebor. et monachos de Wederhale ex una parte, et Robertum filium Willielmi, et Willielmum filium Johannis dominos de Warthwic ex altera, de marisco qui jacet subtus condorsum de Wederhale, viz. quod dicti abbas et conventus de consensu dictorum Roberti et Willielmi et hæredum suorum retinuerunt ad usum proprium monachorum suorum de Wederhale, totam illam partem prædicti marisci, qui se extendit versus Wederhale a fossato quod Werricus fecit, linealiter ex transverso marisci usque ad quandam quercum stantem in condorso, et sic ex transverso condorsi usque ad terram de Wederhale cultam, ad includendum pro voluntate sua, ad omnimodum commodum suum inde faciendum imperpetuum. Prædicti vero abbas et conventus concesserunt prædictis R. et W. et hæredibus eorum et hominibus de Warthwic habere communia pasturæ tantum in altera parte marisci versus Warthwic, sicut dictus mariscus se extendit versus aquilonem a fossato prædicto usque ad rivum pluvialem, qui est divisus inter Wederhale et Warthwic, qui rivus dividendo terras prædictarum villarum descendit in dicto marisco subtus pratum de Westrorouf, et inde per transfusum marisci exit inter terram monachorum quæ dicitur Camera Constantini et terram de Warthwic. Ita scilicet, quod nihil omnino capere vel habere poterint in dicto marisco ultra prædictum rivum, nisi communia pasturæ tantum. Nec aliquis poterit ibi fodere glebas, nisi illi qui tenebunt terram monachorum, quæ dicitur Camera Constantini. Sciendum est autem quod quando monachi de Wederhale totam vesturam marisci quem includerint plene in usus suos, quolibet anno converterint, ex tunc licebit hominibus de Warthwic habere ingressum in dicto marisco ad pasturam habendam usque ad tempus illud quo prædicti monachi voluerint ponere illam in defenso. Sciendum est autem quod hanc compositionem firmiter tenendam et warrantizandam utrinque imperpetuum prædicti abbas et conventus pro se et suis tenentibus de Wederhale, prædicti vero R. et W. pro se et omnibus de Warthwic quolibet modo tenentibus manuceperunt, et insuper iidem R. et W. juramento corporaliter præstito se et hæredes suos sub pœna decem librarum, abbas vero et conventus per priorem suum de Wederhale sub eadem pœna ad præscripta omnia observandum se obligaverunt. Ut autem hæc compositio perpetuæ firmitatis et inconcussam robur optineat, prædicti abbas et conventus et prædicti R. et W. sigilla sua una cum sigillis B. prioris et magistri G. de Lauther archidiaconi Carliolensis, hinc inde apposuerunt. Hiis testibus, domino W. officiali, magistris Ricardo et Helrico rectoribus scholarum theologiæ et decretorum, domino Thoma de Morlund, Thoma de Graistock, Michaelae de Sancto Albano, Symone decano et capitulo Karleoli, Thoma filio Johannis vicecomite, Ricardo de Levintum, Roberto de Castlecairoc, Petro de Tyleol, Roberto de Hamton, Waltero de Boutun, et comitat. Karleoli.

NUM. XXIX.

Excerpta ex aliis Cartis quas transcribere longum esset.

[Ibid. p. 78.]

ALANUS de Langervayt dedit corpus suum monachis de Wederhale ibi sepeliendum, et cum corpore suo totam terram suam de Warthwic, cum omnibus pertinentiis, &c. et cum edificiis in eadem terra constructis, et liberam communiam in bosco suo de Langewayt, ad capiendum ibidem omnimodum boscum tam viridem quam mortuum; et etiam petram de prædicto bosco, et fodere fossas in prædicto bosco, et facere sibi clibanos ad calcem faciendam et comburendam, et construere domos in eodem bosco, et suam calcem reponendam. Item pasturam bobus suis et equis per totum boscum suum, et per totam aliam pasturam suam.

[Ibid. p. 81.]

Robertus filius Willielmi et Willielmus filius Johannis domini de Warthwic pro observanda compositione supra-scripta de marisco subtus condorsum de Wederhale subjecerunt se et hæredes suos imperpetuum jurisdictioni prioris

et archidiaconi Karleoli qui pro tempore fuerint, ut ipsi, remota omni appellatione, &c. compellerent per censuram ecclesiasticam, si necesse fuisset, ad ipsius compositionis observationem, et ipsa non observata ad pœnæ in eadem compositione adjectæ solutionem.

[Ibid. p. 82.]

Walterus janitor de Wederhale, Johannes de Agelumbey, Johannes filius Willielmi, Johannes de Hamer, Ranulphus filius Unfridi, Robertus de Neuby, Robertus carpentarius, quietum clamaverunt abbati Eboraci et monachis de Wederhale totum jus et clamium quod habuerunt in marisco et condorso de Warthwic, quæ Robertus filius Willielmi, et Willielmus filius Johannis per chartam suam suprascriptam monachis de Wederhale concesserunt.

[Ibid. p. 83.]

Johannes de Warthwic filius Willielmi filii Odardi dedit eisdem monachis unum messuagium in terra sua de Warthwic.

[Ibid. p. 84.]

Henricus Birkenkeved dedit tres acras terræ in Holmo juxta pontem de Warthwic.

[Ibid. p. 86.]

Alanus filius Julianæ de Waverton quietam clamavit totum jus et clamium quod habuit in tribus acris terræ in villa de Wederhale, in quodam loco qui vocatur Constantinedene.

[Ibid. p. 87.]

Werrus de Ponte suscepit fraternitatem in domo sanctæ Trinitatis et sancti Constantini de Wederhale, et nomine fraternitatis obligavit se et hæredes suos solvere annuatim xij^d. ad Pentecosten, prædictæ domui specialiter ad luminare coram altari beatæ Virginis Mariæ.

[Ibid. p. 88.]

Johannes coquus obligavit se solvere annuatim monachis de Wederhale vj^d. pro quatuor acris terræ quas de eis tenebat in campo de Wederhale.

[Ibid. p. 89.]

Johannes Spendline et Margareta uxor ejus dederunt eisdem monachis quatuor acras terræ in territorio de Wederhale, cum domo propinquiore domui suæ, et terra ad domum pertinente ita quodcroftum haberet eandem latitudinem in inferiori parte quam domus habebat in superiori parte.

[Ibid. p. 92.]

Sequuntur quinque chartæ, prima scripta anno mclvii. reliquæ sine data, per Johannem Spendline et uxorem ejus Margaretam et filias Eram et Matildem de cessione unius bovatae terræ quam tenebant de monachis de Wederhale.

[Ibid. p. 98.]

Willielmus de Her concessit monachis de Wederhale dimidiam carucatam terræ de Cumquintin, quietam ab omnibus servitiis, et commune pascuum Dominicæ pecuniæ eorum cum sua.

NUM. XXX.

Carta Hildredi de Carleolo de Terra et Silva quieta Clamatio Monachis de Wederhale.

[Ibid.]

NOTUM sit omnibus legentibus vel audientibus literas

has quod ego Hildredus de Carlel terram et silvam illam, unde calumpnia inter me et monachos de Wederhale fuit, Deo et sanctæ Mariæ et monachis Eboracensibus et in Wederhale degentibus, pro salute animæ meæ, ab omni calumpnia liberam et quietam clamavi, et de jure eorum ecclesiæ cognovi, ac Deo et sanctæ Mariæ, sancto Constantino, necnon monachis prædictis super altare ecclesiæ de Wederhale præsentem parochiam ejusdem ecclesiæ cum virga dedi. Secundo vero (in) solario meo Carlel idem concessi coram monachis et militibus et quibusdam burgensibus de Carlel. Hujus concessionis fuerunt testes, Radulphus prior de Wederhale, Rainaldus monachus, Odardus vicecomes, Ricardus miles, Ricardus Meisi constabularius, Willielmus de Herrici, Ansatillius Odardi filius, et Odardus filius Hildredi, Willielmus filius Baldwini, et Raunbaldus filius ejus, Unspach Hardolf, Rogerus forestarius. Quod autem hiis duabus vicibus feci, tertio nichilominus in præfato loco facere decrevi. Ad locum veni et perambulavi cum multis, et Radulphum priorem de prædicta donatione saisivi usque in Eden. Testibus hiis, Vitali sacerdote, et Willielmo Levita, Pagano milite, Johanne clerico, Waltero Agullun, Safrace Radulpho filio Widonis, Ervisio Stephano de Corkeby Acta, Radulpho filio Galfridi, Roberto fratre Stephani, Odardo de Corkeby, Grinchillo præposito de Scoteby, Aschillo Colfweino, Alnodo Vival, Odo, Rogero forestario, Ranulpho Unspach de Carlet, Roberto nepote Hildredi, Stephano Helgo, Simalpho clerico, Roberto clerico, Werrico clerico.

NUM. XXXI.

Contenta aliarum Cartarum.

[Ibid. p. 100.]

RICARDUS et Robertus frater ejus concesserunt monachis de Wederhale liberam communam in bosco de Cumquintin ad mortuum boscum capiendum, concesserunt etiam terram quam avus suus in vita prius eis concesserat.

[Ibid. p. 101.]

Idem Ricardus et Robertus per aliam cartam confirmaverunt eandem donationem.

[Ibid. p. 102.]

Eudo de Carliolo concessit monachis de Wederhale mortuum boscum in bosco de Cumquintin, ad sustentationem domus suæ, sine visu forestarii. Si autem karri vel caretæ dictorum monachorum fractæ fuissent in dicto bosco, permisit eis capere sufficienter de viridi bosco stante, ad reparationem earum, sine alicujus visu vel impedimento. Concessit etiam quod porci dictorum monachorum et hominum suorum liberam haberent agistationem in prædicto bosco in perpetuum, tam in tempore pestionis quam in alio tempore.

[Ibid. p. 104.]

Adam filius Rogeri de Karliolo dedit eisdem monachis viij^s. annui redditus quos recipiebat pro terra Cumquintin quæ vocatur Forlandes et Osnames.

[Ibid. p. 105.]

Ricardus Mansel dominus medietatis villæ de Cumquintin recognovit se teneri in octo solidatis annui redditus solvendis ad duos anni terminos monachis de Wederhal pro terra quæ quondam fuerat Adæ filii Rogeri in villa de Cumquintin.

[Ibid. p. 107.]

Eudo filius Willielmi filii Eudonis de Karlel confirmavit supradictum annuum redditum octo solidorum concessum ab Ada, ut supra; pro quo monachi de Wederhale tenebantur ei reddere annuatim unam rosam in die Nativitatis sancti Johannis Baptistæ, pro omnibus servitiis; et concessum erat eisdem monachis facere distractionem pro dicto redditu suis terminis non soluto.

[Ibid. p. 109.]

Robertus de Leverisdale concessit monachis de Wederhale mortuum boscum imperpetuum in bosco suo de Cumquintin.

[Ibid. p. 112.]

Gamellus Verrarius quietum clamavit eisdem monachis totum jus et cladium quod habuit in quinque rodīs terræ in territorio de Cumquintin, cum uno tofto.

[Ibid. p. 113.]

Johannes filius Roberti de Cumquintin quietum clamavit eisdem monachis redditum xij^d. quem Gamellus Verrerus ei reddere consueverat, pro quinque rodīs terræ quas idem Gamellus tenuerat de eo in Cumquintin.

[Ibid. p. 115.]

Willielmus filius Johannis supradicti confirmavit donationem patris sui.

[Ibid. p. 116.]

Walterus janitor de Wederhale quietas clamavit eisdem monachis quatuor acras terræ in campo de Wederhale.

[Ibid. p. 118.]

Johannes filius Willielmi de Ermine concessit eisdem monachis triginta pedes in latitudine de tofto quem pater suus tenuerat in villa de Wederhale, cum tofta longitudine illius tofti ad ædificandum, et quatuor acras in campo de Wederhale.

[Ibid. p. 119.]

Walterus janitor de Wederhale per cartam suam concessit eisdem monachis unum toftum in Wederhale, et unam acram terræ in territorio ejusdem villæ; et cum corpore suo dedit duas bovatas terræ cum pertinentiis in territorio de Neuby, cum tofto et crofto.

Beatrix uxor Roberti de Neuby concessit Alano filio suo totam terram suam in Wederhale, reddendo inde annuatim ecclesiæ de Wederhale quatuor solidos.

[Ibid. p. 124.]

Idem Alanus de Neuby clericus quietum clamavit abbati sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci et monachis suis apud Wederhale totam terram suam cum tenemento quam tenuit de eisdem.

[Ibid. p. 125.]

Willielmus de Aquillunby quietum clamavit totum jus et cladium quod habuit in uno pari chirothecarum.

NUM. XXXII.

Finis in Curia Domini Regis inter Johannem filium Elminæ et Robertum Abbatem Eboraci, de duabus Bovatis Terræ in Wederhal.

[Ibid. p. 127.]

Hæc est finalis concordia facta in curia domini regis apud Cumberland in crastino clausi Paschæ anno regni regis Henrici filii regis Johannis decimo nono, coram Rogero Berteram, Roberto de Ros, Willielmo de Eboraco, Ranulpho filio Henrici, et Thoma filio Johannis justiciariis itinerantibus, et aliis domini regis fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus inter Johannem filium Elminæ petentem, et Robertum abbatem sanctæ Mariæ de Eboraco tenentem, de duabus bovatis terræ cum pertinentiis in Wederhale, unde assisa mortis antecessorum summota fuit inter eos in eadem curia, scilicet, quod prædictus Johannes recognoscat totam prædictam terram esse jus ipsius abbatis et ecclesiæ suæ de Eboraco. Et pro hac recognitione, fine, et concordia, idem abbas concessit prædicto Johanni totam prædictam terram cum pertinentiis. Et præterea idem abbas concessit prædicto Johanni de tenemento quod Margareta filia Eluinæ

tenuit in eadem villa quatuor solidos per annum, habend. et tenend. eidem Johanni et hæredibus suis de prædicto abbate et successoribus suis et ecclesia sua de Ebor. imperpetuum; reddendo inde annuatim octo solidos sterlingorum ad duos terminos anni, scilicet, medietatem ad Pentecosten, et alteram medietatem ad festum sancti Martini. Et sciendum quod idem Johannes et hæredes sui cariabunt bladum prædicti abbatis et successorum suorum de Wederhale, una die in autumpno, et invenient unum hominem ad metendum una die in autumpno, et arabunt una die per annum, et cariabunt meremium stagni et molendini de Wederhale, et reparabunt molendinum et stagnum de Wederhale, cum aliis hominibus de prædicta villa de Wederhale; et molent ad molendinum dicti abbatis et successorum suorum de Wederhale, ad tertium decimum vas; et dabunt pannagium, sicut alii liberi homines de prædicta villa de Wederhale. Nec idem Johannes vel hæredes sui aliquid clamare vel exigere poterint in assartis dicti abbatis et successorum suorum de Wederhale factis vel imposterum faciendis occasione dicti tenementi; salva tamen eidem Johanni et hæredibus suis communia pasturæ in stipulis et waretis; et hæc concordia facta fuit præsentem prædicta Margareta, et cognoscente se debere prædictum redditum quatuor solidorum per annum. Et sciendum est, quod si prædictus Johannes vel hæredes sui implacitentur de prædicta terra vel de prædicto redditu quatuor solidorum per annum aliquo tempore imposterum, dictus abbas nec successores sui prædictam terram nec prædictum redditum prædicto Johanni nec hæredibus suis tenentur warrantizare.

NUM. XXXIII.

De aliis Cartis Donatorum.

[Ibid. p. 129.]

CARTA H. de Thebay recognoscit ipsum tenere de abbate sanctæ Mariæ Eborum et de dono sanctæ Trinitatis et sancti Constantini de Wederhale tres acras terræ extra muros Karlioli versus orientem inter vetus castellarium et terram Petri Tyllel, quas Richer de Levingham prædictæ ecclesiæ dedit in elemosinam; pro quibus acris dictus H. et hæredes sui tenebantur reddere xij^d. annuatim domui de Wederhale ad Pentecosten.

[Ibid. p. 130.]

Ricardus filius Ricardi filii Trute per cartam suam dedit eisdem monachis de Wederhale unum toftum extra portam Bocharði, liberum ab omni exactione seculari.

[Ibid. p. 135.]

Walterus de Bocharðby per cartam suam concessit eisdem totam terram in territorio de Bocharðby quæ vocatur Elwricflat, cum prato eidem terræ adjacente, quæ terra jacet inter divisam de Scoteby et rivum fontis sanctæ Elenæ, cum omnibus pertinentiis, &c. et licentiam dedit includendi dictam terram fossato, et construendi in ea, et insuper dedit eis quandam portionem terræ suæ continentem duodecim pedes in latitudine et in longitudine, a communi via de Bocharðby usque ad prædictam terram de Eldwricflat, ad faciendum liberum introitum et exitum ad prædictam terram.

[Ibid. p. 137.]

Carta Adæ fratris prædicti Walteri de Bocharðby concedit eisdem quandam parviculam portionem terræ ad caput crofti sui juxta rivum fontis sanctæ Elenæ ad faciendum fossatum suum.

[Ibid. p. 139.]

Carta Laurentii Agullunby confirmat eisdem quatuor acras terræ cum pertinentiis in territorio de Aglunby, &c.

[Ibid. p. 141.]

Carta Simonis de Morvilla confirmat eisdem monachis dimidiam carucatam terræ in Croglyn quam domina Ybri

eis dedit, in elemosinam, et duas salinas in parochia de Burgo, unam scilicet, quam Radulphus Engahin dedit eis, alteram vero quam Willelmus filius ejus dedit eis.

[Ibid. p. 142.]

Hugo de Morvilla per cartam suam confirmat eis easdem salinas.

[Ibid. p. 143.]

Ricardus Gernun per cartam suam confirmat eandem donationem salinarum.

[Ibid. p. 144.]

Carta Ricardi de Lusey confirmata eandem donationem.

[Ibid. p. 145.]

Thomas de Multon per cartam suam dedit prædictis monachis unam salinam versus occidentem in escambium pro una prædictarum salinarum quæ erat versus orientem ecclesiæ.

[Ibid.]

David comes per cartam suam dedit eisdem villam quæ vocatur Karkarevill et ecclesiam prædictæ villæ, quam antea dederat Robertus de Brus.

[Ibid. p. 147.]

Robertus filius Buec de Buchastre confirmavit eisdem monachis totam terram cum pertinentiis quam pater suus dedit eis in villa de Buchastre, et de dono suo dedit quatuor acras terræ in eadem villa, juxta terram quam pater suus dedit eis; et pasturam trecentis ovibus ubique in communi pastura de Buchastre.

[Ibid. p. 150.]

Mabilia filia Adæ filii Richeri de Buchastre per cartam suam concessit eisdem monachis quatuordecim acras terræ in territorio de Buchastre, cum duobus toftis et omnibus pertinentiis, &c.

[Ibid. p. 151.]

Juliana filia Adæ filii Parsonæ de Buchastre quietum clamavit eisdem monachis totum jus quod habuit in tota illa terra quam Adam pater suus quondam tenuit in eadem villa de priore et conventu de Wederhale.

[Ibid. p. 152.]

Radulphus filius Adæ quietam clamavit eandem terram.

[Ibid. p. 154.]

Gerardus de Lascels per cartam suam concessit eisdem monachis xx. acras terræ arabilis in territorio de Kedresford, in cultura quæ vocatur Scalingrig, et unam acram et unam rodam terræ in eodem territorio in alio loco in eadem cultura quæ dicitur Scalingrig; et in prædicta villa de Hedresford concessit eis pasturam ad trecentos multones, vel ad trecentas oves, et ad novem boves et ad quatuor vaccas, cum sequela unius anni, et ad unum equum et unam equam cum sequela unius anni; et ad quatuor porcos vel quatuor sues cum porcellis suis usque ad tempus separationis; et insuper omnia estoveria sua ad ædificandum, claudendum, et comburendum in boscis et moris et in omnibus aliis locis ad villam de Hedresford spectantibus, sine alicujus visu vel impedimento.

[Ibid. p. 156.]

Idem Gerardus de Lascels per aliam cartam concessit monachis hanc libertatem, viz. quod molant totam bladum suum, quod crescit in territorio de Hedresford, in terra quam dedit eis, ad molendinum de Levington quietum de multura.

[Ibid. p. 159.]

Idem Gerardus per aliam cartam dedit eisdem unam

acram prati in territorio de Hedresford in prato quod vocatur Cumberhait.

[Ibid. p. 160.]

Idem Gerardus per aliam cartam quietum clamavit eisdem unum bisancium quod ipse solebat annuatim percipere de camera prædicti prioris de Wederhale, et pro hac quieta clamatione monachi dederunt ei viginti quinque solidos et octo denarios.

[Ibid. p. 161.]

Idem Gerardus per aliam cartam testatur se jurasse quod nec ipse nec filius suus Elyas unquam moverent calumpniam vel litem contra priorem de Wederhale, vel aliquem hominum suorum coram justiciariis vel aliquo alio ballivo in mundo, ratione alicujus controversiæ motæ inter dictum priorem et homines suos, et ipsum et filium suum; addens poenam centum solidorum si contra prædictum juramentum egisset, et renuncians civilis fori privilegio et omni juris auxilio.

NUM. XXXIV.

Confirmationes, Compositiones, Quietæ Clamationes, et Chartæ ad eundem Prioratum de Wederhal spectantes.

[Ibid. p. 162.]

W. EPISCOPUS Karliolensis per cartam suam confirmavit compositionem factam coram iudicibus delegatis inter clericos de Wederhal et W. et R. de Buchastre clericos ex una parte, et canonicos de Lanercost et W. archidiaconum de Nottingham ex altera, super ecclesia de Denton; et de consensu capituli sui concessit supradictis monachis et canonicis prædictam ecclesiam de Denton in usus proprios imperpetuum; salvis synodalibus et archidiaconalibus.

[Ibid. p. 164.]

H. episcopus Karliolensis confirmavit supramemoratam cartam prædecessoris sui.

[Ibid. p. 165.]

Compositio facta coram iudicibus delegatis inter monachos de Wederhal et canonicos de Lanercost super supradicta ecclesia de Denton continet, quod monachi de Wederhal habebunt totam medietatem prædictæ ecclesiæ de Denton et canonici de Lanercost aliam medietatem nomine ecclesiæ de Broncton, et W. et R. clerici de Buchastre persolvent annuatim dictis monachis duos solidos nomine pensionis dictæ ecclesiæ, et alios duos solidos similiter canonicis de Lanercost. Et si contigerit eandem ecclesiam vacare, monachi prædicti præsentabunt clericum ad suam medietatem, et canonici de Lanercost præsentabunt clericum ad suam medietatem; et si contigerit quod alterutra portio sive monachorum sive canonicorum melioretur, et monachi et canonici jam dicti percipient communiter emolumentum inde proveniens, et inter se dimidiabunt.

[Ibid. p. 167.]

Petrus archidiaconus Karliolensis et custos episcopatus ejusdem per cartam suam notum facit Robertum filium Buec de Buchastre concessisse advocationem ecclesiæ de Denton monachis de Wederhale, ad cujus rei majorem firmitatem se Willielmum clericum ab eisdem monachis præsentatum ad dictam ecclesiam de Denton canonicè admisisse.

[Ibid. p. 168.]

Supradictis Robertus filius Buec per cartam suam concedit eisdem monachis dictam ecclesiam de Denton.

[Ibid. p. 169.]

Johannes prior et conventus sanctæ Mariæ Karliolensis confirmaverunt monachis de Wederhal et canonicis de Lanercost ecclesiam de Denton in proprios usus, sicut eam concesserat episcopus suus.

[Ibid. p. 172.]

Johannes de Denton concessit monachis de Wederhale et luminari ecclesiæ suæ, octo acras terræ in territorio de Denton in cultura quæ vocatur Werduthel, in escambio octo acrarum quas Robertus filius Buec avunculus suus dictis monachis dederat.

[Ibid. p. 173.]

Elyas filius David de Denton quietam clamavit monachis de Wederhal totam terram cum pertinentiis quam de eis aliquando tenuit in Denton.

[Ibid. p. 174.]

Walterus Bayninus dedit eisdem monachis viginti acras terræ in campis de Borddoswald cum omnibus pertinentiis et libertatibus infra villam et extra, in bosco et in plano, &c. libere ab omni terreno servitio; scilicet terra quæ dicitur Hathwait usque ad magnam quercum quæ stat supra antiquum fossatum et ab illa quercu usque ad fracturam muri in qua semita jacet quæ venit de Trewermain, et ab illa fractura muri usque ad quercum quæ stat super murum versus orientem, et ab illa quercu usque ad fossatum quod ducit ad Cundois de Hyrchin.

[Ibid. p. 176.]

Radulphus Baynin nepos prædicti Walteri confirmavit suprascriptam donationem.

[Ibid. p. 177.]

Simon capellanus de Wederhal quietam clamavit eisdem monachis totam terram quam tenuit de eisdem in Borddoswald.

[Ibid. p. 179.]

Alanus filius Willielmi de Ravenswick concessit et confirmavit eisdem monachis duas bovatas terræ de Talcan, cum omnibus aisiamentis, &c. et pasturam in eadem villa sexaginta ovibus et octo vaccis et quatuor bobus et duabus equabus, cum pullis earum duorum annorum vel duobus equis.

[Ibid. p. 180.]

Adam filius Alani de Cumreu confirmavit superiorem donationem.

[Ibid. p. 181.]

Idem Adam per aliam cartam quietum clamavit eisdem monachis Rogerum filium Huctredi cum omnibus catallis suis et cum tota sequela sua, solutum ab omni calumpnia.

[Ibid. p. 182.]

Salamon de Farlam concessit eisdem monachis duas acras terræ in territorio de Farlam, quæ jacent inter duos sikes ad Calledaykeleke versus aquilonem.

[Ibid. p. 184.]

Idem Salamon per aliam cartam concessit eisdem monachis quatuordecim acras terræ de dominico suo in Parva Farlam, scilicet, octo acras terræ in parte occidentali divisæ quæ tendit a loco ubi domus Willielmi clerici quondam sita fuit versus aquilonem usque in Gaytessigemire, et sex acras terræ in campo qui vocatur Runthait.

[Ibid. p. 186.]

Mauricius de Man concessit eisdem monachis unam placeam in territorio de Aeringthuat ad construendam salinam, cum libero introitu et exitu per illud iter quod dedit priori et monachis de sancta Bega; et quod prædicti monachi et homines sui capiant omnia estoveria sua et aisiamenta, tam in terra quam in aqua ad prædictam salinam, sine aliquo impedimento; pro qua salina solvent dicto Mauricio et hæredibus suis annuatim sex denarios in ecclesia sanctæ Bega pro omni servitio.

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[Ibid. p. 187.]

Ricardus filius Bernardi de Farlam dedit eisdem monachis quinque acras terræ in territorio de Parva Farlam in campo qui vocatur Ruthait.

[Ibid. p. 188.]

Robertus de Castlecairoc concessit eisdem monachis petram ad faciendam calcem in territorio de Castlecairoc, cum libero ingressu et exitu sine aliqua contradictione. Concessit etiam quod boves et equi dictorum monachorum et aliorum qui trahent petram ad opus eorum, habeant ubique pasturam in communi pastura in prædicto territorio, sine aliquo impedimento, excepto nocumento bladorum et pratorum eo tempore quo cariabunt prædictam petram.

[Ibid. p. 190.]

Anselmus de Neuby per cartam suam donavit eisdem monachis de Wederhal unum toftum in Neuby cum crofto adjacente, cum quindecim et dimidia acris terræ quæ faciunt duas bovatas in eadem villa, cum omnibus aisiamentis suis; et communem pasturam quatuor equis et viginti animalibus et quatuor viginti ovibus, et octo porcis cum tota sequela prædictorum porcorum duorum annorum.

[Ibid. p. 191.]

Ricardus de Neuby dedit eisdem duas bovatas terræ in Neuby, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis.

[Ibid. p. 194.]

Anselmus de Neuby dedit eisdem unum toftum cum crofto in Neuby, liberum et quietum ab omni servitio, cum communi pastura.

[Ibid. p. 195.]

Walterus de Neuby dedit eisdem sexdecim acras terræ quas Ricardus filius Petri tenuit de eo in territorio de Neuby cum tofto et crofto in villa de Neuby, et unam acram terræ in holmo et dimidiam acram terræ in Garbrades, cum omnibus aisiamentis, et tota dicta terra erit quietata de multura et pannagio et de omnibus secularibus actionibus et de mandis imperpetuum.

[Ibid. p. 197.]

Idem Walterus per aliam cartam concessit eisdem monachis sexdecim acras terræ in territorio de Neuby quas Alexander de Neuby tenuit de eo, cum tofto et crofto in villa de Neuby, quietata de multura et pannagio imperpetuum.

[Ibid. p. 198.]

Agnes uxor Walteri prædicti quietum clamavit eisdem monachis totum jus et clamium quod habuit, nomine dotis, in tertiam partem quatuor bovatarum terræ cum pertinentiis in territorio de Neuby quas Walterus maritus suus dedit monachis de Wederhal.

[Ibid. p. 199.]

Eadem Agnes per aliam cartam remisit imperpetuum eisdem monachis totum jus et clamium quod habuit, nomine dotis, in tertiam partem multuræ et pannagii duarum bovatarum terræ in Neuby, et insuper tertiam partem suam quindecim acrarum terræ et dimidiæ, cum tofto et crofto in eadem villa, quas Anselmus de Neuby dedit domui de Wederhal, cum messuagio, tofto, et crofto qui faciunt dimidiam acram terræ in eadem villa.

[Ibid. p. 200.]

Willielmus filius Walteri de Neuby confirmavit donationem suprascriptam duarum bovatarum terræ quas Anselmus supramemoratus dedit eisdem monachis cum uno messuagio, tofto, et crofto qui faciunt dimidiam acram terræ in Neuby, quietata et liberata de multura et pannagio imperpetuum.

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[Ibid. p. 202.]

Willielmus filius Walteri de Neuby dedit monachis de Wederhal duas acras terræ in territorio de Neuby, quarum una jacet juxta le Pot et dimidia acra abuttat super le Pot et dimidia acra abuttat super hevedland Alexandri de Neuby ad viridem viam, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis et cum comuni pastura villæ de Neuby.

[Ibid. p. 204.]

Robertus filius Alexandri de Neuby concessit Rogero filio suo totam terram suam cum ædificiis sine ullo retinemento, quæ habuit in territorio de Neuby, una cum libero servitio Willielmi et Rogeri fratrum suorum; tenenda et habenda de abbate sanctæ Mariæ Eborum, libere et quiete et hæreditarie, reddendo inde annuatim cellæ de Wederhal tres solidos argenti annuatim et faciendo eisdem abbati et conventui et cellæ prædictæ alia servitia inde debita et consueta. Hanc autem concessionem concessit eidem Rogero et hæredibus suis dum erga prædictos abbatem fideliter se habuerint et servitia fecerint et firmam suam prædictæ cellæ bene redderint.

[Ibid. p. 205.]

Elyas de Croglyn dedit eisdem monachis de Wederhal quinque acras terræ juxta divisas dominici sui.

[Ibid. p. 206.]

Willielmus de Croglyn concessit eisdem monachis duas bovatas terræ in villa sua de Croglyn, cum tofto et crofto et cum prato quod jacet inter terram Ybri et terram Walteri portarii descendens usque ad rivulum, qui cadit in rivulo molendini ejusdem villæ versus orientem. Vid. Num. IX.

[Ibid. p. 208.]

Idem Willielmus per aliam cartam concessit eisdem quinque acras terræ cum pertinentiis in territorio de Croglyn, pro quietâ clamatione quam prior et conventus ei fecerunt de quinque acris terræ quas pater suus dedit eis.

[Ibid. p. 209.]

Willielmus filius Elyæ de Croglyn quietam clamavit eisdem monachis terram in Croglyn quam domina Ybri dedit eis, scilicet totam dimidiam partem villæ de Croglyn, cum omnibus libertatibus, aisiamentis infra villam et extra; et quinque acras terræ quas pater suus dedit eis.

[Ibid. p. 210.]

Idem Willielmus confirmavit eisdem duas bovatas terræ in campo de Croglyn, scilicet, totam decimam partem villæ de Croglyn, tam in dominiciis suis, quam in aliis locis, et unum toftum et croftum juxta vadum aquæ de Croglyn.

[Ibid. p. 211.]

Bogerus de Bello confirmavit eisdem totam terram quam habebant in Croglyn, ex dono dominæ Ybris et Simonis de Morvilla, et ex dono Willielmi filii Elyæ de Croglyn, scilicet, totam quintam partem prædictæ villæ integre et plenarie infra villam et extra.

[Ibid. p. 212.]

Willielmus Croglyn dedit eisdem monachis duas acras terræ in alneto suo, juxta domum suam in villa de Croglyn.

[Ibid. p. 213.]

Idem Willielmus dedit eisdem Ranulphum filium Alani et Aliciam uxorem suam, nativos suos, cum tota sequela eorum et cum omnibus catallis suis.

[Ibid. p. 220.]

Michael de Ainstapelit concessit monachis de Wederhal novem acras et dimidiam cum mora infra terram eandem jacente.

[Ibid. p. 221.]

Michael filius David de Ainstapelit concessit eisdem unam dimidiam acram terræ cum tofto et crofto in villa de Ruccroft in feodo de Ainstapelid; et dimidiam acram in Seichestoclandis, et dimidiam acram in Linwra, et tres acras et dimidiam in Chaircaire in territorio de Ainstapelid.

Michael filius David de Ainstapelit suprascriptus dedit eisdem monachis tres acras terræ in territorio de Ainstapelid, quarum una dimidia acra jacet in villa de Ruccroft, inter terram dictorum monachorum et terram monialium de Hermithwait, et una dimidia jacet in Linwra, et una dimidia jacet in Styestockelandig, et una acra et dimidia jacent in Ybarere.

[Ibid. p. 224.]

Johannes Musseic et Matildis sponsa sua dederunt eisdem monachis septem acras terræ in territorio de Ainstapelid cum mora infra eandem terram jacente.

[Ibid. p. 226.]

Idem Johannes remisit eisdem totum jus et clamium quod habuit in septem acris terræ in territorio de Ainstapelit, quarum quinque acræ jacent in Gefranding, et una acra et dimidia in Hallebanc, et dimidia acra jacet juxta domum Willielmi viri Isodæ ex parte aquilonis et insuper clamium quod habere potuit in quarta parte terræ domus prioris de Wederhal juxta Migheldale continente in latitudine duodecim pedes et extendente se in longitudine prout se extendit terra Michaelis filii David propinqua eidem terræ versus occidentem.

[Ibid. p. 228.]

Henricus de Terribi concessit eisdem septem acras terræ et tres rodas terræ in territorio de Ainstapelit, viz. quatuor acras et unam rodam super Hallebanc, versus orientem; et tres acras terræ in Dalchangthe, et illud assartum suum quod jacet coram porta monialium de Ermitethait pro dimidia acra.

[Ibid. p. 229.]

Henricus de Terribi confirmavit superius memoratam donationem Johannis Musei et Matildis sponsæ suæ de septem acris terræ in territorio de Ainstapelit.

[Ibid. p. 230.]

Willielmus de Terribi concessit eisdem monachis de Wederhal duas acras terræ in territorio de Ainstapelit, quarum una roda et quindecim perticæ jacent in Alderuccroft, et una roda in Linwra; et dimidia roda et septem perticæ in Witerays in Farrait, et decem perticæ ad finem dictæ dimidiæ rodæ apud boream: et dimidia roda inter Meadhorydh, et dimidia roda et quatuor perticæ juxta Langthorave; et dimidia roda in Witelandes; et una roda tendens se de Stokelands usque ad Bircoegarhe; et dimidia rodo tendens se de Sthokelands usque ad Ternehorydh; et una roda tendens se de Chelduspat usque ad Fedesthokelands; et una roda juxta Marrays.

[Ibid. p. 232.]

Alicia filia David de Terribi quietum clamavit eisdem monachis totum jus quod habuit in duabus acris terræ in campo de Ainstapelid, quæ jacent in Scamelbrec juxta bercariam monialium de Ermingthait versus orientem.

[Ibid. p. 236.]

Rogerus de Bello Campo dedit eisdem monachis de Wederhal cum corpore suo ad sepeliendum in eadem ecclesia totam terram suam de Cringeldic per rectas divisas suas cum toto servitio Johannis Golli; ad inveniendum vestimentum et luminare imperpetuum ad altare gloriosæ et perpetuæ Virginis Mariæ per priorem ejusdem domus.

[Ibid. p. 238.]

Alicia et Amabilla sorores et hæredes supra memorati

Rogeri de Bello Campo remiserunt monachis de Wederhal totum jus quod habuerunt in duabus carucatis terræ et dimidia cum pertinentiis in Cringeldic, ex domo dicti fratris sui, super quo finis factus est in curia domini regis, anno xxxvii. Hen. III.

[Ibid. p. 239.]

Thomas de Malcton et uxor ejus, et Ricardus Gernun et uxor ejus remiserunt eisdem monachis totum jus et clammium quod habuerunt in duabus bovatis terræ cum pertinentiis in Cringeldick, super quibus finis factus est in curia domini regis Henrici filii regis Johannis, anno regni undecimo.

[Ibid. p. 240.]

Johannes de Hennine filius Willielmi de Hennine quietas clamavit monachis de Wederhal duas bovatas terræ cum pertinentiis in territorio de Kaberch.

[Ibid. p. 242.]

Henricus de Ulvesthuayt dedit eisdem totum pratum suum de Smalwayes, quod jacet inter divisam de Croglyn et de Kaberge.

[Ibid. p. 244.]

Johannes filius Willielmi de Wederhal quietas clamavit eisdem duas bovatas terræ in territorio de Kabergh, quas quondam tenuit de dictis monachis, ad inveniendum unum cereum octo librarum imperpetuum, per priorem dictæ domus de Wederhal ardentem singulis diebus coram altare gloriosæ et perpetuæ Virginis Mariæ, quamdiu aliqua missa celebrata in honore gloriosæ Virginis ad dictum altare duraverit.

[Ibid. p. 246.]

Radulfus de Hof confirmavit monachis de Wederhal quandam terram in Huttescon in parochia de Kirkoswald, quæ jacet juxta terram hospitalis et sicut regia via ducit in Raven, et sicut Raven descendit in Becstervild et de Becksterwild contra montem, usque ad quandam quercum furcatam, et de quercu furcata usque ad divisas Robert Huttescon, et de divisis Roberti usque in Raven, et sicut Raven descendit usque ad divisas Willielmi Surrays, et de divisis Willielmi contra montem, usque ad quandam radicem quercus in mora, et de illa radice sicut sepius directusque ad terram hospitalis, cum communi et aysiamensis de Kirkoswald.

[Ibid. p. 248.]

Geraldus de Melmorby dedit eisdem monachis de Wederhal unam bovatom terræ in territorio de Melmorby, cum tofto et crofto; insuper unam acram terræ et dimidiam in Cumbertruteuwa, cum pertinentiis, ad sustentamentum luminaris ecclesiæ de Wederhal.

[Ibid. p. 249.]

Willielmus filius Adæ de Mora confirmavit superscriptam donationem.

[Ibid. p. 250.]

Robertus de Robertby dedit eisdem tres acras terræ et dimidiam in territorio de Ulvesby, ad sustentamentum luminaris altaris sanctæ Mariæ ecclesiæ de Wederhal.

[Ibid. p. 251.]

Adam filius Alani donavit eisdem dimidiam carucatam terræ in Ormesby, cum omnibus pertinentiis, similiter communem pasturam præfatæ villæ ad pecuniam domini sui.

[Ibid. p. 252.]

Idem Adam per aliam cartam confirmat eisdem dimidiam carucatam terræ in campis de Ormesby, quæ dicitur Mirland cum omnibus pertinentiis; et præter communem pasturam quæ ad dictam dimidiam carucatam per-

tinet concessit eis pasturam ubique in prædicta villa de Ormesby propriis animalibus eorum, et specialiter trecentis matricibus ovibus cum agnis suis, vel totidem multonibus.

[Ibid. p. 254.]

Eudo de Karliolo filius Adæ filii Roberti, confirmavit eisdem monachis dimidiam carucatam terræ in campo de Ormesby, quæ dicitur Mirland, quam pater ejus dedit, addita de suo dono tota illa terræ quæ ipsi pertinebat.

[Ibid. p. 260.]

Robertus de Wallibus confirmavit monachis de Wederhal omnia bona quæ Osbertus et Willielmus filius Odardi domini de Corkeby, et cæteri liberi homines sui in Gillesland dederunt dictis monachis, tam in terris quam in aquis et omnibus aliis locis.

[Ibid. p. 261.]

Idem Robertus per aliam cartam omnes prædictas donationes iterum confirmat.

[Ibid. p. 263.]

Idem per tertiam cartam eadem confirmat.

[Ibid. p. 265.]

Matildis de Vallibus domina de Gillesland eadem confirmat.

[Ibid. p. 266.]

Alexander de Crevequer per cartam suam donat eisdem monachis Kirkandreas cum bosco usque ad locum qui dicitur Peyekittoc, cum terris et omnibus libertatibus eidem loco pertinentibus; insuper et molendinum suum de Culgait, scilicet medietatem quæ ad eum pertinebat, et liberam communam ubique in campo et bosco de Culgait, salvo eisdem prædicto bosco de Kirkandreas in proprios usus. Vide Numm. XIII. XIV.

[Ibid. p. 267.]

Adam filius Suani concedit monachis de Wederhal heremitorium quod vocatur Pede, et liberam communam ubique in territorio de Culgait infra villam et extra; dat insuper molendinum suum de Culgait, cum tota sequela.

[Ibid. p. 268.]

Johannes Manseil donat eisdem monachis totam medietatem molendini de Culgait, et confirmat donationem supramemoratam Adæ filii Suani.

NUM. XXXV.

Confirmatio David Regis Scotorum super Donatione Adæ filii Suani.

[Ibid. p. 269.]

DAVID rex Scotorum, baronibus, vicecomitibus, et omnibus probis hominibus suis totius Cumberlandiæ et Westmorlandiæ Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et carta mea confirmasse terram et locum quem Adam filius Suani donavit in perpetuam elemosinam Deo et beatæ Mariæ de Eboraco, et monachis fratribus nostris ejusdem loci et de Wederhal. Et volo et firmiter præcipio quod fratres et ministri et omnia sua sint in mea firma pace et manutentia qui in prædicto loco et terra habitaverint. Et prohibeo super meam plenariam defensionem quod nullus eis nec alicui eorum quicquam forisfaciat, nec facere permittat. Testibus episcopo Johanne et Jordano cancellario et Herberto camerario apud Karliolum.

NUM. XXXVI.

Cartæ aliæ Donatorum.

[Ibid. p. 270.]

Hugo de Tempilsoureyby concedit monachis de Wederhal aquæ ductum per medium culturæ suæ de Sandwath ad molendinum eorum de Culgait dictæ cellæ de Wederhal pertinentem, viz. a capite cursus aquæ veteris, vel ubi dimisso antiquo alveo incipit fluere super terram suam de Sandwath prædictam, cum omnibus aisiamentis, profectibus et utilitatibus cursus aquæ prædictæ seu ductus per medium culturæ suæ prænominatæ ad molendinum supradictum convenientibus et dictum stagnum tangentibus, sine contradictione, &c. Dat. anno M.CC.XCI.

[Ibid. p. 271.]

R. episcopus Karliolensis sententiam excommunicationis tulit in omnes damnum inferentes supradicto molendino, stagno, et cursui. Dat. anno M.CC.LXXV.

[Ibid. p. 275.]

Walterus de Styrkeland promisit et juramento confirmavit pro se et hæredibus suis, quod capella et cantaria in eadem quam abbas sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci ei concessit in curia sua de Styrkeland, nullo modo cederet in nocumentum matricis ecclesiæ de Morlund.*

[Ibid. p. 278.]

Walterus de Stirkland confirmat monachis de Wederhal quatuor acras terræ in territorio de Stirkland, scilicet, duas acras et unam rodam, et decem perticatas in Alderberiding, et quinque rodas ad caput villæ versus occidentem et abuttantes super Leyreberch, et unam rodam et dimidiam super Ulsangeberch, et dimidiam rodam subtus Skertoftis, cum omnibus pertinentiis; excepto bosco suo proprio tantum; prædicti autem monachi et homines sui molent bladum quod crescet in prædicta terra ad molendinum ejus de Stirkland liberum de multura.

[Ibid. p. 280.]

Willielmus de Stirkland miles confirmat monachis de Wederhal et sanctæ Begæ de Coupland omnes terras et tenementa, quas vel quæ habebant tempore confectionis præsentis scripti ex donis et concessionibus domini Walteri de Stirkland proavi sui, et omnium aliorum antecessorum suorum in villa et territorio de Magna Stirkland. Dat. apud Appilby in Westmerland die Jovis proxima post festum sancti Wilfridi archiepiscopi, anno regni regis Edwardi vicesimo; et anno gratiæ M.CC.XCII.

[Ibid. p. 281.]

Johannes de Veteri Ponte concedit monachis de Wederhal viginti kareatas de mortuo bosco jacenti capiendas annuatim in bosco suo de Winfel in Westmerland; ita quod si mortuum boscum jacentem sufficientem invenire non possint, licebit eis capere mortuum boscum stantem ad prædictas viginti kareatas plene perficiendas, per visum forestarii.

[Ibid. p. 282.]

Johannes de Trinneby concedit eisdem monachis quandam partem tofti sui de Trinneby, continentem quatuor particalas terræ et dimidiam in latitudine et in longitudine sex particalas cum quadam grangia super eandem sita, et quietam de multura; et liberum introitum et exitum ad eandem grangiam per croftum suum post blada asportata.

[Ibid. p. 284.]

Johannes filius Ricardi de Coupeland confirmavit prædictam donationem.

[Ibid. p. 285.]

Alicia uxor Johannis de Thirnby eandem donationem confirmavit.

[Ibid. p. 288.]

Gilbertus filius Reinfredi et Elewysa uxor ejus confirmant monachis de Wederhal ecclesias de Clapham et de Kirkeby in Lonesdale, de Burton in Kendal, de Beitham, de Everesheim, de Kirkby in Kendal, de Murlund, de Brunefeld et ecclesiam de Wirkinton, cum capellis, molendinis, terris, pasturis, possessionibus, libertatibus, et omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis, sicut cartæ antecessorum suorum testantur.

[Ibid. p. 289.]

Per compositionem inter W. priorem de Wederhal et Alexandrum de Wyndsour, boscos de Morland, qui ad utrosque pertinebat in communi, partitus est in hunc modum; viz. quod totus boscos proprius villæ de Morlund qui vocatur Lynstone remanebit domino Alexandro et hæredibus suis imperpetuum, usque ad quendam Sikettum qui dividit Methelrig et Linstom, sicut cursus illius Siketti se extendit in longum inter boscum de Methelrig et Linstom. Totus autem boscos qui dicitur Methelrig et totus boscos a Methelrig versus orientem remanebit priori et successoribus suis imperpetuum usque ad aquam de Ly-mene. Ita quod licebit priori et successoribus suis includere partem suam pro voluntate sua, et redigere ad culturam, &c. Similiter licebit prædicto Alexandro, &c. Ita tamen quod prædictus Alexander et hæredes sui habebunt communem herbagii ad propria animalia tantum in bosco prioris et successorum, quantum remanebit incultum sine nocumento bladum dicti prioris; et dictus prior et successores sui similiter in bosco Alexandri. Dictus autem prior et successores sui respondebunt libere tenentibus suis de parte sua bosci. Et dictus Alexander similiter tenentibus suis. Sciendum est autem quod quædam pars bosci de Morlund non continetur in prædicta partitione, viz. boscos a via de Appeltreholme sicut est impendenti condorsi usque ad Amselbergile, et iste boscos imperpetuum erit communis dicto priori et successoribus suis et dicto Alexandro et hæredibus suis ad estoveria sua capienda ibidem, nec aliquis eorum sine altero dare poterit aliquid vel vendere, &c.

[Ibid. p. 296.]

Henricus Legat donat monachis de Wederhal totam terram suam cum tofto et crofto, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in territorio et in villa de Morland, quam habuit de dono magistri Petri Legat fratris sui, reddendo inde annuatim episcopo Karliolensi dimidiam libram cumini ad nundinas Karliolenses pro omnibus servitiis.

[Ibid. p. 297.]

Petrus Legat confirmat eandem donationem.

[Ibid. p. 298.]

Nicholaus Malveysin rector ecclesiæ de Clisburn recognoscit se teneri solvere annuatim monachis de Wederhal decem solidos nomine pensionis.

[Ibid. p. 299.]

Johannes filius Walteri de Ravensby concedit monachis de Wederhal unam placeam in fine tofti sui in villa de Medburn Regis, versus aquilonem de longitudine quinquies viginti et duodecim pedum ab aquilone versus austrum infra fossatas, cum fossatis ad utrumque caput; et de latitudine ad caput versus aquilonem quinquaginta duorum pedum, et de latitudine versus austrum septuaginta duorum pedum infra fossatas, cum fossatis ex utraque parte; cum omnibus pertinentiis, libere ab omni seculari exactione.

* Vide cartam istam inter cartas ad parochias et capellas spectantes.

[Ibid. p. 301.]

Maria quæ fuit uxor Gilberti de Sclegil quietum clamat eisdem monachis totum jus quod habuit in uno messuagio cum pertinentiis in Schegil.

[Ibid. p. 302.]

Walterus filius Roberti de Appelby concedit eisdem quandam partem orti sui, qui est propinquior orto vicarii de Appelby, habentem viginti quatuor pedes in latitudine, et in longitudine quantum prædictus ortus se extendit, versus occidentem, usque ad viam, quæ descendit de Appelby usque ad aquam de Edene.

[Ibid. p. 303.]

Willielmus de Goldington de consensu totius villæ de Appelby concedit monachis de Wederhal unam placeam terræ in villa de Appelby, illam scilicet quæ jacet inter terram Hugonis Tinctoris et terram Petri Aribridal in Schiterigate in villa de Appelby, pro quadam parte croffi sui in dicta villa de Appelby, quam dicti monachi dederunt ad augmentum cimiterii.

[Ibid. p. 304.]

Robertus filius Godefridi recognoscit se tenere unum messuagium et duodecim acras terræ in territorio de Appelby de monachis de Wederhal, quod messuagium et duodecim acra terræ sunt pertinentes ad ecclesiam sancti Laurentii in eadem villa; et teneri solvere eisdem monachis pro dictis messuagio et terra quinque solidos annuatim.

[Ibid. p. 305.]

Alanus nepos Willielmi Russel de Appelby recognoscit se tenere in feodo et hæreditate de abbate et conventu sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci et monachis de Wederhal unum burgagium in villa de Appelby, reddendo inde annuatim domui de Wederhal tres solidos sterlingorum.

[Ibid. p. 313.]

Domina Idonea de Layburn per quandam compositionem factam anno M.CC.XCII. dimittit ad firmam Willielmo de Tanefeld, priori de Wederhal quandam pasturam quæ vocatur Milnesthonmor juxta Appelby, prout jacet juxta eandem aquam quæ descendit de Bangelmebrigg versus Coleby usque ad terram dicti domini prioris juxta eandem aquam, et ex alia parte ascendendo versus terram quondam Nicholai de Ormesheved, et sic in circuitu contra cursum solis per capita diversarum terrarum abutantium super eandem moram usque ad terram dicti domini prioris in illa parte, juxta viam quæ ducit de Appelby versus manerium suum ad grangias usque ad terminum undecim annorum.

[Ibid. p. 314.]

Willielmus filius Gilberti concedit monachis de Wederhal unum toftum in villa de Kirkbythore, cum omnibus pertinentiis, &c.

[Ibid. p. 317.]

Adam de Mundegame concedit monachis de Wederhal, Kirkandreas cum omnibus libertatibus suis, insuper et molendinum de Culgait, scilicet illam medietatem quæ ad eum pertinebat.

[Ibid. p. 318.]

Simon abbas sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci locum istum de Kirkandreas dimisit Michaeli de Hartcla et hæredibus suis reddendo inde annuatim quadraginta solidos monachis de Wederhal; salvis prædictis monachis decimis majoribus et

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minoribus singulis annis de præfatis loco et terris provenientibus, cum obventionibus debitis et consuetis.

[Ibid. p. 320.]

Cletellus filius Eltred dedit monachis de Wederhal ecclesiam de Morlund cum omnibus suis pertinentiis, et ecclesiam de Wirchington, et duas carucatas terræ in eadem villa quæ ad eam pertinent.

NUM. XXXVII.

Divisio Terrarum Prioratus de Wederhale et Vicarii de Appelby.

[Ibid. p. 315.]

THURSBHT. Prior versus solem, vicarius versus umbram terræ et prati.

HORMESHEVEDSICH. Prior versus solem, vicarius versus umbram terræ et prati.

BRIERESTEST. Prior versus umbram, vicarius versus solem terræ.

HULVEBER. Prior versus umbram, vicarius versus solem terræ.

HAYBERCH. Prior versus solem, vicarius versus umbram terræ.

BETHELMGABGH. Prior versus solem, vicarius versus umbram terræ.

MOREBERCH. Prior versus solem, vicarius versus umbram terræ.

CALVESHOU. Prior versus umbram, vicarius versus solem terræ et prati.

BRAKENB. Prior versus umbram, vicarius versus solem terræ.

HUTEGARIGERH. Prior versus solem, vicarius versus umbram terræ.

GALEBERGH. Prior versus umbram, vicarius versus solem terræ.

GRENEGATE. Prior versus solem, vicarius versus umbram terræ.

BURCHGARTHES. Prior versus umbram, vicarius versus solem terræ.

LANGBETA. Prior versus solem, vicarius versus umbram terræ.

KELDERUM. Prior versus solem, vicarius versus umbram terræ.

SPITEFELD. Prior versus umbram, vicarius versus solem terræ.

Chartæ sequentes recentiori scribuntur caractere.

NUM. XXXVIII.

Hæ sunt Metæ et Bunde circumscribentes Territorium et Villam de Wederhal, ac proprium solum ejusdem Domini.

[Ibid. p. 321.]

PRIMA meta ejusdem territorii incipit ad mediam partem aquæ de Edene subtus pontem vulgariter vocatum Herwykebryge sicut eadem prædicta aqua de Edene ab inde decurrit versus occidentem, et ab inde ascendit usque ad unum torrentem vocatum Sawbeke, usque ad quandam crucem quæ vocatur Wederhal-Gyrth-Crosse, usque occidentem, et stantem super prædictum torrentem prius nominatum; et ab hinc percurrit ad Holmsmyr versus Carsike, sicut Gyrthcross de Wederhal extendit; et ab hinc ascendit usque ad Scotbybeke, et ab eadem fossa usque ad Cumcehyntyngbeke, et ab inde ascendit usque ad mariscum qui vocatur Wragmyre, et ab eodem percurrit usque ad Meresike, et hoc ex parte australi, et ab inde usque ad Sandwach, et ab eodem usque ad Takyngate, et ab inde pertransit per stratam regiam quæ vocatur Heestreet quæ ducit de Carliolo usque ad Appilbyway, et ab inde usque ad Drybeke, et a Drybeke descendit usque ad mediam aquæ de Edene; et hoc ex parte orientali; et sic descendit per

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mediam aquæ de Edene usque ad prædictum pontem vocatum Herwykbrigg versus boream.*

NUM. XXXIX.

Terræ sive Culturæ de dominio in Villa seu Territorio de Salkeld Regis, de quibus Prior de Wederhal habet percipere duas partes Decimæ et Rector unam.

[Ibid. p. 322.]

IN the croftes vj. acræ. Item, in the fittes xxxvj. acræ, viz. in Holme. Item, in Langrigg xvij. acræ. Item, in the tathes vj. acræ. Item, in Hapershowe ix. acræ. Item, in Halborwan, vel in Les Ranylandes, xij. acræ. Item, in Smekergilbank xvij. acræ. Item, in le Wym xvij. acræ. Item, in the North Feld inter vias vj. acræ. Item, in le Kingsflat xij. acræ. Item, in the Watelands vj. acræ. Summa acrarum cxlvij.

NUM. XL.

[Ibid. p. 323.]

UNA roda terræ jacens super le Strangfordrodes versus occidentem juxta aquam de Edene altera pars terræ [duæ acræ et tres rodæ] abuttans super le Bothomrode. Item tres acræ jacentes super le Stan-flat buttantes super le Rodeflat in longitudine ex parte orientali, et in latitudine de la Graystone usque le Schortbottes versus austrum sex acræ jacentes in Le Stok-flat. Item duæ acræ in Le Potflat. Item una acra quæ vocatur Le Gotacre. Item una acra jacens in Les Halfacres, in duobus locis. Item duæ rodæ de les Bottes. Item una acra a les Bottesbrume. Item dim. acra jacens super Les Staynbrigodes, tres rodæ ibidem. Item in le Schoupetreflatt una acra et dim. Item tres acræ in Kenedyflat. Item dim. acra super les Stanylandes, et una acra ibidem. Item tres acræ super le Skeubank. Item una acra et dim. in le Fulwaylandes. Item una acra de le Fostland. Item una roda super Rouchelbank. Item tres rodæ super le Crokedbrome. Item tres rodæ de le Bromeland. Item una roda et dim. de le Stanetresfodes. Item una acra a le Fondelack. Item in Henryholm una roda.

Omnes terræ prædictæ erant pertinentes ad tenementum in quo Robertus Schepherd nuper inhabitavit.

Summa acrarum viginti tres acræ, duæ rodæ et dim.

NUM. XLI.

Metæ et Bunda.

[Ibid. p. 324.]

TERRÆ de Morehouse jacentes in diversis locis infra dominium de Warthwyck pertinentes priori de Wederhal de nuper bundatæ, viz. xxiv^o. die Januarii, anno Domini m.cccc.lv^o. tempore fratris Thomæ Bothe tunc prioris de Wedyrhale, et Johannis de Warthwic tunc domini de Warthwyck, per sacramentum Tho. Lowson de Warthwyck, Johannis Stabyll de eadem, et Johannis Ded de eadem, tunc dictis die et tempore coram præfatis priore et domino de Warthwyck pro bundatione dictæ terræ juratis, tunc ibidem præsentibus et astantibus Tho. Vasy, Roberto Bonsted tunc ballivo de Wedyrhale, Tho. Morpoth tunc ballivo dicti domini de Warthwyck et Johanne Wray tunc commorante in dicto tenemento de Morehouse.

Imprimis jurati præsentant et dicunt quod sunt ibidem infra dictum dominium una acra vocata le Tostlandakyr, cujus unus finis abuttat super Bromlands, et alius finis versus Lynstok. Item dim. acra terræ cujus unus finis abuttat super le Bromlands, et alius finis versus Lynstok. Item tres rodæ de les Bromlands buttantes super terram quæ vocatur le Bromylcroft. Item una roda et dim. terræ buttantes super aliam viam et super les Bromlands. Item le

Tendlatheakyr buttans super aliam viam et super comunam de Warthwyck. Item una roda terræ jacens super Rochylfbank et buttans super le Skewgh. Item una acra terræ jacens super Roclifbank et buttans super le Skewgh. Item tres acræ terræ jacentes super Roclifbank et super dictum Skewgh. Item una acra terræ parcella de les Halfakyr abuttans super Henryholm et super les Halfakyr. Item dim. acra terræ parcella de les Halfakyr abuttans super Henryholm et super les Halfakyr. Item una acra terræ parcella de les Halfakyr abuttans super Warthweykwath et super les Halfakyr. Item le Showptreflatt continens duas acras terræ parcella de les Halfakyr abuttans super Rocklifgate et super les Halfakyr. Item duæ acræ parcella de les Halfakyr abuttantes super altam viam et super aquam de Eden. Item dim. acra terræ parcella de les Halfakyr abuttans super altam viam et super aquam de Eden. Item dim. acra terræ parcella de les Halfakyr abuttans super altam viam et super Mydylholmewrath. Item una acra terræ vocata le Goteakyr jacens in longitudine per aquam de Eden. Item una roda terræ vocata Strawfordrode abuttans super aquam de Eden versus castellum de Lynstok et super les Bothromrodes. Item duæ acræ terræ vocatæ Grastanflat jacentes super les Shortbatts versus aquam de Eden. Item le Stockflat continens quinque acras terræ abuttantes super le Stockflat et super altam viam. Item le Pitflat continens duas acras terræ abuttantes super altam viam et super le Goteakyr. Item dim. acra terræ abuttans super altam viam et super le Syke vocatum Whetlandsyke. Item duæ acræ jacentes super le Butbrome et abuttantes super les Halfakyr et super altam viam. Item duæ acræ terræ abuttantes super terram de Aglunby et super terram vocatam Fullalands. Item una acra et dim. terræ vocata Fullalands abuttans super altam viam, et super les Halfakyr et super Fulladab. Item una acra terræ vocata Stanbryglands.

NUM. XLII.

Contenta in aliis Cartis.

[Ibid. p. 328.]

OMNIBUS, &c. Willielmus filius Rogeri et Osanna uxor sua de Corkby. Noverit, &c. nos dedisse, concessisse, et præsentem carta nostra confirmasse Deo, &c. et monachis de Wederhal mortuum boscum, scilicet, crescentem et siccum per totum boscum nostrum de Corkby. Insuper et virides quercus stantes, quæ in croppo deficiantur; et quaslibet alias quercus stantes in dicto bosco; exceptis tantum illis quercubus quarum frondes virescunt per totum, tam in summo quam in demisso et sunt multum utiles ad glandem ferendam, sunt bonæ et faciles ad scindendum ad longum incrementum ad domos faciendum; totum dictum boscum ad sustentationem domus, sive ad comburendum; et kariare tam per terram nostram quam per aquam; et habere liberum ingressum et exitum cum karris et karreatis et congregare lignarium suum ubi voluerint; et facere et securare sibi iter per totum boscum. Si autem karri et correctæ fracti fuerint licebit eis capere meremium quolibet viridi bosco ad reparationem eorum. Insuper habebunt pasturam ad boves et equos suos per totum boscum et campum de Corkby cum boscum suum karriabunt. Insuper confirmamus eis omnia bona et omnes elemosinas quæ antecessores nostri domini de Corkby eis dederunt, &c.

Ricardus de Salkeld, dominus de Corkby, concessit et confirmavit monachis de Wederhal stagnum suum et quod possent illud construere, firmare, exaltare, et reparare usque ad et in ripam cujusdam loci qui dicitur Munkwath versus le Brigend; necnon diversa exclusagia, coffinos seu piscarias in eisdem stagnis facere et construere; et de salmonibus et aliis piscibus quibuscunque in eis captis seu capiendis libere disponere; et quod possent petram et ramos capere in territorio de Corkby, pro ipsis stagnis faciendis; et quod haberent totam aquam de Edene et totam piscariam a superiori parte dicti stagni versus Corkby usque ad prædictum locum qui vocatur Munkwath, &c.

* Ista Charta de metis et bundis habetur in Num. IV. quia vero nomina locorum non concordant, hic iterum inseritur sicut eam inveni in MS. Rev. Hug. Todd.

[Ibid. p. 332.]

Distributio Cumberlandiæ ad Conquestum; vide Num. XVI. ubi vocatur Cronicon Cumbriæ.

[Ibid. p. 335.]

Maria uxor Gilberti de Slegil remisit abbati sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci clameum et jus suum in uno messuagio cum pertinentiis in Slegil, quæ fuerunt ex dono Gilberti de Slegil viri sui.

[Ibid. p. 336.]

Emsandus filius Walteri dedit et confirmavit monachis de Wederhal unam carucatam terræ in Colby, cum prato adiacente et cæteris pertinentiis.

Willielmus Brittan eandem donationem confirmat.

[Ibid. p. 337.]

Gospatricius filius Ormi.

[Ibid. p. 338.]

Hic occurrit carta Willielmi regis, eadem verbatim quæ habetur in Append. Num. I. sed notandum quod ibi inscribitur carta Willielmi, Conquestoris dicti, hic autem in margine notatur W. II. cognomine Rufus.

[Ibid. p. 339.]

Sequitur carta Onisandi filii Walteri de una carucata terræ in Coleby, sed hæc videtur esse eadem cum superiore sub nomine Emsandi filii Walteri.

Sequens carta etiam Willielmi Breton absque omni dubio eadem est cum superiori sub nomine Willielmi Britton et est confirmatio ejusdem concessionis.

NUM. XLIII.

Tax. Eccl. P. Nicholai IV. A. D. 1291.

PRIOR' DE WEDERHALE.

Dec' Westm'land.

	£.	s.	d.
Pens' prioris de Wederhale in ecclia de Cossebraneshart	2	0	0
Temporal' in dioc' Karl'	52	17	6
Pens' in dec' Karl'	1	0	0
Temporal' in dec' Cumberland	4	0	0

NUM. XLIV.

Com' Cumbr'

Paper Surveys temp. Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.

WETHERALL.

In the Surrendre ther mad the last day of Decembre anno regni regis Henrici viij. xxx^{mo}. inter alia continetur

The Demanez.

The scite of the howse w^t. edificiez and iij. littell closez of medoo adionyng the sayme scite contenyng iij. acrez and is worth by yere

I^m ther is a woodd with a pcell of medoo called Mirebank cont. viij. acrez and the herbage therof is worth by yere

I^m a pcell of medoo called Syme medoo with a close callyd Conygarthe Hill in the holdinge of Nicholl Pleughe and rent by yere

vij^s.

xvj^s. iiij^d.

vij^d.

I^m a close lienge before the Yats cont. iij. acrez and is worth by yere

I^m a close callyd the Highfeld or Piorfeld cont. xxxvj. acrez and is worth by yere

I^m j. close callyd Turmyre and j. close adionyng contenyng in all iij. acrez lettyn unto John Bonus and rents by yere at M'tm and Pent.

I^m j. close callyd Holmehouse-flatt cont. vij. acrez land arrable and is worth by yere

I^m j. close callyd Lynghills contenyng iij. acrez with a littell close adionyng and is worth by yere

I^m j. close callyd Cotehowse cont. iij. acrez with a littell close affore the Yate

I^m a chappell callyd Sanct Anthony's chappell with ij. closez adionyng cont. iiij. acr.

I^m a cloose of leez cont. j. acre

I^m a pasture callyd Calf close contenyng ij. acrez and is worth by yere

I^m j. cloose callyd Thornyfeld contenyng ij. acr. pasture and is worth by yere

I^m j. close callyd Bromeclose cont. xij. acr. pastur.

I^m j. close of medoo and pasture callyd Swynestyne Syks cont. j. acre di. and is worth by yere

I^m j. medoo callyd Trodmyre bank cont. ij. acr.

I^m a woodd callyd the Park set with oke and underwoodd the herbage wherof is worth by yere

I^m a pcell of medoo lyeng beyond the Mirebank in the tenur' of Tho^ms Thomson cont. di. acr.

I^m ther is a shepe heth callyd Frodell Crok and Toppell Syke and is worth by yere

S^m vj^d. xiiij^s.

The Water Mill.

I^m ther is a water corne mill nere adionyng the sayme howse late in the holding of the prior and convent and is worth by yere

S^m pz.

The Fishing.

I^m ther is a fishyng at the bay ther late in the hands of the late monastery and is worth by yere

S^m pz.

S^m tollis xx^d. viij^d.

P me, JACOBUM ROKEBY, audit^r.

NUM. XLV.

Paper Surveys, temp. Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.

Com' Cumbr'

WETHERELL nuper Prioratus sive Cella in Com' Cumbr' nuper Monasterio Beatæ Mariæ Virginis Ebor' pertinens.

Temporal'

	£.	s.	d.
Scitus dicti nuper prioratus cum terris dominicalibus, &c.	20	0	8

Com' Cumbr'	£.	s.	d.	Com' Cumbr'	£.	s.	d.
Redd' et Firm' Ten' et Teñtorum in villa de Wetherell	13	19	2	Redd' et Firm' in Farlam	0	2	0
Redd' et Firm' Ten' et Teñtorum in villa de Morland	12	9	5	Redd' et Firm' in Caybryg	0	3	4
Redd' unius Teñti sive Grangiae in Colby Leathez	10	0	0	Redd' et Firm' in Gallowfeld	0	1	8
Redd' et Firm' in Morehouse	1	0	0	Redd' et Firm' in Rukecrofte	0	4	0
Redd' et Firm' in Holmehouse	1	0	0	Redd' et Firm' in Skalmallok	0	2	0
Redd' et Firm' in Corkeby	0	8	0	Redd' et Firm' in Bolton	2	13	4
Redd' et Firm' in Newby	0	8	0	Herbag' sive Pannag' Silvæ de Kyrk-ander	1	6	8
Redd' et Firm' in Cumwhynten	0	3	0	Culgarth pro Molend'	0	13	4
Redd' et Firm' in Civit' Carliell'	0	2	4	Appulby in vico voc' Bondgate	0	16	8
Redd' et Firm' in Bocherby	0	3	0	Spiritualia.			
Redd' et Firm' in Frodelcroke	1	13	4	Decim' Rector' de Morland	10	5	4
Redd' et Firm' in Pereth Cott	0	8	0	Decim' Rector' S. Michis de Appulby	14	0	0
Redd' et Firm' in Brigend	0	4	0	Decim' Rector' S. Laurenc' de Appulby	5	10	8
Redd' et Firm' in Cryngledyke	0	13	4	Exit' sive Profic' Rector' de Wetherell	26	13	4
Redd' et Firm' in Armatwhaitt	0	1	0	Pensio Rector' de Crosseby et Ravens-wath	4	0	0
Redd' et Firm' in Newby	0	3	0	Pensio decim' gran' in Salkeld	0	15	0

VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Transcript of Return, 26 Hen. VIII. First Fruits Office.)

Com' CUMBR'

CELLA SANCTÆ TRINITATIS DE WODERHALL.

RICARDUS WODERHALL Incumbens.

Com' Cumbr'

Temporalia valent in

Scit' Cellæ predict' valet in Terr' dñic' cum Claus' ibidem per annum	vj ^{li} . xiijs ^s . iiij ^d .	} xxxv ^{li} . xj ^d .
Reddit' et Firm' in Woderhall cum Molendino ibm et aliis Ptin' p annum xiiij ^{li} . xij ^s . Brigend iij ^s . Piscaria de Wederhall viij ^{li} . Botcherby iij ^s . Murns xx ^s . Holmus xx ^s . Bukcrofte p annum iij ^s . Cryngledyke cum Ptin' p annum xiijs ^s . iiij ^d . Scattmallege p annum iij ^s . Cabage cum Ptin' iij ^s . iiij ^d . Farlam et Penrith Cots cum Ptin' p annum viijs ^s . Frudell Crook cum Ptin' xxvj ^s . viij ^d . Corby viijs ^s . et Quityn cum Ptin' iij ^s . iiij ^d	xxviij ^{li} . vij ^s . vij ^d .	

Spiritualia valent in

Exit' et Profic' Decim' Garbar' et Fœni ac alior' decimabil' Oblac' Eccliæ de Woderhall cum Capella de Warwyk coībz annis	x ^{li} .	} xxx ^{li} . ijs ^s . vjd ^s . ob. q.
Reddit' et Firm' in Morland cum Ptin' p annum xj ^{li} . x ^s . x ^d . ob' q'. Bolton cum Ptin' p annum lj ^s . viij ^d . Kyrkanders cum Ptin' p annum xxvj ^s . viij ^d . Appleby cum Ptin' xiijs ^s . iiij ^d . Culgarth Myln cum Ptin' xiijs ^s . iiij ^d . Et Colbylathes cum Ptin' p annum lxvj ^s . viij ^d	xx ^{li} . ijs ^s . vjd ^s . ob. q.	

Com' Westm̃l'

Vendic' Bosc' valet in

Vendic' Bosc' ibm cōmunibz annis	xxvj ^s . viij ^d .
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Com' Westm'	Spiritualia valent in	
	Exit' et Profic' Decim' Ecchiar' de Morland xxxix ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .	
	Sci Michis in Appleby vj ^{li} . Et Sci Laurentii in Appleby	
	pdict' x ^{li} . vj ^s . viij ^d	lvj ^{li} .
	Penc' annuatim recept' de Ecclesiis de Crosby la Venswath	
	iiij ^{li} . Et Salkeld xv ^s	iiij ^{li} . xv ^s .
Com' Cumb'	Pquis' Cur' valet in	
	Pquis' Cur' Cellæ pdict' cōmunibz annis	xx ^s
	Sm Valoris hujus Cellæ	cxxvij ^{li} . v ^s . ij ^d . ob. q.

Priory of St. Martin Richmond,

A Cell to the Abbey of St. Mary York.



YMAR, dapifer or steward to the earl of Richmond, about the year 1100, gave the chapel of St. Martin Richmond, with certain lands in its neighbourhood, to the abbey of St. Mary York; whereupon a Cell of nine or ten monks from that monastery were fixed at Richmond, and there continued till the Dissolution. Wymar's charter, exclusive of the chapel, with a carucate of land, grants four

carucates in Edlingthorp, the church of Thorenton with half a carucate, a carucate in Forset, four carucates in Scotton, and the tithe of his demesne in Wicra.^a

Roald, the son of Roald and grandson of Alan, granted to this priory various services and homages in Hudleswell.^b

Two bulls of confirmation of the grant of this cell were obtained from Pope Eugenius III. in 1146 and 1147.^c

Peter Capell, rector of Richmond, gave to the monks here twenty pounds of wax.^d

Conan earl of Bretagne and Richmond gave the tithe of all his mills within his castle of Richmond.^e

A Register of tithes and portions granted to this cell, taken in 1503, preserved by Dugdale, beside the founder, mentions as benefactors Stephen earl of Richmond, Ribald, Odo the chamberlain, Acharias, Scotland, Emsand Musard, Robert fitz Ralph, and Asketell de Furneys.^f

Stevens records two charters of Thomas de Lascels to this priory granting three bovates of land, with a toft and croft in Langthon.^g

A Rental of the spiritual and temporal possessions of St. Martin Richmond, apparently taken earlier than the reign of Henry the Eighth, is preserved by Dugdale:^h

another Rental of its possessions, taken in the 31st of Henry the Eighth, is given in the Appendix from the original record in the Augmentation Office.ⁱ

The hermitage or chapel of St. Thomas of Bordelbi was given by the abbey of St. Mary York to this cell for the reception of leprous brethren.^k

PRIORS of ST. MARTIN RICHMOND.

JOHN POPILTON, according to Leland, was the first Prior.^l

JOHN MATHER occurs prior in the 26th of Henry the Eighth. Willis calls him JOHN MATTHEW, and says he occurs in 1528.^m

No impression of any SEAL used by this priory has as yet fallen within the knowledge of the present Editors of this Work.

The remains of the priory have probably long been inconsiderable; the Editor of England's Gazetteer, 1751, noticing as to it merely thus, when speaking of the town of Richmond: "it had formerly a monastery, the steeple of which yet remains."

At the Dissolution, according to Tanner, this priory was found to have possessions to the yearly value of 47*l*. 16*s*. in the whole, and 43*l*. 16*s*. 8*d*. clearly.ⁿ

There is a conventual lease, dated 12 Aug. 27 Hen. VIII. demising to John lord Scrope all the lordships, manors, lands, and tenements in Richmond which belonged to the abbey of St. Mary near York. This lease is in the Augmentation Office. The priory was granted in the 4th Edw. VI. to Edward lord Clinton.^o

Among the Records in the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer's Office, Exchequer, is a Document thus entitled: "De Gawino Collin et aliis exonerandis de 30*l*. 9*s*. 6*d*., oneratis pro redditu pro Cella S. Martini juxta Richemond in comitatu Eboraci. Trin. 16 Eliz. rot. 22."

^a See the Append. Num. I.

^b Num. II.

^c Compare Num. III.

^d Num. IV.

^e Num. V.

^f See Num. VII.

^g See Num. VIII.

^h Num. X.

ⁱ Num. XI.

^j See the Acc. of St. Mary's Abbey York. Burton, Monast. Ebor.

^k Lel. Collect. tom. i. p. 25.

^l Mit. Ab. vol. ii. p. 282.

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^m Notit. Monast. Yorks. xcix.

ⁿ Ibid. It was probably alienated in the same year. In the Originalia we read,

"Ebor. De licentia alien. scitum nuper prioratus sive cellæ sancti Martini prope Rychemond ac divers. terr. et tenem. ibidem spectan. Willielmo Peppre, Cutberto Walker, et Willielmo Walker, et hæred. ipsius Willielmi, Cutberti, et Willielmi, imperpetuum." Orig. 4 Edw. VI. p. 2, ro. xlj.

Cartae ad Sancti Martini Richmundensis Coenobium, Cellam S. Mariae Eboracensis, spectantes.

NUM. I.

Carta Wymari dapiferi Comitis Richmundiae.

[Ex Fragmento Registri S. Mariae Ebor. in Bibl. Hattoniana.]

SCIANT omnes tam praesentes quam futuri, legentes vel audientes literas has, quod ego Wymarus dapifer dedi, et concessi, Deo, et beatæ Mariæ Eboraci, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus capellam sancti Martini de Richmundia, et unam carucatam terræ, et in Edlingthorp quatuor carucas terræ, et ecclesiam de Thorentona et dimidiam carucatam terræ, et in Forseta unam carucatam terræ, et in Scottona quatuor carucas terræ, et decimam de dominio meo de Wicra, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, liberè et quietè ab omni terreno servitio, vel consuetudine, pro anima patris mei, et matris meæ, et omnium parentum meorum, necnon et pro salute mea et hæredum meorum. Testibus hiis, Warino filio meo, Landrico de Horneby, Roberto capellano, &c.

NUM. II.

Carta Roaldi, filii Roaldi, filii Alani.

[Ibid.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus ad quos praesens scriptum pervenerit, Roaldus filius Roaldi, filii Alani constabularii Richmundiæ salutem. Sciatis me dedisse, concessisse, et hac praesenti carta mea confirmasse Deo et ecclesiae sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci et prioratui sancti Martini juxta Richmund, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus homagium et totum servitium Willielmi filii Hamonis dispensatoris de Hudeswell de duabus bovatis terræ cum pertinentiis in Hudeswell, et homagium et totum servitium Arnaldi filii Huberti de Hudeswell de duabus bovatis terræ cum pertinentiis in Hudeswell, et homagium et totum servitium Matildis filiae Haraldi de Hudeswell de duabus bovatis terræ cum pertinentiis in Hudeswell, in liberam, puram, et perpetuam elemosinam imperpetuum, habendum et tenendum dictis prioratui et monachis in liberam, puram, et perpetuam elemosinam, quietè, honorificè, et pacificè, cum omnibus libertatibus, asiamentis, releviis, wardis, et escaetis, et cum omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis infra villam de Hudeleswell, et extra in omnibus locis, integrè, absque aliquo retinemento ad dictam terram pertinentibus imperpetuum.

Et ego Roaldus et hæredes mei prædicta homagia, et omnia prædicta servitia, sicut prædictum est, dictis ecclesiae sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci et prioratui sancti Martini juxta Richmund, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, warantizabimus, acquietabimus, et defendemus contra omnes gentes imperpetuum. Et ut hæc mea donatio, concessio, et cartæ meæ confirmatio rata et stabilis imperpetuum permaneat, hoc scriptum sigilli mei munimine roboravi. Hiis testibus, Thoma de Lasceles, Petro de Crakhale, Wymero de Layburn, Willielmo de Thoresby, Henrico de Preston, &c.

NUM. III.

[Ex Rotulo pervetusto in Turri Beatæ Mariæ Ebor.]

ITEM Eugenius tertius papa, inter cætera, confirmat cellam sancti Martini, cum suis appenditiis, et ecclesiam Caterici, cum suis capellis, cujus data est iij. idus Aug.

indictione x. incarnationis Dominicæ mclxvj. pontificatus papæ tertio.

Item Eugenius tertius papa anno Domini mclxvj. confirmat ecclesiam de Richmond, et capellam de castello, cum omnibus quæ ad eam pertinent per totam castellariam.

NUM. IV.

Carta Petri Capell, Rectoris de Richmond, de Pensione v. Librarum Ecclesiae Beatæ Mariæ Eboraci, et xx. Librarum Ceræ Cellæ Sancti Martini de Richmond debitâ.

[Ex cod. MS. penes hæred. Cutberti Pepper eq. aur. an. 1620.]

OMNIBUS sanctæ matris ecclesiae filiis, ad quos praesens scriptum pervenerit, Petrus Capell persona ecclesiae de Richmond salutem in Domino. Noveritis quod ego teneor annuatim solvere ecclesiae sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci v. lib. nomine pensionis ecclesiae de Richmond, medietatem ad festum sancti Martini in hieme, et medietatem ad Pentecosten, et xx. libras ceræ cellæ sancti Martini de Richmond, solvendas ad eosdem terminos. Præterea in tribus solemnitatibus principalibus anni, videlicet, in Natali Domini, in Pascha, et Pentecoste, monachis sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci omnes oblationes quas de capella castelli percipient, si comes, vel constabularius, ibidem fuerint. Ego vero episcopalia persolvam, et omnia onera sustinebo. His testibus Gilberto de Kyrton, tunc senescallo, Willielmo de Longavilla, Galfrido de Cruce, &c.

NUM. V.

Decimæ Molendinorum Castellî concessæ Monachis Sancti Martini.

[Ibid.]

CONANUS dux Britanniae, et comes Richmundiæ dapifero suo, et constabulario, et vicecomiti, et cæteris ministris suis, salutem. Sciatis quod volo et firmiter præcipio quod monachi mei de sancto Martino plenariè habeant decimam molendinorum meorum quæ sunt Richmundiæ. Quare mando vobis quod sicut me, et salutem prædecessorum meorum diligitis, faciatis eis ad statutos terminos sine omni occasione prædictam decimam reddi quocunque modo voluerint, sive in blado, sive in denariis xx^s. qui ad prædictam decimam pertinent, cum de molendinis decem libras recipio. Quod si decimam dare noluerint qui molendina in firma tenent, tunc præcipio quatenus eos per catella sua decimam reddere compellatis, ne ego et prædecessores mei periculum animæ incurramus, testibus hiis.

NUM. VI.

Taxatio Ecclesiastica P. Nicholai IV. A. D. 1291.

PRIORAT. S. MARTINI RICHEMUND.

	£.	s.	d.
PORTIO P. S. Martini in ecclesia de Wykclive	0	15	0
Portio P. S. Martini in ecclesia de Gilling	3	6	8
Portio decimarum prioris S. Martini in ecclesia de Middleton	1	10	0

	£.	s.	d.
Portio decimarum sancti Martini in ecclesia de Croft	4	6	8
Portio decimarum P. S. Martini in ecclesia de Staynweges quæ est præbenda in ecclesia de Rypon	2	0	0
Portio in ecclesia de Kyrtelyngton	0	8	0
Portio in ecclesia de Wath	0	5	0
Portio in ecclesia de Pækbale	1	0	0
Portio in ecclesia de Tanefeld	0	5	0
Portio in ecclesia de Well	6	13	4
Portio in ecclesia de Watlons	0	5	0
Portio in ecclesia de Sturneton	1	0	0
Portio decimarum in ecclesia de Fynighale	0	12	0
Portio in ecclesia de Spenithorn	0	13	4
Portio decimarum in ecclesia de Wandeslay	1	6	8
Portio decimarum in ecclesia de Coverham	1	0	0
Portio decimarum in ecclesia de Estwythton	0	8	0
Temporalia prioris sancti Martini juxta Richemund in archid' Richemund	6	0	8

NUM. VII.

RENTALE POSSESSIONUM *pertinentium* CELLÆ SANCTI MARTINI JUXTA RICHMUNDIAM, *factum per fratrem Johannem Ledell, Monachum ac Custodem dictæ Cellæ, ad terminum Pentecostes A. D. M.DIV.*

[Ex quod. lib. MS. penes Christopher. Potter de Richmund armig. an. 1629.]

Ubi, inter alia, ut sequitur.

Registratio Decimarum et Portionum Decimarum pertinentium Cellæ Sancti Martini juxta Richmund, et aliorum Fundatorum nostrorum Anno Regni Regis Hen. Septimi xx. A. Christi MDij.

STEPHANUS comes dedit cellæ prædictæ duas garbas de omnibus dominiis suis in Wittona, in Muletona, in Katerick et Forcet.

Wymarus dapifer dedit duas garbas de omnibus dominiis suis in Thornton super Yore, in Layburn, in Colburn, in Argum, in Daltona super Theyse, in Athelow Culton, in Ellerton super Swale.

Ribaldus dedit duas garbas decimarum de omnibus dominiis suis in Snape, in Well, in Crakall, in Carletona, in Spenithorne, in Thornton Watlous, in Cliftona.

Odo camerarius dedit duas garbas de dominiis suis in Fletham, in Kirkby, et in duabus Fencotes.

Acharias dedit duas garbas de dominiis suis in Raveneswath, in Scortonn, in Patrickbrumton, in Chicheschoche.

Scotlandus dedit tres garbas de dominiis suis in Bedehale, in Kilverteby, in Skotton, in Ulwyngton super Teise, in Melsamby de quatuor carucatis terræ.

Emsandus Musard, tertiam garbam dominiis suis de Crofte, in Barton, in Stapleton, in Cleseby, in Alnathby, in Caldwell, in Aldburgh, in Kiplinge, in Brumpton, in Scytheby, in Burton, in Stodehagh, in Bellegherby.

Robertus filius Radulphi dedit omnes decimas, tam de mobili, quam de bladis de Well, de Snape, de Crakehale, de Spenithorne, et de Karletonn de terris suis provenientes.

Wymarus dapifer similiter in Laburn dedit omnes decimas et de quatuor Cultonis, et de duabus Hutonis, et de Fletham de terris suis provenientes.

Asketellus de Furneys dedit duas garbas in Aynderbye, in Morton, et in Thyrintofte tertiam garbam.

NUM. VIII.

Carta Thomæ de Lascels de duabus Bovatis Terræ, cum Tofto et Crofto Prioratui Sancti Martini juxta Richemond concessis.

[Ex Regist. Cartarum Stæ. Mariæ Ebor. in bibl. Cath. Ebor. fol. 257.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus hanc cartam visuris vel audituris Thomas de Lascels salutem. Noveritis me dedisse et

concessisse et hac carta confirmasse Deo et Beatæ Mariæ et prioratui sancti Martini juxta Richemond, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, duas bovatas terræ in territorio de Langthorn, cum tofto et crofto, et omnibus aliis pertinentiis et libertatibus suis infra villam et extra sine aliquo retinemento; illas scilicet duas bovatas terræ quas Henricus filius Willielmi tenuit de Willielmo de Lascels, habendas et tenendas dictis monachis vel suis assignatis de me et hæredibus meis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam liberam omnino et quietam ab omni servitio et exactione seculari; reddendo inde annuatim mihi et hæredibus meis unam libram piperis ad nundinas Richemond pro omnibus. Et ego Thomas et hæredes mei warrantizabimus prædictis monachis prædictam terram cum omnibus pertinentiis suis per omnia et contra omnes homines imperpetuum. Hiis testibus, domino Rogero tunc abbate de sancta Agatha, magistro Thoma tunc officiali Richemond, Adam tunc decano Richemond, Petro tunc capellano de Gedal, Thoma de Burgo, Philippo filio Johannis, Galfrido de Hudeswell, Thoma de Rand, Roberto Tortemain, et multis aliis.

Idem Thomas per aliam cartam concessit eisdem monachis sancti Martini juxta Richemond unam bovatom terræ in eodem territorio de Langethorn, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, reddendo inde eidem Thomæ et hæredibus suis unam libram cumini annuatim.

NUM. IX.

Carta Domini de Hudeswelle de Dominicis ejusdem.

[E Reg. B. M. Ebor. MS. Harl. 236, fol. 48.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit Galfridus filius Galfridi de Huddeswell salutem. Sciatis me dedisse, concessisse, et hac præsentī carta mea confirmasse Deo et ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Ebor. et prioratui sancti Martini juxta Richemond et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus in liberam, puram, et perpetuam elemosinam quinque bovatas terræ cum toftis et cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in territorio de Huddeswell: scilicet duas bovatas terræ quas Petrus præpositus aliquando tenuit; et duas bovatas terræ quas Ricardus filius Lamberti aliquando tenuit; et unam bovatom terræ quam Gerardus filius Normanni aliquando tenuit; et unum toftum et croftum quod jacet juxta toftum sancti Egidii versus orientem; et unum toftum quod jacet juxta toftum Hervei super moram; et de dominico meo totam culturam meam de Bordel flats; et totam culturam meam quæ vocatur Estsnithen quæ se extendit a Sandbeck usque ad viam quæ ducit de Hynnderwath usque ad Huddeswell, et quæ jacet juxta antiquum fossatum versus orientem; et totas duas culturas meas quæ vocantur Snithene quæ jacent subter viam quæ ducit de Hinderwath versus Huddeswell, et extendunt se usque ad Cortwath versus Michelmunt, et quæ jacent inter antiquum fossatum versus occidentem, et terram quam Radulphus capellanus aliquando tenuit; et totam culturam meam de Michelmunt, et totam culturam meam de Dykes; et totam culturam meam versus orientem de Dykes; et totam culturam meam de Anchorouen; et totam culturam meam quæ se extendit super Grymesgrave; et totam culturam meam de Wykescroftewra; et totam culturam meam de Wynrtrebusc; et totam culturam meam quæ vocatur Mylneflat; et totam culturam meam de Gerarderiding; et totam culturam meam de Brokes; et totum boscum meum per has divisas, scil. de Kabergesti usque ad Roderikriding, et de Roderikriding usque ad Theuesgill, et de Theuesgill usque in Swale, et de Swale usque in Thorpesgill, et de Thorpesgill usque ad terram quæ fuit quondam Rogeri filii Odonis, habend. et tenend. et utend. dictis prioratui et monachis ad voluntatem suam et commodum suum in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam, libere, quiete, honorifice, et in pace, cum communia villæ et omnibus aysiamentis, libertatibus, et liberis consuetudinibus, et cum omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis infra villam de Huddeswell et extra et in omnibus locis integre, absque aliquo retinemento quæ ad dictas terras solent et debent pertinere imperpetuum. Et ego Galfridus et hæredes mei totam prædictam terram et totum prædictum boscum cum communia villæ, et omnibus aysiamentis, libertatibus, et liberis consuetudinibus, et cum

omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis, infra villam de Huddeswell et extra, in omnibus locis integre absque aliquo retinemento dictis ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Ebor. et prioratui sancti Martini juxta Richemond et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus warantizabimus, acquietabimus, et defendemus contra omnes gentes imperpetuum. Hiis testibus Hugone de Hulueshou, Thoma de Lascels, Wynero de Layburn, Petro de Crakehale, Henrico de Prestona, Johanne de Mid-delham, Willielmo de Thoresby, Roberto de Scuton, Roberto de Aynderby, Alano de Crakehale, Henrico de Dunn, et aliis.

NUM. X.

Rentale Spiritualium Possessionum atque Temporalium Prioratus Sancti Martini juxta Richmund in agro Eboracensi.

[Ex cod. MS. penes hæred. Cutberti Pepper eq. aur. ut supr.]

£. s. d.

Pensio de Richmund.

IMPRIMIS rector ecclesiæ de Richmund, reddit per annum ultra 100 sol. solutos officio granatoris ad terminum Paschæ 20 0 0 ceræ.

Decimæ Molendini Castelli.

Willielmus Burgharmiger tenet molendina de Richmund, et reddit ad terminos Paschæ et Michaelis nomine decimarum 1 0 0

Infra Castrum.

Georgius Perkinson tenet herbagium infra castellum et reddit ad festum sancti Marci 0 0 4

Bordellbanck.

Johannes Mason viridarius tenet per conventionem decimas agnellorum et lanæ, cum decimis feni super Bordelbanck et infra Erleorchard, et reddit ad terminos Paschæ et Michaelis 0 10 0

Colburne.

Thomas Fulthorp tenet decimas garbarum, et feni de Corburn, et reddit ad terminos Annuntiationis beatæ Mariæ, et sancti Johannis Baptistæ 3 6 8

Scotton.

Christoferus Fulthorp et Johannes Stevinson tenent in Scottona decimas garbarum et lanæ, ut inferius specificabitur, et reddunt ad terminos Purificationis Beatæ Mariæ et Inventionis Sanctæ Crucis. . . . 3 6 8

Estappleton.

Idem Christoferus tenet decimas garbarum et feni de Estappleton et reddit ad terminos Purificationis et Inventionis Sanctæ Crucis . . 2 6 8

Catrick.

Vicarius de Caterick tenet decimas minutas in Ellerton, Skorton, et Coleborne, et reddit ad Pascham . 2 0 0

£. s. d.

Bromton, Skithby, Aske.

Abbas S. Agathæ tenet in Bromton, Skythby, et Ask tertiam partem decimarum de dominicis Nisardi, alio nomine Emsandi Musard, et reddit ad terminos sancti Martini, et Pentecostes 0 13 4

Clesseby, Bretanby, Barfnuth, Barton.

Idem abbas tenet in Clesseby, Bretanby, Barfnuth, et Barton tertiam partem decimarum de dominicis, et reddit ad terminos Martini, et Pentecostes 0 13 4

Liberæ Firmæ.

Hæredes Willielmi Colvel tenent in Aynderby in the Myre, alias Littel Aynderby, unum toftum unum croftum et unam bovatom terræ quæ concessa fuerunt cellæ sancti Martini per Walterum filium Arnaldi in perpetuam elemosinam et solebant reddere 0 0 2 modo nihil.

Multon.

Willielmus Potter et alii tenent in Multon duas partes decimarum de dominicis comitis Richmundiæ, et reddunt ad terminos Purificationis Mariæ, et sancti Johannis Baptistæ . 0 13 4

Attelowcowton, et Hervely.

Robertus Clarevaux tenet in Athowcowton, aliter Estcoultonn, duas partes decimarum de dominicis quondam Wymari dapiferi, et solet reddere 0 3 4 modo nihil ideo ad consilium.

Langton.

Robertus Prate tenet in Langton tertiam partem decimarum de dominicis quondam Hugonis Jarnagan, et reddit ad festum Nativitatis sancti Johannis 0 2 6

Fleth.

Robertus Johnson et alii tenent in Fletham, et Steuardbrige in parochia de Kirkby, duas partes decimarum de dominicis quondam Odonis camerarii, et reddunt ad festum Purificationis beatæ Mariæ ex integro . 1 7 0

Aynderby, Morton, Thirntoft, Worlaghby.

Abbas Jervaux tenet in Ainderby et Morton, duas partes, et in Worlaghby, et Thorntoft tertiam partem decimarum de dominicis quondam Asketelli et reddit ad terminos Martini, et Inventionis Sanctæ Crucis 3 0 0

Erghome vel Erehome.

Infirmarius monasterii tenet in Erehome, aliter Erghome, duas partes decimarum de dominicis, et reddit ad festum Paschæ pro priore sancti Martini ad scolares 13s. 4d. et ad Martinum 6s. et 8d. et in toto . . . 1 0 0

	£. s. d.		£. s. d.
Crofte, Dalton, Stapleton, Halnathby.		Coverdale duas partes decimarum de dominicis quondam Ribaldi, et in Staneton juxta Dounome duas partes decimarum et reddit ad terminos Martini et Pentecostes	0 6 8
Rector de Crofte tenet tertiam decimarum xii ^{ss} . et xviii. acrarum de dominicis terrarum quondam Nisardi Musard, vocatis Densoland in Crofte, et tertiam garbam de vi. acris et tribus rodīs in eadem villa vocatis Martinlond. Item tenet duas garbas decimarum de viii. bovatis terræ de dominicis terris in Dalton, ac etiam tertiam garbam terræ dominicalis de Anathby, quondam ad 50s. sed modo reddit ad terminos Martini et Pentecostes	1 10 0	Estwitton.	
Idem tenet tertiam decimarum in Stapleton et reddit		Abbas de Jervaux tenet duas partes de dominicis quondam comitis Richmund infra parochiam de Estwitton, et reddit ad festum sancti Martini in yeme ex intrego	0 12 0
Caldwell.		Lamburne.	
Hugo Turner tenet in Caldewell tertiam partem decimarum de dominicis quondam Nisardi Musard et reddit ad festum sanctæ Mariæ Magdalænæ	0 12 0	Dominus le Scroope de Boltona tenet in Layburne duas partes decimarum de dominicis quondam Wymari dapiferi et reddit ad festum Paschæ	1 12 4
Alburgh.		Libere Firmæ.	
Robertus Denam tenet in Alburgh tertiam partem decimarum de dominicis quondam Nisardi Musard et reddit ad terminum sive festum prædictum quondam 8s. modo	0 4 0	Dovonome.	
Wydecliff.		Henricus dominus le Scroope de Boltona tenet in Dounome ex curia domini Symonis abbatis unum messuagium et quatuor acras terræ cum pastura ad octoginta oves, cum sequelis unius anni et xx. porcos et quinque equos et ad xii. capras, et reddit ad terminos Martini, et Pentecostes per cartam	0 6 0
Radulfus Wicliff armiger tenet in Wicliff duas partes decimarum de dominicis quondam Acharis, quondam ad 5s. modo nihil quia ut dicit sunt inclusæ in parco suo, ideo ad consilium		Johannes Doddesworth tenet ibidem, ex concessu Willielmi prioris sancti Martini, unum toftum cum crofto et medietatem alterius crofti, cum assarto, et unam acram et dimidiam terræ, et reddit per annum 12d. sed modo nihil, quem distringebam per supellectilem tenentis sui, et penes me districtum retinebam	nihil.
Ravenwath, Kerkam.		Erethorne, Heselton, Hunton.	
Priorissa de Marrick tenet in Londo, in parochia de Kirkby-Ravenswath duas partes decimarum de dominicis quondam Akaris, et in Karkann tertiam partem de dominicis, et reddit ad terminum Martini	0 6 6	Abbas et conventus de Jervaulx tenent in Erethorn, Heselton, et Hunton vii. acras terræ, &c. quæ fuerunt concessæ Willielmo de Whytwell et hæredibus suis per Robertum de Longocampo abbatem Eboraci, cum aliis terris in Patrick-Brumton, et reddit ex integro	0 1 0
Well et Snape.		Erethorne, Hunton.	
Magister hospitalis de Well tenet in Well et Snape duas partes decimarum de dominicis quondam Ribaldi, et reddit ad terminos Martini, et Pentecostes	2 0 0	Dominus Willielmus Conyers tenet in Erethorne, et Hunton vi. acras, quondam vocatas Ellertonland, postea Wicliffeland, quæ datæ fuerunt cellæ sancti Martini per Rogerum filium Gamelli in puram elemosinam, et confirmatæ per Nicholaum de Geresthorne dominum de Erethorne et Hunton, cum vardis, releviis, et escaetis, &c., et solet reddere per annum 8d. modo nihil.	
Thornton, Watlosse, Clifton, Thurne.		Prædictus, et primus dominus de Conyers tenent in Langthorne toftum, cum crofto, et unam bovatom terræ, ut patet per cartam Willielmi Lascels factam Richardo filio Willielmi Langthorne antecessoris Willielmi Langthorne, qui illas alienavit Willielmo Ascogh justituario domini regis, pro aliis terris in Aynderby cum campanili, et nuper fuerat in tenura filii Roberti Alane, et solet reddere per cartam prædictam 12d. postea 6d. et unam libram cumini, ut patet per rentale, modo nihil.	
Burton Cunstable.		Robertus Chambre tenet in Langton, toftum cum crofto, et duas bovatas terræ, quondam Hugonis de Collingham; cujus Hugonis toftum et servitium fuerant concessa cellæ S. Martini per Walterum de Collington dominum dictæ terræ, et fratrem dicti Hugonis, cum vardis, releviis, escaetis, &c. et postea fuerunt Willielmi Foxton, qui maritavit Agnetam filiam Johannis Col-	
Spenythorne, Bellerby.			
Radulfus fitz Randulfe miles tenet in Spenythorne duas partes decimarum de dominicis quondam Ribaldi, et in Bellerby tertiam partem decimarum de dominicis quondam Nisardi Musard, et reddit ad festum Paschæ	0 10 0		
Carleton, Staneton.			
Abbas de Coverham tenet in Carleton, in			

	£. s. d.		£. s. d.
Antonius Tesedale tenet duo clausa prati simul jacentia continentia per estimationem tres acras et reddit inde per annum ad festa Michaelis et Annunciationis equaliter	0 13 4	Burgum de Richemund.	
Willielmus Hawthorne tenet unum clausum continens per estimationem duas acras prati et reddit inde per annum	0 8 0	Johannes Tristrame tenet libere unum tenementum cum gardino et reddit inde per annum ad festum Martini tantum	0 1 8
Thomas Dogeson tenet unum parvum clausum parcella de Cattiskynne prædicta continens per estimationem duas acras pasturæ et reddit inde per annum eisdem terminis equaliter	0 3 4	Ricardus Farleton tenet ad voluntatem unum tenementum cum gardino et reddit inde per annum ad festa Michaelis et Pentecostes equaliter	0 16 8
Johannes Tesedale tenet unum clausum vocatum Fodde Close, 13s. 4d. continens per estimationem tres acras prati, et duo clausa super Bordell Bank, 12. 1s. 7d. continen' per estimationem duas acras prati, cum uno clauso, continentia per estimationem duas acras pasturæ plena arbusculis et dumis, et reddit inde per annum eisdem terminis equaliter	1 15 0	Summa	0 18 4
Elizabetha Calverd vidua tenet duo clausa prati, 11s. 8d. continentia per estimationem duas acras dimidiam et unum parvum gardinum, ibidem, 4d. et reddit inde per annum	0 12 0	Est Appleton.	
Thomas Cornar tenet ad voluntatem unum clausum prati continens per estimationem duas acras et reddit inde per annum eisdem terminis equaliter	0 6 8	Guido Conyars tenet ad voluntatem unum tenementum cum una roda terræ arabilis et reddit inde per annum eisdem terminis equaliter	0 3 4
Willielmus Neleson tenet unum clausum prati continens unam acram dimidiam et reddit inde per annum	0 5 0	Summa patet.	
Alanus Akryg tenet ad voluntatem unum clausum vocatum Chapell Flatt continens per estimationem xij. acras grossi prati et reddit inde per annum ad festa sancti Michaelis Archangeli et Annunciationis equaliter	1 6 8	Summa totalis temporalium prædictorum	22 0 3
Summa de Monkby cum Sandbeck prædicta	13 17 0	Spiritualia.	
Hawkyswell.		Richemund.	
Ricardus Plowes tenet unum parvum toftum ibidem et reddit inde per annum eisdem terminis equaliter	0 1 0	Rector ecclesiæ parochialis de Richemund solvit annuatim dictæ cellæ pro pensione ultra 5l. solutos nuper officario granatoris dicti nuper monasterii beatæ Mariæ Eboraci viginti libras ceræ estimatæ ad annum valorem	0 10 0
Summa patet.		Guido Burgh armiger tenet molendinum castri de Richmond prædicta et reddit pro decimis ejusdem molendini annuatim ad festa Michaelis et Paschæ equaliter	1 0 0
Langton.		Ricardus Swale generosus reddit annuatim pro decimis herbagii infra castrum prædictum ad festum Martini tantum	0 0 4
Henricus Askewyth tenet libere unum tenementum ibidem et reddit inde per annum eisdem terminis equaliter	0 0 7	Summa	1 10 4
Summa patet.		Wensley.	
Huddeswell Villat'.		Rector de Wensley prædicta reddit annuatim pro portione decimarum minutarum ibidem ad festum Paschæ tantum	1 13 4
Ricardus Bowes armiger tenet libere diversas terras ibidem et reddit inde per annum ad festum Exaltationis Sanctæ Crucis tantum	0 1 8	Summa patet.	
Willielmus Bukton tenet ad voluntatem unum tenementum cum tofto et crofto et quinque clausa continens et estimationem sexdecim acras unde quatuor acras terræ arabilis et decem prati cum pertinentiis et reddit inde per annum ad festa sancti Martini et Pentecostes equaliter	1 0 0	Catrik.	
Willielmus Pakok tenet ad voluntatem unum tenementum cum tofto et crofto tres acras terræ arabilis quatuor acras prati per estimationem cum pertinentiis et reddit inde per annum eisdem terminis equaliter	0 14 0	Vicarius de Catrik reddit annuatim pro quibusdam decimis parochiæ ibidem eisdem terminis tantum	2 0 0
Henricus Nicolson tenet unum tenementum cum tofto et crofto unam acram prati et quatuor acras terræ arabilis per estimationem et reddit inde per annum eisdem terminis	0 11 0	Summa patet.	
Arabella Hogeson vidua tenet ad voluntatem unum tenementum cum tofto et crofto et duas acras prati cum pertinentiis et reddit inde per annum eisdem terminis equaliter	0 8 0	Spenythorn.	
Summa villatæ de Huddiswell prædicta	2 14 8	Rector de Spenythorne prædicta reddit annuatim pro certis minutis decimis parochiæ ibidem ad festum Paschæ tantum	0 10 0
		Summa patet.	
		Fyngall.	
		Rector de Fyngall reddit annuatim pro certis minutis decimis parochiæ ibidem eodem termino	0 6 0
		Summa patet.	
		Watleis.	
		Rector de Watleis reddit annuatim pro certis minutis decimis parochiæ ibidem eodem termino	0 6 8
		Summa patet.	

	£. s. d.		£. s. d.
Hospitium de Well.		Multon.	
Magister hospitii de Well prædicta reddit annuatim pro certis minutis decimis hospitij prædicti ad festa Martini et Pentecostes equaliter	2 0 0	Willielmus Marshall solvit annuatim pro suis decimis minutis ibidem ad festa Purificationis et Pentecostes equaliter	0 8 0
Summa patet.		Rolandus Smithson pro consimili ibidem eisdem terminis equaliter	0 3 0
Croft.		Johannes Wright pro consimili ibidem eisdem terminis annuatim equaliter	0 2 4
Rector de Croft reddit annuatim pro certis minutis decimis ibidem eisdem terminis equaliter	1 10 0	Summa	0 13 4
Summa patet.		Downam.	
Decimæ Garbarum et Fœni de Colborne.		Dominus de Skrope solvit annuatim pro decimis certorum toftorum et croftorum ibidem ad festum Martini tantum	
Thomas Fulthorp generosus reddit pro decimis garbarum et fœni ibidem annuatim ad festa Paschæ et Mariæ Magdalænæ equaliter	3 6 8	Summa patet.	0 6 0
Summa patet.		Parochia de Monkby.	
Skotton.		Thomas Cornar solvit annuatim pro decimis suis fœni sui ibidem ad festum Michaelis tantum	
Johannes Fulthorp armiger tenet decimas garbarum et fœni ibidem et reddit inde ad festa Purificationis beatæ Mariæ Virginis et sanctæ Katerinæ per annum equaliter	3 6 8	Johannes Tesedale pro consimili ibidem eodem termino	0 0 4
Summa patet.		Antonius Tesedale pro consimili ibidem eodem termino	0 1 0
Appleton.		Thomas Cooke pro consimili ibidem eodem termino	0 0 8
Idem Johannes tenet decimas garbarum et fœni ibidem et reddit inde per annum eisdem terminis equaliter	2 6 8	Willielmus Halton pro consimili ibidem eodem termino	0 1 1
Summa patet.		Alanus Akryg pro consimili ibidem eodem termino	0 0 5
Forssett.		Willielmus Cowlyng pro consimili ibidem eodem termino	0 1 4
Willielmus Fysshborne tenet decimas garbarum et fœni ibidem et reddit inde per annum ad festum Mariæ Magdalænæ tantum	0 12 0	Johannes Wylkynson pro consimili ibidem eodem termino	0 0 4
Summa patet.		Jacobus Manne pro consimili ibidem eodem termino	0 0 4
Oldburgh.		Thomas Sissotson pro consimili eodem termino	0 1 0
Uxor Johannis Robynson solvit annuatim pro certis decimis garbarum ibidem eisdem terminis	0 4 0	Willielmus Rawe pro consimili eodem termino	0 0 4
Summa patet.		Thomas Garthwaite pro consimili ibidem eodem termino annuatim	0 0 4
Kirkby Flitton.		Johannes Sympson pro consimili ibidem eodem termino	0 0 3
Petrus Morland solvit annuatim pro suis decimis minutis ibidem ad festum Purificationis tantum	0 4 6	Willielmus Hewbank pro consimili eodem termino	0 0 4
Willielmus Manne pro consimili eodem termino	0 4 6	Ricardus Crosseby pro consimili eodem termino	0 0 2
Leonardus Smelte pro consimili ibidem eodem termino	0 9 0	Henricus Cartar pro consimili eodem termino	0 0 3
Thomas Edward solvit annuatim pro suis decimis minutis ibidem eodem termino	0 2 8	Uxor Talbot pro consimili ibidem eodem termino	0 0 7
Johannes Marshall pro consimili ibidem eodem termino	0 1 10	Summa	0 9 2
Robertus Pykebushe pro consimili ibidem eodem termino	0 1 10	Th'erle Ortyard.	
Thomas Watson pro consimili eodem termino	0 2 8	Ricardus Swale generosus solvit annuatim pro decimis ibidem ad festum Paschæ tantum	
Summa	1 7 0	Summa patet.	
		Summa totalis spiritualium prædictorum	22 8 10
		Summa totalis omnium tam temporalium quam spiritualium prædictorum	44 9 1

VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Return, 26 Hen. VIII. First Fruits Office.)

EBOR.

CELLA S̄CI MARTINI JUXTA RICHMOND,

JOH'ES MATHER Incumbens.

Tempal' val' in

Scrr' Cellæ p'dict' valet in Terr' Dñic' cum Claus' iðm p annum	vj ^{li} . xij ^s . xj ^d .	
Liberis Firm' divers' libor' Tenencium in diſsis Dñijs et Villat' subscript' viz. in Watwarth cum Ptin' iij ^s . Stokwath p annum ix ^d . Mar cum Ptin' xij ^d . Ara- thorne p annum x ^d . Richmund cum Ptin' xx ^d . Langton p annum vij ^d . Downum p annum xij ^d . et Aynderby p annum iij ^d . Redd' et Firm' divers' Dñior' Terr' et Teñt' tenencium ad Volunt' Dñi p Annum, viz. in Richmund xvj ^s . vij ^d . Huddeswell liij ^s . Westhankeswell cum Ptin' xij ^d . Appleton cum Ptin' p Annum iij ^s . iij ^d . Downum cum Ptin' p An- num vj ^s . et uno Molendino cum Ptin' p Annum xij ^s . iij ^d	xix ^{li} . vij ^s . v ^d .	
	xij ^{li} . xij ^s . vj ^d .	

Spūal' val' in

Penc' et Porcōe de Eccl'is de Richmund x ^s . Colburne lxvj ^s . vij ^d . Scotton lxvj ^s . vij ^d . Est Appleton xlvj ^s . vij ^d . Catrik Ellerton et Scorton xl ^s . Brunton xij ^s . iij ^d . Multon xij ^s . iij ^d . Kyrkeby Fleteham xxvij ^s . Aynderby lx ^s . Crofte et Dalton xxx ^s . Cawdewell xij ^s . Aldburgh iij ^s . Ravenswath vj ^s . vj ^d . Well et Snape xl ^s . Thorneton Watles vj ^s . vij ^d . Burton Con- stable vj ^s . Spenythorne x ^s . Carleton vj ^s . vij ^d . Est Wytton xij ^s . Layburne xxxij ^s . iij ^d . et de Oblac' in Eccl'ia S̄ci Martini et Capella S̄ci Thomæ de Bordel- bank cum Oblacōibz et Decim' Teñt' et Famulor' ad Fest' Pasch' iij ^s . ij ^d . in toto p annum Pquis' Cur' iðm singulis Annis	xxvj ^{li} . vij ^s . iij ^d . iij ^s .	xxvj ^{li} . xij ^s . iij ^d .
S̄m Valoris huj ^s . Cellæ	xlviij ^{li} . xvj ^s .	

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 32 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

NUPER CELLA SANCTI MARTINI JUXTA RICHMOND IN COMITATU RICHMOND.

Com' Richm'	£.	s.	d.
Firma Terrarum Dominicalium	4	5	4
Redditus et Firmæ in Monkeby cum Sandbek et aliis parvis Villatis	22	2	10
Portiones Decimarum	5	13	0

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Com' Westm'		£.	s.	d.
Dominium de Kirkeby Stephanie cum diversis Pensionibus.				
Kirkeby Stephanie	Redd' et Firm'	10	9	0½
- - - - -	Rectoria	50	15	4
- - - - -	Pensiones	11	6	8
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'	nult		
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	nult		
Kirkeby Kendale cum Pertinentiis	Redd' Tenen' cust'	3	5	5
- - - - -	Redd' Tenen' ad Vol'	3	4	8
- - - - -	Rectoria	105	15	9½
Dominium de Everishame cum Membris	Redd' et Firm'	24	8	6½
- - - - -	Rectoria	87	1	4
- - - - -	Pensio	5	3	4
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'	nult		
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	nult		
Dominium de Kirkeby Londesdale cum Membris	Redd' lib' Tenen'	0	1	1
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Tenen'	17	4	11½
- - - - -	Rectoria	53	6	8
Com' Cumbriæ.				
Dominia de Brumfelde et Workyngton.				
Brumfelde		34	0	0
Workyngton		0	13	4

Benedictine Cell of Romburc, now Rumburgh,

IN

SUFFOLK:

A Cell to the Abbey of St. Mary York.



IN the former edition of the Monasticon this house was, in one page, erroneously placed in Cambridgeshire, and in another in Essex. From the Register of the abbey of St. Benet Hulm we learn that it was originally founded about the time of the Norman Conquest. Almar, or Agelmar, bishop of Elmham, and Thurstan abbat of St. Benet Hulm, between A. D. 1064 and A. D. 1070, appointed a few monks from St. Benet's,

with one Blakere at their head, to begin a small religious house here, which was to be subject to that abbey.^a No other particulars of this first foundation appear to be known, if we except the mention of the monks, who were then twelve in number, in the Domesday Survey, among the lands of Alan earl of Bretagne: Romburc being then a member of Wisset. "In eadem Wisseta i. ecclesia. ii. car. libera terræ. semper xii. villani et xvi. bor. et vi. car. silvæ. cxxx. por. et iii. acr. prati. Adjacent huic ecclesiæ v. villani lii. acræ. et. iiii. car. et dim. et i. acr. prati. In hac ecclesia xii. monachi. et sub hac i. capella. Totum in superiori pretio xx. lib."^b

Sometime in the reign of King Henry the First, either Stephen or his son Alan the third, earls of Richmond and Bretagne, gave this priory as a cell to the Abbey of St.

^a "Filiis omnibus sanctæ matris ecclesiæ notum sit fratrem Blakere professum et ordinatum esse in ecclesia et congregatione sancti Benedicti de Holm ab Almaro episcopo et abbate Thurstano et eorum licentia in Cella quadam quæ Romburc dicitur Deo cum quibusdam fratribus servire monastice: an prædicto sancti Benedicti loco et ejus-

dem loci abbati et fratribus subjectos esse, regulæque doctrinam et exemplum vitæ pro posse ab eis accipere et eorum subjectioni inservire ut ordini subjacentes cœlestis regni vere sint participes." Reg. S. Bened. de Hulmo, MS. Cotton. Galba E. ii. fol. 59.

^b Domesd. tom. ii. fol. 293.

Mary York. In Bishop Everard's charter of confirmation the foundation is ascribed to Earl Alan.^a In a charter of Geoffrey bishop of Ely, in 1284, to Earl Stephen.^b Earl Alan, the father of Duke Conan, was probably the real founder.^c

The cell or priory of Romburc was dedicated to St. Michael and St. Felix. The abbat of St. Mary York, after appointing the prior, always presented him to the bishop of Norwich. The abbat and convent also presented clerks to the churches of Speckshall and South Cove, in right of this priory.^d A charter of Brian de Ringhall, in a Roll relating to the cell of Romburc, which will presently be described, directs an inquisition to be taken to enquire whether the abbats of St. Mary York, in times past, did not, when they appointed or removed the priors of Romburc, present them to the earls or lords of Richmond as patrons. This instrument is without date, but is probably of the time of King Edward the First.

The revenues of this priory, as they are recorded in the Taxation of Pope Nicholas the Fourth, A. D. 1291, will be found in the Appendix of Instruments.^e

In the 38th of Edw. III. A. D. 1364, John Nerford is stated to have held of the king *in capite* the advowson of the priory church of Romburc, and the manor of Wysete, with the appurtenances, by the service of one knight's fee.

PRIORS OF ROMBURC.

BLAKERE has been already named as prior of Romburc at its earliest establishment. Leland, however, names

HUMPHREY DE WOUCHAM as the first prior; probably meaning after Romburc had become a cell to St. Mary York.^f

JOHN DE AKASTER, a monk of St. Mary York, was appointed in the first year of King John, A. D. 1199.^g

THOMAS GASGILL was admitted prior Feb. 5th, 1425.^h

Romburc was one of those small monasteries which were suppressed in 1528, in which year it was granted to Cardinal Wolsey toward the endowment of his college at Ipswich. See Rymer, vol. xiv. p. 240. Pat. 3 Dec. 20 Hen. VIII. Pope Clement's bull for suppressing this house, with Felixstow, Bromehill, Bliborough, and Mountjoy, is also printed in Stevens's Appendix, p. 185.ⁱ Edmund abbat of York, two or three months previous to the Suppression, wrote to Cardinal Wolsey, stating the revenues to have been, at that time, little more than thirty pounds sterling; and offering the sum of three hundred marks, to be paid immediately, to save his priory.^k The Cardinal, it should seem, was not to be moved: and subsequently we find the abbat of St. Mary York released to Thomas Capon, dean of the cardinal's college at Ipswich, all his right in this priory, and all its possessions, lying in

Banham, Wilby, Cossey, and Swaffham in Norfolk, and in other places in other counties.^l

There is in the Chapter-house at Westminster a Survey in English of this monastery, with the manor of Rumburgh,^m without date, but evidently made about the period of its dissolution: annexed to it is a Rental in Latin of its possessions in Rumburgh, Wyset, and Elmeham.

Rumburgh, in 1530, was in the possession of Robert Downes, gentleman, by whom it was alienated in that year to Thomas duke of Norfolk.ⁿ On his attainder it reverted to the crown, and was then granted to John earl of Warwick. The Particular for the grant to this earl is in the Augmentation Office, dated 11 Dec. 1 Edw. VI. where it is called the manor of Rumborowgh in the county of Suffolk, late parcel of the Duke of Norfolk's possessions, by year 23l. 17s. 7½d.

Among the Chancery Proceedings in the Tower of London, of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, there are two relating to the manor, &c. of Romborough, without date of the year, but to be found by these references, Rr. 1, 20. Ww. 21, 59.

A small Roll of Charters relating to the cell of Romburc, formerly belonging to Thomas Astle, Esq. is preserved in the British Museum, marked L. F. C. ix. 9.^o

At the Chapter-house, Westminster, in the bag entitled "Divers Dioceses," are the following writings having relation to the priory of Rumborough:

1. Carta (sine data) per Petrum rectorem ecclesie sancti Martini, super controversia inter abbatem et conventum sancte Mariæ Ebor. et illum, tangens decimas dominici Ricardi filii Hamonis de Sibeton in Sibeton, monachis de Romberg contingentibus, quas per cartam istam prædictus Petrus dimiserat domui de Romburg.

2. 13 Kal. Apr. 1347. Indentura inter priorem et conventum monasterii de Rumburgh in dioc. Norw. et Ricardum perpetuum vicarium ecclesie de Chedestan in ead. dioc. de decimis silvæ cedux subbosc. seu arbor. decimal. in Marswood, et centum fagotis pro decimis subtractis ab ecclesia de Wisete.

3. 29 Sept. 1413. Dimissio ad firmam per priorem cellæ de Rumbergh Willielmo Pite rectori ecclesie de Ketilbergh de duabus partibus omnium decimarum totius domini de Ketilbergh, dictis priori et monachis ac dictæ cellæ pertin. pro termino sex annorum sub redditu xv. sol. annuatim solvend.

4. 27 Oct. 1414. Instrumentum notoriale super litem inter abbatem et conventum monasterii beate Mariæ Ebor. et priorem et monachos de Rombergh de duabus partibus decimarum de Ketilbergh, com. Suff.

No SEAL of this priory has as yet been met with.

The REMAINS of the priory are converted into a farmhouse, which is now, with the manor, the property of Miss Jessop.

^a See the Append. of Instrum. Num. I.

^b Append. Num. III.

^c Dugdale, in his Baronage, tom. i. p. 49, erroneously ascribes it to Earl Alan Niger. See also the abbat of York's letter, referred to in the note below.

^d Tanner, Notit. Mon. Suff. xxxvii. from Regist. episc. Norwic.

^e Num. VI.

^f Lel. Collect. tom. i. p. 25.

^g See Num. IV.

^h Ducarel's extr. from the Lambeth Registers, vol. xviii. p. 279. "5 Feb. 1425, apud Norwic. mag. Will. Bernham custos, &c. sede vacante admisit fratrem Tho. Gasgill commonachum S. Mar. extra muros Ebor. in Priorem Cellæ de Romeburgh, ad præs. ab. et conv."

ⁱ See Num. VIII.

^k See Num. VII.

^l Blomef. Hist. Norf. folio edit. vol. i. p. 234.

^m See Num. IX.

ⁿ Orig. 22 Hen. VIII. "Suff. Rex primo die Aprilis licentiam dedit Roberto Downes generoso quod ipse situm monasterii de Rumburgh in com. prædict. alienare Thomæ duci Norf. ac maneria de Rumburgh et Hyntlesham cum eorum pertinent. in Rumburgh, Wyset, Speziale, Holton, Chestan, Metfeld, Souchelman, Ilkettishall, Southcove, Reddesham, Huntyngheld, Denton Beccles, Sybton, Hallesworth, et Hyntlesham dare possit ad usum dicti Ducis." ro. xxxviii. et vid. lxij.

Orig. 23 Hen. VIII. "Suff. Rex pro tresdecim marcis concessit Roberto Downes, quod ipse totum situm, mansionem, solum, et procinctum nuper monasterii de Rumburgh in com. Suff. nuper dissoluti, ac

maneria de Rumburgh et Hyntlesham vocat. The Pryour of Seynt Peters Maner in Hyntlesham, necnon omnia terras, &c. in Rumburgh, Wyset, Spexall, Polton, Chestan, Metfeld, Sowthelman, Ilkettysshall, Southcove, Reddesham, Huntyngheld, Denton, Beccles, Sybton, Hallys-worthe, et Hyntlesham dare possit Thomæ duci Norf. thes. Angl. et al. habend. præfatis duci Thomæ et al. hæred. et assign. suis ad usum ejusdem ducis, hæred. et assign. suorum sicut, &c." ro. xxxviii.

^o They are as follow:

1. Carta Johannis Norwic. episcopi de confirmatione.

2. Carta Willielmi episcopi de ecclesia de Banham.

3. Carta Willielmi episcopi de confirmatione.

4. Carta Briani de Ringeshal.

5. Carta domini Petri de Sabaudia. (This instrument is crossed through with a pen; as being, in fact, the same with num. 6.)

6. Carta Petri de Sabaudia domini honoris de Richmond de donationibus Roberti clerici de Wyseth, Hen. fil. Willielmi de Wyseth, et Martini capellani de Wyseth.

^p 7. Carta Stephani comitis Britannie.

8. C. mag'ri Lamberti de Beverlaco de pensione ex ecclesia de Banham exeunte.

9. C. Johannis de Longo Campo de eadem.

10. C. mag'ri Willielmi de Horham rectoris ecclesie de Banham.

11. Inquisitio super statu ecclesie de Banham. A. D. m.cclij. Tanner refers to "Fin. Suff. 15 Joan. n. 74, de advoc. eccl. de Cove. Pat. 8 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 4, de mess. et terris in Southelmham et Wyset. Fin. div. com. temp. Edw. II. lig. 1, n. 15."

Cartae ad Romburghense Coenobium in agro Cantabrigiensi (Cellam S. Mariae Eboracensis) spectantes.

NUM. I.

Carta Euerardi Norwicensis Episcopi.

[Ex Rotulo quodam vetusto in biblioth. Cotton.]

EVERARDUS Dei gratia Norwicensis episcopus, omnibus tam praesentis quam futuri temporis fidelibus, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse, et hac carta mea confirmasse Deo, et sanctae Mariae, et monachis abbatiae Eboracensis, cellam de Romburg, cum pertinentiis, quam Alanus comes de Richmund, me praesente, eis dedit, cum omnibus ad illam pertinentibus, in puram, liberam, et perpetuam elemosinam, cum ecclesia de Wisset, et ecclesia de Specteshale, et ecclesia de Holton, et ecclesia de Coue, cum terris, et decimis, et silvis, et omnibus beneficiis et pertinentiis quae dicta cella de Romburg possidebat, quando abbatiae Eboraci donata fuit. Praeterea concessi, et hac carta mea confirmavi praefatae abbatiae ecclesiam de Banham, et ecclesiam de Wilgheby, cum decimis, et omnibus ecclesiasticis bonis, et pertinentiis, quae praefata abbatia in diocesi nostra possidebat antequam cella de Romburg ei in elemosinam collata fuerat.

Haec autem omnia, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et omnia bona ecclesiastica, quae in diocesi nostra praefati monachi devotione fidelium possident, et quicquid amodo dictae cellae suae de Romburg adquirere poterunt, concedimus et confirmamus, ipsorum omnino usibus et sustentatione in perpetuum profutura. Volo ergo, et concedo, quod dicta cella de Romburg sit libera in perpetuum ecclesiae et monachis sanctae Mariae Eboraci, ita quod abbates Eboraci pacifice et libere inde disponant et ordinent, priores et monachos apponentes, et ammoveantes per assensum sui capituli. Et ut haec concessio et confirmatio rata sit in perpetuum, eam, et episcopali autoritate, et sigilli mei appositione confirmo. Testibus, Ingulfo priore, Willielmo Turberville, Willielmo cancellario Norwicensi, Willielmo archidiacono, A. de Calne clerico, et aliis.

NUM. II.

Confirmationis Carta Theobaldi, Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi.

[Ibid.]

T. DEI gratia Cantuariensis archiepiscopus, Anglorum primas et apostolicae sedis legatus, universis sanctae ecclesiae fidelibus, salutem. Ad officium nostrum spectat religiosorum nostrorum utilitati providere, et eorum bona augere et fovere: ea propter notum vobis facimus, nos Savarico abbati, et successoribus ejus, et monachis sanctae Mariae Eboraci, confirmasse cellam de Romburg, cum omnibus pertinentiis ejus, et beneficiis quae possidebat, antequam praefatis monachis in elemosinam data erat; similiter confirmamus eis ecclesiam de Banham, et de Wilgehebi, cum pertinentiis suis, et ecclesiam de Heselingfeld, et ecclesiam sancti Petri in Lincolnia, et ecclesiam sancti Botulphi in Hoyland, et ecclesiam sanctae Mariae de Binebroc, et ecclesiam de Belton, et ecclesiam de Bosewrth, cum omnibus quae ad eas pertinent; necnon et omnia ecclesiastica beneficia quae praefatum monasterium in diocesi Cantuariensi, donatione fidelium justè possidet, eidem monasterio confirmamus. Prohibentes sub anathemate, ne quis in bona illa manum violentam mittat, nec praedictis fratribus injuriam

faciat, vel inquietudinem moveat. Testibus, Thoma archidiacono, Ricardo monacho, magistro R. spe.

NUM. III.

Carta Stephani Comitis Britanniae.

[Cart. antiq. Mus. Brit. L. F. C. IX. 9. art. 7.]

STEPHANUS comes Britanniae Ebrado Norwic. episcopo, Ricardoque archidiacono, et Giocelino decano, atque universis sanctae Dei ecclesiae filiis, cunctisque baronibus suis, Francigenis et Anglicis, et hominibus cunctis de Sufolch et de Norfolch, salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse Deo et ecclesiae sancti Michael de Rumburg et monachis meis ibidem Deo servientibus, in pura elemosina, duas partes decimarum totius domini mei de Chetelbergia, in bladis, in porcis, in agnis, in lanis, in caseio, et de molendino meo, et de cunctis rebus unde decima dari debet. Do etiam praedictis monachis meis de Rumburg ita plenarie duas partes decimarum domini mei de Costesseia et de Bangburg, de Thorp, et de Suaffham. Hoc praedictis monachis meis concedo pro parentum meorum et antecessorum meorum animabus, et pro memetipso, et pro comitissa Haudewisa, et pro salute filiorum meorum et filiarum, Galfridi videlicet, Alani, Henrici. Rogo igitur paternitatem vestram, quatinus in quantum vobis pertinebit monachis meis praedictis de Rumburg assensum vestrum pro Dei meique amore adhibeatis et manuteneatis, quoniam ego et Haudewysa comitissa in puram elemosinam sicut praedixi dedimus testibus hiis, Conano archid. Heodebaldo de Vleines, Roberto fil. Hamonis, Roberto de Furnevall, Waltero fil. Walerani, Huberto Blanche, et Rogero Blanche fratre ejus, Oseberto de Wicheham, Algaro de Chetelberga, Theobaldo capellano comitis, Samsone presbytero, Andrea presbytero, Willielmo capellano de Richemund, Willielmo presbytero de Wysseth, Sothlando, Hugone filio Gerwagan, et multis aliis, quod longum est narrare.

NUM. IV.

Inquisitio capta apud Wysete, de Vacatione Prioratus de Rombourg in adventu fratris Johannis de Acastre, temporibus Comitum Richmundiae.

[Ex Reg. Mon. S. Mar. Ebor. MS. Harl. 236, fol. 55.]

H. SENESCHALLUS reverendi domini domini com. Richm. ballivo de Wysete salutem. Vobis mandamus ex parte domini mei quatinus convocatis loco ad hoc capto ubi melius esse videritis de liberis hominibus de balliva vestra, de veteribus, legalibus, et discretioribus per quos rei veritas melius, certius, et fidelius inquiri poterit, diligentem et certam sine dilatione faciatis inquisitionem si abbates sanctae Mariae Ebor. temporibus retroactis cum Priores deberent et vellent substituere in Cella de Rombourg solebant eos aliquoties praesentare Comitibus sive Dominis Richm. antecessoribus domini nostri ut patronis dicti loci; et si ipsi domini solebant et debebant seesynam et custodiam habere de dicta Cella quousque priores idonei eis praesentarentur ut patronis; nec administrationem dictae cellae haberent absque assensu praedictorum Comitum et Dominorum; vel si dicti abbates ad placitum suum cum tempus esset Priores substi-

tuerent et admoverent, prædictis Comitibus et Dominis inconsultis; et si per prædictam inquisitionem certitudinem habuerint quod patronatus et custodia dictæ cellæ vacantis ad dictos comites et dominos Richm. sicut prædictum est pertineant; Custodiam illius in manu nostra teneatis quousque aliud a nobis habueritis in mandatis. Et si per prædictam inquisitionem certitudinem habueritis quod dicti abbates solebant et poterant Priores in dicta Cella substituere et amovere pro tempore absque præsentatione facienda dictis Com. sive Dominis, et bene certificati fueritis, tunc domino Johanni de Acastria monacho latori præsentium cui abbas sanctæ Mariæ Ebor. prioratum dictæ cellæ contulit, plenam inde administrationem ut priori habere permittatis, capta de eo fidelitate debita Domino de servitiis tenementorum quæ tenere de domino de jure debet. Præterea vobis mandamus quod ex quo dictus dominus Johannes administrationem dictæ cellæ habuerit ipsum protegatis et defendatis, et consulentes scitis quod ponat in dicta cella monachos idoneos prout decet ut servitium Dei in omnibus adimpletur. Vale. Dat. apud Richm. anno regni regis Johannis primo.

FACTA inquisitione diligenti super libertate concessa domino abbati Ebor. necnon super creatione Priorum de Rombourg coram ballivo libertatis de Wysete, in adventum domini Johannis de Akastere prioris de Rombourg, per Johannem Bleng, Henricum de Elepolle, Oliverum de Bere, Walterum Absolon, Walterum Brughard, Walterum fil. Eudonis, Reginaldum fil. Willielmi, Thomam fil. Eudonis, Thomam fil. Hugonis, Henricum fil. Persone, Galfridum Baynard, Ricardum fil. Gregorii, et Johannem de Hwmfrey, qui dicunt per sacramentum suum quod Abbates sanctæ Mariæ Ebor. temporibus retroactis semper ad placitum suum, cum tempus esset, priores apud Rombourg substituerunt et amoverunt sine præsentatione aliqua Dominis Richm. et hoc multotiens fecerunt quando Comites Richmundiæ in Angliam fuerunt et hoc fecisse non habuissent nisi debebant de facto et de jure, quia tunc temporis non erat contradictio de prædictis Comitibus Richm. Et propter hoc bene sciunt quod abbates Ebor. hoc fecerunt, et bene credunt et firmiter asserunt quod prædicta facere debebant quia temporibus retroactis de hoc nulla erat contradictio. Dicunt etiam quod Domini Richm. nunquam habuerunt custodiam nec seisinam dictæ Cellæ prioribus ibidem vacantibus nec habere debebant ratione prædicta quia nulla erat contradictio quando Domini Richm. fuerunt in Anglia. Dicunt villani de soca de Wysete omnia prædicta, et in omnibus concordant cum primis juratis liberis tenentibus.

NUM. V.

Carta Gaufridi Episcopi Eliensis exemplata.

[Ex autographo in bibl. Hatton.]

UNIVERSIS sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis ad quorum notitiam literæ præsentis pervenerint, Officialis curiæ Eboraci salutem in omnium Salvatore. Vobis pro certo innotescimus per præsentis, quod nos quoddam instrumentum originale, cujus tenor de verbo ad verbum inferius scribi fecimus, vero sigillo sigillatum, non cancellatum, non abolitum, nec in aliqua sui parte vitiatum, veraciter vidimus, et inspeximus in hæc verba: Gaufridus Dei gratia Heliensis episcopus, omnibus sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis salutem. Ex suscepti regiminis officio quietem religiosorum virorum devota tenemur pietate confovere; et non solum numerum Deo famulantium augmentare, verum etiam ad roborandam ordinis dignitatem, exteriora eorum beneficia tenemur amplificare, ut eo devotius divino cultui famulentur, quo minus ad emendicanda victualia foris eos vagare contingerit.

Eapropter, cum ex relatione nobilis viri Conani, ducis Britanniæ et comitis Richmundiæ, necnon et Clementis tunc abbatis beatæ Mariæ Eboraci, et aliorum virorum probatæ estimationis, et integri fructus, nobis innotesceret, Stephanum ducem Britanniæ et comitem Richmundiæ concessisse et dedisse cellam de Romburg cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, Deo, et abbatiæ sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci, et monachis ejusdem loci: cum inspectis instrumentis quæ prædicti monachi habent, manifestè nobis constaret, de jure

quod habent in ecclesia de Heselingfeld quæ in diocesi Heliensi est constituta, ad instantiam et petitionem memorati nobilis viri Conani ducis et comitis, et abbatis Clementis, et monachorum Eboracensium, memoratam ecclesiam de Heselingfeld Deo, et abbatiæ memoratæ, et monachis ibidem Deo famulantibus, præsentis scripto, cum sigilli nostri appositione, confirmavimus, in eorum usus proprios imperpetuum omnimodo profuturam, et ad sustentationem fratrum suorum apud Romburg degentium convertendam, salvis episcopalibus consuetudinibus quæ debentur matri ecclesiæ Heliensi in sinodalibus amodo, et auxiliis debitis diocesano episcopo.

Cætera verò bona omnia, quæ in diocesi nostra oblatione fidelium, Deo largiente, justis modis sunt adepti aut in futurum Deo propitiante poterunt adipisci, ut libere possideant, et de eis pro voluntatis suæ arbitrio, sicut justum fuerit, disponant, præsentis scripto permittimus, et confirmamus. Hiis testibus, Salomone tunc priore Heliensi, Richardo archidiacono, Willielmo de Duze, magistro Gaufrido Costentin, magistro Andrea Grosso, magistro Andrea de Rodingham, magistro Richardo de Stoteford. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum officii curiæ Eboracensis præsentibus est appensum. Dat. Eboraci decimo kalend. Martii anno Domini mccc.lxxx. quarto.

NUM. VI.

Tax. Eccl. P. Nicholai IV. A. D. 1291.

RUMBURG PRIOR'

Spiritual'.		£.	s.	d.
Norwic'				
	PORTIO prioris in Canburg . .	4	0	0
	Portio in North Tudinham . .	8	0	0
	Portio in Bangham	0	13	4
	Portio monachorum in Swafham	1	0	0
	Portio prior' in Rotelberg . .	0	18	0
	Portio in Chedistone	0	13	4
	Portio in Sibeton	0	13	4
	Portio in Speteshale	1	0	0
	Portio in Cove	0	6	8
	Portio in Wykes	0	15	0

Temporal'.

Portio de redd' in Tunstall . .	0	0	10
Portio de redd' in Donigwrth .	0	0	0 ob' q'
Portio de redd' in Ilket S. Johis	0	10	0
Portio de redd' et terr' in Suth-			
Elmham	1	19	8
Portio de terr' et redd' in Halse-			
worth	0	7	2
Portio de redd' in Chedestan . .	0	4	0
Portio de terr', redd', et fetu			
animalium in Wysete	5	14	7
Portio de redd' in Suthtone . .	0	6	8
Portio de redd' et terr' in Speetes-			
hale	0	10	11
Terr' et redd' in Holeton . . .	0	14	1
Redd' in Stowelangtofte . . .	0	5	0

Elien'

Spiritual'.

Portio prioris Romburig' in Bas-			
syngburne	3	6	8
Portio in ecclesia de Abyngton			
Parva	2	13	4
Portio in ecclesia de Lynton . .	0	13	4

NUM. VII.

Edmond Abbat of York's Letter to Cardinal Wolsey to preserve the Cell of Romburgh.

[From the Original, MS. Cotton. Cleop. E. iv. fol. 47.]

PLEASITH yo^r. grace to understande that I yo^r. pore
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orator have lately receyvid certen lettres frome our prior of Romeburgh with other our brethren there beinge, by whose purporte I perceyve that yo^r. graces pleasure ys to suppresse the said priory of Romeburgh, and also to vnite, annex, and improper the same vnto the church of Saint Peter's in Ipswich. And for the accomplishment of the same, as they wryte unto me, yo^r. officers came to the said priory the xjth. day of this present moneth, and there, after the redinge of certen lettres commissionall not onely of yo^r. grace bot also of o^r. holy father the pope, and of o^r. soveraigne lorde the kynge for the same purpose directed, intered into the same Priory. And that done, toke away aswell the goods moveable of the said priory beinge a membre of o^r. monastery and gyven unto us by Alen Niger summe tyme erele of Richemound and our seconnde ra-founder, by whose gyfte, next unto the king's grace, we have had moost benefyts, launds, and profetts gyven us, by reason where of we be most notabily charged with masses, suffragies, and other almhouse deds for hys benefyts to us most charytably exhibite; bot also certen muniments, evidences, and specialities toching and apperteynyng vnto o^r. monastery which we had lately sent unto o^r. said prior and brethren there for the tryall of certen launds and righties which lately did depende betwixt us and certen men of worshipp in Cambridge shyre in contraversie, and yet doith depende undecised, and for none other purpose. In consideration where fore yf yt might please yo^r. grace for asmuch as we have a great parte of o^r. launds graunted vnto vs by reason of the said Alen Niger where by we be daly charged as doith appere by composition made betwixt us and the said Alen Niger, and also confirmed by Boniface the iij^{to}. anno sui pont. tertio under certen censures and paynes, with clausis dirogatorye as more largely by hys said graunt doth appere, that the said pryory might consiste and abyde as a membre unto oure monastery as yt haith done this three hundred yeres and more with yo^r. grace's favo^r. your grace shall not onely put me and my brether to a greate quietnez, bot also take away many sundry doubties and greate perells of the residew of o^r. launds graunted unto us by the said erele which be right notable yf the same suppression or alienation no farther procede; and, be syds that minstre unto us a more notable acte then ye had gyven vs ten tymes more launds then unto the same priory doith apperteyne and belonge; for, of trueth, the rents and revenuez unto the same priory belonging doith very lytill surmounte the sum of xxx^{li}. sterlinge as far as I perceyve: and yet towards yo^r. spirituall, honorable, and laudable purpose concernyng the erection and foundation of the said college and scole I am right interely contendid for yo^r. tenderinge of the premises to gyve vnto yo^r. grace ccc. marks sterlinge, which shall be delivered unto yo^r. grace immediately: most hummely desyryng yo^r. grace to accepte my pore mynde towards yo^r. most noble acte, which shuld be far better yf that my lytill pore there vnto wolde extende, protestinge ever that yf yo^r. grace's pleasure be to have the said priory to the purpose above recyted that then with all my study, diligence, and labo^r. I shall continually indever my self for the accomplishment of the same accordingly as my dutie ys, trustinge ever that yo^r. grace will se o^r. pore monastery no farther hyndred bot that we may in tyme comyng lyve lyke religiose men and serve Almighty God with o^r. nombre determinate, and hereafter avoide both in law and good conscience all perells that thereby may ensue: and also pray for o^r. founders, benefactors, and yo^r. good grace accordingly to the foundation of o^r. monastery as o^r. dutie ys, and so knowith Jhus who preserve yo^r. most noble grace in high hono^r. and greate prosperytie long to continue. Frome o^r. monastery of Yo^rke the xxth. day of Septembr.

Yo^r. most bownden bedeman

EDMOND abbat of Yorke.

NUM. VIII.

Bulla Clementis Septimi Papæ pro Suppressione Monasteriorum de Romboro, Felixstow, Bromehill, Bliborow, et

Montjoye, ad fundandum Collegium Cardinalis Wolsey de Ipswich.

[Rymeri Fœd. et Convent. vol. xiv. p. 240, A. D. 1528, A. 20 H. VIII. ex originali.]

Registrata in Camera Apostolica de Mandato Reverendissimi Cardinalis Sanctorum Quatuor.

B. MOTTA.

CLEMENS episcopus servus servorum Dei, dilecto filio Thomæ tituli sanctæ Cæcilie presbytero cardinali, in regno Angliæ nostro et apostolicæ sedis legato, salutem et apostolicam benedictionem.

Cum hodie per alias nostras literas, circumspectioni tuæ in monasterio, per priorem gubernari solito, sancti Petri ordinis sancti Augustini regularium in villa seu oppido de Ipswich, Norwicensis diocesis sito nomen, dignitatem, ordinem, et dependentias supprimendi et extinguendi, ac inibi nomen collegii imponendi, illiusque fructus, redditus et proventus collegio per te instituendo applicandi et appropriandi licentiam et facultatem concesserimus, prout in illis plenius continetur.

Et quia, sicut accepimus, fructus, redditus, et proventus dicti monasterii longe minores et tenuiores existant quam pro scholaribus inibi literarum studio vacare debentibus ad eorum alimoniam et sustentationem sufficiant, sintque in partibus illis infrascripta monasteria, quorum fructus, redditus, et possessiones, si in usus tam salutares (videlicet) religioni et moribus multum profuturos converterentur et applicarentur, ex hoc profecto plures personæ literarum studio vacare volentes sustentari et Margaritam scientiæ acquirere, qua postea acquisita regno consulere ac scientia et virtute fidelium animarum saluti prodesse possent.

Nos, de circumspectione tua, quam altissimus egregiis virtutibus et animi dotibus plurimum insigniavit, et prudentiam, ac rerum experientiam in arduis negotiis experti sumus plenam in Domino fiduciam obtinemus, motu proprio, non ad alicujus nobis super hoc oblatæ petitionis instantiam, sed de nostra mera deliberatione ac ex certa nostra scientia, et apostolicæ potestatis plenitudine, eidem circumspectioni tuæ de Romborow et de Felixstow, alias Fylstow, ac de Bromehil prope Brandonfery, necnon de Bliborow et Montisgaudii alias Montjoy sancti Benedicti et sancti Augustini ordinum respective dictæ diocesis monasteria per priores gubernari solita, et in eorum singulis nomina, dignitates ac prioratum ordines et dependentias, si ad hoc carissimi in Christo filii nostri Henrici Angliæ regis illustris et domini Hiberniæ, ac fidei defensoris accesserit assensus penitus supprimendi et extinguendi, ac monasteria ipsa cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis eidem collegio perpetuo uniendi, ac illorum monachos ac canonicos et personas ad alia loca sive monasteria ejusdem vel alterius ordinis, prout tibi videbitur melius expedire, transferendi, necnon monasteriorum sic suppressorum hujusmodi et uniuscujusque sic suppressi fructus, redditus, et proventus cujusque naturæ aut qualitatis fuerint, sive sint oblationes, decimæ aut pensiones quæcunque ratione unionis, appropriationis aut alio quocunque jure speciali vel generali præscriptionis, aut alias prædictis monasteriis aut eorum alicui spectantes aut pertinentes, necnon omnia et singula monasteriorum prædictorum bona mobilia sive immobilia, de quorum omnium tam bonorum estimatione quam reddituum, fructuum, et proventuum monasteriorum prædictorum vero annuo valore sumus certiorati et hic pro expressis volumus haberi, ea dicto collegio per te in villa sive oppido de Ipswich Norwicensis diocesis hujusmodi extruendo perpetuo applicandi et appropriandi, et cum omnibus suis privilegiis, juribus, dependentiis ac appenditiis et pertinentiis universis pleno et integro jure ad collegium prædictum transferendi, eidem quoque ecclesiæ parochiales quascunque dictis monasteriis aut eorum alicui unitas jam et appropriatas, uniendi similiter, annectendi et appropriandi, prout nos etiam potiori pro cautela in eventum suppressionis hujusmodi respective unimus, appropriamus et incorporamus, aliaque denique omnia et singula, quæ ad stabiliendam, confirmandam, et perpetuandam bonorum, terrarum, fructuum, reddituum, et proventuum prædictorum monasteriorum sic suppressorum possessionem prædicto collegio pa-

cifice in futuro habendam et tenendam necessaria videbuntur aut opportuna per pœnas et censuras ecclesiasticas et alias quomodocunque faciendi, statuendi, et exequendi plenam, integram, et liberam tenore præsentium licentiam concedimus et facultatem, istasque literas ad hoc extendimus et ampliamus non obstantibus nostra qua voluimus quod in unionibus faciendis verus annuus valor tam beneficii uniendi quam illius cui unio fieri peteretur, et semper vocarentur quorum interest ac aliis apostolicis et bonæ memoriæ Ottonis et Ottoboni olim in regno Angliæ apostolicæ sedis legatorum in provincialibus et sinodalibus conciliis editis generalibus vel specialibus constitutionibus et ordinationibus, necnon monasteriorum sive ordinum prædictorum juramento. Confirmatione apostolica vel quavis firmitate alia roboratis statutis et consuetudinibus, privilegiis quoque et indultis ac literis apostolicis etiam in forma brevis monasteriis et ordinibus prædictis, vel quibuscunque tenoribus et formis etiam per modum statuti et ordinationibus perpetuorum et cum quibusvis etiam derogatoriis derogatoriis fortioribus et insolitis clausulis ac irritantibus et aliis decretis, etiam motu simili et ex certa scientia, ac de apostolicæ potestatis plenitudine, etiam per nos et sedem eandem etiam iteratis vicibus concessis, confirmatis, et innovatis, etiam si in illis caveatur expresse quod illis etiam per quascunque literas apostolicas nullatenus derogari possit, nisi in literis quæ eis derogare videntur illorum omnium tenores de verbo ad verbum insererentur et expresse appareret Romanum pontificem illis voluisse derogare, et causa urgens et sufficiens exprimeretur, et aliis certis modis et formis observatis, quibus omnibus, illorum tenores, ac si de verbo ad verbum inserti ac forma in illis tradita observata foret, præsentibus pro expressis habentes, illis alias in suo robore permansuris, hac vice duntaxat, specialiter et expresse, motu, scientia et potestate similibus derogamus, ac etiam quibuscumque defunctorum testamentis, ultimis voluntatibus, ordinationibus, aut dispositionibus quacunque auctoritate confirmatis, corroboratis, et consolidatis, aut quibuscumque pœnis et censuris ecclesiasticis communitis, super quorum omnium testamentorum, ultimarum voluntatum, ordinationum, et dispositionum ea omnia et singula et illorum tenores pro hic expressis et recitatis habentes, immutatione, alteratione, et in usum prædictum conversione et translatione specialiter et expresse motu et scientia similibus dispensamus ac specialiter quacunque allegatione de non expresso vero valore bonorum aut annui redditus monasteriorum prædictorum in literis nostris prætextu alicujus constitutionis inde editæ curiæ nostræ stili aut alias requisito et inserendo cæterisque contrariis quibuscumque.

Nulli ergo hominum liceat hanc paginam nostræ concessionis, unionis, appropriationis, incorporationis, extensionis, et dispensationis infringere.

Dat. in urbe veteri anno Incarnationis Dominicæ millesimo quingentesimo vigesimo octavo, pridie id. Maii, pontificatus nostri anno quinto.

CLEMENS PAPA SEPTIMUS.

Super plicam

HEN. DE BUSSEYO.

Sub sigillo plumbeo pendente a filis sericis flavi rubeique colorum.

NUM. IX.

Paper Surveys temp. Hen. VIII. Chapter-House, Westm.

RUMBURGH MONASTERY, SUFFOLK.

The Manor. of Rumburgh.

THERE belongeth to the manor. of Rumburgh one courte called a Turne, which courte ys evr. kept after Mighelmas, and grete apparence at the same.

The lorde may kepe there iij. weks corte at his pleasure.

The lorde hathe no lete there, but he hathe all suche profyts as concerne a lete, as assize of bred and all waiffs and stray, &c.

There belongeth to the saide manor. of freholders and copieholders above lxxx. psons.

The copieholders there take by copy their londs to them, their heirs, and assignes for evr.

The said copieholders may sell and alyen their londs with the lorde his lycense, and at evy alyenacyon the lorde hathe a fyne which ys moche profyte to the lorde.

The lordship is so fre to the lorde that neither sheryf, exchetour, nor crowner have none entermedeling w'in the same.

The lorde may make crowner there if anything concerning the same offyce do chaunce to fall w'in the bounds of the saide manor. which oftentimes hathe ben put in exercyse.

The late monasterye there weyn persons in psonye of Wysett, Rumburgh, and Saynct Michaelles in Elmeſim, and have founde iij. pryests in the same iij. townes.

Saynct Michaelles in Elmeſim ys a pysshe by itself, and all the fruyts and profyts wyll barely fynde a pryest.

The township of Rumburgh clayme their churche to be a poche churche, but it is none, and the profyts thereof wyll not fynde a pryest.

They be also persons in personye of Holton, but it hathe ben used as a donitif, and the priest to paye iii. iij. which the pryest hathe by convent seal, &c.

The lorde of the manor. ys patron of South Cove and Spexsall, but th'abbot of Saynct Mary abbey in York hathe used to gyve them which was by the meane of the manor. of Rumburgh.

And the londs belonging to the manor. be Seyntwary.

There ys a seynct in the churche of Rumburgh called Seynct Bory, to the which there is moche offeryng uppon Mighelms day of money and cheses.

The most parte of the teñntts there pay their rentts at the Turn holden after the feast of Sainte Michael.

Scitus Manerii.

The hall of the late monastery there is couered w^t. sklate, and conteyneth in length xlvj. fote.

And in bredeth xx. fote.

The cloyster stondesth on the south side of the hall and it is couered w^t. lede, and conteyneth in length on the south syde and north syde xlv. fote.

And in length on the est syde and west syde lxvj. fote.

The bredeth of the cloyster w'in ys vj. fote.

On the west syde of the cloyster ys buylded a house, sclated, wherein is conteyned a larder house, an olde hall, an entree, and the kytchen, w^t. iij. chũbers ov^r. them and cont^r in length iij^{xx}.vij. fote.

And in bredeth xx. fote.

On the est syde the cloyster one house cou^red w^t. slate, wherein is a buttre, ij. lowe chũbers, and a lytle chappell, w^t. the dorter chaumber ou^r. them, and cont. in length lxvj. fote.

And in bredeth ibm xix. fote.

At the este ende of the hall there ys buylded a parlo^r. w^t. a chũber over hangyng chymney, in length xix. fote.

And in bredeth xvij. fote.

On the south syde the cloyster standeth the churche and chauncell under one rof, and is cov^red w^t. lede, cont. in length iij^{xx}.vij. fote.

And in bredeth xxij. fote.

The inñitũts of Rumburgh clayme it to be their churche.

Iñm a house at the north ende of the kytchen covered w^t. strawe, and cont. in length xlvij. fote.

And in bredeth xvij. fote.

Iñm the mylnehouse couered w^t. strawe, cont. in length xxiiij. fote.

And in bredeth xxj. fote.

Iñm the brewhouse, bakehouse, and kylnhouse under one rof covered w^t. tyle, and cont. in length iij^{xx}.vij. fote.

And in bredeth xxv. fote.

Item the dayrie house, couied wt. strawe, conteyneth in length	iiij ^{xx} .iiij. fote.	The close called the Grete Bom- bothe, cont.	xxxij. acr.
And in bredeth	xxij. fote.	The Litle Bombothe close, cont.	xxvj. acr. j. rode.
The barn there is covered wt. straw, and cont. in length	vij ^{xx} .iiij. fote.	The Bromerode close, cont. . . .	xxij. acr. di. j. rode.
And in bredeth	xxxij. fote.	Grete Smyth Hedge close, wt. the grove, cont.	xiiij. acr.
Item a cart house, cont. in length And in bredeth	xxx. fote. xv. fote.	Of the which xiiij. the grove cont. v. acr.	
Item a dofhouse, couied wt. straw, cont. in length	xxiiij. fote.	Lytle Smyth Hedge, wt. the grove at the south ende, cont.	ix. acr. di.
And in bredeth	xiiij. fote.	Of the which ix. acr. di. the grove cont. j. acr.	
The stables and other houses ne- cessarie, under one rof, and couied wt. straw, cont. in length	v ^{xx} . viij. fote.	The close called the xiiij. Acr. wt. the grove, cont.	xxvj. acr. di.
And in bredeth	xiiij. fote.	Of the which the grove cont. ij. acr. di.	
The ground whereuppon thesaide mans. stondith, wt. the churche and other buyldings to the same belong- ing, wt. the courts, fysshepoles, or- chards, gardyns, and swyneyarde, cont.	xj. acre.	The close called Grene Pightell Madow, cont.	xix. acr.
The Pightell next to the bake- house, cont.	ij. acr.	Grete Newhall close, cont. . . .	xlj. acr. di. j. rode.
Theij. Pightells next to the wodd, cont.	vj. acr.	Lytle Newhall close, cont. . . .	xviij. acr.
The woodds, cont.	lx. acr.	The close called Knyghts Hill, cont.	xxv. acr.
The Cawsey close and Wodde close, cont.	xxv. acr. di. j. rode.	The manor of Rumburgh, wt. the orchards, gardynes, closes, and therbage of the wodd, ys worth yerely	
The felde called the Monks felde, cont.	xxxiiij. acr. di.	Nota that the house called the Milmount is now in the hands of the lorde, and is wo'th yerely	

Benedictine Priory of St. Mary Magdalen Lincoln,
A Cell to the Abbey of St. Mary York.

INCLUDING AN ACCOUNT OF

Santoft and Henes in Lincolnshire.



a cell to that abbey.”*

THE places called SANTOFT and HENES, in the county of Lincoln, are both of them denominated, by Sir William Dugdale, cells of the abbey of St. Mary York; but they do not appear to be entitled to this appellation. The passage as to Santoft is to this effect: “Roger Moubray gave to the monks of St. Mary’s York the whole isle of Santoft in com. Linc. which thenceforth was made

Santoft, however, was the habitation merely of one monk, and was so intended to be by the founders’s dotation deed, who grants to the abbey, for the use of this monk, six skips of barley every year, on All Saints day; and he grants also to him the moiety of all his victuals wheresoever he shall be in Axholme, and they (the monks of St. Mary) shall have throughout the year fifteen hogs, without pannage, in his wood called Ros, and pasture for ten cows in the same wood, and whatever they may choose to take of dead wood for burning, and green wood for building, without waste and vendition. The deed further grants to the monk of Santoft that he shall have one mastiff dog to guard his house and croft from strange animals; and he is to have whatever he can gain from the common fen, and of things he may sell for his own use, but without incon-

* Dugd. Baronage, i. 123.

venience to the donor's men.^a There is no date to this deed of Roger de Mowbray, but it was probably made a few years before the middle of the twelfth century.

Dugdale has printed another deed of Roger de Mowbray,^b whereby he relinquishes to the church of St. Mary York his foreign service, and whatever he was accustomed to have from a place called Wroth; but neither this, nor two succeeding gifts^c from Thomas Darcey to St. Mary's abbey, seem to have any relation to Santoft.

Hamelin Earl Warren, by deed, granted to St. Mary's church at York and the monks there serving God thirty breisnas (rendered by Cowel^d wether sheep), to be had at three terms of the year, and directs the "Custos" of Santoft to send them thither at the appointed terms.^e

The endowment of the monk of Santoft seems always to have been very slender. According to the Ecclesiastical Taxation of Pope Nich. IV. he appears only to have had, in 1291, temporalities in the deanery of Corynham to the yearly value of 15s. 10d.

Afterwards this small property became attached to the Cell of St. Mary Magdalen Lincoln, but at what time is not exactly known; nor, indeed, has the date of the erection of the Cell itself been ascertained with much certainty. The following is the account of it given by Bishop Tanner:^f

"Lincoln. Benedictine Cell. In the large confirmation by K. Henry II. of the lands and houses which had been given to the church of St. Mary's at York are several donations in the city and fields of Lincoln; one of which was probably the place whereon was built the priory of St. Mary Magdalene, a Cell of two or three Benedictine monks to the aforementioned abbey."

Leland^g calls it St. Beges, and saith "it was in one of the east suburbs, scant half a mile from the Minster."

Leland was probably right as to the situation of this cell, but wrong as to its name, which he seems to have confounded with St. Bees in Cumberland.

The only reference given in Tanner to any record concerning the Cell of St. Mary Magdalen Lincoln is the following: "Inquis. Linc. 7 Hen. IV. n. 10, de quadam placea in suburb. Lincoln. concess. abbati S. Mariæ Ebor. ad inveniendum duos monachos ibidem continue celebraturos."

The yearly value of this Cell, in the General Ecclesiastical Survey of it, 26 Hen. VIII. was 26l. 1s. 3d.^h subject to deductions amounting to 2l. 15s. and leaving the clear value of 23l. 6s. 3d.

On the dissolution of St. Mary's abbey by force of the statute 31 Hen. VIII. this Cell came to the crown as part of it, wherein it remained but a few years, being granted by letters patent, 37 Hen. VIII. to John Broxholme and John Bellowe, esquires.ⁱ

With respect to Henes, called by Dugdale, as before observed, a Cell, the grant of William Earl Warren, whereby he bestows it upon the abbat and monks of St. Mary's, enjoins no condition for the formation of any such subordinate establishment, but merely gives to the abbey *Henes*, with the moor and marshes around it, to make advantage thereof, as well in the moor as in land gained, and in the marshes; and, also, Munkeffete, with all its fisheries; and moreover, at the assumption of Saint Mary, three pikes in Brademars, and twelve breisnas.^k

Cartae ad Cellam S. Mariæ Magdalenæ in agro Lincolniensi, spectantes.

NUM. I.

Carta Rogeri de Mubray exemplata.

[Ex autographo in bibl. Hatton.]

UNIVERSIS præsentēs literas inspecturis vel audituris, R. decanus et capitulum beati Petri Eboraci, salutem in Domino. Noveritis nos inspexisse et vidisse, et de verbo ad verbum examinasse cartas religiosorum virorum abbatis et conventus beatæ Mariæ Eboraci tangentes locum suum de Santetoft, et de Henes, non cancellatas, non abollitas, nec in aliqua parte viciatas, in hæc verba. Notum sit omnibus videntibus vel audientibus literas has, quod ego Rogerus de Moubay, cum consilio hæredum meorum, et amicorum meorum consensu, pro salute animæ meæ, et animarum patris et matris meæ, et omnium parentum meorum, concessi et dedi, et hac mea carta confirmavi ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ Eboraci, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, insulam quæ vocatur Santoft, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et cum piscariis quæ vocantur Sister et Carlefflet, et cum Heselholm, et Munbeholm, et Hailwaldholm, et Calvecroft, et totam ter-

ram et pasturam inter Calvecroft et Carlefflet usque ad Heselholm, et usque ad aquam quæ vocatur Ydel, liberè et quietè; et concedo eis ad opus monachi de Santoft sex sceppas ordeï de hominibus meis de Appewyt omni anno in die Omnium Sanctorum, et medietatem decimarum omnium ciborum meorum ubicumque fuero in Haxolm, et quindecim porcos habeant per totum annum sine pannagio in bosco meo qui vocatur Ros, et pasturam decem vaccarum in eodem bosco, et quicquid inde capere voluerint de mortuo bosco ad comburendum et de viridi ad ædificandum, sine vasto et venditione. Insuper concedo monacho de Santoft, ut habeat unum mastivum ad custodiendum domum suam et croftum suum de extraneis animalibus, et quicquid poterit lucrari de communi palude, et de rebus suis venditis ad utilitatem suam sine impedimento hominum meorum. Si quis hæredum meorum, instigante diabolo, hanc confirmationem violare præsumperit, maledictionem Dei, et mei, et omnium parentum meorum habeat, quia sicut dicimus, antecessores nostri hæc omnia eis concesserunt, et plurima alia eis contulerunt. Testibus hiis, Roberto de Alneto, Sampson de Albino, Radulfo de Belum, Roberto de Davil, et multis aliis.

^a See Appendix of Instruments, Num. I.

^b Num. II. ^c Numm. III. IV.

^d Interpreter, edit. 1727, in voce. ^e Num. V.

^f Notitia Monastica. ^g Lel. Itin. tom. i. p. 32.

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^h See the Valor Ecclesiasticus at the close of the Appendix to the present account.

ⁱ See Particular for grant, Num. VII.

^k Num. VI.

NUM. II.

Alia ejusdem R. de Mubray Carta.

[Ibid.]

SCIANT omnes tam præsentes quam futuri, quod ego R. de Mubray totum forense servitium et quicquid ego solebam habere de Wroth, sive in una re sive in alia, liberum et quietum reddidi Deo et sanctæ Mariæ et monachis Eboracensibus, pro amore Dei et pro salute mea et filiorum meorum, et pro animabus patris et matris meæ, omniumque parentum meorum. Volo itaque ut Wroth, cum omnibus rebus quas inde solebam habere, quieta et libera in pura elemosina inperpetuum eisdem monachis permaneat, eorundem usibus modis omnibus profutura. Testibus hiis, Thoma de Colevila, Roberto de Davila, Radulfo de Belwere, Roberto fratre ejus, Johanne Eruequer, Willielmo filio Ingeler, Willielmo de Langetoft, Roberto capellano.

NUM. III.

Carta Thomæ de Arcy.

[Ibid.]

UNIVERSIS ad quos literæ istæ pervenerint, Thomas de Arcy, filius Roberti de Arcy, salutem. Notum sit vobis me concessisse et confirmasse Deo et abbati sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci, et monachis qui ibidem Deo serviunt, donationem et concessionem quam Robertus de Arcy, pater meus, et Normannus avus meus eis dederunt et concesserunt, scilicet unam carucatam terræ in Brunum, et ecclesiam de Noketon, et ecclesiam de Duneston, et duas partes decimarum de dominio meo in Fisceburre, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, pro anima patris mei Roberti, et Normanni avi mei, et omnium antecessorum meorum, in liberam et puram et perpetuam elemosinam. Hiis testibus, Edmundo priore de Noketon, Radulfo de Conigby, Germano de Normanby, Roberto de Nevill, et multis aliis.

NUM. IV.

Alia ejusdem Thomæ Carta.

[Ibid.]

SCIANT omnes tam præsentes quam futuri quod ego Thomas, filius Roberti de Arcy, concessi, et præsenti carta confirmavi abbatiæ sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci, et monachis ibidem Deo servantibus, in puram et liberam et perpetuam elemosinam, terras et possessiones quas de feodo meo tenent, scilicet, in Brunum et Wyntrington, et duas partes decimarum de dominio meo de Flikeburre, et omnia tene-

menta quæ à prædecessoribus meis eis data sunt, et quæ de feodo meo tenent et tenuerunt, pro salute animæ meæ, et anima Roberti patris mei, et pro anima Normanni avi mei, et omnium parentum meorum. Hujus autem concessionis et confirmationis testes sunt Robertus de Arcy frater meus, et Gervasius filius Ronmundi, et Michael frater suus, Thomas frater suus, Willielmus de Pontefracto, et multi alii.

NUM. V.

Carta Hamelini Comitis Warennæ.

[Ibid.]

NOTUM sit omnibus tam præsentibus quam futuris, quod ego Hamelinus, comes Warennæ, concedo Deo et ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Eboraco, et monachis ibidem Deo servantibus, xxx. Breisnas singulis annis habendas ad tres terminos, scilicet, ad Annunciationem beatae Mariæ, et ad Assumptionem, et ad Nativitatem ejusdem gloriosæ Virginis Mariæ, in perpetuam elemosinam, pro salute animæ meæ, et pro anima patris mei, et comitum de Warennæ prædecessorum meorum, ad serviendum in loci ejusdem conventum. Testibus hiis Radulfo de Pleiz, Dod. Bardolf, Roberto Pachenot constabulario de Tikehill, Henrico Pichot constabulario de Conigbroc, Jordano filio Aissolfi constabulario de Wakefeld, Otone de Tylly senescallo comitis de Conigbroc, Hugone capellano, Hugone clerico de Heitfeld, Roberto de Rossewill. Et quod custos de Santoft debet mittere prædictas breisnas ad conventum ad præfatos terminos.

NUM. VI.

Carta Willielmi Comitis de Warennæ.

[Ibid.]

WILLIELMUS comes de Warennæ, omnibus hominibus suis Francigenis et Anglicis tam præsentibus quam futuris. Notum sit vobis quod concessi et dedi pro salute animæ meæ et animarum omnium amicorum meorum abbatiæ sanctæ Mariæ Eboraci, et monachis ibidem Deo servantibus Henes, cum mora et marais quæ circa sunt Henes, ad faciendum inde commodum suum tam in mora quam in terra lucrabili et marais et Munkeffete, cum omnibus piscariis suis. Et insuper ad Assumptionem sanctæ Mariæ tres lupos in Brademars et duodecim breisnas. Et prohibeo ex parte Dei omnipotentis ne aliquis posterorum meorum hanc elemosinam meam minuire, vel auferre præsumat. Testibus Roberto de Wefrenal, Baldewino de Magnavill, Roberto de Frevill, Willielmo filio Radulfi, Aluredo clerico.

NUM. VII.

[Particular for Grant, 37 Hen. VIII. in the Augmentation Office.]

PARCELLA Possessionum nuper Monasterii Beatæ Mariæ juxta Civitatem Eboraci libere resignati ibidem.

Nuper Cella Beatæ Mariæ Magdalensæ scituata juxta Civitatem Lincoln.

valet in

Firma scitus dictæ nuper cellæ cum terris dominicalibus, ac cum ortis, pomariis, gardinis, et omnibus aliis edificiis, et terris dictæ nuper cellæ pertinentibus, viz. de firma scitus dictæ nuper cellæ cum orreis, ortis, columbariis, stabulis, gardinis, et cimiteriis, ac cum aliis edificiis infra procinctum ejusdem, continentis per estimationem ij. acras, vj^s. viij^d. Unius clausi pasturæ situati aretro orrii prædicti, continentis per estimationem iij. acras, x^s. Unius clausi pasturæ vocati Calf Croft, continentis per estimationem ij. acras, x^s. ultra viij^s. resolutos majori et communitati civitatis Lincoln. Certarum terrarum mariscarum jacentium in sepe-ralibus parcellis, continentium per estimationem xij. acras cum piscaria ibidem, xx^s. Unius prati insimul jacentis, continentis per estimationem xxx. acras, l^s. Unius parcellæ terræ arrabilis vocatæ a Wonge jacentis juxta Greate Well feld, continentis per estimationem xvij. acras. Aliæ parcellæ juxta eundem, continentis per estimationem x. acras. Aliæ parcellæ, continentis per estimationem v. acras. Aliæ parcellæ, continentis per estimationem viij. acras

Aliæ parcellæ, continentis per estimationem xxiiij. acras, et aliæ parcellæ jacentis subtus monte, continentis per estimationem iiij. acras. In toto lxix. acras quæ jacent in campo orientali dictæ cellæ xlvj. Alterius parcellæ terræ arrabilis vocatæ a Wonge jacentis ex parte australi viæ regiæ vocatæ Langewithe Gate, continentis per estimationem xvij. acras. Unius parcellæ jacentis ex parte boreali ejusdem viæ, continentis per estimationem xx. acras. Unius parcellæ abuttantis versus Netlam Gate, continentis per estimationem x. acras. In toto xlvij. acras, xxxij. Diversarum odde lands jacentium in diversis locis infra campos Lincoln. in tenura Roberti Levett, iiij. Cimiterium ecclesiæ sancti Petri ad fontes in tenura Johannis Jackson capellani. v. tamen nuper vij. iiij. Parcella communis pasturæ jacentis ex parte orientali supradictæ nuper cellæ, continentis per estimationem xxiiij. acras, ultra communitatem civitatis Lincoln. iiij. et parcell. communis pasturæ jacentis ex parte occidentali prædictæ cellæ, continentis per estimationem xxiiij. acras, similiter ultra pertinentia communitatis civitatis Lincoln. xx. sic dimissa Ricardo Bevercotes per indenturam sub sigillo curiæ augmentationum revencionum coronæ prædicti domini regis ut dicitur reddendo inde per annum

x^{li}. vij. viij^d.

xj^{li}. xvij^d.

Sunt diversæ pensiones dictæ nuper cellæ nuper solutæ ex diversis monasteriis et prioratibus, et diversis rectoriis, in diversis comitatibus, extendentes ad annum valorem vij^{li}. xv. iiij^d.

Firma certarum terrarum et tenementorum in Osgodby et Osilby, in tenura Vincentii Grantham, de anno in annum reddendo inde ad terminos sancti Martini in hieme et Pentecost' equaliter per annum

xij^d.

Firma certarum terrarum in Sandetofte in tenura Thomæ Davy de anno in annum reddendo ad terminos prædictos equaliter per annum

xxij^d. iiij^d.

Firma decimarum clausarum cum decimis minutis ibidem dimissarum prædicto Ricardo Bevercotes per indenturam prædictam inter alia reddendo inde per annum ad festa in indentura prædicta specificata

v^d.

xxiiijth. die Septembris anno xxxvij^{mo}. r^e. H. vij^{vi}. pro Johne Bellowe et Johne Broxholme armigeris.

The late Celle of Marye Magdalene next the cite of Lincoln, wth. certein londs there, parcell of Seint Mariez next the walles of Yorke, by yere

xj^{li}. xvij^d.

VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(*Transcript of Return, 26 Hen. VIII. First Fruits Office.*)

COM' LINCOLN'

CELLA SANCTÆ MARÆ MAGDALENÆ JUXTA LINCOLN'.

Temporalia valent in

	£.	s.	d.
EXITIBUS Cellæ prædictæ, viz. in Terris dominicalibus et Clausis ibidem	10	0	0
Liberis Firmis diversorum Liberatorum Tenentium, viz. de Decano Ecclesiæ Lincoln' pro Terris in Chincott, 6s. et pro Terris in Osgotby et Osilby, cum Pertinentiis, per Annum 12s. Redditibus et Firmis diversorum Tenentium ad Voluntatem Domini per Annum, viz. in Civitate Lincoln, cum Pertin', per Annum 1l. 15s. 6d. Belton, cum Pertin', per Annum 5l. Sandtoft, cum Pertinentiis, per Annum 13s. 4d.	8	6	10
	18	6	10

Spiritualia valent in

Pensione et Portione de Ecclesiis de Dynbrook, 2l. 13s. 4d. Potter Hanworth, 10s. Norton, 13s. 4d. De Priore de Wyrsope, 15s. De Priore de Thurgarton, 9s. 7d. Rectore de Blanknay, 8s. De Priore de Thorneholme, 15s. et Priorissa de Gokwell, 4s. Decimis Claus' cum Decimis Minutis et Oblationibus Communibus Annis	6	3	4
	1	10	1
	7	14	5

Summa Valoris hujus Cellæ 26l. 1s. 3d.

Com' Lincoln'	Reprisæ.			
Resolutionibus, viz.		£.	s.	d.
Majori Civitatis Lincolnæ annuatim pro diversis Clausis ibidem		0	8	4
Feoda, viz.				
Thomæ See Ballivo hujus Cellæ		1	6	8
Roberto Levitt Receptori Pecuniarum ibidem per annum		1	0	0
	Summa Reprisarum	2	15	0
	Et valet clare	23	6	3

Benedictine Priory of St. Peter, St. Paul, and St. Guthlac at Hereford :

A Cell to the Abbey of St. Peter Gloucester.



ELAND, having noticed the castle of Hereford in his Itinerary, says, "There is a fayre chappell of St. Cuthbert, the east part whereof is made *opere circulari*. There were sometimes prebendes; but one of the Lacyes translated them thence into St. Peter's in Hereford towne, and that colledge was then translated into the east suburbe of Hereford, and a priory of monkes erected there, and made a cell to Gloucester."^a For St. Cuthbert we are probably to read St. Guthlac; a house of secular canons dedicated to whom certainly existed in Hereford in the time of Edward the Confessor.^b Entries of the property of this college in Worcestershire and Herefordshire will be found in the Domesday Survey.^c

The existence of the church of St. Peter Hereford as a distinct contemporary foundation is also recognized in the Domesday Survey. Under the title of "Terra Ecclesiæ de Hereford," tom. i. fol. 182 b, we read, "*Sanctus Petrus de Hereford tenet FROME. Walterus de Laci dedit æcclesiæ concessu Willielmi regis. Ibi i. hida et una virgata, et*

geld. Eduuj cilt tenuit, et poterat ire quo volebat. In dominio est i. car. et iii. villani et iii. bord. cum ii. car. Ibi vii. servi. Valuit xv. solid. Modo xxx. solid." Under the head of "Terra Rogerii de Laci," ibid. fol. 184, "Isdem Rogerus tenet ACLE. Ibi vii. hidæ geld.—De hac terra dedit Walterus de Laci *Sancto Petro de Hereford* ii. car. terræ concessu regis Willielmi, et unum vill. et unum bord. cum terra eorum. Ibid. fol. 184 b. Isdem Rogerus tenet LEDE, et *Sanctus Petrus* de eo, dono patris ejus et concessu W. regis. Isdem Rogerus tenet WIBELAI. In dominio sunt iii. car. et x. vill. Unum ex istis villanis habet *S. Petrus* dono Walteri de Laci. Ibid. fol. 185. Isdem Rogerus tenet HANLEI. et *Sanctus Petrus* in elemosina dono Walteri de Laci."

That the church of St. Peter Hereford was built and endowed by Walter de Laci seems unquestionable:^d but he could not, as Mr. Duncumb asserts, have been the founder of the fraternity of St. Guthlac;^e for that appears to have existed in the time of Godwin and Harold, before Walter de Laci had acquired property in England.

The precise time when the two foundations merged into one does not appear to be recorded. Walter de Laci died in the 19th of William the Conqueror. Dugdale says that when the work of the church of St. Peter Hereford was almost finished, climbing up a ladder there, he fell down, and being killed with the fall, 6 kal. April, A. D. 1084, was buried in the chapter-house at Gloucester.^f In

^a Leland, Itin. vol. iv. pt. ii. fol. 174 a.
^b In the Domesday Survey, tom. i. fol. 185 b, under the title of "Terra Aluredi de Marleberge," in Herefordshire, we read, "Isdem Aluredus tenet PENEBRVGE. Heraldus comes tenuit.—Hoc manerium Penebruge calumniantur canonici S. Guthlaci; et dicunt *quod comes Goduinus et Heraldus filius ejus abstulerunt injuste a sancto Guthlaco.*" Another claim of the "Clerici S. Guthlaci" upon the manor of Magga is noticed in the same page, under the head of "Terra Willielmi de Scohies."

^c Compare Num. I.
^d See the "Donationes Bonorum Monasterii S. Petri Glouc." already printed in the Appendix to the account of that monastery in the present work, vol. i. pp. 546, 547.
^e Collections towards the Hist. and Antiq. of the County of Hereford, vol. i. 4to. 1804, p. 418.
^f Dugd. Baron. tom. i. p. 95. He refers to Jorval, 979, and for the date of Laci's death to the MS. Cotton. Domit. A. viii. fol. 155 a.

1101, we read that Hugh de Laci, the son of Walter, gave the collegiate church of St. Peter, with all the revenues belonging to it, to the abbey of St. Peter Gloucester;^a whereupon the provost and secular canons were changed into a prior and Benedictine monks,^b who were removed into the east suburb of Hereford without Bishopsgate, where Robert Betun, bishop of Hereford, gave them the ground whereon was built a new monastery, dedicated to St. Peter, St. Paul, and St. Guthlac, but more usually called by the name of the last saint only.

Amongst the early benefactors to this house Mr. Duncumb notices Roger le Porter, whose grant to the monks is recited in a charter of Bernard bishop of St. Davids, probably about the year 1140.^c

John earl of Moreton, brother of King Richard I. confirmed to the church of St. Peter Gloucester, and to that of the apostles St. Peter and St. Paul, and St. Guthlac Hereford, and to the monks there serving God, that they and their attendants, in what they bought or sold, should be "liberi et quieti in perpetuum de theolonio, pasagio, summagio, carriagio, conductu, pasnagio, et pontagio" throughout his lands at Bristol, Keyrdiff, Novumburgum, &c.^d This was probably about the year 1190.

The Return of the possessions of St. Guthlac Hereford in 1291, as recorded in the Taxation of Pope Nicholas, will be found in the Appendix of Instruments.^e

In Rymer's *Fœdera*, under the year 1311, we have a notice of a pension of two marks paid annually to the prior and convent by the Templars out of the manor of Gutyng, to whom it appears to have been perpetually leased.^f

In 1322 a dispute arose relating to the priorship of this house; during which the duties of the place were neglected, and the revenues much impoverished. The king therefore ordered the sheriff of the county to take the priory, with all its possessions and appurtenances, as well moveable as immoveable, into the hands of the crown, safely to keep the same until further directions were given.^g

In 1353 another controversy arose between the members of St. Guthlac's priory and those of Lanthony, respecting a sum of money stated to be annually due from the latter to the former. This was submitted to the decision of Thomas Bellamy, a commissary of the bishop of Hereford; and, by his award, the prior and convent of Lanthony were directed to pay 10*l.* quarterly to the prior and convent of St. Guthlac.^h

In 1366 Lewis bishop of Hereford granted a commission to reconcile, after the accustomed manner, the conventual church of the priory of Hereford, which had been polluted by the violent effusion of human blood; and the ceremony of reconciliation was accordingly performed by Roger Cradock, then bishop of Llandaff.ⁱ

From the time of Pope Nicholas's Taxation to that of the dissolution of the house in 1539 no considerable donations appear to have been made to the monastery. Its

revenues, at the latter period, amounted to no more than 12*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.*^k per annum.

PRIORS of ST. GUTHLAC HEREFORD.

JOHN occurs about A. D. 1090.^l

THOMAS CARBONEL, A. D. 1180; in which year he became prior of Gloucester.^m

WILLIAM, about A. D. 1200.ⁿ

HENRY occurs A. D. 1226.^o

ROBERT, A. D. 1284.^p

JOHN GAMAGES, A. D. 1285.^q

RALPH FOREST, A. D. 1293.^r

WILLIAM DE IRBY, A. D. 1321.^s

THO. BURGHULL, A. D. 1322.^t Cole says, about 1330.^u

JOHN MANGEWIN, or MAUGEWIN, A. D. 1391;^v supposed to be the same with JOHN MANGREAUNTS mentioned by Browne Willis as prior in 1341.^w

WILLIAM WINSELADE, A. D. 1441.^x

JOHN NEWTON, S. T. P., occurs in 1509. He was elected prior of Gloucester July 30th, 1510.^y

WILLIAM THORNBURY was made prior Sept. 18th 1514. He occurs in 1534.^b

THOMAS BISSEY, or BISLEY, was the last prior.

The site and precinct of St. Guthlac's priory were conveyed, after the Dissolution, to John ap Rice, Esq. together with a certain pasture called the Three Moors, to the said site adjoining, and containing four acres of meadow land and one acre of arable, lying in the common field there called the Port Field; one pasture called Cobbenhall, lying near the river Lugg, within the parish of Lugwardine, containing ten acres; a meadow called White-hill, in the parish of Withington, near the river Lugg, containing, by estimation, ten acres; and a meadow called Walney, lying in the parish of Hampton near the said river, containing five acres. The grant of these premises was made by letters patent, dated 13th Nov. 34th Hen. VIII. They were to be held in capite, paying yearly four shillings and sixpence to the crown.^c

By other letters patent, bearing date 28th April, 36 Hen. VIII. the lordships or manors of Thynghill, Felton, Hynton, Priors-hope, Monkton, Lyde-prior, Priors Frome, Ledon, Rushock, and Ballingham, with lands and other appurtenances, parcel of the late cell of St. Guthlac, were also granted to John ap Rice, Esq. his heirs and successors, to be held in capite, paying yearly 4*l.* 6*s.* to the crown.^d

The descendants of Ap Rice held the site of this priory till the beginning of the last century, when it was successively possessed by the families of Fownes, Pauncefort, and Williams. The Prices are stated, however, to have had again possession in 1751, and retained it till 1776,

^a See Num. I.

^b Tanner says, "Not Nuns, as Gervase of Cant. MS. Nor was the priory of St. Guthlac for *Franciscan Friars*, and the priory of St. Peter and St. Paul for *Canons Augustines*, as Mr. Speed; for this was but one priory, though called sometimes by the name of one saint, and sometimes by that of another, and often by the name of all three; as Rymer, vol. iii. *Regist. Fox, MS. &c.*" *Notit. Monast. Heref. XIII.* 3, Note m.

^c *Collect. Hist. Heref. ut supr.* p. 419. See Num. III.

^d Compare the Appendix to the account of Gloucester monastery in the present work, vol. i. p. 550, Num. XIII.

^e See Num. IV.

^f *Rym. Fœd. tom. iii.* p. 292. De pensionibus sive pro beneficio sive pro servitio Templariis impenso debitis, per custodes maneriorum hinc inde continuandis et persolvendis, A. D. 1311, 5 Edw. II.

— Prior et conventus apostolorum Petri et Pauli et Sancti Guthlaci Hereford percipient annuatim de manerio de Gutyng duas marcas imperpetuum, ad festum sancti Michaelis, pro decimis manerii prædicti, Templariis ad perpetuam firmam dimissis.

^g See the Instrument Num. V.

^h Duncumb. *Hist. Heref.* vol. i. p. 422.

ⁱ *Ibid.* p. 423.

^j Tanner, in his "Valuations," *Notit. Monast.* p. li, says, by mistake, 212*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.* In the *Liber Regis*, he adds, under Gloucester, there is a valuation of this cell, in which it is rated at 169*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.*

^k MS. Cole, *Brit. Mus.* vol. xxvi. fol. 195 b.

^l See the present work, vol. i. p. 533.

^m MS. Cole, *ut supr.*

ⁿ *Ibid.*

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^o Willis, *Mit. Ab.* vol. ii. App. p. 10.

^p MS. Cole, *ut supr.*

^q *Ibid.*

^r *Ibid.*

^s *Ibid.*

^t Harl. MS. 6963, p. 58. Pat. 19 Hen. VI. p. 2. Will. Wynselade prior sancti Guthlaci Hereford. Ord. sancti Benedicti amotus per Papam detrusus ad Monasterium suum sancti Petri de Gloucestria, 12 Jul.

^u See the present work, vol. i. p. 536.

^v MS. Cole, *ut supr.*

^w Duncumb, *Hist. Heref.* vol. i. p. 424. The following is the account of this grant in the Abstracts of the Originalia preserved in the British Museum:

Orig. 33 Hen. VIII. p. 1. "Rex xiiij. die Novembris concessit Johanni App Rice generoso reversionem nuper domus et scitum nuper prioratus sive cellæ sancti Guthlaci juxta et prope civitat. Hereford; ac maneria de Felton, Hynton, Prioreshope, Monkton, Luyd Prior, Priors Fromeledon, Russhock, et Balyngesham, ac mesuagia, rectorias, &c. in civitate Hereford, et in suburbiis ejusdem civitatis, ac in Oclepitchard, Monkton, Shotton, Luyd Prior, Frome, Dornington, Russhok, Balingham Home Lacy, Ledbury, Bodneham, Lugwarden, Wigmershemore, Webley, et Garneston, in com. Heref. ac in Payneswyke, Temple, Giting Parva, Wormyngton, Wynston, Stretton juxta Circester, Cst, et Eggesworth, in com. Glouc. ac etiam in Bitterley in com. Salop, ac in Kington in com. Wigorn. et in Breewood et Moneford in com. Staff. ac revers. scitus priorat. de Brecknock infra com. Breconia, habend. ei et hæred. suis imperpetuum." ro. lxxvj.

^x Duncumb, *ut supr.*

when it was purchased by William Symonds, Esq. of Hereford, who sold it in 1793 for the sites of a new gaol and house of correction for the county, both of which have been since completed.*

Mr. Duncumb describes the SEAL of this cell as appendant to a deed of the year 1353. He says it was oblong, but of small size: the impression representing an old man sitting upon a low seat, having a staff in his right (towards which his face is directed) and a book in his left hand: round the verge,

SIGILLUM CÖE ECCLEIÆ SĀI GUTHLACI HEREFORD.

There is in the Augmentation Office an impression on red wax of a Seal to a deed, whereby the prior of St. Guthlac Hereford and the convent of the same place acknowledge to have received from the prioress of Acornbury two shil-

lings in Michaelmas term, 18 Ric. II. for a yearly pension. The impression on the Seal is a young man's head, apparently not that of a religious person, but rather of a warrior, but without a helmet. Legend,

SIGILL. PRIORIS HEREFORD.

The ARMS of St. Guthlac's priory are not noticed by Bishop Tanner. They have been given in the initial letter to the present account on the authority of Mr. Duncumb. *Gu.* a wyvern passant, wings displayed and tail nowed *Or.* On a chief *Az.* three mullets *Or.*

Tanner has preserved the following references only to public Records relating to this Cell: "Pat. 50 Hen. III. n. 34, de molendino subtus muros de Hereford. Rot. Pat. 8 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 16. Pat. 15 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 1."

Cartae ad Herefordensis Prioratum (Cellam Abbatiae S. Petri de Gloucestria) spectantes.

NUM. I.

Prædia ad Ecclesiam S. Guthlaci de Hereford spectantia, tempore Regis Willielmi Conquestoris.

[Ex Libro Censuali vocato *Domesday Book*, in Domo Capitulari Westmon. asservato.]

Wirec'scire, tom. i. fol. 176.

TERRA SANCTI GUTHLACI. In Clent hund. De S. Gvllaco tenet Nigellus medicus i. hid. in WICH. Ibi sunt ix. burgenses reddentes xxx. solid. de salinis et pro omnibus rebus.

In Cresselaw hund. Isdem Nigellus tenet DVNCLENT. et Vrsō de eo. Ibi iii. hidæ. In dominio est i. car. et ii. bord. et ii. bovarii. et v. car. possent ibi esse. Valuit xxv. solid. Modo x. solid. Odo tenuit de sancto Gutlaco.

Heref'scire, ibid. fol. 182 b.

TERRA SANCTI GUTHLACI. In Bremesse hund. Ecclesia S. Guthlaci tenet BRVNTVNE. Ibi i. hida geld. Terra est ii. car. Wasta fuit et est. Tamen redd. v. solid.

In Greitrev hvnd. Ipsa æcclesia tenuit DERMEN-
TVNE. et Æstanus canon. teneb. Ibi i. hida geld. Wal-
terus ten. modo, et habet ibi i. car. et unum bord. et unum
servum. Valet et valuit x. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia ten. HINETVNE. Ibi i. hida geld. In
dominio est i. car. et iii. villani cum ii. car. et dimid.
Ibi iii. servi et iii. cot. et molinum de iii. solid. Val.
xxv. sol.

In Tornelavves hund. Ipsa æcclesia ten. TINGE-
HALLE. Ibi i. hida geld. In dominio sunt ii. car. et iii.
villani et i. bord. cum ii. car. Ibi v. servi. Val. et valuit
xxx. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia ten. FELTONE. Ibi iii. hidæ geld. præter
dim. hid. In dominio sunt iii. car. et v. servi. et unus
bord. Ibi i. francigena cum i. car. redd. vi. solid. Valuit
lx. solid. Modo xl. sol.

Ipsa æcclesia ten. HOPE. Ibi ii. hidæ. Vna geld.
alia non. In dominio sunt ii. car. et unus vill. et ii. bord.
cum i. car. et dimid. Ibi iii. servi. Val. xxx. solid.

In Vlfegie hund. habuit S. Gutlacus i. hid. WESTE-
LET. Vasta fuit et est.

In Stratford hund. Ipsa æcclesia ten. MOCHES. Ibi
ii. hid. geld. Ibi sunt vi. villani et iii. bord. cum iii.
car. Ibi i. francig. Val. xxx. solid.

In Elsedvne hund. Ipsa æcclesia ten. ELMELIE. et
Rogerus de Laci de ea. Ibi iii. hid. geld. Terra est
viii. car. Alterius villæ homines laborant in hac villa. et
reddunt xxxvii. solid. et viii. denar.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet MIDEVRDE. et Drogo de ea. Ibi
i. hida geld. In dominio est una car. et ii. bovarii et iii.
bord. cum. i. car. Val. x. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet WITENIE. et Heraldus de ea. Ibi
iiii. hidæ geld. Wastæ sunt et fuerunt. Tamen redd.
iv. solid.

Inter Terras Nigelli Medici. ibid. fol. 183.

De terra S. Gutlaci ten. Nigellus medicus BERTOL-
DESTREV. Leflet tenuit. Ibi ii. hidæ.

Isdem Nigel ten. MAGÆ. Leflet tenuit de S. Gutlaco
Ibi ii. hidæ geld.

Isdem Nigel ten. MOCHES et Ansfridus de eo. Ernuin
tenuit de S. Gutlaco. Ibi est una hida. et in dominio
i. car. Val. xv. solid.

NUM. II.

[Ex Cronic. S. Petri Glouc. in bibl. Cottoniana.]

ANNO Domini mcj. Hugo de Lacy ecclesiam sancti
Petri Herford, quam pater suus Walterus à fundamentis
construxerat, dedit monachis sancti Petri Gloucestriae, cum
præbendis et omnibus quæ ad eam pertinent. Tempore
Serlonis abbatis, rex Willielmus senior concessit et con-
firmavit, de terris Walteri de Lacy, ad ecclesiam sancti
Petri, quam ipsemet construxit in Herford, quantum perti-
net ad quatuor carucas. Et de x. villis, x. villanos, unum
villanum in Stoke in Herefordshire, unum in Webbleya in
Herefordshire, unum in Bricmori-frome in eadem schira.
Quinque autem villanos de quinque villis in Gloucestre-

* Duncumb, ut supr.

schire, unum in Guytyng, unum in Quennyngton, unum in Stratton, unum in Wyke, &c.

NUM. III.

Carta Bernardi Menevens. Episc.

[Duncumb, Collect. Hist. Heref. p. 419. Harl. MS. ex autogr. pen. S. Taylor, 1655.]

BERNARDUS Dei gratia de sancto David episcopus, universis sanctæ ecclesiæ filiis, &c. salutem et benedictionem. Sciant et qui modo sunt et qui futuri erunt, me compluribus^a aliis, clericis et laicis, præsentem affuisse quando Rogerus de Porter eam donationem quam prius per manum domini Roberti Herefordensis episcopi de ecclesia sancti Guthlaci, de castello Herefordiæ, et de omnibus prebendis, et decan. et paroch. ad eam pertinentibus, ecclesiæ sancti Petri de Gloucestriâ fecerat, et in capitulo coram toto conventu concessit, et manu propria per quendam cultellum super altare sancti Petri præsentavit. Huic rei, quia vidi et audivi, testimonium perhibeo, et testimonium meum præsentī scripto affirmo. Vale.

NUM. IV.

Taxatio Ecclesiastica P. Nicholai IV^{ti}. 1291.

Spiritualia.

	£.	s.	d.
Portio prioris Hereford. in ecclia Scti Petri Hereford.	4	13	4
Portio prioris Hereford. sacristæ prior. in ecclia Scti Audoeni	1	0	0
Portio prioris Hereford. prior. in ecclia de Kingeston	0	5	0
Portio prioris Hereford. prior. in ecclia de Welinton	0	10	0
Portio prioris Hereford. prior. in ecclia de Bodeham	1	0	0
Portio prioris Hereford. prior. in ecclia de Logwardin	0	10	0
Portio prioris Hereford. prior. in ecclia de Weston	0	10	0
Portio prioris Hereford. prior. in ecclia de Mockers	0	3	0
Portio prioris Hereford. prior. in ecclia de Yanesore	1	6	8
Portio prioris Hereford. prior. in ecclia de Stoke Lacy	1	0	0
Ecclia de Felton est prior. Hereford.	2	13	4
Ecclia de Acle Pychard est prior. Hereford.	5	0	0
Portio prioris Hereford. in ecclia de Yarehull	0	6	8
Portio prioris Hereford. in ecclia de Crædeleye	0	5	0
Portio prioris Hereford. in ecclia de From Castri	1	0	0
Ecclia de Hum Lacy est prior. Hereford.	10	13	4
Portio prioris Hereford. in ecclia de Kempeleye	0	10	0
Portio prioris Hereford. in ecclia de Wethull	0	6	8
Portio prioris Hereford. in ecclia de Ryssebury	0	13	4

Bona Temporalia Prioris Hereford.

Idem habet apud Acle duas caruc. terr. pret. cujuslib.	1	0	0
De redd. assis.	0	15	10
Item idem habet apud Yngel duas carucatas terr. pret. amborum	2	0	0
De redd. assis.	0	11	0
Item apud Hynton una caruc. terr. pret.	0	13	4
De redd. assis. ibid. cum villata de Felton	2	0	0

^a sc. cum pluribus.

Item apud Hope una caruc. terr. pret.	0	10	0
De redd. assis. cum tenentibus de Bodeham	2	0	0
Item apud Lude tres caruc. terr. pret. cujuslib.	1	10	0
De molend.	0	13	4
De columb.	0	3	0
De redd. ass.	3	3	2½
Item apud Leden de redd. ass.	4	0	0
Item apud Russet de redd.	5	0	0
Item in civitate et suburbio Hereford. de redd. ass.	2	17	8
Item apud Balingesham duas caruc. terr. pret. cujuslib.	1	6	8
De redd. ass.	0	18	0
De placitis et pquis	0	3	0
Item apud Frome duas car. terr. pret. cujuslib.	1	0	0
De reddit. assis.	3	4	4
De uno columbari	0	2	6
De pretio octo acr. terr. pret. acr.	0	2	0
Item de Mole Castr.	1	0	0
Item de redd. ass. de Le Mare	10	0	0
Item apud Schytrinton et Byford de ann. redd.	1	15	0
De uno molend.	2	0	0
Prior de Hereford. habet x. vaccas exit. omn.	0	17	4
De hogarell. triginta exit. omn.	0	12	6

Heref. Spual.

Portio prior. in ecclia de Bisshampton, sed rector detinet	1	6	8
Portio prior. in ecclia de Kyngton	0	13	4
Portio prior. in ecclia de Payneswyk	1	6	8
Portio prior. in ecclia de Eggeswith, in decimis	0	13	4
Portio prior. in ecclia de Wynston, in decimis	0	13	4
Portio prior. in ecclia de Cotes, in decimis	0	13	4
Prior Scti Gutlaci percipit in ecclia de Stocton	0	6	8

NUM. V.

Quod hujusmodi Prioratus in Manum Regis capiatur.

[Claus. 15 E. II. m. 22.]

Rex vicecomiti Herefordiæ salutem. Cum prioratus Herefordiæ pro elemosinis certis et operibus pietatis, pro animabus antecessorum nostrorum et nostra faciendis, sit fundatus, et abbatie Gloucestriæ, quæ est de fundatione antecessorum nostrorum prædictorum, annexus; ac jam intellexerimus quod inter fratrem Willielmum de Irby, priorem prioratus prædicti, recognoscentem prioratum prædictum, de elemosinis progenitorum nostrorum prædictorum sic esse fundatum, et se prioratum illum de advocacione nostra tenere, ut prædictum est, ac fratrem Thomam de Burghull, qui se in prioratum illum intrusit, eundem prioratum, de advocacione et fundatione alterius quam dictorum progenitorum nostrorum, et nostra, clamat tenere, tam gravis contentio mota existit, quod per contentionem illam prioratus prædictus, in tantum destructus est et depauperatus, quod bona ejusdem sufficere non possunt ad dicta onera et pietatis opera manutenenda, per quod dicta onera et opera, pro parte, cessant, et totaliter adnullari formidantur, nisi per nos remedium super hoc citius apponatur: nos sustinere non valentes, sicuti nec debemus, onera, et pia hujusmodi opera, pro animabus antecessorum nostrorum et nostra ordinata, taliter adnullari, tibi præcipimus, quod dictum prioratum, cum omnibus suis possessionibus et pertinentiis tam mobilibus quam immobilibus sine

dilatione capias in manum nostram, et ea salvo custodias quousque de custodia eorundem ordinaverimus, vel aliud à nobis inde habueritis in mandatis. T. rege apud Wigorn. vj. die Jan.

NUM. VI.

[Particular for Grant, 35 Hen. VIII. in the Augmentation Office.]

MEMORANDUM that I John Aprice doo desire to purchas of the kings majestie, by vertue of his highnes comission of sale, the parcells of lands and hereaditaments valued and menconed in the particulers hereunto annexed, according to the rate expressid and made of the same. In witnesse whereof I the said John Aprice have subscribed and seallid this cedula the daie and yere menconed in the said rate.

Jo. PRISE.

Comitatus Civitatis Gloucestræ.

Parcella Possessionum Sancti Petri Gloucestræ in Comitatu Civitatis prædictæ jamdudum sursumredditi.

Omnia et singula dominia, maneria, rectoriæ, portiones, penciones, et aliæ possessiones quæcunque in comitatibus Hereford. Gloucestr. Salop. Stafford. et Wigorn. quæ dudum spectabant et pertinebant nuper prioratui sive cellæ sancti Guthlaci infra civitatem Hereford. in comitatu Hereford. cellæ nuper monasterio sancti Petri Gloucestræ et parcellæ possessionum ejusdem nuper monasterii prout inferius particulariter declarantur

valent in

Firma totius domus et scitus nuper prioratus sive cellæ sancti Guthlaci prædicti juxta et prope civitatem Hereford. in comitatu Hereford. quicquid prioratus sive cella nuper monasterio sancti Petri Gloucestræ in comitatu villæ Gloucestræ modo dissoluta dudum spectabat et pertinebat cum omnibus messuagiis, domibus, edificiis, orreis, columbariis, stagnis, vivariis, ortis, pomariis, gardinis, terra et solo tam infra quam extra scitum, septum, ambitum, circuitum, et provincium ejusdem nuper prioratus existentibus, ac omnibus et singulis dominiis sive maneriis de Thingill, Felton, Hynton, Priorshope, Monketon, Luyde Prior, Priorsfrom, Ledon, Rushock, et Balingeham, necnon omnibus et singulis grangis, terris, tenementis, molendinis, pratis, pascuis, pasturis, aquis, piscariis, piscationibus, boscis, communis, warrennis, ecclesiis, capellis, rectoriis, vicariis, advocacionibus et juribus patronatus ecclesiarum, vicariarum, capellarum, et aliorum beneficiorum quorumcunque, ac pensionibus, portionibus, decimis, oblationibus, redditibus, reversionibus, serviciis, annuitatibus, feodi firmis, redditibus super quibuscunque dimissionibus et concessionibus reservatis curiis letæ et visibus franciplegii, et perquisitis et proficuis curiarum et visuum franciplegii, herietis, et releviis, ac omnibus aliis juribus, jurisdictionibus, privilegiis, commoditatibus, emolumentis, proficuis, possessionibus, et hereditamentis quibuscunque tam spiritualibus quam temporalibus, cujuscunque sint generis, naturæ, vel speciei, seu quibuscunque nominibus censeantur seu cognoscantur, scituatis, jacentibus, et existentibus in civitate Hereford. ac in suburbiis civitatis, ac in Thingehill, Ledon, Felton, Westhope, Hope, Duddall, Augnebury, Hackley, Hynton, Oclepitchard, Monketon, Shutton, Luyde Prior, Frome, Dormyngton, Russ-hoke, Ballingham, Homelacy, Ledbury, Bodenhame, Luggewarden, Wigmershemore, Webley, et Garneston, in comitatu Hereford. ac in Paynes-wike, Templegitting Parva, Wormyngton, Wynston, Stretton juxta Circester, Coots, et Egge-worth, in comitatu Gloucestr. ac eciam in Bitterley in comitatu Salop. ac in Kyngton in comitatu

Wigorn. ac in Brewood et Moneford in comitatu Stafford. ac alibi ubicunque tam in dictis comitatibus Hereford. Gloucestr. Salop. Stafford. et Wigorn. quam alibi ubicunque infra regnum Angliæ ac in Wallia et Marchiis ejusdem quæ dicto nuper prioratui sive cellæ dudum spectabant et pertinebant, ac parcella possessionum et revencionum ejusdem nuper prioratus sive cellæ, habitis, cognitis, acceptis, sive reputatis extiterunt adeo plene et integre ac in tam amplis modo et forma prout Thomas Bisley dudum prior sive gubernator dicti nuper prioratus sive cellæ aut aliquis alius prior sive gubernator ejusdem nuper prioratus sive cellæ aut ultimus abbas dicti nuper monasterii Gloucestr. aut aliquis prædecessorum suorum abbatum ejusdem nuper monasterii in jure dicti nuper prioratus sive cellæ aut in jure dicti nuper monasterii vel in jure eorum alterius aliquo tempore ante dissolutionem ejusdem nuper prioratus sive cellæ omnia et singula præmissa superius expressa et specificata vel aliquam inde parcellam habuerunt, tenuerunt, vel gavisii fuerunt, habuit, tenuit, vel gavisus fuit, sive habere, tenere, et gaudere debuerunt aut debuit, et adeo plene et integre, ac in tam amplis modo et forma prout ea omnia et singula ad manus dicti domini regis nuper devenerunt aut devenire debuerunt ac in manibus suis jam existunt seu existere debent quæ omnia et singula sic superius expressa et specificata modo dimittuntur Johanni Price executoribus et assignatis suis per indenturam datam vij^{to}. die Junii anno regni Henrici vij^{ti}. Dei gratia Angliæ et Franciæ regis, fidei defensoris, domini Hiberniæ, ac in terra supremi capitis Anglicanæ ecclesiæ xxxij^{do}. sub sigillo curiæ augmentationum revencionum coronæ ejusdem domini regis habenda, tenenda, et gaudenda prædictum domum et scitum prædicti nuper prioratus sive cellæ ac omnia et singula prædicta dominia, maneria, grangias, terras, tenementa, molendina, boscos, rectorias, ecclesias, capellas, advocaciones, jura patronatus, pensiones, portiones, decimas, oblationes, redditus, reversiones, visus franciplegii, curias letæ, ac omnia et singula cætera præmissa superius expressa et specificata, cum omnibus et singulis suis pertinenciis præfato Johanni Price executoribus et assignatis suis a festo sancti Michaelis Archangeli ultimo præterito usque finem termini et per terminum quinquaginta annorum extunc proximo sequente et plenarie complendorum absque impetitione alicujus vasti, reddendo inde annuatim dicto domino regi hæredibus et successoribus suis lxⁱⁱ. legalis monetæ Angliæ ad festa Annunciationis beatæ Mariæ Virginis et sancti Michaelis Archangeli vel infra unum mensem post utrumque festum festorum illorum ad curiam prædictam per equales portiones solvendas durante termino prædicto. Et prædictus dominus rex per eandem indenturam vult et concedit quod bene licebit præfato Johanni Pryce executoribus et assignatis suis omnia domos et edificia præmissorum seu alicujus inde parcellam de tempore in tempus transferre et alterare et ea quæ ei superflua vel non necessaria videbuntur diruere et demoliri ac quatinus voluerit de novo construere et edificare absque molestatione seu impedimento dicti domini regis hæredum et successorum suorum aut aliquorum officiariorum et ministrorum suorum quorumcunque. Et prædictus Johannes concedit quod ipse executores et assignati sui omnia et singula præmissa in omnibus et per omnia bene et sufficienter reparabunt, sustentabunt, et manutenebunt durante termino prædicto ac illa sufficienter reparata in fine termini sui prædicti dimittent. Et prædictus Johannes Price concedit quod ipse et assignati sui dictum dominum regem hæredes et successores suos de omnibus et omnibus redditibus, firmis, annuitatibus, pensionibus, portionibus, et denariorum

summis ac oneribus quibuscunque de præmissis seu de aliqua inde parcella quoquomodo exeuntibus seu solvendis vel eisdem incumbentibus versus quascunque personas de tempore in tempus exonerabunt et acquietabunt durante termino prædicto prout in dictis indenturis plenius continetur

lx^{li}. de quibus.

Deducendo, Defalcando, et Excipiendo pro Terris et Tenementis de dictis Possessionibus per Regiam Majestatem venditis, viz. in et pro

Scitu, ambitu, circuitu, et procinctu nuper domus prioratus sive cellæ prædictæ cum orreis, stabulis, domibus, edificiis, ortis, pomariis, gardinis, columbariis, stagnis, aquis, terra et solo infra scitum, procinctum, et circuitum dicti nuper domus sive cellæ sancti Guthlaci Hereford. existentibus unacum quadam pastura vocata the iij. Mores eidem scitui adjacente, continente iij. acras terræ. Et una acra terræ arrabilis jacente in communi campo ibidem, vocato Portesfeld. Una pastura vocata Cobbe Hall, jacente juxta rivulum de Lugge infra parochiam de Lugwarden, continente x. acras, necnon prima vestura tocius illius prati vocati Whitehull, jacentis in parochia de Wethington juxta rivulum de Lugge prædicta, continentis per estimationem x. acras. Alterius prati vocati Wallney, jacentis et existentis infra parochiam de Hampton juxta rivulum de Lugge prædicta, continentis quinque acras terræ, quæ omnia et singula prædictus Johannes Price perquisivit de regia majestate sibi et hæredibus suis imperpetuum pro annuo valore

xliiij^s. ix^d.

Pro Pensionibus Regiæ Majestatis reservandis.

Quadam annua pensione x^{li}. exeunte de manerio de Widmersshemore parcella possessionum nuper prioratus Lanthonie juxta Gloucestr. de et pro feodi firma duarum parcium tocius domini de Webley et de Froma Hamunde et de Hugeton, necnon de dominio de Stratton, Froma canonicorum et molendini de Elvington, quæ prior et conventus nuper prioratus Lanthonie prædictæ habuerunt et tenuerunt in feodi firma per indenturam nuper abbatis et conventus prædicti nuper monasterio sancti Petri Gloucestr. ut in jure Sci Petri Gloucestr. ut in jure ac parcell. possessionum prædicti nuper prioratus sive cellæ sancti Guthlaci Hereford. quæ quidem pensio superius dimittitur prædicto Johanni Pryce infra prædictam summam lx^{li}. ut parcella possessionum prædictorum

x^{li}.

Quadam alia pensione annua exeunte de rectoria de Payneswyk parcella possessionum nuper monasterii sive prioratus Lanthonie juxta Gloucestr. et annuatim soluta prædicto Johanni Pryce ut parcella firmæ suæ prædictæ prout superius plenius continetur

xl^s.

xij^{li}.

xliiij^{li}. iij^s. ix^d.

Et valet clare per annum xlv^{li}. xv^s. iij^d.

Examinatur per WILLIELMUM BERNERS Auditorem.

The Certificat of the Auditor to the Contents of Mr. Chauncellor's Letters.

Th'aforsayd lordshippes, mannors, lands, and tenements, or any parcell of the pryory or celle of Seynt Cuthlake, or any part or parcel of them lyen or lye nygh non of the kinge his majestie houses wherunto his highnes hath any accesse or repayre unto nor nigh any of his grac^s forests, chac^s, or parks.

Item what patronages and advocations done belong to the sayd pryory or celle, or what fyne was last gevyn for the premysses, the auditor knowith nott.

Item the particulers hereof, nor any parcel hereof, were delyvered to none oder person but oonly to thys berer John Pryce, Esquyer.

Item the woods and underwoods to be certified by the master or surveyor of the same.

By WILLM BERNERS.

xxvj^{to}. die Februarii anno r. r. Henr. viij^{ti}. xxxv^{to}.

P JOHE' PRISE.

VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Transcript of Return, 26 Hen. VIII. First Fruits Office.)

PRIORATUS SANCTI CUTHLACI HEREF' DIOC' ET COM'.

Sma totalis Re^{te}. Fris Willi Thornebury P'oris P'orat' prædict' Mon' Sci Petri Glouc' annexat' et app'at' p annum : viz.

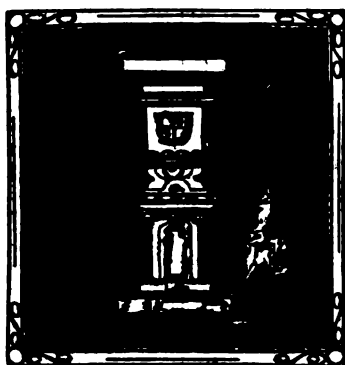
	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Redd' Assis' tam liboꝝ quam custuñioꝝ Tenen' in Felton 12l. 2s. 4d. Westhope 3l. 4d. Hopeduddall 10s. 8d. Augnebury 2s. et Hackley 2l. in com' Hereff' p annū	17	15	4	Pençõe ann ^u . re ^t . de Mro Hospitlis Sçe Katherine de Ledbury p Ecchijs de Yarkehill et Weston in com' Heref'	2	0	0			
Firma Situs Maffij de Hynton in g ⁿ is, viz In p ^c io xiiij ^{cl} . q ^r rtioꝝ F ^r i p annū sic dimiss' in com' Hereff' existen'	3	9	4	Pençõe annua re ^t . de P'ore de Lanthon' Scda p Ecclia de Payneswike in com' Glouc'	2	0	0			
Firma Situs Maffij de Hope P'oris in g ⁿ is, viz In p ^c io viij ^{to} . q ^r rtioꝝ F ^r i p annū p ^c ij q ^r rtij 5s. 4d. sic dim' in com' Hereff' exist'	2	2	8	Pençõe annua re ^t . de P'ore Lanthon' P ⁱ me in Wallia p Wigmshe more in com' Hereff'	10	0	0			
Firma Situs Maffij de Ledon in com' p ^d co p annū	4	13	4	Pençõe annua re ^t . de Mro Hospitlis de Quenyngton p Templegitinge in com' Glouc'	1	6	8			
Redd' Assis' tam liboꝝ quam custuñioꝝ Tenen' in Oclepitchard et Monketon in com' p ^d co p annū	8	1	10	Pençõe annua re ^t . de Vicario Sci Petri Hereff'	5	0	0			
Firma Situs Maffij de Monketon in g ⁿ is, viz In p ^c io xvij ^{cl} . q ^r rtioꝝ F ^r i iij ^{ia} . q ^r rtioꝝ ordij et x ^{cl} . q ^r rtioꝝ iij ^{or} . b3 aven' sic dim'	5	19	10	Pençõe annua re ^t . de Rçõe de Bytturley in com' Salop	1	10	0			
Redd' Assis' cert' liboꝝ Tenen' in Sutton in com' p ^d co p annū	0	12	1	Pençõe annua re ^t . de Rçõe de Ullingeswike et Pva Cowarne in com' Hereff'	0	6	8			
Redd' Assis' tam liboꝝ quam custuñioꝝ Tenen' in Lide P'oris in com' p ^d co p annū cū 13s. 4d. de re ^a . unius pcell' p ^t i jacen' ibm in manus p ^d ci p'oris existen'	12	19	0	Pençõe annua re ^t . de Rçõe de Pva Wormyngton in com' Glouc'	0	2	6	27	7	6
Firma Terr' dñical' in Lyde P'oris p annū sic dim'	3	6	8	Pençõe annua re ^t . de Rçõe Sci Nichi Hereff'	0	2	0			
Redd' Assis' custuñioꝝ Tenen' in Thyngill in com' p ^d co p annū	15	6	5	Pençõe annua re ^t . de Vicario de Homelacy in com' Hereff'	0	15	4			
Firma Situs Maffij de Thyngyll in g ⁿ is, viz In p ^c io xvij ^{cl} . q ^r rtioꝝ F ^r i et viij ^{to} . q ^r rtioꝝ ordij sic app ^c iat' et dimiss'	5	12	0	Pençõe annua re ^t . de P'ore de Brekenok p Bydham in com' Hereff'	1	10	0			
Redd' Assis' tam liboꝝ quam custuñioꝝ Tenen' in Froma P'oris et Dodington unacum Moñib vocat' Moremylle in com' p ^d co existen'	14	19	4	Pençõe annua re ^t . de P'orissa de Acornebury	0	2	0			
Firma Situs Maffij de Froma P'oris in g ⁿ is, viz In p ^c io xx ^{cl} . q ^r rtioꝝ F ^r i xvij ^{cl} . q ^r rtioꝝ ordij et j. q ^r rt' iij ^{or} . b3 pultes' sic app ^c iat' ac dimiss'	8	10	8	Pençõe annua re ^t . de P'orissa Albaꝝ Monialiū de Brewood in com' Stafford'	0	10	0			
Redd' Assis' custuñioꝝ Tenen' in Russhehoke in M'chijs Southwallie cum uno Moñio ibm p annū	6	0	5	Pençõe annua re ^t . de Decano et Capūlo Ecclie Cath ^{ie} . Hereff' p x ^m is. ap ^d . Bolinghope in com' Hereff'	1	0	0			
Redd' Assis' cum Firma Terr' dñical' ap ^d . Balingham infra limites de Irchenfeld in com' Hereff' p annū	5	12	8	Pençõe annua re ^t . de Rçõe Sci Audoeni ex ^a . muros Civi ^{is} . Hereff' p annū	1	0	0			
Redd' Assis' cert' liboꝝ Tenen' in Wekley et Garneston in com' p ^d co p annū	0	8	0	Pençõe annua re ^t . de Rçõe de Mordyorde in com' Hereff' cum iij ^d . de p ^c io unius libri thuris	0	2	4			
Redd' Assis' tam liboꝝ quam alioꝝ Tenen' in civi ^{is} . Hereff' p annū	15	13	0½							
Elemos' Dñi Regis an ^u . re ^t . de vicecom' Hereff'	3	0	10							

	£.	s.	d.		Reps', viz in	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
Pençõe annua re ^t . de M ^{ro} de Dynmore p x ^{mis} . de Sutton S ^{ci} Michis Oxnull et Bolston in com' Hereff ^r	1	6	8									
X ^{mis} . Prato ^r in Luggemedowe p annū	0	7	10		Resoluc' re ^{us} . Sibille Trye p Maffio de Balingh ^m p annū	4	6	8				
Oblaçõibz oblati in Ecclia S ^{ci} Cuthlaci p annū	0	4	0		Resoluc' re ^{us} . Comiti Salop' p Maffio p ^{re} dcō	0	0	8				
Pquis' Cur' de Thingyll 3s. 4d. Dormyng- ton 1s. 8d. Lyde P ^{ori} 2s. et Baling- ham 1s. p annū	0	8	0		Resoluc' re ^{us} . Ballivo Dñi Regis in Civi ^{te} . Hereff ^r p di ^{vis} ' Teñtis ibm	2	2	6		7	18	3
Porçõe x ^{mar} . ap ^d . Yaso ^r . in com' Hereff ^r	0	10	0		Resoluc' re ^{us} . E ^p o Hereff ^r p Molio vocat' Monke- mylle	1	6	8				
Porçõe x ^{mar} . ap ^d . Strete in com' p ^{re} dcō	0	10	0		Resoluc' re ^{us} . eidm E ^p o p ij ^{ba} . Teñtis in Vico E ^p i infra Civi ^{te} ' Hereff ^r	0	0	9				
Porçõe x ^{mar} . ap ^d . Humber in com' p ^{re} dcō	0	8	0		Resoluc' re ^{us} . P ^{ori} S ^{ci} Jo- h ^{nis} Jerlm in Anglia p Teñto in Civi ^{te} . p ^{re} dict'	0	1	0				
Porçõe x ^{mar} . ap ^d . Castell Frome in com' p ^{re} dcō	0	13	4		Pençõe ann ^u . solut' Vicario de Whethyn- ton in com' Hereff ^r p Porçõe x ^{mar} . in Pva Thynghill p annū	0	6	8				
Porçõe x ^{mar} . ap ^d . Stokelacy in com' p ^{re} dcō	0	10	0									
Porçõe x ^{mar} . ap ^d . Kington in com' Wigorn'	0	10	0		Feod' Jacobi Baskervill Mi- lit ^{is} . Sen ^u . d ^{ci} P ^{ori} atus p annū	2	0	0				
Porçõe x ^{mar} . ap ^d . Wynston in com' Glouc'	0	10	0		Feod' Johannis Skydmore Sen ^u . Maffij de Baling- h ^m p annū	1	0	0				
Porçõe x ^{mar} . ap ^d . Stretton in com' Glouc' cum re ^u . unius Mesuag' et unius Virg' Terræ ibm	2	0	0		Feod' Ro ^{gi} Vaughan Balli de Russhoke p annū	1	0	0				
Porçõe x ^{mar} . apud Magn' Thyngell in com' Hereff ^r	2	0	8	12	11	4						
Porçõe x ^{mar} . ap ^d . Parvā Thyngell in com' p ^{re} dcō	1	0	0		Feod' Wal ^{fi} Blakstone Au- ditoris ibm p annū	1	0	0				
Porçõe x ^{mar} . ap ^d . Co ^{ts} in com' Glouc'	0	6	8		Feod' Lodowici ap Rees Ballivi de Felton, Ocle- pitcharde, Thinghill, Le- don, et Hyde Prioris, Hopeduddall, Augne- bury, Westhope, et Hack- ley	2	13	4	10	17	8	
Porçõe x ^{mar} . ap ^d . Ledon in com' Hereff ^r	0	2	0		Feod' Wit ^{ti} Masser Ballivi de Froma Dormyngton et Balingh ^m	1	16	8				
Porçõe x ^{mar} . ap ^d . Sutton S ^{ci} Nicki in com' p ^{re} dcō	0	15	4		Feod' Wit ^{ti} Barkeley Bal- livi coll' re ^{us} . in Civi ^{te} . Hereff ^r	0	16	8				
Porçõe x ^{mar} . ap ^d . Edge- worth in com' Glouc'	0	10	0		Feod' ejusdm Wit ^{ti} Ballivi et Collector' Pençõnū et Porçõnū in com' Hereff ^r et Salop' p annū	0	6	8				
Porçõe x ^{mar} . ap ^d . Burghope in com' Hereff ^r	0	10	0		Feod' Jo ^h nis Apulby re ^t . Pençõnū in com' Glouc'	0	1	8				
Porçõe x ^{mar} . ap ^d . Gather- topte in com' Hereff ^r	0	10	0		Feod' Nicki Garvaus coll' de Sutton	0	1	4				
Porçõe x ^{mar} . ap ^d . Hackley in com' p ^{re} dcō	0	2	0		Feod' Jacobi Thomkyns coll' re ^{us} . de Webley p annū	0	1	4				
Porçõe x ^{mar} . ap ^d . Frome in com' p ^{re} dcō	0	10	0									
Porçõe x ^{mar} . ap ^d . Lyde P ^{ori} in com' p ^{re} dcō	0	13	4									
Firma Rçõe de Malveshul- gamage in com' Hereff ^r	0	13	4									
Firma Rectorie de Home- lacy in com' p ^{re} dcō	6	0	0									
Firma Rçõe de Oclepit- charde in com' p ^{re} dcō	3	6	8	12	13	4						
Firma Rçõe de Felton in com' p ^{re} dcō	1	10	0									
Firma Rçõe de Dormyng- ton in com' p ^{re} dcō	1	3	4									
					In toto	19	2	7				
	189	2	1½		Et reman' ult ^a . clare p annū	169	19	6½				

Priory of Ewyas,

HEREFORDSHIRE:

A Cell to the Abbey of St. Peter Gloucester.



N a MS. in the Cottonian library in the British Museum,* the foundation of this small priory is described to the following effect:

"Of EWYAS.

"In the year of our Lord 1100, Harald lord of Ewyas gave to the church of St. Peter Gloucester the church of St. Michael with the chapel of St. Nicholas de Cas-

tro, the chapel of St. James of Ewyas, the chapel of St. Kaene with the chapel of Caneros, in pure and perpetual frankalmoigne, in order that there should be at Ewyas, for ever, a convent serving God. Likewise he gave the tithe of his corn, venison, and honey, and of all things of which a Christian ought to pay tithes: moreover, the church of Foy, with one carucate of land, and the tithes of his pool of Foy. He gave also a mill, the church of Hidred with all its appurtenances, the church of Alyngetone, and the church of Burnham: the tithes, moreover, of his domain he granted throughout his lands to their proper uses, and the tithes of his mills and of eels: Archbishop Theobald confirming it, in the time of abbat Hamelin."

"Of the same.

"Robert confirmed the gift of Harald his father, and also gave the church of Burnham to the priory of Ewyas, that a convent should there be constituted, which was agreed to, but not prosecuted. Moreover, he gave to the same the tithes of all his manors from which Christians ought to pay tithe: Theobald archbishop of Canterbury confirming. John bishop of Salisbury confirmed it in the time of abbat Hamelin."

To what is above stated with respect to the foundation of this priory, but little seems capable of being added, except that Dugdale, in his Baronage,^b informs us, that Harold the founder was son to Ralph earl of Hereford, who, at the time of the Conqueror's Survey, was possessed of divers lordships in Berkshire, Worcestershire, and other counties, and whose chief seat was at Sudley in Gloucestershire. He afterwards obtaining Ewyas in Herefordshire, founded there a little priory for monks of St. Benedict's order.

This Harald had, it seems, two sons, John lord of Sudley, and Robert, who, residing at Ewyas, assumed his surname from that place, and, as before observed, not only confirmed the grants of what his father had given to those monks, but added the church of Burnham thereto.

The temporal possessions of this priory do not appear to be recorded in the Taxation of Pope Nicholas the Fourth A. D. 1291, except that it is there said^c to have had to the amount of twenty shillings in goods and animals in the archdeaconry of Brecon; but its portions in spiritualties are enumerated: the church of one of these, Telfunt in Wilts, obtained the denomination of Telfunt Ewyas, from its connection with this priory.

Bishop Tanner observes,^d that this cell, according to Leland, was first founded by a son of Harald, at Dulesse, a village a mile higher on the Brook, and was translated by Roger Tregoz to Mapheralt, or Ewias. Tanner adds, the revenues falling so much in value as not to be able to support this cell, it was, A. D. 1358, by decree of Thomas bishop of St. Davids, then ordinary, with the consent of the chapter, united and incorporated to the great abbey of Gloucester (St. Peter's).^e

From the time of this annexation, little occurs as to this small priory: there is not in the Ecclesiastical Valor 26 Hen. VIII. any return of it, not even under the head of St. Peter Gloucester, to which it then belonged, except that some of the portions of tithes which it enjoyed in 1291 are noticed; particularly a portion in Alcaning 2l. 13s. 4d. and in Lydyard 1l. both in Wilts. These sums vary in amount from the return in Pope Nicholas's Valor.

PRIORS of EWYAS HAROLD.

RICHARD DE NORMAN occurs prior A. D. 1283.^f

WILLIAM DE LONDONIIS, without date.^g

WILLIAM DE POTERNE occurs A. D. 1311.^h

WALTER DE MONMOUTH, A. D. 1358.ⁱ

The church of Ewias Harold was after the suppression of the abbey of Gloucester, granted to the bishop by letters patent, 33d Hen. VIII.^k

No SEAL of this priory has been met with; but that a seal of one of its priors was once extant is evident; for in November, A. D. 1237, the then prior of Ewias was personally present at the execution of an instrument, now remaining in the Augmentation Office, marked CART. ANTIQ. D. 86 a, whereby Walter bishop of Worcester released the nuns of Acombury from the observance of the rules of the order of the Hospital of Jerusalem, and placed them by apostolical license under the order of St. Austin. To this instrument not only the seal of the bishop was put, and those of the abbats of Dore and Caerleon, fragments of which yet remain, but also that of the prior of Ewias, as well as of several others, of which no vestiges exist, but the labels to which they were affixed.

* MS. Cotton. Domitian. VIII. See vol. i. p. 546, of the present Work, and App. Num. I.

^b Dugd. Bar. i. 428.

^c Num. II.

^d Notit. Mon. Ewias Haraldi Heref.

^e Num. III.

^f MS. Cole, Brit. Mus. vol. xxi. fol. 195 b.

^g Ibid.

^h Ibid.

ⁱ See Num. III.

^k Tanner, Notit. Mon. says, "This place was in the marches of Wales, adjoining to Brecknockshire, and was not part of Herefordshire till 27 Hen. VIII. See the statute of that year, chap. xxvi. § 12. It is yet in the diocese of St. Davids."

Cartae ad Ewyasense in agro Herefordensi Prioratum spectantes.

NUM. I.

PRIORATUS de Ewyas dotatur et fundatur per Haraldum dominum de Ewyas anno Domini mc. et confirmatur per Robertum filium suum, ut patet in cronicis abbatie de Gloucestria.*

Robertus confirmavit donum patris sui Haraldi; insuper dedit ecclesiam de Burnham prioratui de Ewyas, ut conventus ibidem inveniatur, quod concessum est, sed non prosecutum. Insuper dedit eisdem decimas omnium maneriorum suorum de quibus Cristiani decimare debent. Theobaldus archiepiscopus Cantuariensis confirmat, Johannes episcopus Sarisburiensis confirmat, ut constat in cronicis praedictis.

NUM. II.

Tax. Eccl. P. Nicholai IV. A.D. 1291.

EWYAS PRIORAT'.

Spiritual'.

	£.	s.	d.
Hereford'			
ECCLESIA de Foye quoad portionem			
prioris de Ewyas	3	6	8
Sarum.			
Portio monachorum de Ewyas in Tef-			
funte	0	13	4
Portio prioris de Ewyas in ecclesia de			
Albecaning	2	0	0
Portio prioris de Ewyas in ecclesia de			
Helmerton	2	0	0
Portio prioris de Ewyas in ecclesia de			
Lydyerd Tregos	1	10	0
Menev'			
Bona temporalia religiosorum in ar-			
chid. Brecon. tam in temporalibus			
quam in animalibus.			
Bona prioris de Ewyas Har. ad . .	1	0	0

NUM. III.

Carta Thomae Fastolf Episc. Menev. qua annectit Prioratum de Ewyas, cum Ecclesia S. Michaelis, Abbatie S. Petri Ebor.

[MS. Harl. 1249, p. 179.]

UNIVERSIS sanctae matris ecclesiae filiis praesentes literas inspecturis Thomas permissione divina Meneven. episcopus salutem in eo qui est omnium vera salus. Pastoralis officii cura cui, licet immerito praesidemus; pia sollicitudinis studio nos astringit ut ea quae propter religionis cultum olim in ecclesia primitiva late superhabundant, et fervide ex devotione fidelium fundata et constituta sunt succrescente temporum et hominum malitia refrigerata, multorum caritate devotionisque fervore reducto pro dolor! ad teporem in statum illum redigamus quod fundatorum et constituentium huiusmodi servetur intentio, et tepiditos nostra salubri commutatione disposita primitivum reddat ad fervorem.

Sane dilectorum nobis in Christo filiorum fratris Thomae abbatis et conventus monasterii sancti Petri Gloucestr. ordinis sancti Benedicti Wygorn. dioceseos, a quo prioratus

de Ewyas Haraldi nostrae dioceseos immediate dependet, Petitio nobis exhibita continebat quod olim dum fecunda Religio circum vicini populi tunc devoti favore sibi attrahens dotis mediocritatem multo ledente fecerat habundare.

Prioratus antedictus fundatus et dotatus extitit ad sustentationem unius prioris et unius vel duorum monachorum per abbatem monasterii praedicti Gloucestr. illuc mittendorum, in quibus tunc vixit tam matura religio ut fortiores existerent si turbine saeculari pro tempore quassarentur.

Sed succedentium temporum qualitas religionis fervorem et amplitudinem ad eundem rerum habundantiam ac zelum populi viris religiosus prius favorabilem praesertim in loco quo dictus prioratus scituatur non solum diminuit, sed quod dolendum est quia penitus abstulit hiis diebus adeo quod propter loci inquietudinem et populi circumvicini infestam inquietationem et inquietam infestationem jam Domini non solum perit ibidem religio, verum etiam monachis instructis in vita et conversatione regulare de monasterio praedicto illuc ad morandum successive missis propter inquietationem et infestationem huiusmodi, et ob debitae religionis carentiam in saeculares, et quasi silvestros mores irreparabiliter ut plurimum commutatis ad monasterium antedictum frequenter revocatis infectionis suae contagio in suos claustrales confratres dampnabiliter effuso in monasterio praedicto religio vulneratur. Quodque facultates Prioratus ejusdem ad tantam diminutionem rediguntur quod uni Priori non sufficiunt ad moram faciendam ibidem, et ad supportandum necessaria onera dicti loci; et quod Abbas et Conventus praedicti Priori et suo commonacho dicti loci, ne ad mendicitatis opprobrium urgerentur, jam per multa tempora vestitus et victus sui magnam partem de communi monasterii sui praedicti gratis exhibuerunt quae de caetero propter causas praemissas facere recusant.

Quare pro parte abbatis et conventus praedictorum, ac etiam nobilium virorum dominorum Rogeri de la Warre fundatoris et patroni sancti prioratus, et Petri de Grandissono nunc defuncti militis, cujus etiam progenitores dictum prioratum fundaverunt et dotarunt, et Walterus de Monemouth nuper prior ejusdem nobis extitit cum instantia humiliter supplicatum quatenus praedicto abbati potestatem et licentiam priorem et monachum seu monachos in dicto prioratu morari consuetos ad claustrum et religionem dicti monasterii pro perpetuo revocand. concedere, et prioratum ipsum cum ecclesia sancti Michaelis de Ewyas praedictae nostrae dioceseos, ac aliis suis juribus et pertinentiis universis Abbati et Conventui sancti Petri Gloucestr. praedicti ubi fervida viget et per Dei gratiam perpetuo vigeat religio, ut cantaria quae in dicto prioratu fieri consuevit fiat de caetero per monachos in dicto monasterio incorporare, annectere, et unire imperpetuum dignaremur.

Nos igitur cupientes religiosorum virorum quieti ut liberior Deo serviant, et ut eisdem vacationis et dissolutionis tollatur occasio, quantum cum Deo possumus providere, et petitionem et supplicationem huiusmodi justas et earum causas rationabiles reputantes super veritate praemissorum vocatis in hac parte vocandis inquisitionem in forma juris fieri fecimus diligentem: et subsequentes omnes quorum interest vel interesse poterat per discretum virum magistrum Gruffinum ap Res archidiaconum Brechon. commissarium nostrum in ea parte cujus relationi in hac parte nobis factae plenam fidem adhibemus et infra cujus Archidiaconatum Prioratus et ecclesia sancti Michaelis praedicta situati existunt, dictam inquisitionem visur. pro ipsorum contra

* Vide supra in Gloucestr.

ipsas inquisitionem et incorporationem unionem et annexionem in ea parte faciend. proposituros et ostensuros ad certum peremptorium terminum et locum competentem coram nobis seu nostro commissario fecimus evocari: quibus die et loco nullis pro jure suo proponentibus aut quicquam contra præmissa opponentibus seu ostendentibus, sed ipsis et aliis quibuscunque contra præmissa quicquam proponendi in futurum via præclusa per decretum.

Nos Thomas episcopus antedictus dicta inquisitione et contenta in eadem per nos diligenter inspectis ponderatis undique ponderandis et meritis hujus negotii examinatis plenius et discussis, præhabito super hoc cum capitulo nostræ ecclesiæ cathedralis Meneven. solempni, communi, frequenti, ac diligenti tractatu qui in hujusmodi perpetuis concessionibus et ecclesiarum unionibus seu alienationibus de jure requiritur. Ac secutis deliberatione et causæ cognitione plenariis debitis et moturis omnibusque ritè peractis in hac parte requisitis quia invenimus omnia præmissa et singula per partem ipsorum religiosorum virorum abbatis et conventus monasterii sancti Petri Gloucestr. antedicti nobis exposita et suggesta veritatem in omnibus continere. Quodque urgens necessitas et evidens utilitas Monasterii et Prioratus prædictorum ac omnium quorum interest subsunt, requirunt, et exposcunt quod fieri debeant unio, annexio, et incorporatio prælibat. de communi, unanimi, et concordî collaudatione, consilio, consensu, et assensu capituli ecclesiæ nostræ Menevens. prædictæ, ac omnium et singulorum quorum interest in hac parte, præsertim ad supplicationem et instantiam dictorum nobilium virorum dominorum Rogeri de la Warre fundatoris, et Petri de Grandissons, ac fratris Walteri de Monemouth nuper prioris antedicti cujus resignationem de dicto prioratu in manus nostras ex causa prædicta sponte factam admisimus concurrentibus omnibus et singulis in præmissis de jure requisitis abbati dicti monasterii Gloucestr. dictum fratrem Walterum nuper priorem et monachos seu monachum in dicto prioratu morari solitos ad dictum monasterium suum revocandi et illos ibidem retinendi perpetuo licentiam tribuimus, et Prioratum de Ewyas Haraldi nostræ dioces. memoratum et ecclesiam sancti Michaelis de Ewyas præd. nostræ dioces. quam prior dicti loci ut appropriatam ab antiquo tenuit et possedit cum suis bonis spiritualibus et temporalibus ac juribus et pertinentiis universis Abbati et conventui et monasterio sancti Petri Gloucestr. ex dictis causis et propter eas, et præcipue ob religionis quietem ampliandam auctoritate pontificali episcopali, et ordinaria imperpetuum incorporamus, annectimus, et unimus ac concedimus in usus proprios dictorum abbatis et conventus, et ad sustentationem dictæ Cantariæ per monachos ejusdem monasterii pro fundatoribus dicti prioratus inibi devotius perpetuo faciendæ, salva portione congrua pro sustentatione vicarii qui pro tempore erit in ecclesia sancti Michaelis prædicta, jurisdictione, dignitate, et jure ecclesiæ nostræ Meneven. etiam semper salvis. Ita quod abbati et conventui supradictis et eorum successoribus extunc liceat quandocunque dicti prioratus et ecclesiæ sancti Michaelis prædictæ nostræ dioces. sic unitorum ac bonorum omnium spiritualium et temporalium, et jurium et pertinentium ad prioratum et ecclesiam prædictos spectantium in vigore unionis, incorporationis, et annexionis hujusmodi auctoritate propria per se alium vel alios possessionem et quasi libere apprehendere, nancisci, et retinere, fructusque, redditus, et proventus Prioratus et ecclesiæ prædictorum in usus suos proprios convertere et applicare nostr. vel successorum nostrorum,

seu alterius cujuscunque auctoritate vel licentia minime requisit. reservata nobis et successoribus nostris imperpetuum pro nostra et eorum omnium indemnitatem, et pro omni jure nobis aut eis in dicto prioratu vel ecclesia sancti Michaelis aut eorum pertinentiis in ea parte competenti vel competituro sex solidorum et octo denariorum sterlingorum annua pensione solvenda nobis et successoribus nostris vel receptori nostro seu nostrum aut eorum locumtenenti per partem abbatis et conventus prædictorum apud manerium nostrum de Landewy juxta Brichoniam in festo sancti Michaelis ac etiam capitulo ecclesiæ nostræ Meneven. pro indemnitatem ipsorum quinque solidorum sterlingorum annua pensione reservata solvenda annis singulis in festo Nativitatis sancti Johannis Baptistæ in civitate vel ecclesia Meneven. Communario seu receptori canonicorum quorum alterius acquietantiam volumus eis sufficere et eidem plenam fidem adhibere in ea parte. Et præterea quia ministro dictæ ecclesiæ nostræ Meneven. deferentes reliquias ejusdem ecclesiæ nostræ annuatim ad partes illas consueverint in eodem prioratu recipi et procurari seu nomine receptionis et procurationis hujusmodi, quas quidem receptionem et procurationem de cætero ibidem cessare volumus et ordinamus duorum solid. sterlingorum annuam pensionem dicto communario seu receptori annuatim Meneven. in dicto festo Nativitatis sancti Johannis Baptistæ solvendum dictæ ecclesiæ nostræ etiam reservamus. Quod si Pensiones annuæ supradictæ terminis suis prælibatis seu infra tres septimanas postea solutæ non fuerint vel earum aliqua non fuerit soluta, omnes fructus et proventus dictæ ecclesiæ sancti Michaelis ex tunc de expressis consensu, voluntate, et assensu abbatis et conventus prædictorum eo ipso sint auctoritate pontificali sequestrati, quod quidem sequestrum per solutionem subsequentem sit nichilominus hoc ipso relaxatum. In quorum omnium testimonium et fidem perpetuam has literas nostras patentes super hiis fieri et tam sigilli nostri quam sigilli Communis Capituli nostri ecclesiæ Meneven. fecimus et mandamus appensione muniri. Dat. in domo nostra capitulari Meneven. vicesimo primo die mensis Februarii anno Domini millesimo ccc^{mo}. quinquagesimo octavo, et nostræ consecrationis anno septimo.

Et Nos Capitulum dictæ ecclesiæ Meneven. unioni, annexioni, et incorporationi, et cæteris prædictis nostrum præbentes consensum et assensum, unionem, annexionem, et incorporationem prælibatis ex causis superius annotatis unanimiter approbamus et confirmamus, et eos optinere volumus robur perpetuæ firmitatis. In quorum omnium fidem et testimonium sigillum nostrum commune præsentibus apposuimus. Dat. in domo nostra Capitulari prædicta, die mensis et anno Domini supradictis.

Et nos abbas et conventus monasterii sancti Petri Gloucestr. prædict. annuarum pensionum prædictarum reservationi et constitutioni ac cæteris omnibus et singulis, sub modo et forma quibus suprascriptuntur nostrum consensum et assensum unanimiter præbentes, easdem reservationem et constitutionem pensionum prædictarum, quatenus in nobis est, approbamus et confirmamus, ipsasque pensiones annuas terminis et locis supradictis solvendas bona fide promittimus, modo quo præfertur, sub pœnis et censuris superius expressatis. In quorum omnium testimonium et perpetuam fidem sigillum nostrum commune præsentibus apposuimus. Dat. in domo nostra capitulari Gloucestr. ultimo die dicti mensis Februarii anno Domini millesimo ccc^{mo}. quinquagesimo octavo supradicto.

Middlesburgh, in the Deanry of Cleveland,

IN

YORKSHIRE :

A Cell to the Abbey of Whitby.



IDDLESBURGH church, dedicated to St. Hylda the abbess, was given by Robert de Brus, son of the first of that family, about the year 1120, with all things thereunto appertaining, and two carucates and two oxgangs of land in Neuham, in perpetual alms, to the church and brethren of St. Peter and St. Hylda of Whitby, to the intent that in the said church of Middlesburgh

there should be certain monks serving God and St. Hylda of Whitby, who might plentifully and sufficiently live on the revenues of the said church: the mother church of Whitby receiving the overplus or remainder. The deed was witnessed by William the chaplain, Arnald de Percy, Umfrid de Elthot, William de Fugeris, and many others.^a

This deed received confirmation by King Henry the First, who by his charter grants and confirms to God and the church of St. Peter and St. Hylda at Whitby, and to the monks performing divine service there, the church of Middlesburgh with its appurtenances, that they may possess and enjoy it as their proper cell.^b

At this time the dedication of the church of Whitby was to St. Peter and St. Hylda, but that of Middlesburgh was to St. John Baptist and St. Hylda. The latter name, however, was in such estimation, that it was generally called the church of St. Hylda at Middlesburgh, without any other epithet.

The gift of this church to be a cell for the monks of Whitby received also confirmation in the year 1130, from Thurstan archbishop of York.^c

Early in the thirteenth century, William Malebyse granted and by his deed confirmed to God and the church of St. Hylda at Middlesburgh, and to the monks performing divine service there, in pure and perpetual alms, all the lands and pastures in his freehold at Brachanhoe which Hugh Malebyse his father, and Hugh his brother, had granted to the aforesaid church and monks, included within the following boundaries, viz. along the headland of Long Ralph (*Ralph Long*) to the place where that headland goes into Caldecotes Slack (*in fletum de Caldecotes*), and thence along the middle of the Slack to the mill-dam or mill-race (*in fletum molendini*) near to Felebrige, and thence to the nearest boundary of Thomas de Martun's land, and thence upward to the headland of the aforesaid Long Ralph. All which lands and pastures he undertakes to warrant and defend to the before-named monks against all men whatsoever. The witnesses to this deed are Richard

Malebyse, Hugh his brother, Geoffrey de Thorney, Alan Malekake, and others.^d

Burton gives an account^e of the several donations made to this cell, as also the names of the donors. The whole amount seems to have been but small.

Burton also notices a dispute between the canons of Gisburn, impropiators of the mother church of Stainton, and the monks of Whitby, owners of the chapel of Middlesburgh, touching the tithes, parochial dues, mortuaries, &c. of twelve carucates of land, which the canons of Gisburn claimed as belonging to their mother church, and the monks as to their chapel of Middlesburgh. The matter was compromised between them, in the presence and by the interposition of Robert de Brus, their common patron, who had granted the church to one and the chapel to the other house, in this manner, viz. that the canons of Gisburn should have the tithes, &c. of six of these carucates, as belonging to their church of Stainton, and the monks of Whitby to have the tithes, &c. of the other six carucates, as belonging to their chapel of Middlesburgh, which for the future was to be emancipated from Stainton, and deemed a mother church: and for preventing future disputes, and to make each of them amends for what the one lost and the other wanted of what they claimed, the monks of Whitby were to have the tithes, &c. of four carucates of the fee of John Ingeham in Aresum, of a fifth of the fee of Mallet, a vassal of Roger de Mowbray, in Leventhorpe, and of a sixth, being their own land, in Middlesburgh; and the canons of Gisburn were to have those of three carucates of land of the fee of Robert de Brus in Acclum, of a fourth of the fee of Robert Esturmith in the same township, of the fifth of Mallet, held of Robert de Brus, and of a sixth, being their own land, in Aresum. "So tenacious," adds Burton, "were these religious of their rights, and with so much difficulty it was to be accorded about them."^f

According to the Valuation made of this cell, 26 Hen. VIII., its revenues amounted to 21*l.* 3*s.* 8*d.* yearly. The revenues in the 32d Hen. VIII. appear to have amounted to 25*l.* 17*s.* 5*d.*^g

In the sixth year of Queen Elizabeth, the site, &c. were granted to Thomas Reve.^h

Burton says, at the time of the Dissolution two or three monks only were resident in this cell.

Graves, in his History of Cleveland, in describing the parish of Acklam, says there was an ancient chapel here dedicated to St. Hilda. This chapel has been long in ruins, and nothing of the sacred edifice now remains. The site, together with the chapel-yard, which is still used occasionally as a burying place by the inhabitants, lies open and uninclosed from the adjoining grounds. It is, with the greatest part of the parish, the property of Thomas Hustler, Esq. of Acklam Hall.

^a See Appendix of Instruments, Num. I.

^b Charlton's Whitby, p. 85.

^c Ibid. p. 86.

^d Num. II.

^e Burton, Mon. Ebor. p. 86.

^f In the Chartulary of Whitby abbey in the British Museum, MS. Donat. 4715, the following Instruments occur relating to Middlesburgh:

1. Carta Radulphi fil. Rob. de Cliveland Deo et ecclesie S. Johannis Baptistae et sanctae Hyldae de Midelesburg de terra in campo de Ormesby, fol. 17.

2. Carta Baldrici de Arusum de sex acris terrae apud Midlesburg et Arnaldetofes, fol. 17 b.

3. Carta Willielmi Tosti de dimid. acra terrae in Bracanhoc, ibid.

4. Carta Joh. Ingeram de ix. acris terrae, fol. 18.

5. Carta Hyrp de Marton de ij. acris terrae in Marton et Bracanhoc, fol. 18 b.

6. Carta Willielmi Malebyse de terris in Bradanhoc, ibid.

7. Carta Tho. fil. Rog. de Marton de sex acris terrae in Bracanhill et Crossebidale, fol. 19.

8. Carta Will. fil. Ric. fil. Avelinae de Levingtorp de iij. perticatis terrae in campo villae de Midelesburg, fol. 19 b.

9. Cartae Thomae de Marton de tofto et crofto in Est Marton, fol. 20 b.

^g See the Ministers' Accounts for Whitby in the present Work, vol. i. p. 421. "The Consuetudines" of Middlesburgh, also, will be found included with those of Whitby, ibid. p. 417.

^h See Particular for Grant, Num. III.

Cartae ad Middlesburgense Coenobium in agro Eboracensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

Robertus de Brus de Midelesburg.

[Ex Regist. de Whitby penes Hug. Cholmondeley eq. aur. an. 1640, fol. 23.]

ROBERTUS de Brus omnibus sanctæ matris ecclesiæ fidelibus salutem. Scitote quod ego et Agnes uxor mea, filiusque noster Adam de Brus, pro salute domini nostri Henrici regis Angliæ, animarumque nostrarum, et hæredum nostrorum remedio, ecclesiam sanctæ Hyldæ abbatissæ de Midesburg, cum omnibus rebus quæ ad eandem ecclesiam pertinent, et duas carucatas et duas bovatas terræ in Nehuham, in perpetuam elemosinam, ecclesiæ et fratribus sancti Petri, et sanctæ Hyldæ de Wyteby, dedimus, concessimus, et confirmamus, ea conventionem, ut in præfata ecclesia de Midesburg, quidam monachi sint, qui Deo et sanctæ Hyldæ de Wyteby deserviant, et qui de stipendiis præfate ecclesiæ largè et sufficienter vivere valeant, et ut mater ecclesia de Wyteby de ea semper valeat habere proficuum. Hii sunt testes, Willielmus capellanus, Arnaldus de Perci, Umfridus de Elthot, Willielmus de Fugeris, et multi alii.

NUM. II.

Carta W. Malebysse de Midelesburg.

[Ibid. fol. 28.]

OMNIBUS sanctæ matris filii Willielmus Malebisse salutem. Notum sit universitati vestræ me dedisse et concessisse, et hac carta mea confirmasse Deo et ecclesiæ sanctæ Hyldæ de Midesburg, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, totas terras et pasturas de feudo meo de Brachanhoc, quas Hugo Malebisse pater meus, et Hugo frater meus Malebisse, prædictæ ecclesiæ, et monachis concesserunt. Scilicet, hiis metis. Sicut forera Radulfi Longi vadit in fletum de Caldecotes, et inde per medium fletum, usque in fletum molendini versus Felebrige, usque proximam metam terræ Thomæ de Marton, et inde sursum usque foreram prædicti Radulfi Longi. Et ego et hæredes mei warrantizabimus et defendemus prædictas terras et pasturas prænominatis monachis erga omnes homines imperpetuum de omnibus rebus. Hiis testibus, Ricardo Malebisse, Hugone fratre suo, Gaufrido de Thornton, Alano Malekake, et aliis.

NUM. III.

[Particular for Grant temp. Eliz. Augmentation Office, Bund. R. Reve, xiii.]

Com' Ebor'

Parcella Possessionum nuper Monasterii de Whitby in comitatu prædicto.

CELLA de Middelburghe in comitatu prædicto
Valet in

£. s. d.

Firma scitus nuper domus sive cellæ de Middelburgh prædict. in comitatu prædicto, cum omnibus domibus, horreis, stabulis, columbariis, et aliis edificiis, pomariis, ortis, et gardinis infra præcinctum, circuitum, et ambitum scitus ejusdem cellæ ac omnibus terris dominicalibus eidem nuper cellæ pertinentibus cum eorum pertinentiis, necnon unius clausi vocati Westley Close, continentis per estimationem iiij. acras. Unius clausi vocati le Howse Close, continentis per estimationem iiij. acras. Unius clausi vocati Angram Close, continentis per estimationem ij. acras. Unius clausi vocati Westefilde, continentis per estimationem xxiiij. acras. Unius clausi vocati le Estfilde, continentis per estimationem xxx. acras terræ arabilis. Unius clausi vocati le Southfeild, continentis per estimationem xxiiij. acras. Unius alii clausi vocati Brakenhill, continentis per estimationem xj. acras inter alia dimiss' Johanni Harris per literas domini nuper regis Henrici viij^{vi}. patentes datas xxij. die Februarii anno regni sui xxxiv^{to}. reddendo inde ad festa Annunciationis beatæ Mariæ Virginis et sancti Michaelis Archangeli equaliter per annum 3 19 0

The premisses are no parcell of thauncyent demaynes of the crowne nor of the duchies of Lancaster or Cornewall, and they are not nere any of the quenes majesties howses, parks, or forrests reserved for her highnes accesse.

What woods or underwoods are belonging to the premisses I know not.

Ther is no specyall matter to be consydered in the sale, &c.

Ex^{ta}. iv^{to}. Februarii MDLXIII.

Per ANTHO. ROUE Aud.

Rated for William Clopham at xxx. yeres purchase.

VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Return, 26 Hen. VIII. First Fruits Office.)

PRIORATUS DE MIDLEBURGH IN COM' EBOR'

CELLA MONASTERII DE WHITBY.

Prioratus prædict' valet in

Com' Ebor'	£.	s.	d.
Scitu dictæ Cellæ cum Terris Dominicalibus ibidem in manibus propriis dicti Prioris	1	0	0
Terris et Tenementis in tenuris diversorum Tenentium ibidem in Midleburgh per Annum	5	0	0
Terris et Tenementis in Leventhorpe	0	18	6
Uno cotagio in Colby	0	5	0
Newham	10	0	0

Com' Ebor'	£.	s.	d.
Ormesby	0	4	0
Marton	0	18	0
Capella de Middleburgh, decimis garbarum et feni, agnellis, aliisque minutis decimis et oblationibus ejusdem Capellæ appropriatis, communibus Annis	2	8	2
In toto per Annum	20	13	8

Hackness in Whitby Strand,

IN

YORKSHIRE:

A Cell to the Abbey of Whitby.



ACCORDING to Charlton,^a the Lady Hilda, abbess of the nunnery of Streanshalh, founded this Cell, and called it Hactenus,^b on account of its being near the utmost limits of the church lands; but the common people, not at all acquainted with Latin, soon corrupted that word into Hackness, the name by which it has been known for now almost eleven hundred years.

Another derivation has been suggested,^c which seems more likely to be the true one; namely, from *hawk* (the bird) and *ness* (a headland): thus Hackness signifies a headland frequented by hawks; and this is the more probable, as William Rufus, its royal proprietor, was passionately devoted to the diversion of hawking. Of the removal of the monks from Whitby to Hackness Charlton gives the following statement from the Whitby Register:^d

"In the time of William II. king of England, son of William the Bastard, king of England, a great tribulation and persecution arose in the monastery of Whiteby against Serlo the prior and the fraternity in that place, such as they formerly had experienced in the days of Rainfrid, heretofore prior of Whiteby. For thieves and robbers, by day and night, coming out of the forests and dens where they lurked, carried away all their substance, and laid that holy place desolate. In like manner, pirates, void of all compassion, landing there, came and plundered the monastery. Induced by these reasons, Serlo the prior and the monks of Whiteby shewed their calamity and misery to William de Percy, begging of him to give them a place of residence at Hackenas, where they might construct a monastery, as also the abbess of St. Hilda had formerly constructed a monastery there. Now William willingly granted their petition, on such terms, that, peace being again established, they should return to their aforesaid monastery at Whiteby. Here therefore they began to erect a monastery, near the church of St. Mary in that town, where they remained some time, and led a very religious life. Afterwards a very great dissension arising between the two brothers, William de Percy and Serlo de Percy the prior of Whiteby, on account of William de Percy's giving the towns of Staxby and Everley to Ralph de Everley, his armour-bearer, who

had been his servant many years, William de Percy wanted to take away from his brother Serlo all those lands and towns which he had formerly given to the aforesaid monastery of Whiteby; which, as soon as Serlo the prior was made acquainted with, he went in much haste to William king of England, whose familiar acquaintance and loving associate he had been, while they were yet youngsters, in the house and court of King William the father. Him he made acquainted with all proceedings; on which King William commanded and charged William de Percy and Serlo his brother, the prior of Whiteby and Hackenas, as also the monks serving God there, to keep his firm peace, and to make no further disturbance. But Serlo the prior, being desirous to be at a distance from his brother William de Percy, and to live on the freehold of our lord the king, lest his brother should offer him some injury, or use him reproachfully, besought King William to give him and his monks, for a perpetual alms, six carucates of land, with their appurtenances, which were in his lordship, two of them lying in Hackenas, and the other four in Northfeld."^e Dr. Burton, who more briefly relates this transaction, adds, that prior Serlo, being thus secured against his brother's resentment, and his possessions here enlarged, he and his monks continued here some time, but returned afterwards back to their former situation at Whitby, leaving, nevertheless, some of their monks to reside here, in or near the church of St. Peter, which from hence became a cell to, or a subordinate house to, their priory of Whitby.

King Henry the First granted or rather confirmed to them the church of Hackness, with the appurtenances, and the franchises of sac, soc, toll, team, and infangtheof.

Henry the Second confirmed the same.

Richard the First confirmed the same, with the additions of exemption from the payment of the tax called danegeld.

William archbishop of York likewise confirmed their possessions here.

It is uncertain what number of monks usually resided here; probably that was arbitrary, and depended wholly on the pleasure of the abbat of Whitby: and, as there is no account of their estates and revenues separate from those of the abbey of Whitby, it is most likely that the estates granted to it whilst the whole community resided here, before their return to Whitby, were then cast into the common stock, and that the support of the few monks residing here was by some allowance from the mother-house or abbey of Whitby.

^a Hist. of Whitby, p. 36.

^b Bede has preserved an account of a vision of a nun of Hackness relating to St. Hilda's death. See Num. I.

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^c Hinderwell's Hist. of Scarborough, p. 283.

^d See it in Latin in the Appendix of Instruments, Num. II.

^e Mon. Ebor. p. 82.

Tanner gives no references to any records especially relating to this cell; but he notices an Agreement between the monks of Durham and the monks of Hackness in the Cottonian library.^a

In the History of Scarborough^b it is said that the site of the monastic cell built by Lady Hilda is supposed to have been where the old manor-house at present stands, as several human bones have been found in the ground contiguous to it; and the old manor-house itself has been pronounced a perfect model of a monastery. The church which ornaments this retired village is a small ancient fabric; and the spire is a fine object when viewed through the openings of the woods, which form a variety of charming vistas. On the chancel-wall is this inscription:

"Anno Domini 679, the Lady Hilda, of royal descent, foundress of Streanshalh, otherwise Whitby abbey, did, for the sake of security and retirement, establish a nunnery or cell for eight nuns at Hackness.

This is probably erroneous. The History of Scarborough adds, at the dissolution of religious houses in the reign of Henry VIII. four monks, of the order of Benedictines, were the whole of the fraternity belonging to the cell of Hackness.

No separate valuation exists of this cell, either in the Survey, 26th, or the Ministers' Accounts, 32d Hen. VIII.

The present owner of Hackness is Sir Richard Vanden Bempde Johnstone, Bart.

Cartae ad Hacknesse Prioratum in agro Eboracensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

Visio de S. Hildæ obitu apud Hakanos.

[Bed. Hist. Eccl. Gentis Anglorum, lib. iv. c. 23.]

—SEPTIMO ergo suæ [sc. S. Hildæ] infirmitatis anno, converso ad interanea dolore, ad diem pervenit ultimum, et circa galli cantum, percepto viatico sacrosanctæ communionis, cum accersitis accillis Christi quæ erant in eodem monasterio, de servanda eas invicem, immo cum omnibus pace evangelica admoneret; inter verba exhortationis læta mortem vidit, immo, ut verbis Domini loquar, de morte transivit ad vitam.

Qua videlicet nocte Dominus omnipotens obitum ipsius in alio longius posito monasterio quod ipsa eodem anno construxerat et appellatur HACANOS, manifesta visione revelare dignatus est. Erat in ipso monasterio quædam sanctimonialis femina, nomine Begu, quæ triginta et amplius annos dedicata Domino virginitate, in monachica conversatione serviebat. Hæc tunc in dormitorio Sororum pausans, audivit subito in aere notum campanæ sonum, quo ad orationes excitari vel convocari solebant, cum quis eorum de sæculo fuisset evocatus: apertisque, ut sibi videbatur, oculis aspexit, detecto domus culmine, fusam desuper lucem omnia replevisse: cui videlicet luci dum sollicita intenderet, vidit animam præfatæ Dei famulæ in ipsa luce comitantibus ac ducentibus angelis ad cælum ferri. Cumque somno excussa videret cæteras pausantes circa se Sorores, intellexit vel in somnio vel in visione mentis ostensum sibi esse quod viderat. Statimque exsurgens nimio timore perterrita cucurrit ad Virginem quæ tunc monasterio abbatissæ vice præfuit, cui nomen Frigyd, fletuque ac lacrymis multum perfusa, ac suspiria longa trahens nunciavit, matrem illarum omnium *Hild* abbatissam jam migrasse de sæculo, et se aspectante cum luce immensa ducibus angelis ad æternæ limina lucis et supernorum consortia civium ascendisse. Quod cum illa audisset, suscitavit cunctas sorores et in ecclesiam convocatas, orationibus ac psalmis pro anima matris operam dare monuit. Quod cum residuo noctis tempore diligenter agerent, venerunt primo diluculo fratres qui ejus obitum nunciarent, a loco ubi defuncta est. At illæ respondentes dixerunt, se prius eadem cognovisse: et cum exponerent per ordinem quomodo hæc vel quando didicissent, inventum est, eadem hora transitum ejus illis ostensum esse per visionem, qua illam referebant exisse de mundo. Pulchraque rerum concordia procuratum est divinitus, ut cum illi exitum ejus de hac vita viderent, tunc isti introitum ejus in perpetuam animarum vitam cognoscerent. Distant autem inter se monasteria hæc tredecim ferme millibus passuum.

^a MS. Cotton. Domit. A. vii. fol. 48 b. It is in fact a mere memorandum of reciprocal offices: "Conventio inter monachos Dunelm. et monachos de Hakenesse. Pro Serlone sicut pro monacho

NUM. II.

De Translatione Monachorum de Whitby ad Hakenas.

[Ex Registro Whitbiensi, penes D. Hug. Cholmley equit. aurat.]

TEMPORE Willielmi regis Anglorum secundi, filii Willielmi Nothi regis Anglorum, exorta est monasterio de Whiteby et Serloni priori, et fratribus ejusdem loci magna tribulatio, et angustia, et persecutio, quales habuerunt annis transactis, in diebus Rainfridi prioris nostri de Whitby. Veniebant namque latrones et raptores, die, nocteque de nemoribus, et de latibulis, in quibus latitabant, et deripiebant omnem substantiam eorum, et depopulabant eum sanctum locum. Ita similiter et piratæ veniebant et devastabant illum locum, ita ut nullius miserebantur. Qua de causa Serlo prior, et monachi de Whitby ostenderunt Willielmo de Percy calamitatem suam, et miseriam, et petierunt illum, ut daret eis locum manendi apud Hackenas, qui dedit eis ecclesiam sanctæ Mariæ de Hackenas, ut ibi construerent monasterium, (quia in eadem villa sancta Hilda abbatissa monasterium construxerat:) concessit verò eis libenter petitionem eorum, ut pace facta, iterum ad Whitbeam redirent ad prædictum monasterium. Cœperunt itaque monasterium construere ad prædictam ecclesiam sanctæ Mariæ, et ibi aliquandiu remanserunt, et religiosam valde vitam duxerunt. Deinde exortâ discordiâ maximâ inter prædictos duos fratres Willielmum de Percy, et Serlonem de Percy fratrem suum, priorem de Whitby, quia Willielmus de Percy dederat villas de Scarby, et de Everley Radulpho de Everley armigero suo, qui ei annis multis serviebat. Voluit verò Willielmus de Percy auferre Serloni fratri suo omnes terras, et villas, quas dederat præfato monasterio de Whiteby. Cum Serlo prior hæc comperisset, festinanter venit ad regem Willielmum Angliæ, quia familiaris ejus, et socius amantissimus, cum ipsi juvenes milites essent in domo, et in curia Willielmi regis patris ejus, et hæc illi omnia demonstravit. Mandavit autem et præcepit Willielmus rex Willielmo de Percy, et Serloni fratri suo, priori de Whitby, et de Hackenas, et monachis ibidem Deo servantibus, suam omnimodo firmam pacem teneret, nec eis ullam molestiam inferret. Et cupiens itaque Serlo prior elongare se à fratre suo Willielmo de Percy, et manere in feudo domini regis, ne aliquam injuriam, et contumeliam ei frater suus posset inferre, petiit Willielmum regem, ut ei et monachis suis daret in elemosinam perpetuam sex carucatas terræ, quæ erant in dominio ejus, duas in Hackenas, et quatuor in Northfeld cum pertinentiis suis.

Gliscens ultorem regi fert Serlo merorem
In fundatorem sumens hunc posteriorem.

ecclesiæ nostræ. Et hoc idem ipse, pro nobis. Pro aliis autem sicut pro fratribus de Glestinbiri."

^b Hinderwell's Scarborough, p. 284.

Priory of St. Faith at Horsham,

IN
NORFOLK.



THE priory of St. Faith, in one instance called St. Mary and St. Faith, was founded by Robert Fitz-Walter^a and Sibill de Caineto his wife, A. D. 1105. The continuator of Blomefield calls him Robert de Cadomo or Caen, son of Walter de Cadomo lord of Horsford. His wife was the daughter and heiress of Ralph de Caineto or Cheyney. An old English manuscript copied by Dugdale^b states that Robert Fitzwalter and his wife, returning through France and Rome, where they had been in pilgrimage, were set upon by robbers and imprisoned, till by their prayers to God and St. Faith the virgin they were miraculously delivered: after which, visiting the shrine of St. Faith at the abbey of Conches in France, and being there kindly entertained, they vowed on their return into England to build a religious house. This vow they performed: edifying a small monastery at Horsham, and annexing it as a cell to the abbey of Conches.^c The continuator of Blomefield says that, at first, two monks only from the abbey of Conches were placed in this monastery by the founders.^d

In 1163, this foundation was confirmed by a bull from Pope Alexander the Third.^e Other confirmations are also recorded from descendants of the founder.^f John son of Robert Fitz-Walter, by a deed, without date, gave sixty acres of land in Horsford and Horsham to this priory, confirming at the same time the grant of his father and mother. William, another of the founder's sons, also confirmed the donations of his father and mother, in the time of King Stephen. Stephen son of Roger de Cressy confirmed the grants of his ancestors, adding his wood called Suthwod in Horsham, and pasture for the cattle belonging to the monks in his park at Horsford. Robert son of Roger, lord of Warkworth and Horsford, confirmed also the same, by deed dated at Horsford on the vigil of St. Andrew the apostle, A. D. 1279.^g

William son of Ralph de Hauville granted by fine, in the 12th Hen. III. to Eustachius the prior, the mill of Doketon.^h

Walter the son of Thomas de Bernham granted to the monks of Horsham pasture for three hundred sheep on his heath-ground at Heylesdone, in the 29th of Edw. I.ⁱ

Arnulph de Kantebriq, with the consent of Christian his wife and William his son and heir, granted to them certain lands in Hintewode.^k

William de Caineto or Cheyney, the son of Robert and grandson of Walter, gave them certain land in Helgetun, with the advowson of the church, and the advowsons of the churches of St. Martin in the Bailey and St. Michael in Iberstrete in Norwich.^l

Ralph de Tyville, the son, gave them a rent of viij^s. iiij^d. in Intewode.^m

An extent of the lands and other possessions of this priory, taken in the 18th of Edw. II. will be found in the Appendix of Instruments.ⁿ

In the 14th of Richard II. this priory was discharged from its subjection to the abbey of Conches: thenceforward becoming "Prioratus indigena," and continuing as an English priory till the Dissolution.

The continuator of Blomefield says the Abbat of Sybton paid an annual pension to this Priory in 1426.

LIST of PRIORS.

SAVERINUS occurs prior about A. D. 1130.
BERNARD in 1163.
DEODATE, A. D. 1210.
EUSTACHIUS, A. D. 1227.
BERENGARIUS, A. D. 1246.
REYMUND, A. D. 1281; and again A. D. 1293.
HUGH TARGE was presented by the abbat of Conches, A. D. 1313.
PONTIUS DE SEVERA was presented A. D. 1338.
HUGH DE PARDINOS, a monk of Conches, was presented in 1349, by Sir Robert de Benhale.
BERARD SENTAL, without date.
BERENGAR NATHAS was presented by the abbat and convent of Conches, A. D. 1356.
HUGH prior of St. Faith occurs in the 25th Edw. III.^p
THOMAS DE BERTHELET was elected by the monks of Horsham, A. D. 1380.
JEFFREY LANGELE was presented by the bishop of Norwich, by lapse, A. D. 1401.
NICHOLAS occurs prior A. D. 1452, and again A. D. 1462.
RALPH NORWICH, A. D. 1463.
JOHN RISLEY occurs A. D. 1469, and again A. D. 1492.
LANCELOT WHARTON occurs A. D. 1532. His successor was
JOHN SARISBURY, who, with John Attimere and five other monks, resigned this priory to the king, and subscribed to his supremacy Aug. 17th, 1534.^q Sarisbury, or Salisbury, was afterwards dean of Norwich, and suffragan bishop of Thetford. Bishop of Man, A. D. 1570.

The revenues of the priory of Horsham in the 26th of Henry the Eighth, according to the Valor Ecclesiasticus, amounted in the clear value to 162*l*. 16*s*. 11*½d*.^r Speed, who probably gives the gross sum, says 193*l*. 2*s*. 3*½d*.

The scite, together with the manor and rectory of Horsham, and the rectory and advowson of Horsford, were granted, in the 35th of Henry VIII. to Edward Elrington and Richard Southwell.^s In 1820, Lord Viscount Ranelagh was the owner of the scite.

The continuator of Blomefield says, "The SEAL of this priory in 1326, was oblong, of green wax with the image of St. Faith seated under an arch and crowned; near to the head of the image a dove, and under the image the prior on his knees."^t

The Common Seal of the priory appended to the Acknowledgment of King Henry the Eighth's Supremacy, still remaining in the Chapter-house at Westminster, differs from this. The impression is on red wax, oval and large, representing in chief a church-like Edifice, below which, beneath Gothic tracery, is seated Saint Faith, between two

^a Walter fil. Rogeri. *Lel. Collect.* tom. i. p. 61.

^b See the Append. of Instrum. Num. I.

^c See the charter of foundation, Num. III. It was first attempted to be founded at Horsford, at a place called Kirkescroft. See Num. I.

^d Hist. Norf. fol. edit. vol. v. p. 1360.

^e Compare the "Genealogia Fundatoris," Append. Num. II.

^f Blomef. Hist. Norf. ut supr.

^g See the original charter, Cart. antiq. Mus. Brit. T. 51.

^h Cart. antiq. Harl. Mus. Brit. 47 G. 29.

ⁱ Ibid. 47 H. 44. This must have been before 1291: the church of Helyeton standing in Pope Nicholas's Taxation as then appropriated to the prior and convent. Compare Num. V.

^m Cart. antiq. Harl. Mus. Brit. 57 B. 38.

ⁿ Num. VI. ^o Pat. 14 Ric. II. p. 2, m. 39.

^p See the Abbrev. Rot. Orig. He is not mentioned in Blomefield.

^q Blomef. ut supr. pp. 1360, 1361. The following were the monies still payable in the 2d & 3d of Phil. and Mar.:

"HORSEHAM nuper Prioratus. Feod. Johanni Godsalue militis seneschalli ibidem per sigillum conventual. per annum xl^l. Ricardi Hoo subseneschalli et auditoris ibidem per annum xl^l. Annuit. Laurentii Maptide per annum liij^l. iiij^d."

^r See the Append. of Instrum. Dugdale gives it 162*l*. 19*s*. 11*½d*.

^s Tann. Notit. Mon.

^t Hist. Norf. ut supr. p. 1361.

figures praying on their knees. In base, under a mural arch, is an erect figure crowned, bearing a sceptre. Legend, SIGILLVM . COMVNE . CAPITV AM. The intervening words deficient.

A Hospital in Horsham, which had previously belonged to the knights of St. John of Jerusalem, as appears by the bull of Pope Alexander III. and already mentioned, was granted to the prior and convent of St. Faith's in 1163.

Cartae ad Horshamense Coenobium in agro Norfolkici spectantes.

NUM. I.

Foundationis Historia.

[Ex antiqua membrana penes Sampsonem Leonard fecialem, an. 1598, fol. 180.]

IN the time of King Henry the First, the sixth yeare of his raigne, that Robert Fitzwalter and Sibill his wife, with one assent, moved with godly charitie, purposed them to visit the places of Peter and Paul, that by them and other holy saints ther, which they were disposed to visiten with a great devout mind, that they, by there merrits might have remission of their sins, and after that they might deserven to come to the blisse of heaven; it befell that ther pilgrimages so done, as they turned home againe, it came to there minds, by counsell, that they should visit an holy place of saint Giles in France with other holy saints in the way: and so they, joyfull and merrie, by the helpe of God and of the saints, as they turned home againe into ther owne countrith, it befell upon a day by an infortune, when they should come from the said holy place of saint Giles, they were espied of brigants, and theeves that layne in caves and dennis with strength, and waited upon them; and forasmuch as they were stronger than the said pilgrims, they fell upon them and robbed them and put them in prison, and fettered them with strong irons: and after it was shewed to the lords and barons of the said countrith, that such a deede was done to the pilgrims that went to Rome, anone they raised a certaine people, and went with strength to the castell, and laid siege thereto, and made a promise that they should not goe thence unto time they had taken the said theeves, and that the said pilgrims were restored againe to all there goods. And in the meane time, as they were, they prayed devoutly to God and to the holy virgin Saint Faith to helpe them out of prison: and anone after by a vision Saint Faith appeared unto them and through helpe of God loosed their fetters, and brought them out of prison and there fetters with them, which remaine within this place at this day, and sith set them in the right way to the abbey of Councches in Fraunce, where Saint Faith lieth shrined: and when the abbot of Councches hard of this greate miracle, and that they were cominge towards the place, he and his bretheren with procession and greate solemnities received them into the said place, and ther they made ther praiers, and offered up there fetters with greate devotion to God and to Saint Faith, and weare had into the place, and the said abbot and his bretheren refreshed them with greate cheare, and there they rested by the space of twelve dayes and reade the life of Saint Faith and the miracles that God shewed for her ther daily and hourelly. And anone came tidings unto them that they should send againe into the countrie there as they were robbed, and they should be restored againe to all there goods that were had from them; and so they weare; whereof they were both glad and merry. And so then the made a faithfull promise and a voughe to God and to Saint Faith, that as soone as they came into England into there owne countrieth unto there owne manner of Horsford, that they should do edify there a monastery in the worship of God and S. Faith, and that it should be a cell to the said abbey of Councches and by the assent of th'abbot and bretheren there the foresaid Robert Fitzwalter brought with him twayne monkes of the said house, of the which one was cleped Barnard, and the other was cleped Girard. And soone after that they were come home they began

there first foundation upon a certaine ground called at this day Kirkescrofte, and the worke that was made on the day fell down on the night, and then it was thought that God and Saint Faith were not pleased it should stand there; wherefore they thought, by there better advise to edifie the said monastery upon the ground and place where it is now at this day. And when it was finished and ended and endued with certaine livlyhode and intituled to her name, the foresaid monks weare set in this seid house, here to serve God and Saint Faith, to pray for them and all there heires without endes. And the foresaid Robert Fitzwalter wrote a letter to bishop Herberd, that time being bishop of Norewich, to have it confirmed and dedicate in the worship of God and of the glorious virgin and martir Saint Faith; and so it was done indeed, and afterwards the heires of the said founders given more livlyhode thereto. And so it was increased by them and other devout people: on whose soules Almighty God have mercy. Amen.

NUM. II.

Genealogia Fundatoris.

[Ex antiquo pergamenno quodam penes Samsonem Leonard fecialem.]

DOMINA Sibilla soror Johannis de Cayneto, filia Radulphi de Cayneto, qui venit ad conquestum Angliæ, maritata fuit domino Roberto filio Walteri fundatori domus sanctæ Fidis de Horsham, qui genuit ex ea filium nomine Rogerum, et Johannem vicecomitem, et Willielmum de Caineto. Rogerus et Johannes vicecomites obierunt sine prole de se. Willielmus verò accepit uxorem, et genuit ex ea tres filias, videlicet, Margaretam, Clementiam, et Saram. Clementia et Sara obierunt sine liberis; Margareta autem maritata fuit cuidam Normanno, Hugoni de Crescy, qui genuit ex ea filium nomine Rogerum. Rogerus de Crescy accepit uxorem nomine Isabellam de Ry, et genuit ex ea quatuor filios, videlicet, Hugonem, Rogerum, Johannem, et Stephanum, qui omnes mortui sunt sine prole. Prædicta Margareta (mortuo viro suo Hugone Crescy) maritata fuit alio nobili viro, nomine Roberto filio Rogeri, qui genuit ex ea Johannem filium Roberti. Johannes genuit filium nomine Rogerum. Idem Rogerus genuit filium nomine Robertum, filium Rogeri, nunc patronum, qui post obitum Stephani de Crescy successit in hæreditate baroniæ de Horsford, quasi hæres dominæ Margerix de Cheney, quæ duobus nupsit viris, ut prædictum est. Prædictus verò Robertus duxit uxorem nomine Margeriam de la Souche, de qua genuit multos filios et filias, videlicet, Johannem, Alexandrum, Rogerum, Robertum, Alanum, Henricum, et Edmundum. Johannes duxit uxorem nomine Hawisiam, de qua genuit filiam nomine Evam, cujus cognomen rex Edwardus filius Henrici fecit vocari Clavering, à principali manerio suo, de qua genuit filiam nomine Evam, quæ nunc se clamat advocatricem domus de Sibeton, de Langley, sanctæ Fidis, et de Bliburg: et hoc jure hæreditario. Quæ quidem Eva nupsit cuidam nomine Thomæ de Audele, qui mortuus est sine prole de se. Item nupsit cuidam militi Radulfo de Ufford, qui genuit ex ea tres filios, videlicet, dominos Johannem, Robertum, et Edmundum, milites, Prædicto Radulfo mortuo, nupsit Jacobo de Audele, qui genuit duos filios et duas filias, videlicet, Jacobum et Petrum, Annam et Hawisiam. Mortuo prædicto domino Jacobo viro, prædicta Eva nupta fuit Roberto Benhalle militi, qui obiit sine hærede. Defuncta prædicta Eva et sepulta in monasterio de Langley, successit Edmundus Ufford

miles, ut filius et hæres dictæ Evæ, qui quidem Edmundus maritatus erat Sibillæ filiæ Simonis Perpoint militis, qui genuit ex ea Robertum Ufford militem et alios filios et filias, qui obierunt in pueritia. Et dictus Robertus Ufford maritatus fuit Elionoræ filiæ Thomæ Felton militis, qui genuit Elam, Sibillam, et Joannam filias, quæ dicta Ela desponsata fuit Ricardo Bowes armigero, quæ obiit sine hærede, et Sibilla monialis de Berkinge, et prædicta Johanna nupta Willielmo Bowes armigero, fratri Ricardi Bowes prædicti, qui genuit ex ea filiam, nuptam domino Dacres, et genuit ex ea filiam nomine Johannam quæ nupta fuit Ricardo Fines militi, camerario domini regis Edwardi quarti.

NUM. III.

Carta Foundationis Abbatie de Horsham.

[Ibid. fol. 175.]

In nomine Domini nostri Jesu Christi. Amen. Notum volumus fieri omnibus fidelibus Christi, tam præsentibus quam futuris, quod ego Robertus Walteri filius, et uxor mea, nomine Sibilla, edificavimus ecclesiam de Horsham, in propria terra nostra, in honore Dei et sanctæ Fidis virginis et martyris, pro remedio et salvatione animarum nostrarum, et filiorum nostrorum, et omnium fidelium viventium sive defunctorum. Concedimus eandem ecclesiam Deo et monachis de Conchis de ecclesia sanctæ Fidis virginis et martyris. Et huic a nobis edificatæ ecclesiæ concedimus ecclesiam de Horsford, ecclesiam de Reydone, ecclesiam de Mor, ad faciendum anniversarium Sibillæ uxoris meæ; decimam de Alreton, et de Wibetone, et de Wilverdeston, et de Helmingham, et de Flemeworth, et de Woodetone, et de Semer, et de Bikebrom, et de Resham, et de Forle, et de Walingo, et de Shanton, et de Surlingham, et de Stokes, et de Hertham, et de Hoa, et de unoquoque manerio unum agrum terræ ad congregandam decimam. Et concedo de omnibus procurationibus meis, quas fecero in Anglia, semper decimas huic ecclesiæ. Sciatis insuper quod prædicta Sibilla eisdem concessit terram suam de Rudham, quam pater suus dedit in liberum maritadium. Sciatis insuper quod ego Robertus filius Walteri, Sibilla uxore mea, Rogero, et cæteris filiis meis volentibus, et in hoc bono operantibus, prædictam ecclesiam de Horsham, et supradicta omnia Deo, et beatæ Fidei, et Conchis, et monachis ejus concessimus, et dedimus, ut a Deo, ipsa beata virgine intercedente, peccatorum nostrorum nobis detur venia, et illa quæ promissit fidelibus suis, quæ nec oculus vidit, nec auris audivit assequamur gaudia. Hæc carta facta fuit permissione et affirmatione domini Anglorum regis Henrici, et ordinatione, et consensu Herberti* episcopi. Si quis autem generis vel successionis meæ, vel aliquis alius huic donationi voluerit obesse, noverit se Deo et sanctis suis, et Anglorum regi contrarium, nec Christianum sed ante-Christum esse.

NUM. IV.

Bulla Alexandri Papæ.

[Ex ipso autographo in bibl. Cottoniana.]

ALEXANDER episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilectis filiis Bernardo priori monasterii sanctæ Fidis de Horsham ejusque fratribus, tam præsentibus quam futuris regularem vitam professis in perpetuum. Religiosam vitam eligentibus apostolicum convenit adesse præsidium, ne forte cujuslibet temeritatis incursus, aut eos a proposito revocet, aut robur, quod absit, sacræ religionis infringat. Quocirca dilecti in Domino filii vestris justis postulationibus clementer annuimus, et præfatum monasterium, in quo divino mancipati estis obsequio, sub beati Petri, et nostra protectione suscipimus, et præsentis scripti privilegio communimus. Statuentes, ut quascunque possessiones, quæcunque bona, idem monasterium impræsentiarum justè, et canonicè possidet, aut in futurum, concessione pontificum, largitione regum vel principum, oblatione fidelium, seu aliis justis modis præstante Domino poterit adipisci, firma vobis, vestrisque successoribus, et illibata permaneant. In quibus hæc propriis duximus exprimenda vocabulis. Villam de Horsham, cum hominibus, terris, nemoribus, pascuis, et pertinentiis suis, quemadmodum Robertus filius Walteri et filii ejus vobis dederunt, et hospitale ejusdem villæ quod habetis a fratribus hospitalis Jerusalem, cum nemore et omnibus per-

tinentiis suis. Terram de Ruddaham cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, quam Sibilla uxor præfati Roberti vobis dedit. Ecclesiam de Horsforda, et ecclesiam de Mor. In Lundoniis ecclesiam sanctæ Margaretæ, cum omnibus terris quas in eadem villa Robertus filius Walteri vobis in helemosinam dedit. Decimas quoque de Alretuna, de Sibetuna, de Gulwerstuni, de Colerbo, de Helmigaham, de Colostunia, de Flemewrda, de Wdetuna, de Semera, de Tikebron, de Dersham, de Forlei, de Cranesforda, de Benges, de Framingaham, de Ludaham, de Dalingaho, de Stantuna, de Saxlingaham, de Sutburna, de Adelingetuna, de Mor, de Filibi, de Stocos, de Hoa, de Stotesham, de Wituella, et terram de Odetuna, et omnes terras et domos quæ vobis in Norwico, et Gernamuta in helemosina rationabiliter sunt concessæ. Molendinum de Baldrusella et tresdecim solidos in Kareseia, et in Buccheshala. Molendinum Dalraforda. Terram quam Symon Pecchi vobis in helemosinam dedit. Terram Radulfi de Berveswrda. Terram quam vobis dedit Willielmus de Chorzo in Bischele. Terras quoque quas Willielmus Bardulfus vobis dedit in Frecaham, et in Spicafurda. Terram quam Baldwinus filius Guidonis vobis dedit in Huchingaham. Terram quam Hugo de Millers vobis dedit in Halaxaforda. Terram de Hunterston, quam Ricardus filius Gaufridi vobis dedit, et salinas quas Willielmus Strabo, vobis dedit in Rimnaham. Redditem quem Radulfus filius Baldwini vobis dedit, et terram de Hendringlat, quam Willielmus de Gisnel vobis dedit. Decernimus ergo ut nulli omnino hominum liceat supradictum monasterium temerè perturbare, aut ejus possessiones auferre, vel oblatas retinere, minuere, seu quibuslibet vexationibus fatigare, sed illibata omnia, et integra conserventur eorum pro quorum gubernatione, et sustentatione concessa sunt, usibus omnimodis profutura. Salva sedis apostolicæ auctoritate, et diocesani episcopi canonica justitia. Si qua igitur in futurum ecclesiastica, secularisve persona hanc nostræ consecrationis paginam sciens contra eam temerè venire temptaverit, secundò, tertiove commonita, nisi præsumptionem suam congrua satisfactione correxerit, potestatis honorisque sui dignitate careat, reamque se divino judicio existere de perpetrata iniquitate cognoscat, et a sacratissimo corpore ac sanguine Dei, et Domini redemptoris nostri Jesu Christi aliena fiat, atque in extremo examine districtæ ultioni subjaceat. Cunctis autem eidem loco sua jura servantibus sit pax Domini nostri Jesu Christi, quatinus et hic fructum bonæ actionis percipiant, et apud districtum judicem præmia æternæ pacis inveniant. Amen.

✠ Ego Alexander catholicæ ecclesiæ episcopus subscripsi. ✠ Ego Stubaldus Hostiensis episcopus s. ✠ Ego Bernardus Portuensis et sanctæ Rufinæ episcopus s. ✠ Ego Gualterus Albanensis episcopus s. ✠ Ego Hubaldus presbyter cardinalis tit. S. Crucis in Jerusalem s. ✠ Ego Henricus presbyter cardinalis tit. sanctorum Nerei et Achilei s. ✠ Ego Johannes presbyter cardinalis tit. S. Anastasiæ s. ✠ Ego Gulielmus presbyter cardinalis tit. sancti Petri ad vincula s. ✠ Ego Jacinctus sanctæ Mariæ in Cosmodyn diac. card. s. ✠ Ego Oddo diaconus cardinalis sancti Nicolai in carcere Tulliano s. ✠ Ego Ardrico diac. card. sancti Theodori s.

Datum Turon. per manum Hermannii sanctæ Romanæ ecclesiæ subdiaconi et notarii vij. kal. Jun. indictione xj. incarnationis Dominicæ anno mclxij. pontificatus verò domini Alexandri papæ iij. anno quarto.

[Quod hujusmodi prioratus sit indigena vide Pat. 14, R. 2, part 2, memb. 39.]

NUM. V.

Tazatio Ecclesiastica P. Nicholai IV^o. 1291.

Horsham S. Fid. Prior.

	£.	s.	d.
PORTIO prioris S. Fidis de Horsham in eccl.			
de Coln Engayne	2	0	0
Portio prioris S. Fidis de Horsham in eccl.			
de Coln Engayne, temporal. ibm	0	1	0
Eccl. Horsham S. Fid. appropri. prior.	8	13	4
Portio prior. S. Fidis in Phileby	2	13	4
Portio prior. S. Fidis in Welingham	0	6	8
Ecclesia de Helyeton appropriata priori et			
con. scæ Fidis præter vicar' indecim	12	0	0
Portio prior. scæ Fid. in Refham S. Mich.	0	10	0

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
Ecclesia de Heveriglonde appropri' P. et con.				Bona prioris in Morle de redd.	0	2	0
S. Fidis præter porc. et præter vicar. indecim.	8	0	0	Bona prioris in Bernham de redd.	0	1	0
Portio prior. scæ Fid. in Saxlyngham Neyer-				Bona prioris in Buththorp de redd.	0	3	0
gate	1	0	0	Bona prioris in Atteleburg de redd.	0	1	3
Portio prior. scæ Fid. in Remshale	2	0	0	Portio prioris in Helmingham	0	14	0
Portio prior. scæ Fid. in Dyttleburg	0	10	0	Portio prioris in Wyngefeud	0	10	0
Portio prior. scæ Fid. in Neuton Floteman	0	13	4	Portio prioris in Horham	0	6	8
Bona prioris in Norwico	19	2	6½	Portio prioris in Badingham	1	0	0
Bona prioris in Stodey de redd.	0	4	0	Portio prioris in Athelingtone	0	6	8
Bona prioris in Hempstede de redd.	0	0	10	Portio prioris in Aldertone	0	1	6
Bona prioris in Helmigham de redd.	0	1	6	Portio prioris in Marleford	1	0	0
Bona prioris in Westton de redd.	0	6	0	Portio prioris in Framelingham	1	0	0
Bona prioris in Heveringlonde de redd.	1	8	10	Portio prioris in Hoo	2	13	4
Bona prioris in Baldeswell de redd.	0	13	4	Portio prioris in Sibetone	1	4	0
Bona prioris in Dalling de redd.	0	8	6	Portio prioris in Dersham	1	10	0
Bona prioris in Thirnigg de redd.	0	8	0	Portio prioris in Granesford	1	0	0
Bona prioris in Sweington de redd. et mol.	1	1	0	Portio prioris in Stanton Omn. Sanctorum	0	13	4
Bona prioris in Alderford de redd.	0	6	0	Bona prioris S. Fidis in Marlingford de redd.	0	2	4½
Bona prioris in Wythingham scæ Fidis de redd.	0	2	0	Bona prioris S. Fidis in Ludham de redd.	0	2	0
Bona prioris in Brandeston de redd.	0	12	8	Bona prioris S. Fidis in Hunterstone de redd.	0	2	0
Bona prioris in Sparham de redd.	0	5	5				
Bona prioris in Bestone de redd.	0	1	6				
Bona prioris in Woddeton de redd.	0	3	4				
Bona prioris in Kirkestede de redd.	0	0	6				
Bona prioris in Byskele de redd.	0	4	0				
Bona prioris in Wynterton de redd.	0	1	0				
Bona prioris in Fileby de redd.	0	5	4				
Bona prioris in Malteby de redd.	0	8	4				
Bona prioris in Gernemuta Magna de redd.	0	1	0				
Bona prioris in Estlegesham de redd.	0	1	3				
Bona prioris in Helgeton de terra redd. et fetu							
animal.	5	6	9½				
Bona prioris in Reynham Scæ Mar. de marisco	0	1	0				
Bona prioris in Botene de redd.	0	0	9				
Bona prioris in Schothowe de redd.	0	19	2				
Bona prioris in Frethorp de mes. et terra	0	2	0				
Bona prioris in Thaverham de redd.	0	3	0				
Bona prioris in Heylesdone de terra	2	0	0				
Bona prioris in Horsham de terra, redd. mo-							
lend. et fetu animal.	21	14	6½				
Bona prioris in Horsford de terra et redd.	0	14	11				
Bona prioris in Bestone de redd.	0	3	6				
Bona prioris in Spykesworth de terris	0	6	0				
Bona prioris in Felothorp de redd.	0	2	0				
Bona prioris in Fretenham de redd.	0	1	6				
Bona prioris in Hempford de redd.	0	4	0				
Bona prioris in Tybenham de redd.	0	1	0				
Bona prioris in Raveshale de redd.	1	5	5				
Bona prioris in Brokesdisch de terris	0	2	6				
Bona prioris in Ryburg Parva de terris, redd.							
et cons.	2	7	8				
Bona prioris in Stiberd de redd.	0	11	7				
Bona prioris in Westrudham de terris, redd.							
molend. cons. et fetu animal.	10	18	10				
Bona prioris in Brakenedene de redd.	0	0	6				
Bona prioris in Keteringham de terris	0	6	0				
Bona prioris in Sweynesthorp de redd.	0	1	0				
Bona prioris in Nelonde de redd.	0	2	1				
Bona prioris in Neutone de redd.	0	3	0				
Bona prioris in Kesewyck de terra	0	2	0				
Bona prioris in Cringelford de terr.	0	4	0				
Bona prioris in Colneye de redd.	0	2	0				
Bona prioris in Intewode de terra et fetu animal	2	4	2				
Bona prioris in Wytlewode de redd.	0	2	10				

NUM. VI.

Extenta Terrarum Prioratus de Horsham, 18 Edw. II.

[MS. Donat. Mus. Brit. 6164, p. 254.]

EXTENTA terrarum et tenementorum, ecclesiarum, portionum, et reddituum, tam temporalium quam spiritualium pertinent. Priori et Conventui ecclesiæ sanctæ Fidis de Horsham facta die Mercurii prox. ante festum sancti Nicholai anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis Edwardi decimo octavo, per Johannem Bardolf, Willielmum Rydel, Johannem Estirn, Johannem le Doo, Johannem de Rouham, Alexandrum de Northwro, Robertum de Ferreris, Johannem de Colne, Johannem Faukenere, Robertum le Wayte, Johannem Gene, et Rogerum de Westgate, juratores: qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Situs Prioratus prædicti valet per annum v^s.; terræ arabiles, prata falcabilia, pastura separabilis, columbarium, molendina ventritica, et aquatica, reddit. assis. servitia tenentium, proficua nundinarum, placita et perquisita curiæ de Horsham, et Horsfordde, valent per annum xxij^{li}. vij^s.; ecclesia de Horsham valet per annum xj^{li}.; ecclesia de Horsfordde valet per annum vij^{li}. x^s.; tenementa ejusdem prioratus in Helghe-tone valent per annum lxij^s.; tenementa, redditus, et servicia in Ryburgh valent per annum xxvj^s. vij^d.; redditus in Styberdde valet per annum x^s.; ecclesia de Helghea quæ valet per annum x^{li}.; manerium ejusdem prioris in West Rudham valet per annum ciiij^s. vij^d.; ecclesia de Hochtone valet per annum vij^{li}. x^s.; [ecclesia] de Heverynglonde valet per annum xiiij^{li}.; ecclesia de Corpusty valet per annum c^s.; ecclesia de Frethorpp valet per annum vij^{li}. x^s.; ecclesia de Ronham cum portione in Filleby valet per annum xij^{li}.; ecclesia de Tibenham valet per annum xv^{li}.; porcio in Welyngham valet per annum vj^s. vij^d.; porcio in Faverham valet per annum iij^s.; porcio in Brandestone valet per annum xiiij^s. iiij^d.; porcio in Esttodenham valet per annum vj^s. vij^d.; porcio in Saxlyngham Nethirgate valet per annum xx^s.; [porcio in] Newton Flottman valet per annum xx^s.; porcio in Lyng valet per annum x^s.; soldæ et redd. in Norwyco valent per annum l^s.; tenementum apud Intewode valet per annum xl^s.; in cujus rei testimonium huic Extentæ prædicti jurati sigilla sua apposuerunt. Dat. apud sanctam Fidem die et anno supradictis. Tenementum in valet per annum xx^s.

VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Transcript of Return, 26 Hen. VIII. First Fruits Office.)

PRIORATUS DE HORSHAM S'C'E FIDIS.

JOH' E SALISBURY Priore ibm.

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
Valet in Spual' Com' Norff'				Rectoria de Heveringlonde valet in Decimis			
RECTORIA de Horseh'm val' in Decimis				Garbaꝝ p debit' exāiac' inde hit'	3	4	2½
Garb' et aliis Minut' Decimis Pochian' p				Rectoria de Tybenh'm val' in Decimis Garb'			
debit' exāiac' inde hit'	7	3	4	p an ^m .	10	15	5
				Rectoria de Runham valet ad Firm' p annū	9	0	0

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
Rectoria de Frethorp' val' ad Firm' p annū	3	13	4	Helghton val' in Reddit' et Firm' p annū	5	18	4½
Rectoria de Corpusty val' ad Firm' p annū	3	0	0	Riburgh valet in Reddit' p annū	0	17	10½
Rectoria de Houghton jux' Walsyngh ^m				Rewyshale valet in Firm' Terr' p annū	2	0	0
valet ad Firm' p annū	3	0	0	Mañiū de Heverlonde valet in quadm an-			
Rectoria de Helghton valet ad Firm' p annū	8	0	0	nuitate	1	6	8
Rectoria de Horseforde val' in Decimis				Firme diūs Terr' in diūs Villis dimiss' ad			
Garb' p an ^m	3	1	4	Firm' p indentur' p termio annoꝝ	2	13	4
Rectoria Sci Georgii et Sci M ^o tini de Bere-							
strete in Norwico val' in Oblacōibz et				London'			
Decimis minut'. Pochian' p debit' exāiac'				London' valet in Reddit' Teñtoꝝ p annū	0	17	0
inde hit'	5	7	6½				
Penciones recept', viz de	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	
Abbate de Langeley p				192	2	3½	
Decimis in Rewsale.	2	0	0				109 18 1½
P ^o re de Thetforde p De-							
cimis in Dersh ^m	1	10	0	Sinodal'			
Rectore de Taverh ^m	0	6	8		£.	s.	d.
P ^o re de Walsyngh ^m	1	6	0	Solut' E ^p o Norwicen' p			
P ^o re de Pentney	1	6	8	Eccl ⁱ is de Horseh ^m	0	1	0
Rectore de Branstōn	0	6	8	Runham	0	3	0
Rectore de Newton Flotman	0	13	4	Corpusty	0	1	0
Rectore de Lynge	0	10	0	Helghton	n ^l .		
Rectore de Saxlyng ^m	0	10	0	Et Frethorpe	0	1	0
Rectore de Dekilburgh	0	10	0	P annū	P ₃ .		
Rector' de Wilyng ^m	0	6	8				
Et Rector' de Fylby	2	10	0	P ^o curac'			
P annū				Solut' Arch ^o no Norwici p			
Com' Suff'				Eccl ⁱ is de Horseh ^m	0	6	8
Penciones rec', viz de Ab-				Runham	0	6	8
bate de Sybeton	2	0	0	Corpusty	0	1	0
P ^o re de Butley p Deci-				Helghton	0	6	8
mis in Glemham et Tyte-				Et Frethorpe	0	6	8
brome	2	0	0	P ₃ .			
P ^o ri' de Letheryng ^m	1	2	0	Pencion'			
Rectore de Helmyng ^m	0	16	0	Solut' P ^o ri de Cokkisforde	1	0	0
Abbate de Leyston	0	10	0	Decano Collegii de Etton	1	6	8
P ^o re de Eya	0	6	0	Decano Collegii de Stoke			
P ^o ri' de Campissey	0	8	0	jux ^a Clare	0	16	0
Rector' de Alyngton	0	3	4	Vicario de Heverynglond	2	13	4
Rector' de Alderton	0	3	0	Vicar' de Helghton	2	0	0
Rector' de Stanton	0	4	0	Et Vicar' de Horsforde	2	0	0
Collegio de Wyngfelde	0	4	0	P annū			
Rector' de Marleforde	0	13	4				
Rector' de Badyngh ^m	1	6	8	Elemos'			
Et Rector' de Framyngh ^m	0	13	4	Solut' annuat ⁱ Paupibz p			
P annū				āiābz Robti Fitzwater			
Com' Essex'				Fundator' d ^o i Prioratus			
Penciones rec', viz d' Rec-				et Sibille ux ⁱ s Joh ⁱ s filii			
tore de Colnegayne	0	13	4	d ^o i Robti et Avelene ux ⁱ s			
Et Rectore de Colnequyncy	0	13	4	s' ac Willmi fr ⁱ s ejusdm			
				Joh ⁱ nis ut p ₃ Cartam inde			
London'				monstrat'	3	15	0
Pencio recept' de Rectore S ^c e M ^o garete				Solut' p ^o ia Joh ⁱ nis Dyrlyng-			
Moysez in London' p annū	3	6	8	ton quondm Ma ^g ri Hos-			
				pital' S ^c i Egidii in Nor-			
	83	4	2	wico p ipm Fundat' et			
				distribut' Paupibz an ^u .	0	16	0
Tempal' in Com' Norff ^r .							
Mañiū de Horseh ^m S ^c e				Reddit' Resolut'.			
Fidis valet p annū, viz in				Solut' Joh ⁱ ni Glemham M ^u .			
Reddit' et Firm'	28	11	1½	p Redd' exeunt' ex ^a .			
Tolneto Nundinaꝝ cōibz				Gleb' ptin' Rectorie de			
annis	11	6	9	Tybenh ^m p annū	0	1	6
Bosco tam vendito q ^m exp-				Extra Mañiū de Horseh ^m			
pendito in hospicio d ^o i				S ^c e Fidis viz Magistro			
Prioratus	20	0	0	de Karbroke p annū	0	13	4
Et P ^o quis' Cur' cōibz annis	3	18	10½	Extra Newton viz D ^o no			
P debit' exāiac' inde habit'				Dacres p annū	0	7	6
Horseforde valet in Firm' lxiij. acr' bruer'				Extra Norwic' viz Majori			
p an ^m	1	0	8	et Cōibz ibm p annū	0	3	0
Newton val' in Firm' Pastur' et P ^o t' p annū	3	5	10	Extra Mañiū de Westrud-			
Norwicus val' in Redd' et Firm' diūs Teñt'				h ^m viz Ballio Hundr'			
p an ^m	17	3	6½	de Galhowe et Brother-			
Mañiū in Westrudh ^m va-				crosse 2s. 10d. p an ^m .	0	2	10
let p an ^m , viz in Reddit'				Extra Riburgh viz Priori			
et Firm'	7	11	11½	de Walsyngh ^m Ma ^g ro			
Et P ^o quis' Cur' cōibz annis	1	6	1	de Burton Laser 4s. et			
P debit' exāiac'				Ballivo Hundred' de			
				Hagnet Peverell 2s. p an ^m	0	6	6

Feod'.	£.	s.	d.	Corrod'.	£.	s.	d.
Thome Godsalve capital'	£.	s.	d.	Solut' Pcario Dñi Dacres ex antiqua Con-			
Sen' Dñioꝝ p̄dict'	2	0	0	suet' usitat' p annū P3 .	0	1	0
Rīci Hoo Subsenescalli et							
Auditor' p annū	2	0	0		30	5	4
Johnis Faucet Balli de							
Horseham S̄ce Fid'	1	10	0	Et reman' clare p annū	162	16	11½
Launceloti Harryson Balli				X ^a inde	16	5	8½
de Norwico et Westrud-							
ham p annū	3	10	0				
Stephi Jekks Collector' Pen-							
cionū p̄dict'	1	0	0				

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.
(Abstract of Roll, 28 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

HORSHAM MONASTERIUM.

Com' Norf'	£.	s.	d.
Houghton Rectoria	3	0	0
Horsseham S̄ce Fidis	18	11	1½
- - - - -	0	17	9½
- - - - -	1	0	0
- - - - -	11	2	10½
- - - - -	nult		
- - - - -	3	1	7
Helghton Rectoria	8	0	0
Ryghburgh Pva Manerium	3	1	7½
- - - - -	0	1	3
- - - - -	nult		
Helghton Manerium	2	13	8½
- - - - -	3	4	8
Westrudeham Manerium	3	18	2½
- - - - -	5	18	7
- - - - -	3	6	0
- - - - -	0	11	0
- - - - -	0	10	8
- - - - -	8	15	9½
Civitas Norwic'	8	0	9
Pochia Sci Clementis, Sci Martini, Sci Step̄hi,			
Sci Botolphi, S̄cæ Mariæ	Firm' Terr' et Teñt'	6	12 10
Horsham, Langeley, Thetford, Walsingehame,			
Pentney, Newton Rector', Flotteman Rector',			
Lynge, Saxlingh̄ne, Dekylborough, Welling-			
h̄ne, Fulby, Sybton, Cranford, Butteley, Colnen-			
gayne, Colnequincey, S̄ce Margarete Moisez			
London	Pens' et Porcion'	24	19 0
Horsseham Rectoria	Firma Rectoria	7	3 4
Heueringlond Rectoria	Firma Rectoria	3	4 4
Tybenh̄ne Rectoria	Firma Rectoria	8	10 5
Runh̄ne Rectoria	Firma Rectoria	9	0 0
Frethorppe Rectoria	Firma Rectoria	3	13 4
Corpustie R̄cōria	Firma Rectoria	3	0 0
Hosford R̄cōria	Exit' Rector'	3	1 4
S̄cti Georgij et S̄ci Martini in Berestret Norwic'	Rectoria, Firm' Rectoria	0	13 4
Horsseh̄ne et Newton	Terr' Dñical'	4	7 4
- - - - -	Redd' Terr' et Teñtoꝝ	2	13 4
Reveshall, Heverlond	Firm' Terr'	3	6 8
Civitas London	Redd' Teñtoꝝ	0	17 0

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Eynsham



Burton upon Trent



St Bennet of Hulme



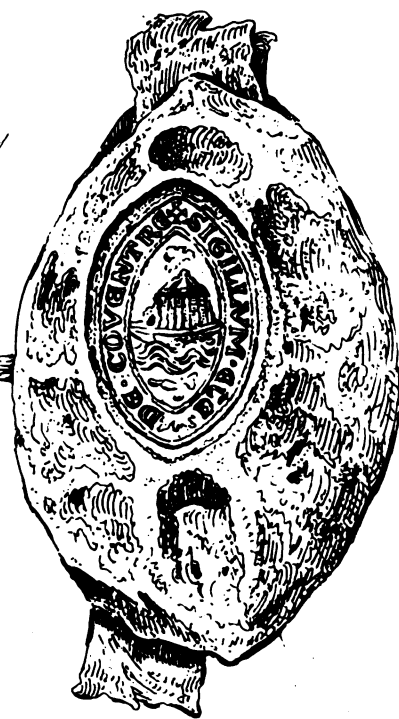
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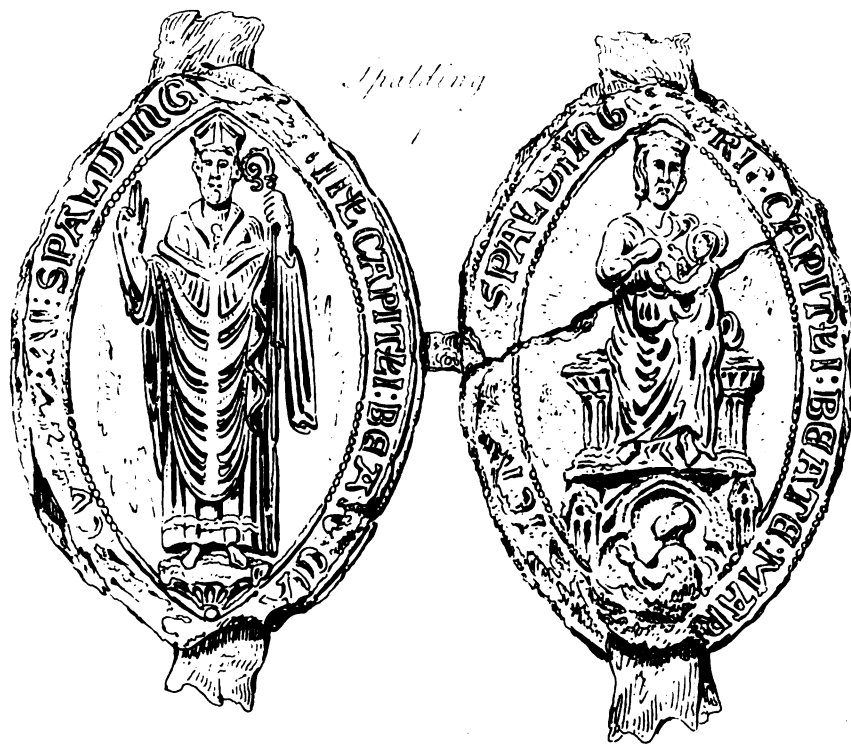


Corwen



- 1 Seal of the Abbey appendant to the Surrender in the Augmentation Office.
- 2 Seal of the Abbey, vide Jones's History of Shropshire, Vol. I, p. 2.
- 3 Seal of the Abbey, from an Impression, temp. Hen VIII in the Chapter House, Westminster.
- 4 Seal and Counterseal, from the Surrender in the Augmentation Office.
- 5 Seal of Abbot John, Melford from a Cottonian Charter in the British Museum.
- 6 Seal and Counterseal from the Surrender in the Augmentation Office.

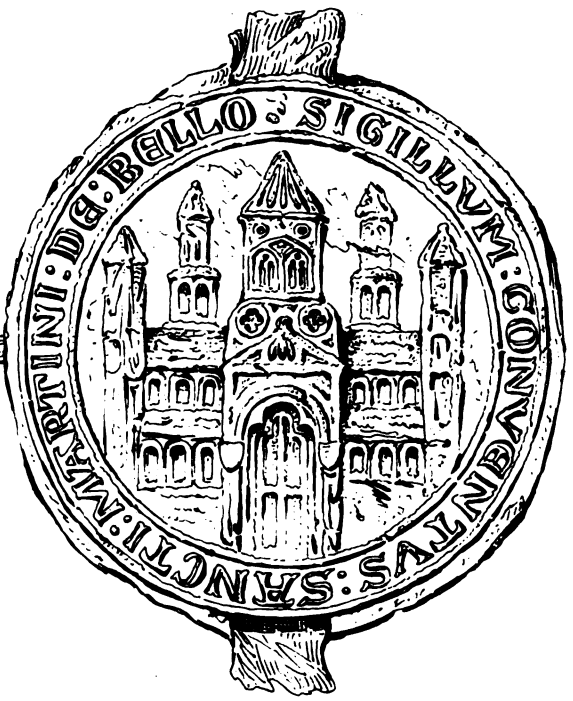
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Spalding



Battle



Brecon



Evesham



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Evesham

- 1 Seal and Countersign, from the Acknowledgment of Supremacy, Chapter House, Westminster.
- 2 Seal and Countersign, from the Surrender in the Augmentation Office.
- 3 Seal from the Acknowledgment of Supremacy, Chapter House, Westminster.
- 4 Seal from the Surrender in the Augmentation Office.
- 5 Seal from the Acknowledgment of Supremacy, Chapter House, Westminster.
- 6 Seal from an Impression in the Chapter House Westminster.

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Seals of Monasteries of the Benedictine Order.
PLATE II.



Markyate



Exeter, St. Nicholas



Malting



Tutbury



Eye



Elstow



Kibbourn

1. Seal and Counter, cut from a Charters, in the British Museum.

2. Seal from an impression communicated to me by Mr. L. L. L.

3. Seal from the Surrender, in the Charters, in the British Museum.

4. Seal and Counter, cut from the Surrender, in the Charters, in the British Museum.

5. Seal from the Surrender, in the Charters, in the British Museum.

6. Seal from the Surrender, in the Charters, in the British Museum.

7. Seal from an impression in the Charters, in the British Museum.



1. Seal from the Acknowledgement of Supremacy Chapter House Westminster.
2. Seal from the Charter of the Bishop of Lincoln in the British Museum. S. 18. 1.
3. Seal from an Imprimatur in the Chapter House Westminster.
4. Seal and Counterseal from an Imprimatur in the Office of the Bishop of Lancaster.
5. Seal from an Imprimatur in the History of Lincolnshire. S. 18. 1.
6. Seal from an Imprimatur in the Chapter House Westminster.
7. Seal from an Imprimatur in the Acknowledgement of Supremacy Chapter House Westminster.
8. Seal from the Acknowledgement of Supremacy Chapter House Westminster.

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